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Take another look, Pickering tells Durham

Ambulance station doesn't fit city's vision, say councillors

By Danielle Milley and Carly Foster
Staff Writers

PICKERING — Pickering wants the Region to keep looking and pick a different site for a new ambulance station in the city.

At Monday's meeting, council

unanimously supported a motion requesting that the Region extend its search for other sites in Pickering for an emergency medical services facility.

Councillors expressed concern over the site on Hwy. 2 between Dixie Road and Walnut Lane, which has already been purchased.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean, who brought forward the motion, said there were several reasons why he is against the location.

"The (problem is with) access on to Hwy. 2, but most importantly (it doesn't go along with) our future designation of Kingston Road," he said. "We wanted to have a presence on Kingston Road," adding, an ambulance station wouldn't fit that plan.

As part of the City's development plan for the Kingston Road corridor, the area is to be urbanized and pedestrian friendly with prestige buildings close to the road.

In addition to not fitting with the vision of the City, Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner pointed out Pickering had wanted to partner with the Region on a joint ambulance-fire facility.

"The City of Pickering felt very strongly that an amalgamated joint facility is not only best for

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SHACK MOVES TO THE DARK SIDE



PICKERING — The Eddie Shack's Battle of the Badges hit the ice at the Pickering Recreation Complex this week, featuring the Durham Regional Police facing off against the Toronto Police, with Mr. Shack, the longtime NHL fan favourite, taking a bow before the opening faceoff. The Ajax Lions Club sponsored the event, with a portion of the proceeds going to Durham minor hockey.

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Region set to approve \$100 tax increase

Health staff, shelter increase pulled from budget

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Regional councillors refused to add back to the budget health staff and extra funds for shelters, keeping taxes at a 6.22 per cent increase or an extra \$100 to the average homeowner.

Adding the proposed new associate medical officer of health, 8.5 staff and the extra \$3 per person per day into the region's shelters would have meant tacking an extra \$608,300 onto the Region's budget, a report to Wednesday's finance committee said.

And that would add around .22 per cent to the budget, already more than \$600,000 over the guideline set by council months ago.

"I would ask that this go back

to find (the extra) \$600,000, but I'm afraid health would add more people," said Regional Chairman Roger Anderson.

The health department recently prepared a report saying the seven staff, if cut, would make the Region not compliant with provincially mandated programs.

Durham is also higher than the provincial average when it comes to preventable health

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Pickering Conservatives gearing up for election

By Danielle Milley
and Keith Gilligan
Staff Writers

PICKERING — The federal Conservatives are ready to run — almost.

The Pickering-Scarborough East electoral district association has been getting ready for an election, regardless of how soon or far away it might be.

"The reality of the situation is we have a minority government and as a riding we have been preparing for an election at any time," said Michelle Leger, chairwoman of fundraising.

An official nomination meeting date has not yet been set, "but we expect to do that in the next week or so," she said.

"Financially, we're in pretty reasonable shape," added Colin Hume, president of the Ajax-Pickering Conservative Riding Association. "We're ready to go in and get a campaign office set up and the phones set up.

"We have an organization ready to go. What we don't have, and the party has asked us to expedite this, is a candidate search."

The Pickering-Scarborough East Liberal Riding association isn't yet preparing for an election.

"We haven't heard anything... There has not been any directives or communication from the party headquarters that would lead us to prepare (for an election)," said Bill Leonhardt, president of the local riding association.

The Liberals have the incumbent in the riding, MP Dan McTeague.

In Ajax-Pickering, riding president Maurice Brenner says the party is prepared.

"No one would want to see an election called at this time," he said. "No one in Canada wants to go to the polls. But, if one's called, we're ready.

"We have a candidate elected already, (current MP) Mark Holland."

The NDP couldn't be reached for comment.

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Johnson questions benefit of Kingston Road location for ambulance home

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regional and city taxpayers, but also for service," he said.

He also expressed concerns with having emergency vehicles pulling out onto a busy highway, but Mayor Dave Ryan pointed out the current facility is located just down the road from the proposed one.

This issue was also debated at a works committee meeting last week.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, a member of the committee, said then that the site is considered prime real estate. The location should be used for a commercial building that will bring more assessment to the

city.

"We're not going to gain the benefit for our taxpayers," Coun. Johnson said.

"Our council fully supports (the station), we just think there's a better location for it and a better use for that site, assessment-wise."

The City maintains a feasibility study done by the Durham Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) de-

partment identified Bayly Street as the best location for the station.

But the director of EMS says the study always highlighted the area north of Hwy. 401 to meet current needs and future growth in Pickering.

"As far as we're concerned, it's the best place for it," Richard Armstrong said, adding the land has already been purchased and the City was consulted throughout the whole process.

"I don't know what they expect us to do."

Coun. Johnson said the land could be still be sold — for a profit — and another site chosen. The works department is

set to bring in an architect right now, staff said at a recent committee meeting. The matter was deferred until the next meeting,

April 20.

The station is to cost \$2.5 million when it's complete early in 2006.



Rick Johnson

Bike for a cure in Pickering

AJAX — The Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike for Stroke is coming to town.

The cross-country program, visiting Pickering on May 31 and Ajax on June 13, raises funds for research into the root causes of heart disease and stroke. Specially built to seat up to 30 people, the big bike provides an opportunity for any organiza-

tion that wants to build teamwork and get fit while supporting a good cause.

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Lawyer believes cutting staff wouldn't make a difference, says chairman

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diseases such as cancer, councillors at last week's health and social services meeting said.

But the Region's lawyer said cutting the staff would not make a difference, Mr. Anderson said, and challenged the Province's health minister to come to Durham and audit the programs.

Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce said taxpayers — especially in the urban areas — are already being hit with increased utility, water, sewer and waste rates, and that she could not justify adding any more funds to the already swelled budget.

The health budget did come in at the guideline, said Brock Councillor Larry O'Connor, also vice-chairman of the health and

social services committee. He also wondered whether other departments had staff that were

considered unnecessary.

At a home assessed at \$250,000, regional taxes will rise from

\$1,581 to \$1,679.

The \$329-million taxpayer-funded budget will be debated

for the last time and officially adopted at regional council April 13.

Mostly single-digit increases to waste bills; Ajax and Pickering going down

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — While the majority of residents will see only a small increase to their waste bill, people in Scugog have to cut back on their transfer site use if they want to see taxes reduced.

An owner of a \$250,000 home in Scugog will pay an extra \$20.34 for curbside garbage, recycling and compost pickup, mostly because they continue to use waste transfer stations, a report to Wednesday's finance and budget meeting said.

Based on licence plate surveys, Scugog residents make up almost 14 per cent of all customers.

Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce said clever and relentless raccoons crack the top off compost green bins the minute they're put out at the curb, forcing many residents to use the transfer stations.

"Every other regional service is equally allotted," she said, adding that, while 14 per cent use the station, 86 per cent don't but still have to pay. "We pay for this transfer station, but pay equal for tran-

sit and don't get (any services).

"This isn't fair."

The mayor asked whether the \$18,600 the Region will spend to promote recycling and composting will include telling Scugog residents how high their bills are.

"I don't think they're going to get the message until you tell them how much they're paying," she said, adding the education program is obviously not working in her municipality.

But it seems to be across the rest of Durham. The Region diverted

33 per cent of its garbage, composting and recycling from landfill in 2004, amounting to almost 200,000 tonnes.

In July 2006, every municipality will be part of the curbside green-bin composting program, with the opening of a mega facility in south Pickering.

Waste tax rates are based on tonnage, per municipality. Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Uxbridge and Scugog will have a single-digit increase to their bills, while Pickering and Ajax will see decreases.

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EDITORIAL

Arts hold respected place in community

As life steams full speed ahead, often the past is overlooked or all but forgotten.

However, if ever there was an opportunity for Ajax and Pickering residents to look back and celebrate, it's in the months ahead. The Durham West Arts Centre next week takes the wraps off its latest exhibit, 'The Thomsons of Durham,' featuring legendary Canadian artist Tom Thomson.

The exhibit examines the incredible mark Mr. Thomson left on Canadian art, including his influence on the Group of Seven. His family has strong ties to Durham and Mr. Thomson was born in a Claremont home that still stands today. The exhibit also examines the more than 40 years the Thomson family lived in Durham Region and the family's roots in Scotland.

There's even a bit of intrigue thrown into the mix. Mr. Thomson was found dead in a lake at Algonquin Park. With a head injury and no water in his lungs, the cause of his death is a mystery to this day.

What is not mysterious is the immense impact the Durham West Arts Centre has had since opening its doors last year at this time. It's filled an important public need, offering exhibits and space to highlight the importance of arts and culture in Durham. Among its many special exhibits, Franklin the Turtle illustrator Brenda Clark lent her time and illustrations to the centre last fall and there were multicultural and youth displays for arts patrons to enjoy in the past 12 months as well.

And make no mistake, landing the Thomson exhibit and shining the spotlight on an important part of Pickering's history took nothing less than dedication and strong lobbying from the centre's staff. The Ajax and Pickering communities are one of only 25 hosts across Ontario for 85th anniversary celebrations of the exhibition work of the Group of Seven.

Yet as the centre works to make its mark, with an ultimate goal to create a large-scale permanent home, it is the public that ultimately makes the biggest difference in reaching that goal. The venue is entering the second half of its two-year operating startup grant and the centre wants to bring hundreds of new members into the fold, for further proof of its worth.

Support the many exhibits and other arts-related activities that bring so much culture to our calendars each year. While you're at it, lobby local politicians for support and tell them why a commitment to the arts is important.

Our arts community is extremely rich, community driven, and engaged in Ajax and Pickering. We're fortunate to be home to such a resource of talented artists of all stripes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Holland has no right to question flyers

To the editor:

Re: 'Anonymous anti same-sex marriage flyers anger MP,' April 1.

I find it very amusing that MP Mark Holland is so upset by this flyer.

It states that he is planning to vote yes for same-sex marriage legislation and he has said that he will toe the party line and vote yes. He is also very concerned that it's an expensive campaign and asks where the money is coming from, as well as asking who this group is.

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. The federal Liberal government has squandered \$2 billion of our tax dollars on a useless gun registry, millions on ad scam and millions more on other programs.

As for secrets, most of the firearm registry's studies, such as the economic impact on the country have been declared cabinet secrets: what are they hiding? The nerve of someone opposing the will of the mighty Liberals.

Matthew Dixon, Ajax



Benefits and flaws to salaries list

Five years ago the club was non-existent in Pickering.

Today it is nine members strong and growing.

Since 2000, the number of Pickering members on the list of public-sector employees making \$100,000 or more has grown, from zero to the nine disclosed last week, for 2004. The ever-expanding list is just one of its flaws.

Taking into consideration cost-of-living increases, it is understandable more people would be making \$100,000 than five years ago. But that doesn't take away from the problems of the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act.

The Act was passed in 1996 to provide a more open and accountable system of government. Nearly 10 years later, one could argue it might be time for some tweaking.

One flaw is the possibility that by publishing a list at all, it is actually pushing salaries up faster.

Because people see how much others in similar jobs are making, they have more negotiating power to ask for the same amount.

As well, many would argue \$100,000 isn't what it used to be and the number needs to be raised in line with inflation. This would also help to shorten the list and make it easier to publish.

Even those in the public sector cite problems with the list. Pickering treasurer Gil Paterson said one problem is it isn't just someone's salary that is reported, but also vacation payouts, retroactive increases, overtime or severance. On first glance, a member of the public could be outraged to see a \$50,000 increase for someone even if that increase is easily explained.

To help the public better understand



Danielle Milley
staff writer

the numbers, the list could be broken down by salary and other income (overtime, severance, etc.).

These criticisms are by no means a recommendation to abolish the list as it is an important tool for taxpayers.

It is important, for example, for citizens to see how much hospitals are paying administrators when they are grappling with multimillion-dollar deficits.

Prompting questions, such as, is a \$50,000 or \$25,000 raise really necessary to stay "competitive" (as the Rouge Valley Health System explains) when at the same time the budget is being trimmed due to a lack of funding?

It also allows taxpayers to compare performance of an organization with the compensation of those running it.

At the very least the list generates discussion, but Pickering residents and all Ontarians would be better served with the disclosure of a modified version of the \$100,000 club.

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Durham public high school teachers join elementary educators in strike position

Labour action could begin by the end of April

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — About 4,700 Durham public teachers are now in a strike position.

Like their colleagues at the elementary level, Durham's full-time, public high school teachers gave their union a clear strike mandate in a vote held Monday in schools across the region.

Harvey Bischof, chief negotiator of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation's Durham local, said 95 per cent of voting teachers gave the nod in a vote that featured high participation.

The union has roughly 1,500 members. Teacher representatives met yesterday with a Ministry of Labour-appointed conciliator.

"She'll be issuing a no board report on the seventh (of April)," Mr. Bischof said. "It begins the countdown when sanctions can begin."

After the issuance of a no board report, signifying that the two sides cannot reach a deal, job action against the Durham District School Board can begin 17 days later, ranging from the most minimal sanctions in schools all the way to "hitting the bricks," or a full withdrawal of services, he said.

Mr. Bischof said it has not been decided if OSSTF Durham will launch a steadily escalating job action, as they have in past years and as elementary teachers are currently conducting.

He noted teachers have scheduled several negotiating days with the board, namely April 21, 22 and April 28, in addition to others next month.

On Feb. 7, the roughly 3,000-teacher strong Elemen-

tary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Durham Unit gave their union a strike mandate. Labour action against the board began on March 1 and on Monday teachers ramped up the work to rule by refusing to take part in school-based fundraising activities or prepare students for standardized, provincial tests, in addition to many other measures. As well, on March 31 Durham occasional public high school teachers voted 100 per cent in favour of taking strike action if required to secure a deal with the board.

Negotiations at the local level for all teacher contracts are at a virtual standstill and provincial union and Education Ministry representatives have been meeting to try and advance the process at boards across Ontario.

"My understanding is (OSSTF and the Province) had a fairly successful meeting last week and we're expecting to hear more details next week," Mr. Bischof said.

"We're hoping to hear something that will help move things along."

"We are continuing to meet at the local level but things are going reasonably slowly for good reason," said Sally McIlveen, the Durham District School Board's employee services superintendent.

She said the high-level discussions underway between the Province and teacher unions are dealing with many items outside of the big ones such as salary.

Beyond continuing discussions with Durham teachers, Ms. McIlveen said "I'm not so sure there's much we can do."

His best shot

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The next term is set to begin on April 25, 2005. Interested students and parents can contact Durham Secondary Academy or drop in at the open house for more information.

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For more information on Durham Secondary Academy call (905) 426-4254.



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PICKERING — The Ajax-Pickering Road Watch team set its radar at the corner of Bushmill and Maple Ridge recently, and also monitored stop sign compliance. Doing the traffic duty were, from left, City of Pickering traffic technician Mike Pelzowski, and volunteers Allan Knight, Ray Sinclair, and Randy Ireland.

Development council talks annual business in Pickering

PICKERING — The Community Development Council of Durham is planning its 35th annual general meeting.

Guest speaker Lorna Heidenheim, executive director of the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, will be at the

event Thursday, April 28 at the Regalis Restaurant, Liverpool Road and Pickering Parkway in Pickering. The cost is \$25 and a buffet lunch will be served. Registration is required by April 25.

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Canada searches for a better way



Durham Region Media Group staff reporter Keith Gilligan spent three days in Rochester, New York examining the American health-care system. This is the third in a four-part series looking at the positives, negatives and challenges faced by patients, residents, health professionals and politicians alike, comparing the Canadian system to the U.S.

Politicians are reaching a stage where they are now at least open to discussing possibilities of privatizing some health services

By Keith Gilligan
Staff Writer

A Canadian politician "is more likely to get away with cancelling Christmas than with cancelling Canada's health insurance program."

So said Saskatchewan physician Dr. E.W. Barootes, one of the originators of universal health care in that province.

While a Canadian politician wouldn't think of cancelling our system, that doesn't mean they couldn't do a little tinkering. Alberta Premier Ralph Klein is proposing 'The Third Way,' which would allow some private services.

And private clinics have been opening up in Montreal. One, the Westmount Square Surgical Centre, opened in August and is performing 15 to 20 operations a week. For \$2,000, a patient can have a shoulder or knee repaired. Here in Ontario, there's legislation that makes the universal, public system the law.

"We're slamming the door on two-tier, pay-your-way-to-the-front-of-the-line health care in Ontario," Health Minister George Smitherman said shortly after the Liberals took power.

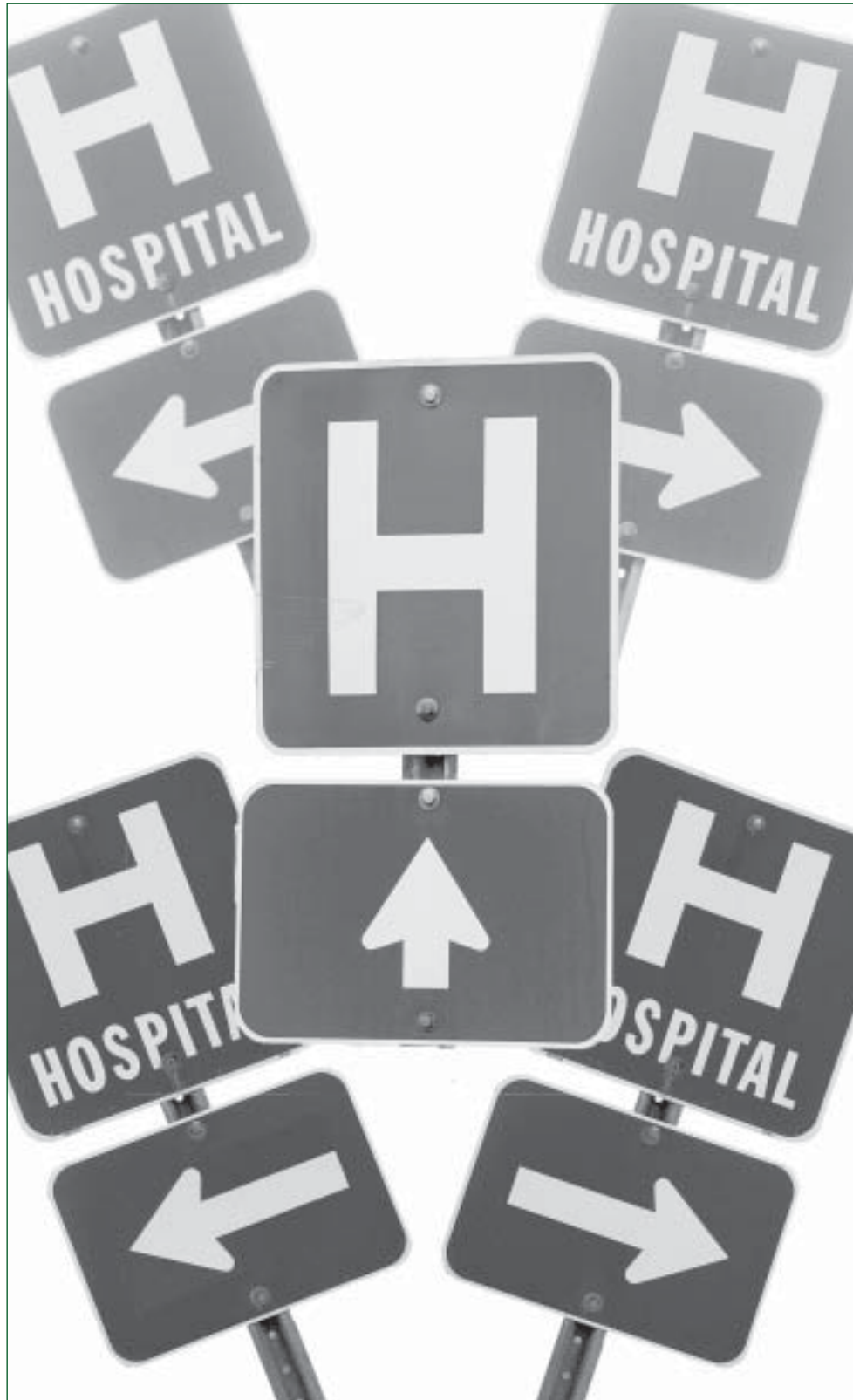
Public health insurance in Canada began in Saskatchewan in 1947. Gradually, other provinces introduced the system, followed by the federal government, with offers to cost share health insurance. In 1962, when the system was extended to include physician services, doctors went on strike for 23 days.

By the late-1960s, the public system was largely in place. In 1972, all 10 provinces and two territories, with the federal government, signed-on to what's called medicare. The provinces agree to provide universal coverage in exchange for federal money.

In 1984, the Canada Health Act was passed and it included provisions against user charges and extra-billing by doctors.



George Smitherman



News Advertiser photo illustration Canada's health-care system is at a crossroads. Political leaders disagree on what shape it should take in the future and some favour an alternative that includes a mix, even the possibility of some services being offered privately.

The penalty for either was a dollar-for-dollar deduction in federal transfer payments.

The five tenants of the act are comprehensiveness, universality, portability, accessibility and public administration. While there's been tinkering since approved, and a Royal Commission (led by former Saskatchewan premier Roy Romanow), the Canada Health Act (CHA) remains the foundation of the system.

Even Mr. Klein's Third Way would retain the CHA principles.

"The Third Way in health care that I see does not necessarily violate the Canada Health Act. But, it also doesn't take the status quo as the only option," Mr. Klein said during a speech to the Canada Club in January. "Instead, it pushes the envelope. It tests the boundaries."

The Third Way, as Mr. Klein described it, takes the "best of what we have in Alberta and Canada and combines it with the best approaches we can find anywhere in the world, whether it's Sweden or France or

England or Australia.

"If they've got good ideas that work, we're interested. As long as it helps us achieve a single goal — to deliver the right mix of services, when people need them, and at a price taxpayers can afford."

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What Mr. Klein rejected was a move to an American system.

"We're not going to take the most expensive health-care system in the world, where countless people don't get coverage, and adopt that model in Alberta. Forget it. It's not

going to happen."

His Third Way "opens the door to new options and choices — choices that strengthen rather than weaken our health-care system," he said. "Privately delivered health care is neither the evil some people suggest nor is it the solution to all that ails Canada's health-care system. It's simply one more option for delivering health-care services."

In Alberta, with its rugged individualism, the Third Way might fly. Not so in Ontario, where the Commitment to the Future of Medicare



Ralph Klein

Act prevails. Approved last June, the act, according to Mr. Smitherman, provides "a public health-care system that's committed to accessible, top-quality patient care, and is accountable to the people of Ontario."

"Medicare is the best expression of Canadian values."

The values in the U.S. are more in line with Alberta. Jim Redmond, vice-president of communications for Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, a private health insurance provider, says, "Universal health care generally has been rejected by voters because of the impact on taxes."

Mr. Redmond points to a recent referendum in Oregon, where a public system was rejected.

"It was heavily defeated and Oregon is fairly liberal," he says. "I'm not sure (health-care) providers would tolerate it either. Providers want to keep the fair-market system."

'Providers want to keep the fair-market system.'

JIM REDMOND,
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Obviously, not everyone in the U.S. likes their system, what with about 40 million Americans having no health-care insurance and many millions more under-insured.

The Physicians' Working Group for Single-Payer National Health Insurance pushed for a universal system, saying in its paper a "national health insurance (system) is an essential safeguard for our patients. Its advocacy is an ethical responsibility of our profession."

"The world's richest health-care system is unable to assure such basics as prenatal care and immunizations, and we trail most of the developed world on such indicators as infant mortality and life expectancy. For patients, fear of financial ruin often amplifies the misfortune of illness."

Yet, the last time there was a major push to reform the American system, it was fought and defeated. That occurred during the first term of then-president Bill Clinton, when his wife Hillary, now a U.S. senator from New York, advocated a universal system.

She jokes about it today, saying, "I bear the scars" from the fight.

Next: The final analysis. The real differences between the way health care is delivered in Canada versus the U.S.

Join the discussion: Offer your thoughts on the Canadian health care system and the issues raised in our series. Go online to forumsdurhamregion.com.

Public trustee proposes having board pay for volunteer background checks

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Uxbridge Trustee Gordon Baxter is proposing that the public school board pick up the cost

pal. In a report to trustees on Monday's standing committee agenda, Sally McIlveen, the board's employee services superintendent, notes that there are more than 5,000 volunteers in local public schools this year. She says half of the board's schools already require a CBC from volunteers, while 16 pay some or all of the tab. At four schools, the school community council pays for half the cost.



Paul Crawford

of criminal background checks for school volunteers asking for reimbursement. Durham District School Board trustees are to approve a criminal background check (CBC) policy at the April 18 board meeting. Under it, volunteers who have direct and regular contact with students will have to provide a CBC to the school princi-

"It's troubling that we're not consistent across Durham; I really feel that we should have consistency

across the board," Trustee Baxter said at the meeting, suggesting a line be added stating volunteers covered by the policy will be reimbursed if requested. "I feel very strongly that if we can have a lunchroom supervisor that gets \$12 an hour... that as a board we should be looking after the ones that need help."

Trustee Baxter also feels that requiring one CBC from employees might not be enough. While they also provide yearly offence declara-

tions, he says a CBC every three years might be more appropriate. Ms. McIlveen said provincial legislation, which sparked the board policy, calls for one CBC "and that's our agreement with the unions," to which Trustee Baxter replied, "we can go beyond that."

Education director Craig Burch noted that some of the suggestions would cost money and simply couldn't be written in to the policy without a cost estimate. Trustee Baxter agreed, asking

Ms. McIlveen to bring back an estimate for trustees.

"I would not support a policy... that obligated the board to reimburse the cost," said Oshawa Trustee and board chairman Michael Barrett.

"I, too, am not interested in paying more," added Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford.

Ms. McIlveen said it might cost the board \$50,000 to pay for volunteer CBCs. She said "almost all of the principals" suggested that volunteers had no problem providing a CBC. If the board were to

centrally administer collecting and paying for CBCs, it would mean another staff member at the board office, she said. Mr. Burch said.

The proposed policy leaves it up to principals to decide if a volunteer has direct and regular contact with students.

But it also states that "at a minimum, such contact is described as volunteering in the school for one or more times per week; on a regular monthly basis; or for a short-term period of several days."

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Volunteer tutors can help put literacy blocks in place for adults

By Joshua May
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — The Literacy Council of Durham Region (LCDR) is helping Durham adults get a good read on literacy skills.

A non-profit organization funded by local United Way branches, the Province and the Durham Region Labour Council, the mission of the LCDR is to improve the quality of life for men and women in and around Durham Region by enhancing their

reading and writing fundamentals.

"Knowledge is power," said Brad Cook, executive director for the LCDR. "Currently, one in five adults throughout the region requires assistance with their reading and writing skills. Our objective is to help these people meet their (reading and writing) goals in order to increase self-confidence as well as help to build a stronger community."

Comprised entirely of volunteer members, the LCDR

is guided by a principle of 'Each One Teach One', a philosophy that encourages tutors to identify a learner's needs and design activities to either repair or initiate aid in those particular areas of concern. The LCDR warns that without regular use of a person's literacy skills, an individual's ability to understand and use written information can often begin a gradual constriction over time and severely hinder a person's ability to obtain em-

ployment.

"Literacy intersects with so many other issues and difficulties in our daily lives," said Mr. Cook. "It is not like riding a bicycle. Once a person's reading and writing skills decrease, it's hard to get them back. That's why it is so important that organizations, such as (the LCDR), exist to help."

Established in 1983, the LCDR provides potential tutors, at minimal charge, with an 18-hour training program

for either classroom or one-on-one teaching purposes and requires contact between a tutor and student of two to four hours per week,

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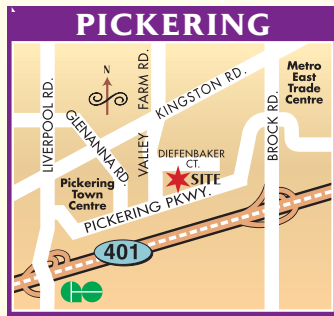


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TENNIS REGISTRATION: The Dunmoore Tennis Club holds registration for the 2005 season at the upper level of the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. It runs from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 3. Register at this time and qualify for the early-bird draw. The club is at the foot of Whites Road and newcomers are welcome. Call Judy at 905-420-8333.

OSTEOPOROSIS SUPPORT TEA: The osteoporosis support group holds its spring tea event at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cres. in Ajax. Interior decorator Paul Newman is the guest speaker. Part of the proceeds go to benefit the upcoming women's imaging centre at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital. Call Francoise at 905-428-1827.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
AQUARIUM SOCIETY: The Durham Region Aquarium Society holds its annual fish and plant auction, along with used aquarium and supply sale, starting at 10 a.m. in the HMS Ajax Room of the Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd. Free admission, everyone welcome. Call 905-686-0632 (George) or visit www.dr.as.ca.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
BUSINESS CLUB: The Durham Contact Business Exchange Club meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Victoria Gardens Restaurant in Ajax, 570 Westney Rd. S. The non-profit club of small business owners meets for networking, exchanging ideas, promoting each other's business and providing leads. The restaurant is at 570 Westney Rd. S. (at Lake Driveway West). Call 905-428-5733 or visit www.durhamcontactbusiness.com.

SENIOR DISCUSSION GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Discussion Group welcomes Penny Smith, executive director of WindReach Farm, to speak about the programs and activities on the fully accessible farm. The weekly discussion group meets at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd., in Ajax and begins at 9:30 a.m. Call Louise Johnson 905-683-7799 or Shirley Bruce at 905-428-8711.

WOMEN SUPPORT: The Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham (WMRCC) invites all women to join its support

group as it discusses building support networks. The session is at the Durham West Arts Centre at 72B Old Kingston Road in Pickering from 10:30 a.m. till 12 p.m. To register or for more information call Ameena or Terika at 905-427-7849
TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Wayne Crockett, a senior archivist at the Archives of Ontario, offers a PowerPoint presentation on the history of municipal government in Ontario. He will also discuss the types of documents in the archives that pertain to Pickering. The event is free and refreshments are provided. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd. Call Carol King at 905-509-2744.

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VOLLEYBALL: Non-competitive volleyball is open to anyone from 9:30 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd. There is co-operative babysitting for infants and school-aged children. Snacks and crafts are provided. This is intended as an opportunity to have fun and meet new

friends. Call Andrea at 905-831-4263 or Debbie at 905-619-1829.
NETWORK MEETING: The Durham Home and Small Business Association holds its monthly meeting, featuring Ruth Anne Whicher discussing public speaking and presentations. The meeting is at the 420 Wing, at Oshawa Airport. Entrance is on Stevenson Road, north of Rossland Road. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting runs from 7 to 9 p.m. A charge of \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members apply, as well as a donation of two non-perishable food items. Call 905-728-2899 or visit www.dhsba.com.
ALZHEIMER: Alzheimer Durham holds an Ajax-Pickering support group meeting from 10 a.m. to noon in the lounge of Life Centre Housing, 1 Marsh La., Ajax. All caregivers welcome. 905-576-2567.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
SCITECH LECTURE: The Durham Scitech lecture series continues with its fifth instalment. The lecture addresses pseudoscience and the paranormal and features Dr. Michael de Robertis, associate dean of science and engineering at York University. The lecture is at the Whitby Education centre, 400 Taunton Rd. E. and runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
PATIENT APPRECIATION DAY: The Chiropractic Centre for Optimum Health, 1550 Kingston Rd. hosts a Spring Into Health Patient Appreciation Day. Food and prizes are planned and the activity runs during normal business hours, from 7:30 a.m. to noon and then again from 2:45 to 6:30 p.m. All clothing, personal items, and cash donations will be given to the Denise House for abused women. For more information, call Anne Hill at 905-420-7231.

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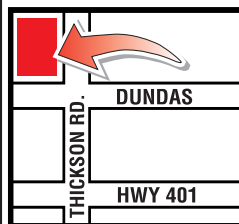
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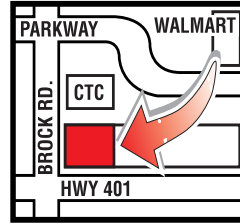
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Durham chairman wants aid from senior levels of government

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

AJAX — Roger Anderson wants the upper levels of government to pay their share and ease the burden on Ontario's municipalities.

"Municipalities and the Region of Durham are asking for a new deal but we're asking for it with both the federal and the provincial governments," said the Durham chairman last week. "We have scrambled to deal with unfunded initiatives and downloading... When

we need more money we only have one place to get it — you, through business and property taxes."

Mr. Anderson was speaking at an Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade luncheon recently on various topics, including a new deal for cities, recent provincial initiatives and infrastructure.

He spoke about how in the current climate Durham has been able to keep the status quo by dipping into reserves and raising taxes, but it can't continue to do that.

"Things have to change and they have to change soon... Progress with the provincial and the federal governments on a new deal is painfully slow," he said.

Mr. Anderson explained that while municipalities such as Durham have had to deal with downloading, they've also had to deal with new standards and responsibilities imposed by the Province without any financial help.

He suggested in addition to the gas tax money pledged by both the fed-

eral and provincial governments for municipalities, the Province needs to exempt municipalities from paying the PST.

"Fixing these funding inequities will put the Region of Durham in a much better position to compete economically and prosper," Mr. Anderson.

He talked about several of the projects in Durham that are going to help push the Region forward economically, including the Beacon project at the General Motors plant in Oshawa.

"This is fabulous news for Durham Region both in terms of job creation and retention," he said, adding investments in research need to be coupled with education and training to have a vibrant workforce.

Recent provincial policy announcements may have an impact on the Region's workforce, he said.

As part of the Ontario Government's Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan, a provincial target has been set of one job for every three residents in Durham while other GTA municipalities get a target of one to two. He said Durham also wants the one-to-two ratio.

"This to me is absolutely unacceptable," Mr. Anderson said.

"This lower ratio would affect our ability to sustain our predicted population growth."

He wants Durham to be a place where people can live, work and play.

"Durham shouldn't be home to a bunch of bedrooms and not a bunch of employment," Mr. Anderson said. "It makes no sense."

He urged members of the board of trade to read the plan and the Greenbelt plan and write their MPPs to make sure Durham is treated fairly.

Mr. Anderson also spoke about the infrastructure needed in Durham, such as the extension of Hwy. 407, which he doesn't see for 10 years, the widening of Hwy. 7 and the municipal projects of widening Brock and Taunton Roads. As well, he said the proposed Pickering airport is an essential piece of Durham's economic puzzle.



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Luscious Lawns as Simple as ABC at Pine Ridge Garden Gallery

Having something nice whether it's a nice car, a nice home or a nice lawn requires constant upkeep. Oh, did I forget that it also requires some of those hard-earned dollars. If money is not an issue, then you'll probably have a lawn service take care of your property. For most of us, we'd like to get that golf course look while minimizing the amount of work and of course minimizing the expense.



Three of the basic requirements for a great lawn is A) good loamy deep soil, B) good supply of water and C) good and constant feeding. There are many other little factors and tips I'll share with you that will help to keep your time spent maintaining your lawn to a minimum with more time for yourself and your family.

A) **Good loamy deep soil...** we wish...traditionally in this area we have a predominantly clay based soil with the builders scraping off the good loam and returning only an inch or two when re-grading and then sodding!!! A lawn that requires little supplemental water requires 10-12" of loamy soil. If you do not have this then extra watering will be required during the hot months of the summer (Durham Region likes to promote one-inch of water on your lawn per week. Adding organic matter (compost, topdressing

soil, peat moss) is about the only way to slowly increase the porosity of the soil through aeration and topdressing every few years. By now you get the drift that this part of the ABC's is a hard one to correct without a lot of hard work and/or a lot of dollars.

B) **Good supply of water....** golf courses water extensively to keep their greens and fairways lush and healthy and consequently minimize herbicides. Starting late May, if the weather is warm, then dry supplemental watering will be required to keep your lawn actively growing (when you walk on the lawn and you still notice your footprints three minutes later, it's time to add some water). The only difference between underground irrigation systems and a good sprinkler and hose is once again time and money. Traditionally, up until mid June one good supplemental watering a week is required (1/2 hour per sprinkler location). Late June to mid August two good supplemental waterings are required. Watering in the morning will minimize evaporation. Tip 1- Over-seeding every second year with a thickening grass seed that has 60 to 80 per cent ryegrass and 20 to 40 per cent bluegrass will reduce the amount of water your lawn requires. Bluegrass is a high maintenance grass type. Tip 2- Raising your lawn mower wheels two to three notches higher in early June will allow your lawns leaf blades to retain more moisture. Cut often to only remove a small portion of the leaf blade. I use a mulching mower and never have to rake if you cut the lawn every four to seven days depending on the weather.

C) **Good and constant feeding....**your lawn is a living organism and requires constant feeding (fertilizing) to be healthy. Any healthy organism has a better chance to ward off diseases (like bugs, weeds, etc.). We developed lawn fertilizer programs over 15 years ago to encourage homeowners the need for constant feeding. If you have the fertilizer at home you'll definitely fertilize on a regular basis. Our fertilizer has chelated iron added for extra deep greening; it's slow releasing and non burning. The schedule I recommend for local residents is to apply fertilizer at the recommended rate early to mid April, late May to early June, mid July to early August and finally in late September to early October. Personally I use the Garden Gallery Basic Program, \$69.99 because my lawn simply needs good food and has only a few weeds which I hand pick. If your lawn

has quite a few more weeds than our Total Broadleaf Weed Program, \$79.99 is what you'll need this year and probably switching to the Basic Program next year. If your lawn also has a crabgrass problem, The Total Weed Program \$89.99 is what you'll require this season.

When you stop in be sure to ask for the free hand out ABC's of Lawn Care and How to Seed Your Lawn Successfully.

Crabgrass is an annual grass which dies each year, but in the fall lays down thousands of seeds which will germinate and spread in early May when the soil warms up. To control this problem a fertilizer with crabgrass control must be applied in April or early May.

Tip 3- This fertilizer will also suppress regular grass seed. So over-seeding must wait until August.

Broadleaf Weeds such as dandelions are perennials and will return each year if not controlled. You can apply a liquid weed killer such as Weed Out in mid May, which is the most effective, or you can apply a Weed & Feed Fertilizer in mid May, which is the safest to apply or you can remove them manually...

Grubs have been a concern in this region for the past 10 years, with some areas hard hit each year. These juicy grubs also bring out skunks and raccoons that end up doing more visible damage than the grubs themselves.

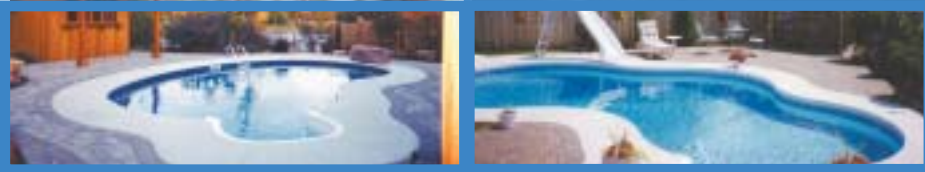
Tip 4 - Applying Grub Out in late July and again in mid- August will prevent an outbreak from occurring, especially if your neighborhood had a problem last year. If you have an immediate problem right now, the grubs are larger and harder to kill, but you'll know approximately where they are since the skunks and/or raccoons will leave you clues. You can apply Grub Out to the affected areas right now and may have to re-apply in a week... then you can begin your sod repair projects.

Sod begins to arrive at the garden center around the last week in April.

The key tip I can pass along to having a nice looking lawn is to spend a little time every week in its care and upkeep, and feel free stop in to learn a little on those problem areas so you have the confidence to apply the right products at the right times.

Gardening with Gusto, by Rick Pecman, General Manager Pine Ridge Garden Gallery

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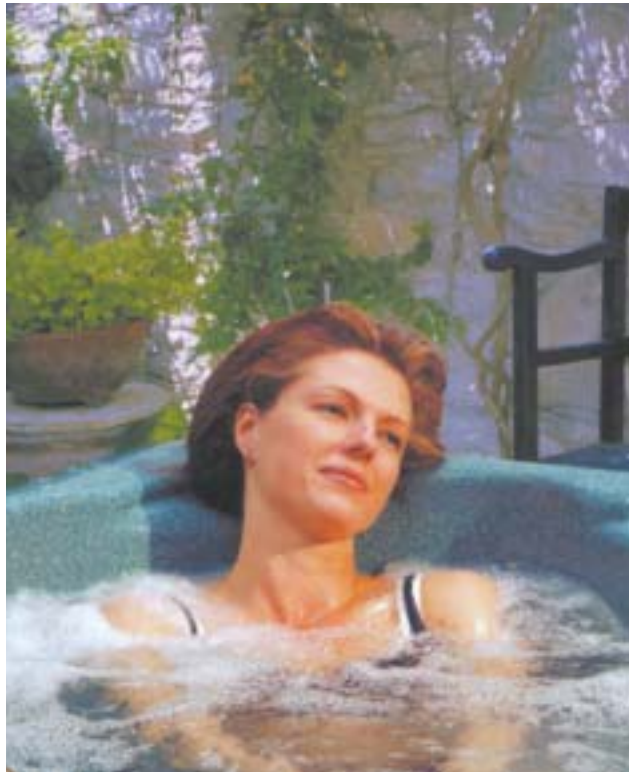
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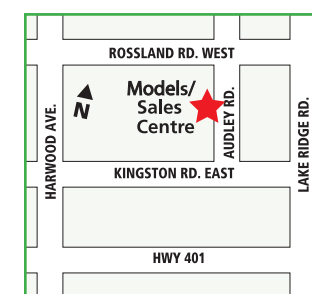
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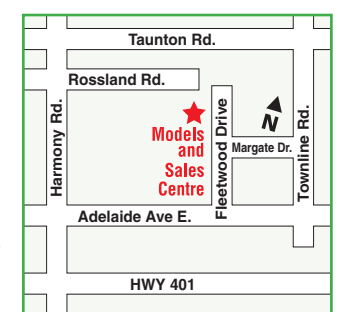
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New children's pastor for Safe Haven

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — The Safe Haven Worship Centre has welcomed a new children's pastor to their church, Tiffany Furtado.

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Tiffany Furtado

Ms. Furtado is thrilled to take on the position.

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Pastor Sam Martin of Safe Haven is pleased with the addition of Ms. Furtado.

"She has a tremendous love for children, for

helping them and their families," said Pastor Martin.

As children's pastor, Ms. Furtado is responsible for supervising all children's ministries at Safe Haven.

"She is guiding, developing, and supervising everything to do with children at our church," he said.

Furtado has high hopes for her tenure at Safe Haven and said, "My goal is to lead the children by my teaching and my example, and to enrich their lives through a connection with Jesus Christ."

The Safe Haven Worship Centre has been serving the Pickering community for the last two years, and is a bible-based, non-denominational church.

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The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, \$2 for sausages and \$1 for hot and cold drinks. All proceeds support the Kiwanis Club of Durham and the organizations it assists.

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A Transrapid change in modes of transportation

Siemens asks Durham leaders for support of project

By Joshua May
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Siemens Canada is moving towards the future faster than a speeding locomotive.

In an attempt to garner support from business owners and Durham politicians for its newest innovation, Albert Maringer, president and chief executive officer of the compa-

ny's Canadian offices, recently demonstrated the benefits of a Siemens invention, the Transrapid train. A mode of transportation that can average speeds of between 300 and 500 km/h, the train has drawn the attention of a number of high-ranking officials in Durham.

"We're faced with a unique opportunity here," said Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan at the session in Pickering. "This kind of innovation will put Durham Region on the map. We need to assemble and bring this kind of opportunity to our municipality. This isn't merely a pie-in-the-sky idea anymore — it's

for real."

Making stops last week at both the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and the Pickering Public Library to educate as well as answer questions, Siemens is hoping to run the idea before the provincial and federal governments but needs support to take its transit plan further.

With a potential cost in the billions, investment from all levels of government will be necessary to make the idea a reality.

"Durham is one of the fastest growing areas in all of Canada.

We want this municipality to join (Siemens) in its ground-breaking voyage into the future," said Dr. Maringer.

"We didn't hold this meeting to discuss the Transrapid train, we've already been in talks with the region about a lighter version of this idea for quite some time now. What we wanted was to merely get everyone on the same page before we make our pitch to the

higher levels of government."

Running on renewable energy sources such as hydro electricity, which in turn saves potential tax dollars spent on gas, the environmentally-friendly Transrapid runs on an electromagnetic levitation system that allows it to hover a half-inch above the track offering little to no wear and tear or sound pollution. The train, featuring no conductor but monitored by a station attendant, if constructed between Toronto and Montreal, could deliver passengers in approximately one hour and seven minutes, according to Dr. Maringer.

"This is an innovation that will certainly improve the quality of life for everyone in the region," said Dr. Maringer. "However, we are not selling a product here, we are simply an enabler. We want to make more business available for Durham."

Advertised as the world's fastest train, the Transrapid was first built in Shanghai, China, under the moniker 'the maglev', to transport passengers of Pudong International airport 20 miles to the outskirts of the city.

Siemens, founded in 1847 by German Werner von Siemens, has been in Canada for 131 years, featuring 6,600 employees and 82 plants and offices.



Dave Ryan



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Paul Novello, owner of Royal Men's Hairstyling and Barber Shop, is offering this antique barber chair in a fundraising draw to benefit Denise House and Herizon House, which help abused women.

Pickering business takes cut at abuse

By Jennifer Bradley
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Be a cut above while helping a women in need.

The Royal Men's Hairstyling and Barber Shop is hosting a fundraising event where those who give a \$5 donation receive a free haircut and entry into the draw for a 100-year-old barber's chair.

All proceeds go to Denise House and Herizon House, each specializing in the care of abused women.

"As a past social worker, I wanted to do something to bring awareness that wives are being murdered by their husbands..." said Royal owner Paul Novello. "Being a male hairstyling store, I think for men it keeps the dialogue open."

The first week of the fundraiser raised more than \$300 and the draw for the chair is May 15. Royal is at 750 Oklahoma Dr., at Whites Road, south of Hwy. 401. Hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Rudik is a woman of a thousand voices

Bloom just can't come off Pickering native



Patte Rudik, dressed as Bette Midler, one of the many roles she's taken on as an actress, can currently be heard as the voice of many characters in the children's television program 'Mighty Machines'.

ences for the imaginative voices she conjures up for voiceovers on the Treehouse television series 'Mighty Machines'. A program that utilizes live-action video of everyday machines while dubbing funny-sounding

voices over the equipment to describe the job at hand, Mighty Machines is both educational and playful for kids and adults alike, says Rudik. "It's the perfect job for me. Not only does the show

allow me to be creative but it teaches people at the same time," she said. "However, it's not always easy to work on a show that simply uses your voice. Sitting alone in a booth with nothing but a microphone, light, pencil and pad of paper in your hand, it can be hard trying to draw inspiration for a character. But that's when I think my job is the most rewarding for it's then that I am the most imaginative and inventive with my voices."

Adhering to her parents

wishes, Rudik suppressed her desire to be a part of the glorious, yet highly unstable career that is show business early in her life and attended the University of Toronto's English program instead. However, her penchant for writing more scripts than essays signalled to both herself as well as her professors that the entertainment industry could be her true calling.

"I feel like this was something I was born to do," said Rudik. "The fact that every single day you can be some-

one new, something different, and have others laugh and enjoy your work, its an amazing feeling. There's no other job like it."

But her talents don't end there. Rudik is currently designing Ms. Iowa's dress for the 2006 Miss America Pageant, and she is also preparing elaborate costumes for an upcoming show in Toronto at Hart House Theatre.

For more information on Rudik, visit p-rosebank.com.

By Joshua May
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Everything is coming up roses for Patte Rudik.

The actress-singer-designer, nicknamed 'Patte Rosebank' for the Pickering street on which she grew up, is pursuing a show business career in Toronto. Having performed a wide scope of work related to the entertainment industry, Rudik credits her hometown as a big influence for her stargazing career.

"I owe a lot to the city of Pickering. My days at (Pickering) High School helped craft my acting skills — I actually received the drama award at the end of my senior year," said Rudik. "Even my nickname can be credited to my hometown. I know I may not live there anymore, but that city will always hold a close place to my heart."

Inspired by distinctly Canadian programs such as Royal Canadian Air Farce and SCTV, Rudik often reflects upon these influ-

Pine Ridge alumni take a crack at laughs

PICKERING — A group of Pine Ridge Secondary School students are returning this month for a benefit concert.

Funny By Comparison, an improv comedy team, holds a fundraising event for Sick Kids Hospital Saturday, April 30 at the school, 2155 Liverpool Rd. N., Pickering.

The group of Andrew Paradis, Calvin Burrows, Richard Parkinson, Nick Dipchand, and Tanzeel Sukhera met while attending Pine Ridge. They have performed in many different venues, including Tim Sim's playhouse, and became the first ever rookie team to advance to the second round at

the Canada Improv Games. The event runs from 4 to 6 p.m. and costs \$2 for kids and \$4 for adults. For more information about FBC, visit www.funnybycomparison.com, or call 416-550-7173. For show reservations, call Richard Parkinson at 905-550-0298 or tickets are available at the door.

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Sweet harmony coming to Pickering

PICKERING—Listen to the sweet sounds of the Eastside Harmony Chorus tomorrow.

The award-winning Sweet Adeline Chorus, which includes members from Ajax and Pickering, are perform-

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The chorus is performing in full costume and offering information to other women interested in joining.

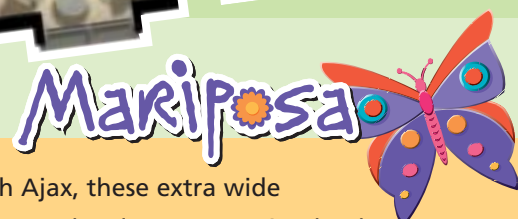
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Members of the Pickering Panthers midget 'AE' rep hockey team celebrate after capturing the all-Ontario championship with a sweep of Markham in the best-of-five playoff final series.

Pickering 'AE' midgets Ontario champions

Panthers sweep Markham in final

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers midget 'AE' 1 hockey team reached the pinnacle of its season by winning the all-Ontario championship.

The Panthers accomplished the feat in the most economical way possible, polishing off the Markham Waxers in three consecutive games in the best-of-five Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship series.

Markham mounted its toughest challenge in Game 3 pushing Pickering to come from behind in the third period to tie the match and force overtime. No game score was reported.

On their journey to the title, the Panthers finished the season with a combined record of 51-5-4. They were the York-Simcoe League champions, sporting a league mark of 24-1-1. Pickering captured titles in the Weston Hawks 'A' Fall Classic and Stouffville tournaments. The Panthers were dominating when playing in the opposition's

rink, amassing an unblemished 20-0-0 road record.

Team members are Michael Accettone, Brian Austin, Shane Boyd, Branden Cleary, Kyle Fredericks, Zack Milcowich, Robert Morra, Mike O'Sullivan, Phillip Pett, Damien Pavlidis, Matt Raymond, Ryan Richard, Derek Savoie, Dan Sullivan, David Tomei, Adam Turi and Scott Waters.

OHF tourney begins today

DURHAM — The Ontario Hockey Federation Championship tournaments kick off on three fronts in Ajax and Pickering today (Friday).

The Ajax Minor Hockey Association, in conjunction with the Pickering Hockey Association and the Ajax/Pickering Raiders Association, is hosting championships in the peewee 'AA', juvenile 'AA'/'AAA' and the atom 'AAA' divisions, bringing together the champions of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), the Northern Hockey Association (NOHA) and the Alliance Hockey Association.

Competing in the atom bracket

are the host Raiders, the Mississauga Rebels and Toronto Marlboros (GTHL), Elgin-Middlesex (Alliance), and Halton (OMHA).

In the peewee division are the host Ajax Knights, the London Junior Knights from the Alliance, the Copper Cliff Redmen from the NOHA, Mississauga Jets from the GTHL and Aurora, of the OMHA.

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 The GIS Planning Technologist is responsible for providing technical mapping/GIS support to the Planning Department. We require a Post Secondary School graduate with a four (4) year undergraduate degree in Urban Planning or Urban Geography; a minimum of five (5) years directly related experience in a municipal or private planning environment; be proficient in a Windows-based environment, including Access, ArcView GIS, AMANDA, AutoCAD (v2000) and other related mapping applications; possess and maintain a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence; and, must be able to provide own transportation. Please quote: File No: **05-F006-148**.
PART-TIME YOUTH LEADERS
 The Youth Leader is responsible for planning and implementing the Youth Drop-In Programs and special events. We require Secondary School graduate with additional post-secondary courses in Youth Leadership Training an asset; current certification in CPR and First Aid. Please quote: File No: **05-P004-959**.
 For more detailed information about these individual positions, including qualifications, duties, and instructions on how to apply, please visit our website at: www.whitby.ca
 Application deadline for these positions is: **April 20th, 2005**
 The Corporation of the Town of Whitby
 575 Rossland Road East
 Whitby, ON L1N 2M8
NOTE: We thank all those persons who apply, but advise that acknowledgement will only be forwarded to those applicants who are invited for an interview.
Personal information provided is collected under the authority of The Municipal Act.

510 general help **510** general help

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 \$12 per hour
General labourers
 \$9 per hour
 To work various shifts in Whitby/Oshawa area
Clean criminal background required
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Oshawa Centre Executive Tower, Suite 203

Heritage Community HOUSING CORPORATION
HOUSING COORDINATOR
 HCHC operates Cormack Station, a 125 unit non-profit apartment community at 250 Hickory St. S. Whitby. Reporting to a Board of Directors, the Housing Coordinator will be responsible for the overall management of Cormack Station.
Qualifications:
 • Experience in building management / human resources
 • Commitment to non-profit housing and knowledge of non-profit housing guidelines
 • Experience with special needs clients.
 • Basic knowledge of accounting and bookkeeping practices
 Please forward letters of applications and resumes by April 13, 2005 to: **Hiring Committee Heritage Community Housing Corporation**
 250 Hickory St. S. Whitby L1N 9G8
 Fax: 905-430-0191
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510 general help

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada currently has an opening for an...
IT Administrator
 This full time position provides IT support to the national office as well as 12 chapters across Canada. Key accountabilities include support of Citrix, Accpac, Raiser's Edge and LotusNotes in a Windows Server 2003 environment.
 The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 3 years experience with a number of remote offices; sound knowledge of problem solving techniques; ability to effectively communicate solutions to the users; experience in developing and administering infrastructure technology; project management and implementation; end user support; demonstrated multi-tasking abilities. You must have the ability to meet deadlines; have a positive attitude and be a team player. Professionalism and diplomacy are required.
 Please apply in confidence by Tuesday, April 12th. Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.
 The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada
 95 Bayly St. West, Suite 404
 Ajax, Ontario L1S 7K8
 Sandra.slade@childrenswish.ca
 Fax: 905-426-4111

510 general help

BUSY GIFT STORE, in Oshawa Centre, requires an Assistant Manager. Must have merchandising skills along with other aspects. Please send resume to: Bob, 905-853-4999.
CURVES® Fitness and weight loss centres is hiring (20-30 hours per week) at its 300 Kingston Rd. Pickering location. Apply only if you're energetic, enthusiastic, love to work with people and have customer service and sales experience. Fax or drop off resume to 905-509-5578: 300 Kingston Rd. Unit 18.
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DEMONSTRATORS REQUIRED - for Ajax Costco store. Must be friendly, outgoing and available weekends. Contact (905) 686-7278. For Home Depot - To generate leads. Contact (905) 836-4323.

Busy pet grooming salon in Whitby requires part time **EXPERIENCE GROOMER** Could lead to full time. Telephone (905) 668-2721
COOK, experienced, part time for Whitby retirement residence. fax resumes to 905-665-7018.
COOK NEEDED specializing in Canadian and Greek food; also waitress required. Uxbridge area. 416-823-1733 or 416-451-9320.

509 drivers

509 drivers
A-Z DRIVER needed to deliver Sunrooms to the U.S.A once a week on our tractors. Can start A.S.A.P Please send resume to Sunspace Sunrooms 1698 Baseline Road Courtice, Ontario L1E 2S7 905-404-9970 1-800-755-3365 Ext26 Attn: Paul
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CERTIFIED FOOD SERVICE Supervisor, Part-time. Must be eligible for membership in the CSNM. Casual dietary aids, and cooks. Fax 905-623-4497.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!!! (Pickering)

25 Experienced Forklift Operators
 • Must have 2-3 months experience
 • Raymond Reach or Cherry Picker an asset
35 Experienced Shipper/Receiver
 • Heavy lifting up to 75 lbs
 • Must be a team player/positive attitude
All positions require:
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 Pays \$12.50/hr!!!
APPLY IN PERSON: April 11-15th, 9am-1pm
 (Bring ID, SIN, Void Chq, References, 3 hrs)
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 1315 Pickering Parkway, Ste 100
 Or call 905-831-7683 OR 905-686-7732
Training * Bonuses * Benefits * Paid holidays

The News Group, a wholesaler of periodicals across Canada, has a need for several highly motivated and energetic **MERCHANDISERS** in the region of Durham.

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 Interested applicants should forward resumes by fax Attn: Merchandising Position at 1-888-323-2420

Get your kicks at Pickering sports camp this summer

Ninth annual event at St. Mary

daily sports are soccer, baseball, basketball and floor hockey, and each camper receives a T-shirt. The camp uses three gymnasiums and two fields. Every day there is a one-hour supervised lunch, with pizza and pop provided on the Friday. Registration is May 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., May 12 from 4 to 7 p.m., and May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. All registration days are in Gym C at St. Mary, 1918 Whites Rd. Cost is \$99 with

registration on or before May 14 and after it's \$125. The camp runs Aug. 8 to 12, from 9 a.m.

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\$279,900

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Modern, chic design present in this 4+1 bdrm., 3 bath home situated on a quiet court. Spacious master combines with a sitting room, walk-in closet and 4 pc. ensuite. Cozy main flr. family rm. with fireplace, 2nd flr. laundry, open concept rec rm. with fireplace, 5th bdrm./office are enjoyed features. Close to elem. & sep. schools, Conservation, local transit to amenities & 401. \$279,900. Jacquelynn Tanner @ 906-619-9500.

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\$368,000

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WHITBY 'WOW'!

Designer's dream in north Whitby. French doors, chair rail, crown mouldings, high baseboards, mirror closet doors, cac, gas fireplace, ceramic tile, upgr. brdln., 200 amp service, custom tier deck with A/G pool & lovely landscaping make this 5+1 bdrm. home a star. Greenhouse kitchen with pantry overlooks the pool. Full walkout basement offers liv./din. rm., kit., 4 pc. bath & 6th bdrm. Beautiful elegant décor thru-out! \$368,000. Jacquelynn Tanner @ 905-619-9500.

Email: jtanner@trebnet.com

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND



\$549,000
View online at www.besidethebay.com

SUN APRIL 10 1-3 P.M.
823 ELVIRA
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HOME BESIDE FRENCHMAN'S BAY!

- Approx. \$200,000 worth of renovations
- Pie-shape lot on quiet court overlooks Frenchman's Bay, conservation & ravine
- Gigantic, sunny kitchen with breakfast area
- Dining area with heated ceramic floors
- Walkout to oversized composite sundeck
- Slate fireplace in living room
- Spacious family room - 8 ft. w/o to patio
- Romantic master bedroom overlooks water
- Ensuite with whirlpool tub, separate shower
- Steps to parks, beach, schools & shopping

RICK SERGIJON*
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SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10 2-4 P.M.
105 WHITE PINE CRES., PICKERING

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!!
The purchaser of this home will appreciate the many thousands of quality upgrades. Beautiful maple floors thruout 1st and 2nd levels. SGDW to fully fenced yard highlighted by \$8000 deck. No neighbours behind - backs onto ravine! Completely finished lower level. 4 baths, appls., quality window coverings, cent. air, cent. vac, much more. Meticulously maintained, eat off the floor spotless. Seeing is believing!

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SAT. APRIL 9, 2-4 P.M.
955 AUDLEY RD. S.
GORGEOUS SUNSETS OVER LAKE ONTARIO



SAT. APRIL 9, 2-4 P.M.
909 AUDLEY RD. S.
THIS HOME FEELS BRAND NEW

Stunning 3175 sq. ft. Weymouth model executive home on a premium lot and in a class of it's own overlooking conservation area and Lake Ontario. Features 4 bdrms. with ensuites, a Great room with a dramatic 2 storey ceiling, 23x13' kitchen and 9' ceilings, mn. flr. office/library, 2nd flr. balcony, 2nd flr. laundry, partially fin. bsmt., premium lot and more. \$589,900.

Spacious kit. w/centre island, pantry and roomy breakfast nook. Formal din. rm. w/bleached oak hrwd. flr. Sunny parlour with double French doors. Conv. 2nd flr. Laundry. Nicely fenced and landscaped. \$393,900.



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SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2-4 P.M.
20 ROBERSON DRIVE, AJAX

607,248 sq. inches. Buy this home for under \$1.07 per sq. inch. 4 bedrooms, library, family room, and massive kitchen. Overlook golfers taking out their frustrations as the home backs onto Riverside GC. That famous Scot John Boddy built the place to stand for a 100 years. The Scots may be frugal, but not when building fine homes. Join me on Sunday. No Haggis, and No Bovine. Just a great house.

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MANY UPGRADES
Sunday, April 10th, 2-4pm
7 Thorogood St.

Take possession of this beauty just as the sod settles. All the best of new without the wait. Great open concept, 3 bdrms., 2 1/2 baths, gas fireplace and all beautifully upgraded. Perfect Ajax location for Toronto commuters. \$278,000. Dir: 401 to Salem Rd., north to Rossland, right to first left onto 2nd right - 7 Thorogood St., 'Castlefields' Developments. See you there!

PATRICIA BULLEY*



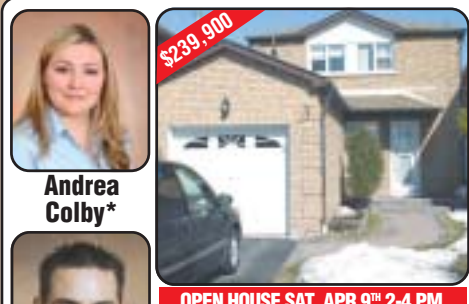
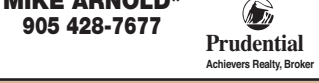
\$224,900
SAT. APR. 9, 2-4 P.M., SUN. APR. 10, 2-4 P.M.
40 DUCATEL, AJAX

Ready to move into this three bedroom townhouse is close to shopping, Go Transportation and easy access to the 401. Finished rec room. Great family community. Fenced back yard. We are ready for offers.

SUN. APR. 10, 2-4 P.M.
1480 OLD FOREST RD.

Great bungalow for first time buyer situated on a large lot among bigger homes. Walkout from basement. Formal dining room w/o from kitchen to deck. Front sun room. Nicely decorated. Come out and see this unique home.

MIKE ARNOLD*
905 428-7677

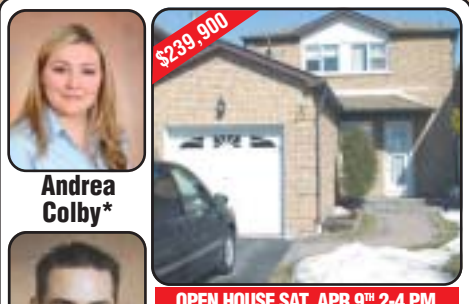


\$239,900
OPEN HOUSE SAT. APR 9th 2-4 PM
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Beautiful detached 3 bedroom home in desirable family community close to all amenities. Hardwood floors in living & dining rooms, mostly new windows & doors, newer broadloom on 2nd floor with ceramics in all baths, kitchen & foyer. Flexible closing. Call Matt Maclsaac* or Andrea Colby* for directions.

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\$379,900
SUN., APR. 10 1-4 P.M.
31 MORDEN CRES., AJAX

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with lots of upgrades. Hardwood and ceramic flooring, gas fireplace and professionally finished basement with 2 piece bath. 6 seater hot tub in the backyard with two-tiered deck. To view call Ron Tamrazian at 905-831-9500.

RON TAMRAZIAN*
905
831-9500



\$229,900
SAT., APR. 9, 2-4 P.M.
53 HUGHES CRES., AJAX

This is a very nice and large 3 bedroom townhouse in prime north Ajax. It boasts laminate hardwood floors, a large family room. Professionally landscaped both in the front and rear yards. The master has a full 4 piece ensuite. You can just move in! The vendor is leaving all five appliances. There is central air and the home is meticulously clean. To view photos online visit www.DurhamProperties.ca or call for more details. Chris at 905-619-9500.

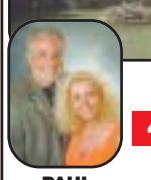
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SATURDAY APRIL 9 2-4 P.M.
44 ALBERY CRES., AJAX

HEATED INGROUND POOL!!
Large south facing lot. Beautiful 4 bedroom home, with spacious dining room/living room, cozy family room with fireplace & newly finished recreation room. Gorgeous hardwood floors, spacious entry way. Come & see this fantastic home! Bonnie & Paul 905-619-9500.

PAUL JONES* & BONNIE DAVIS*
905-619-9500



\$349,000
SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10 1-4 P.M.
21 SPIERS CRES., AJAX

This lovely 4 bdrm. family home has been recently upgraded. Master has ensuite & sitting area, sunken fam. rm. w/woodburning F/P, private deck off kitchen, professionally landscaped, C/A & C/V. All this & more with a flexible closing date. Call Harry Hayes, broker/owner Sutton Group Status Realty Inc. today for your showing at 905-428-8274.

HARRY HAYES
Broker/Owner
905-428-8274



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1081 LONGBOW DR., PICKERING

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SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10, 1-4 P.M.
3 LILLEY AVE., AJAX BY THE LAKE

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Gorgeous 4-bdrm. home in sought after Lakeside Family Community. Close walk to nearby park and short distance to lake & conservation area. Fantastic open concept layout with w/o balcony on 2nd floor. Home approx. 1900 sq. ft. (5 yrs new). Home features hrwd. flrs., gas fp. in fam. rm., 3-washrooms, spacious kit. w/w/o to a private wooden fenced yard, walk-in from garage. This home is in move-in condition. Come and see for yourself. Call now for an exclusive viewing. A 10+!!!

BRIAN BEVINGTON*
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683-5000



SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10 2-4 P.M.
1758 WALNUT LANE, PICKERING

FABULOUS GLENDALE (HWY. #2 & WALNUT)
This home offers many upgrades. Beautiful bathrooms, superior landscaping and stunning inground pool. Listed for \$324,900. Please join us for a viewing.

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SUN. APRIL 10 2-4 P.M.
25 BAKER DR., AJAX

GREAT S. AJAX SIDESPLIT
Everything is done! Just "move-in" to this freshly painted, newly carpeted, air conditioned family home. Lots of hardwood, private yard, 55x117' lot plus plus plus. Dir.: Harwood south to Clemens, east to Baker, watch for signs.

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T.O. Line
905-427-1177



OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND



SUN. APR. 10, 1-4 P.M.
54 HUMPHREY DR., AJAX

PRIME AJAX COMMUNITY AT LAKE!
 Sunfilled 3 bedroom home with beautifully finished basement.

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2-4 P.M.
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 1.5 acre open concept custom home in Greenwood Village almost 5000 sq. ft. of living space, features 4+3 bdrms., 4 baths, fam. rm + fp & w/o to tiered deck, skylight, 3 car garage, cent. air & vac, hrwd. & ceramics and much more. Asking \$619,900. Follow signs from Westney Rd. and Taunton to 3505 Westney Rd. or call Marlene Kerr at 905-686-5153 or see www.marlenekerr.com for interior pictures.
 Sutton Classic Realty Inc.



\$294,888
SUN. APRIL 10, 2-4 P.M.
47 BOLLAND CRES., SOUTH AJAX

WALK TO THE LAKE!
STEP INSIDE to appreciate the value in this spacious and immaculate home situated in Demand South Ajax just steps to Lake Ontario, parks and walking trails and offering an upgraded kitchen, **PARKLAND VIEWS**, finished basement w/new 2-piece bath, and all major upgrades already done! **THIS HOME DEMANDS ACTION...See you on Sunday!**



\$399,898
SUN. APRIL 10, 2-4 P.M.
28 ANNIE CRES., AJAX

BE FIRST IN LINE!!
LOOKING FOR DESIRABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD? You've found it in this Pickering Village /Executive home offering over 2700 sq. ft. with spacious rooms, a grand entrance with Scarlet O'Hara staircase, huge family room, new broadloom, California shutters, French doors, professionally landscaped yard with interlocking walkways and much more! **PRIME LOCATION...REALISTIC PRICE...Come by and see for yourself!**



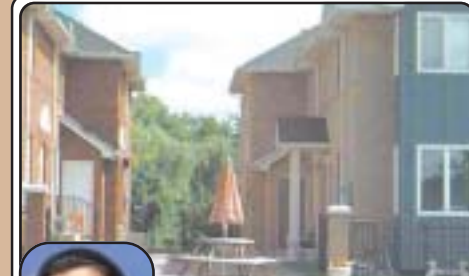
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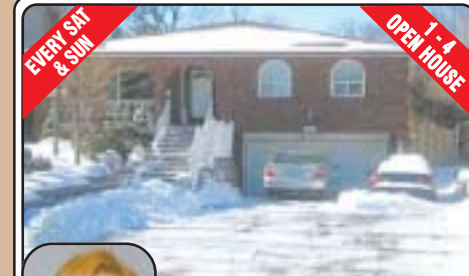
PIE-SHAPED LOT!
SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10,
2-4 P.M.
14 COOMER CRES., AJAX

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 • 2 walkouts to huge deck
 • Built-in shelving, wood shutters
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SUN. APRIL 10
2-4 P.M.
1853 VALLEYVIEW DR., PICKERING

ABSOLUTELY AWESOME
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905-683-2100
Century 21
Percy Fulton Ltd., Broker
 A must see. Beautiful, spotless home. Open concept layout, on a gorgeous ravine lot and nicely landscaped. \$\$\$ spent on upgrades. Custom 2 tier deck. Too many features to mention. To view this property or others call Yasmina. See you on Sunday.



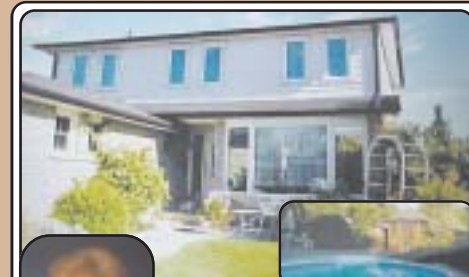
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4
1472 ROSEBANK

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RE/MAX **WEST REALTY LTD.**
BELIEVE ME! HARD TO FIND NICE HOME AND PRIME LOT 50.04X318.75
 Fabulous custom built raised bungalow, 3 + 2 bdrms., finished basement with separate entrance, central vac., central humidifier, roughed in intercom. 200 amp. service, new roof, beautiful landscaping, interlock all around house, laundry on main floor, jacuzzi, sauna, french doors, wet bar, almost 2500 sq. ft., upgraded top to bottom, oak hardwood floor in living rm. & dining room. Huge cold cellar, new roof 2004. Believe me hard to find, deep lot & nice home. Just move and enjoy.



SUN. APRIL 10
2-4 P.M.
1 DANIELS CRES, AJAX

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Real Estate Ltd.
BACKING ONTO WESTNEY HEIGHTS PARK!
 This 4 bedroom home is close to 401 & Go Train. Basement in-law apartment with separate entrance. Features huge family eat-in kitchen with walk-out to multi-tiered deck, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace. All appliances and window coverings included. Price to sell at \$284,900. Don't miss out. MLS#E624841.



SAT. & SUN. APRIL 9 & 10
2-4 P.M.
1151 GLOUCESTER SQUARE

DEB CHAPMAN*
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COLDWELL BANKER
CASE REALTY LTD.
POOL TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!
 Lovely four bedroom, 2500 square foot custom home. All the upgrades have been done. Formal living and dining room with hardwood floors. Renovated kitchen, w/built-in appliances, finished basement. Outstanding perennial garden surrounds the pool and cabana. Call for details.



\$325,000
SAT. & SUN APRIL 9 & 10
2-4 P.M.
95 HANDLEY

JANINE LEDDING*
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