

Trial begins in murder of Ajax man Roy Jones

Accused pleads guilty to Pickering home invasion

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of a man accused of killing Ajax resident Roy Jones four years ago. Cosmo Jacobson, formerly of Pickering, attempted to plead to a lesser charge when he was arraigned on charges of first-degree

murder and conspiracy to commit murder Monday morning at the Whitby courthouse.

The 29-year-old Mr. Jacobson, also known as Avi Mundy, also pleaded guilty to a number of crimes connected to a home invasion robbery that occurred in Pickering in June of 2000.

Standing beside his lawyer in Superior Court Monday, he replied when asked how he pleaded to the main charge: "Not guilty as charged," Mr. Jacobson said, "but guilty of manslaughter."

He also pleaded not guilty of conspiring to

kill Mr. Jones in early 2001.

The plea to manslaughter was rejected by prosecutor Paul Murray, who told Justice Donald Ferguson that the Crown intends to proceed with its case on the murder charge.

The Crown alleges Mr. Jacobson is responsible for the slaying of Mr. Jones, a security guard who was gunned down as he returned to his family's home on Twilley Lane on the night of Feb. 4, 2001.

Testimony is slated to begin early next week. It is expected the trial will run until the end of June.

Capital project spending up 40 per cent over 2004

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projects until summer and we have trouble completing them by fall."

Other councillors were pleased with the final budget.

"I was bound and determined to see that rate cut substantially and we have achieved that," said Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dickerson.

He pointed out major projects such as the pedestrian bridge and seniors' centre addition, as well as road, sidewalk and park projects.

"We've done all of that and we've come in at 5.5 per cent," he said.

That means a \$49.40 increase for a home assessed at \$250,000.

"Which in today's day and age is not considered to be unreasonable in my opinion," Mayor Dave Ryan said.

He pointed out spending on capital projects has increased from just under \$10 million last year to \$14 million this year.

"Every one of those projects is a good project... They are investment in roads, in parks; an investment in an expansion on our seniors centre and an investment in our museum," he said.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean also defended the budget.

"(There) are things that some people might say are unnecessary, but I disagree," he said. "These are projects that are all required to improve the quality of life for everyone across the board."

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson reflected on his years on council where zero-per cent increases were the norm.

"As I look back on it now, it maybe wasn't

the right thing to do," he said, adding he believes this is an increase that is acceptable to the public.

"No one likes to see tax increases, but

every once in a while you have to fix the house and paint the barn and this budget is more maintenance than new projects," he said.

How Pickering is spending your tax dollars in 2005

The following is a breakdown of some items approved Monday night for the 2005 Pickering budget. The City collects \$34.3 million in taxes.

By the numbers

Operating budget	\$55.4 million
Capital budget	\$14.4 million
Transit budget	\$5.8 million

Major capital projects/purchases

Pickering Village Museum	\$451,000
Pumper fire truck	\$600,000
East Shore Community Centre	\$275,000
Design work for pedestrian bridge	\$300,000
Squash courts	\$200,000

Roadwork/projects

Liverpool Road	\$700,000
Sandy Beach Road and sidewalk	\$275,000
Sheppard Avenue	\$600,000

TOTAL BUDGET \$69.8 million

• Numbers rounded

Transit: Amount includes gas tax funds from both 2004 and 2005.

Museum: Funds are to be used for restoration of program centre.

Community Centre: Funds are for design and construction of a second-floor addition.

Squash courts: For design of double squash courts and fitness studio at Pickering Recreation Complex.

Liverpool: From Millennium Square to north of Wharf Street.

Sheppard: Old Forest Road to Altona Road.



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Students work it out in song, dance

Ajax, Pickering kids offer impromptu solutions

DURHAM — Television network executives heard arguments for and against continuing a Canadian Idol-type TV program, while a school board heard about the pros and cons of installing playground equipment at a local school.

The scenarios were imaginary, but the participants very real as Durham Catholic District School Board students from across the region took part in the Eight Annual Think Bowl competition in Whitby recently. The event presents teams of elementary students, divided into junior- and intermediate-level squads, with a scenario on competition day. Their challenge is to create a dramatic stage presentation for a group of judges, with convincing arguments one way or another, after working out a solution on paper.

"They have to make their own props when they arrive; they have a list of supplies," notes teacher Debbie Lukow, who with colleague Sandy Coscarella chairs the event.

She says music, dancing and an element of comedy go a long way toward impressing the judges.

In the junior scenario, Ms. Lukow says most of the teams opted for the playground equipment, but argued that the area should be fenced and only available at certain hours. Intermediate teams were evenly split on keeping the idol show.

In the junior contest, for students in Grade 4 to 6, the team from John XXIII Catholic School in Oshawa emerged on top, followed by the Pickering team from St. Elizabeth Seton and Port Perry's Good Shepherd Catholic School team. St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic School students from Ajax took the Grade 7/8 event, while St. Wilfrid and St. John Bosco Catholic school students, from Pickering and Oshawa, respectively, rounded out the top three finishers.

Thirty-four school teams participated in this year's event.



Markie Warren/ News Advertiser photo
Students from across Durham descended on St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School for the eighth annual Think Bowl competition. St. Patrick Catholic School student Ashley Wray acted out a dramatic scene.



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo
Kirby Paterson, left, a Grade 8 student at Frenchman's Bay Public School, works on a household budget with Carol Ann Kelley of Bell Canada Operations. The two were taking part in the Junior Achievement program, the Economics of Staying in School.

ESIS helps students find the right balance in post-school life

Volunteers deliver sobering message

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — In public schools across the province, kids are beginning to think about their futures.

Junior Achievement of Eastern Ontario and its Economics of Staying in School (ESIS) program made April ESIS Month. Grade 8 classes invited Junior Achievement volunteers into classrooms to deliver the one-day program, which is designed to prepare students for life after school and the sometimes harsh realities that await.

"We teach these children about the constraints of living on your own," said Kathleen Hutton, director of programs for Junior Achievement of Eastern Ontario. "They create a budget of all these things that they feel are necessities, their cellphones, pagers, Internet access. Then we offer them a minimum wage job, because the scenario is that they've dropped out of school. Here's your minimum wage job, earning \$840 a month, and they've created a budget of \$7,000 a month. How are we going to balance it?"

The program is split into four categories.

'Success' is first, where the students explore their own ideas on what success is, and describe their own successful day. Then there's 'independence,' where students create their own budget and are exposed to every-day expenses like utilities and groceries. 'Opportunity' gives kids the chance to create their resume, and to role play a job interview. The program wraps up with 'futures,' where they talk about life in college and university, as well as newer options in trades and apprenticeships.

Reaction has been remarkably positive, and the demand for the program high. Offered in the Durham and Kawartha districts, the program reached more than 11,500 students in April, with a few sessions spilling over into May.

Sue Swan, a Grade 8 teacher at Frenchman's Bay Public School in Pickering, finds the program very helpful.

"It hits home the message of how important education is," said Ms. Swan.

Ms. Hutton agrees. "The emphasis on our program is that learning is a lifelong journey," she said. "If you can do it right the first time, stay in school, get a good education and have a wonderful, successful life."

Wise Ajax and Pickering youth can keep a healthy outlook

AJAX — The Youth Centre is offering a series of healthy workshops for youth in Grade 7 or 8.

Each week, the Health Wise Youth program addresses different health and wellness topics relevant to youth, such as stress management, healthy snacking, physical fitness, relationships, and being smart about risk-

taking. Participants will have input into what topics are covered and the workshops feature interactive activities.

The youth programs are Wednesday evenings for Ajax and Pickering teens, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd. until May 18.

For more information or to register, call The Youth Centre at 905-428-1212 or visit www.theyouthcentre.ca.



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Durham board makes pink list

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board. "We believe that the board has significant flexibility to meet the needs of high school teachers. And that would mean that they would need to bargain with us locally."

Mr. Tumey says the board and OSSTF have been bargaining for about a year and have addressed many of the smaller issues in a new contract. The big-ticket items of salary and benefits are basically all that remain, he says. While Mr. Tumey describes the Province's June 1 deadline as "a false deadline," the board and teachers are to meet again on May 6 and 16, dates

he terms "pretty damn important" if a deal is to be reached by then.

As of Monday, he says the local union will pink list the board, an advisory telling public high school teachers outside of Durham not to accept full-time positions here. Teachers who violate it can be fined or otherwise penalized by the union.

Meanwhile, Durham ETFO president Rachel Gency says last week's bargaining session with the board resulted in "little progress" towards reaching a deal. She has said the provincial salary framework represents "the worst we can do" in Durham. The two sides have set bargaining dates of May 5, 9, 12 and 13.

Night light honours cancer victims

Fundraisers have fun all night long for good cause

DURHAM — More than 1,500 people from across Durham are expected to spend the night at Oshawa Civic Fields for the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life.

"Last year we raised \$339,000 and this year we want to do much bigger and better," said Marnie Salenius, fundraising coordinator for the Durham chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Set to take place overnight from June 3 to June 4, the event will feature teams of 10 spending the night in a tent village set up at the Civic fields, taking turns walking around the track to raise money for cancer research.

The relay starts at 7 p.m., with a survivor's victory lap in which cancer survivors in attendance walk a lap around the track. After that, the track fills with supporters, walking or jogging, all the way through to 7 a.m.

As night falls, candles, or luminaries, light the way around the track. Each luminary is bought in memory of some-

one who died of cancer, or in honour of someone who survived. Luminaries can be purchased at any TD Canada Trust branch in Durham for \$5.

Each member of a team pays \$10 to register and then must raise \$100 in pledges to participate, with prizes available for those who raise the most.

The Oshawa relay is the first of 54 relays in Ontario this year, including one in Uxbridge at Mill Run Golf Club on June 10 and 11.

To register a team, join a team, pledge a walker or volunteer, visit www.cancer.ca.

Four-year deals would cost \$1.7 billion

DURHAM — It's a new era of bargaining between teachers and the Ontario government.

On April 14 and May 2, the Province announced it had reached agreements with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), respectively. The deals produced unprecedented bargaining frameworks, covering salary and workload issues, to be applied to contract talks between individual school boards and teacher union locals.

The government is offering to pump 1,300 new specialist teachers at both the elementary and secondary level into the system by 2008. In the first year, it would mean roughly 45 new high school and 33 more el-

ementary teachers in Durham public schools. The Province says the new elementary teachers would teach literacy, numeracy, physical education and the arts, while their peers at the secondary level would focus on lowering the drop-out and raising the graduation rates.

Elementary teachers are also to receive 200 minutes of preparation time per week by 2008 and up to \$500 in training expenses next year.

In return, the government is asking both panels to agree by June 1 to four-year contracts with local school boards and no more than a 10.6 per cent cumulative pay increase.

If the scenarios play out, the elementary deal would cost the government \$960.4 million and the secondary deal \$750 million over the four years.

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move was debated, many councillors felt the new building was being pushed through too quickly. Local chambers of commerce and rate payers associations held a letter campaign that saw more than 1,500 people write about their opposition to the move.

"This plan has been rushed and there's been poor decision making from the very beginning, and now it's coming back to haunt," said Ajax Mayor Steve Parish. "It (reaching capacity in 2007) might not be a surprise to Roger, but it's a surprise to me and I'm assuming to a great number of people on Regional council and 99.99 per cent of residents."

After council guaranteed Durham

residents that the building would not exceed \$67.7 million, a \$1.9-million new phone system was added, along with the \$14.5-million parking garage, and now a possible \$2.7 million addition onto the garage, for a grand total of \$86.8 million.

Now it looks like even more costs



Steve Parish

will be added as the Region grows and more space is needed.

Some residents are firing back in letters to the editor, calling on council to "stop the insanity."

"I would much rather spend the extra monies... on an investigation on the credibility and responsibility of our elected and un-elected Regional representatives," said Les Brindley of Whitby. "Those responsible should be held accountable and they should pay the price."

The issue will be debated at today's council meeting.

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Removal of agricultural easements illegal: lawyer

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Pickering had no legal right to remove the agricultural easements from the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve, says an environmental lawyer.

David Estrin, one of Canada's top environmental lawyers, was commissioned by Ontario Nature (also known as the Federation of Ontario Naturalists) to provide a legal opinion on the City's Feb. 28 decision to convert agricultural easements on some of the properties in the preserve to inhibiting orders.

"By terminating the easements, the City acted illegally, and its actions are a legal nullity," wrote Mr. Estrin. He goes on to give five reasons.

Linda Pim, director of conservation and science with Ontario Nature, said the legal opinion was commissioned for two reasons.

"We were concerned about the actions of the City of Pickering of cancelling some of the easements on land in the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve," she said. "We felt it may have serious repercussions for the greenbelt and for other Ontarians who currently have conservation easements."

The preserve has been included in the Province's Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt, but that legislation is to be reviewed in 10 years so it doesn't offer the same protection as easements. The City has asked for the southern portion of the preserve to be removed from the greenbelt, as well as a developer who owns land in the area has initiated legal action against the Province to have it removed.

Mayor Dave Ryan is confident the City was legally allowed to remove the easements.

"Our legal opinion differs and that's where that stands," he said.

Mayor Ryan doesn't believe the City's actions set any sort of standard when it comes to easements.

"What we're doing in Pickering isn't at all a precedence, it is a symptom of the problem the Province has created," he said.

In the document, Mr. Estrin also lays out remedies to correct Pickering's actions, one being that those parties who signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) when the land was sold in 1999 could initiate legal action. He says if either the Region of Durham or the Ontario Realty Corporation are not prepared to take legal action, the Green Door Alliance or the Whitevale Residents Association (WRA) could.

Ms. Pim would like to see the Province or the Region take on that task.

"(They are) in a far better position to initiate legal action against the City of Pickering than a non-profit conservation group," she said.

Karen Ras, ORC spokeswoman, said the government is still deciding what action, if any, it will take.

Sandy Rider, president of the WRA, said initiating legal action hadn't been discussed.

"I am encouraged that we can do that," she said. Ms. Rider signed the MOU as a citizen on behalf of the association since it is not incorporated.

"As a signatory I know what the intent was, it was crystal clear," she said, adding the intent was to save the land as agricultural.

Brian Buckles, a member of the Green Door Alliance, said he would like to see the Province pursue the matter.

"The Province owes it to the public to clear the air here — does its lawyers agree with Estrin?" he wondered.

He found the opinion interesting.

"It raises a lot of questions. Certainly all along we felt Pickering's release of the easements was totally inappropriate and Estrin's conclusions back that up in spades," he said.

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Pickering honours workers hurt or killed on the job

PICKERING — The City's politicians recognized National Day of Mourning yesterday with a ceremony at the Civic Complex.

Mayor Dave Ryan and members of council honoured workers killed or injured in the workplace with a special ceremony and a moment of silence.

"The City of Pickering is committed to protecting the occupational health and safety of all of its employees," said Mayor Ryan in a release. "This day provides us with an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to preventing needless occupational injuries, illnesses and deaths while also promoting worker well-being."

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7:00 - 8:00 pm	Move'n Tone
8:15 - 9:30 pm	Yoga
TUESDAY/Time	Class
9:15 - 10:15 am	Move'n Tone
9:15 - 10:00 am	Box'n Step
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1:15 - 2:15 pm	Cardio Tone Interval
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7:10 - 8:10 pm	Step'n Tone
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7:00 - 8:00 pm	Move'n Tone
7:25 - 8:10 pm	Total Sculpt
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10:30 - 11:30 am	Osteoporosis
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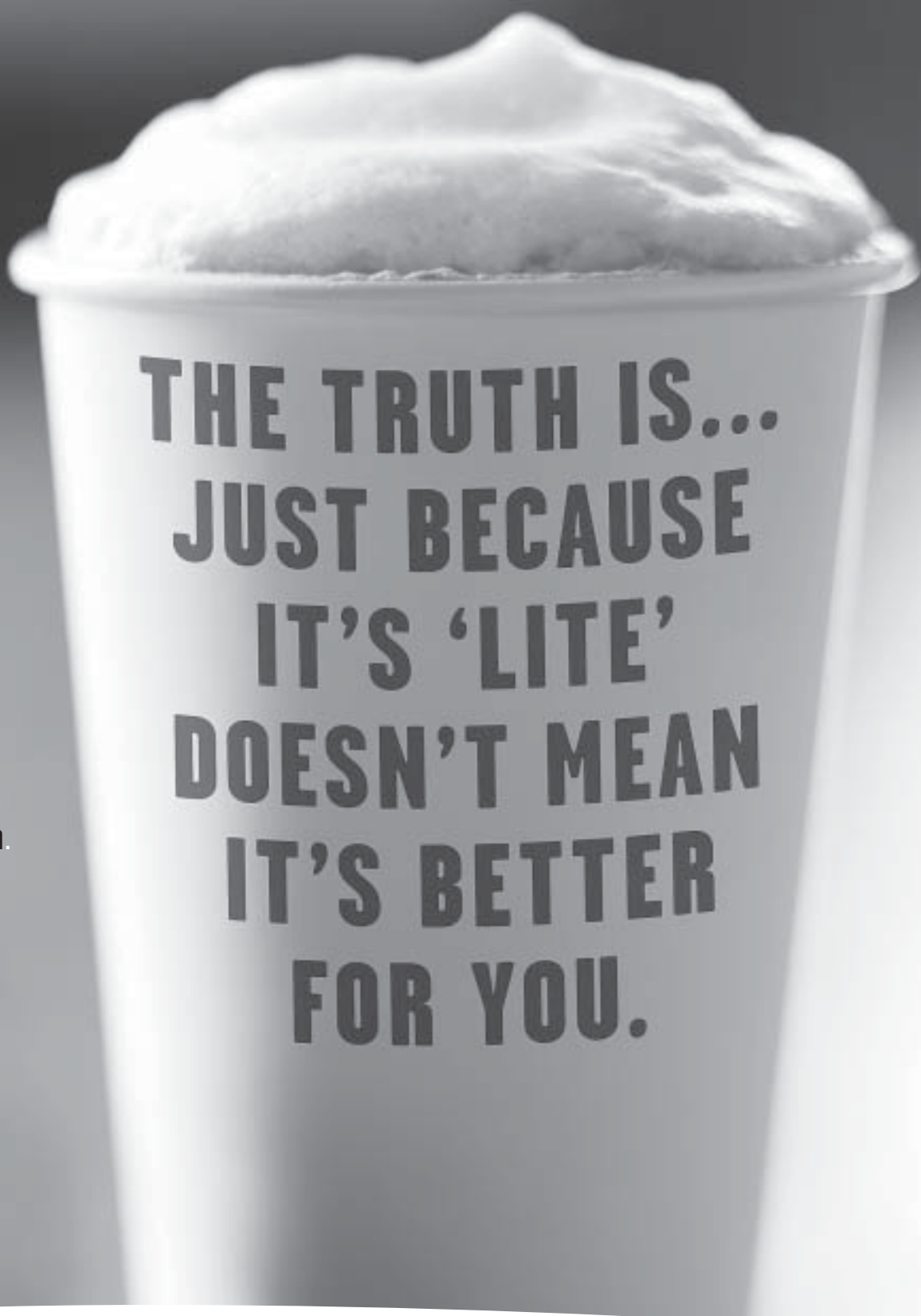
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Select baseball league gaining steam

OSSBA home to four Durham Region teams

By Brian McNair
Staff Editor

DURHAM — Stephen Smith seems willing, able and incredibly eager to take the Ontario Senior Select Baseball Association to the next level.

The new president of the league, which has grown from four to 10 teams as it enters its fifth season and is now home to four Durham Region squads, is working tirelessly to promote the league and has already secured the Rogers Centre (formerly SkyDome) for its annual all-star game on July 17.

Also an assistant coach with the Whitby-based Durham Chiefs, Smith has been with the league since day one, having worked closely with founder and past president Rod Holinaty to grow and improve the league. Although they have had a bit of a falling out and are now associated with different teams — Holinaty is manager of the Whitby Chiefs — Smith recognizes all the hard work of his predecessor.

"I hope to pick up from all the great work Rod has done to get the OSSBA off the ground," Smith says. "I want to continue to have the coaches and players voice their concerns, take their suggestions and work together to build the best senior hardball association possible."

Although the OSSBA began more as a recreational league in 2001, the talent level has steadily improved each season with the addition of more rep players and a few former Intercountry players. The fact the majority of games are part of weekend doubleheaders is extremely attractive to those balancing busy work schedules.

"We're trying to design a program that takes recreational ball and competitive and make a nice blend of the two," says Smith. "We're just trying to make sure guys have a place to play ball... (and) do whatever we can to keep it fun. We know this isn't the major leagues."

Both of the Chiefs teams are original members, with Durham previously known as Whitby Chiefs Red and Whitby previously know as Whitby Chiefs Blue. They formed the league in 2001 with the Richmond Hill Phoenix and Mississauga Stars, who won the first two league championships.

With the addition of six new teams, including the Oshawa Talons and Pickering Pirates, the league is now divided into two divisions, named in honour of Canadian baseball greats Larry Walker and Fergie Jenkins. The four Durham teams are part of the Walker (east) division along with the Barrie Red Sox, while the Bloor Jays, Burlington Bulls, Mississauga North Tigers, Mississauga Stars and Richmond Hill Phoenix comprise the Jenkins (west) division.

When the season gets under way May 7, the east teams will be looking to break a string of west dominance that continued when Richmond Hill edged Whitby two games to one in last year's best-of-three final.

Coming off their second straight appearance in the league final — the Bloor Jays beat them in 2003 — the Whitby Chiefs will again be the team to beat in the Walker division despite the loss of three key players. The Chiefs are led by the likes of outfielder Jay Jarvie, pitcher Sam Grabowski, shortstop Mark Cairns and newcomer Ryan Newport.

The Durham Chiefs, who finished second in the division last season, are hoping the addition of Adam Stokes will help them get over the hump. Stokes, a former Oshawa Dodger who has defected from the Whitby Chiefs, will join a strong outfield that includes Mike Robertson and Colin Cockburn.

The Oshawa Talons have added outfielder Mark Brown and pitcher Ted Gendron to a solid core that includes pitchers Ryan Reid and Mike Arsenault and catcher Kyle Pitman, as they hope to move up from their fourth place finish of a year ago.

Pickering, third in the division last season, has added outfielder Jon Horning and shortstop Jaymin Parmar to a group that includes pitchers Matt Horning and Mike Minarik and first baseman Dave Lewis.

For more information on the league, including schedules that are still being finalized, see the website at www.leaguelineup.com/ossba.

Severe injury doesn't keep Ajax teen from soccer scholarship

Dominic Chapman headed to the University of Vermont this fall

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — Dominic Chapman's soccer life flashed before his eyes last November.

Playing the Chicago Magic in the semifinal game of the North American championship in Orlando, Florida, the Ajax teen recalls a fluke play that turned into a severe, season-ending injury.

"It was five minutes into the game. I went to block a shot, the guy kicked the ball and my foot got stuck in the grass. It was a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence," says Chapman, who was playing with the Under-17 Toronto Junior Lynx youth soccer team of the elite U.S.-based Super Y League.

The centre-midfielder immediately fell to the pitch with what was later learned to be broken tibia and fibula bones in his leg. Several weeks earlier, the 17-year-old had paid an official visit to the University of Vermont where he hoped to start his collegiate career with the Catamounts of Burlington.

A million thoughts ran through his mind while laying in agony on the ground, including whether his injury would threaten his scholarship chances or perhaps his entire soccer career. But, in the next instant, he received some unexpected assurance that he and his soccer scholarship aspirations would be OK.

"I didn't sign anything (with the University of Vermont). We just had a verbal agreement. When I broke my leg, (Vermont head coach) Jesse Cormier came out on the field and reassured me. He told me, 'Everything will be OK, Dominic; don't worry about it.'"

That gesture, more than anything, galvanized Chapman's resolve to completely heal and devote his heart and soul to the University of Vermont soccer program.

"He could have said, 'Sorry about your bad luck,' but he made an agreement with me and I made an agreement with him and he stood by his words."

"One of the most important things is relating to your coach. I asked whether I could see myself playing for him for four years. Coach Tom (Croft, head coach of Junior Lynx) and him are really alike."

Chapman was one of several Durham teens with the Toronto Junior



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Although still recuperating from a broken leg, Ajax's Dominic Chapman hopes to be fully healed by the fall so he can start his collegiate soccer career with the University of Vermont Catamounts. Chapman suffered his season-ending injury last November in the North American championship semifinal game in Orlando, Florida.

Lynx soccer team who'll be headed stateside in September to begin soccer programs at various U.S. institutions. The players were feted with a ceremony and press conference at the Ajax Soccer Club clubhouse on Saturday morning, attended by Ajax Mayor Steve Parish and several members of town council, along with Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Wayne Arthurs.

In addition to Chapman, other Durham players from the Junior Lynx leaving for the U.S. on soccer scholarships

are:

- John Jonke, of Pickering, who'll attend the University of Louisville in Kentucky;
- Kayo Emojong, of Whitby, who's headed to the New Jersey Institute of Technology;
- Scott Rietze, of Bowmanville, who'll also attend NJIT and play for the Highlanders;
- Paul Butchard, of Oshawa, who'll join Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee, and;

• Lyall Menzies, of Uxbridge and formerly of Scotland, who's attending Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Junior Lynx head coach Tom Croft notes having six Durham players, as well as six players from other GTA towns sign letters of intent to play for U.S. colleges and universities, is unprecedented and shows the calibre of play in the area.

Croft says the Junior Lynx's formation, in large part, allowed top GTA players to be seen and scouted by U.S. college recruiters. Judging by their response, the bold move proved successful.

"It allowed us to take the boys to the coaches instead of the coaches coming to the boys. That kind of exposure, you couldn't buy here. But, the training they got here in Ajax, that was the foundation," says Croft who, a year earlier, was the head coach of the Ajax Gunners, which included the same players on the Junior Lynx roster last season.

Chapman, the younger brother of Candace Chapman, a Canadian national women's soccer team standout and member of the NCAA champion Notre Dame University Fighting Irish, was fitted with two pins and a rod in his injured leg, which allowed him little or no activity from last November until January. He began rehabilitation and physiotherapy on the leg in March and should be able to resume running in two or three weeks.

"Everything is on track, so I'm really excited," he says.

Chapman says his sister is his role model, opening his eyes to all the possibilities soccer can provide.

"Until I got the scholarship, I didn't know how far soccer could take me. Her being on the Canadian team gave me the confidence and hope that I could play for Canada as well," says Chapman, who was also courted by Providence College, the University of Illinois, University of Cincinnati and George Mason University. An official visit, however, was all it took to set his sights on Vermont.

"None were as serious as Vermont. I felt that was the school for me."

Chapman hopes to play competitively this summer in preparation for his freshman season at Vermont. But, he notes he intends to be cautious, wanting to be completely healed before heading out on the soccer field again.

"I'm going to make my decision in June whether to play in the summer. I want to ensure I'll be ready for the season in Vermont."

Golf tournament to support YMCA fundraising Spirit of Giving campaign

DURHAM — The YMCA is hosting a golf tournament to support its Spirit of Giving Campaign at King's Bay Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, June

22. The YMCA's Spirit of Giving campaign has a goal of raising \$107,000 this year to support its various pro-

grams. All proceeds from the golf tournament will go to the campaign. Tournament registration forms are available at the Durham Family

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Pickering band working on first album

By Jason Chamberlain
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PICKERING — For Preconfused, the fun is just beginning.

The Pickering-based band has begun recording its first CD, to be released in June, and it's been a special experience.

"It's awesome, to see how it all works," said guitarist and vocalist Joseph DeBenedictis. "You never listen to a song the same way anymore, it's really interesting."

The band, comprised of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School musicians DeBenedictis, Rob Noehammer (rhythm guitar), Justin Moy (drums) and Paul Cavelli (bass) didn't find studio work easy, however.

"It takes about a day to record a song. It's hard work, and long hours," said DeBenedictis.

One of the songs to come out of the recording experience is the group's first single, *Summertime*.

"The lyrics come from what everyone thinks during that last exam, thinking about the bell, 'hurry up and ring'. Hopefully kids can relate to it," said DeBenedictis.

The band has a number of shows coming up, playing at The Docks on May 8 as well as at the Toronto Lynx home opener on May 15, where it hopes to get the crowd of soccer fans on their feet.

"We've got a song called *The Wave*. It's perfect for sporting events, so hopefully we can get the crowd going," said DeBenedictis.

The band has performed at many public schools for Grade 7 and 8 students, including a well-received show at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School in March. DeBenedictis notes the music appeals to different age



Preconfused members, from left, Joseph DeBenedictis, Rob Noehammer, and Justin Moy have added a fourth member to the group, bassist Paul Cavelli. They have produced their first CD and will play before the Toronto Lynx home opener.

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Guitarist brings Mediterranean to Durham

DURHAM — Guitarist Pavlo brings his Mediterranean music to the May 7 concert of the Durham Region Concert Association.

Pavlo and Friends will entertain with music that combines the influences of flamenco, latin, classical and Mediterranean guitar mixed with the Greek bouzouki.

A composer, musician, guitarist and recording artist, he uses the music of his childhood studies with his love for Greek music and European music in general when composing. He just released his fifth album, *Mediterranean Lounge*, in February. His other albums are *Fantasia*, *Pavlo*, *I Feel Love Again* and *Frostbite*.

His music has been featured on the Chris Isaak Show, the movie *Marine Life* and on more than a dozen CD compilations around the world. He was commissioned to compose a work for renowned Canadian guitarist, Liona Boyd.

He and his band perform more than 100 concerts a year.

In Oshawa, he'll perform at 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army Temple, 570 Thornton Rd. N.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and are available at Thomas House of Music, 1001 Burns St. E., Whitby, Whitby School of Music, 101 Dundas St. W., Whitby, and Wilson and Lee, 87 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa.

groups.

"Pretty much anyone can enjoy it. I played it for my grandpa and he really liked it," he said.

With their six-track album on the way (it will be available at the band's shows), the boys of Preconfused aren't about to slow down.

"Hopefully we'll keep getting gigs," said DeBenedictis. "Of course you want to make it big with your band, but you have to be realistic. We just have to keep working hard and having fun, and we'll be OK."

For more information on the band, visit www.preconfused.tk.

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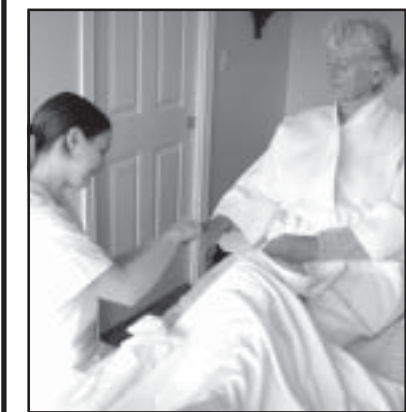
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Banquet Facility At Deer Creek Attracts Lots Of New Tournaments

The new banquet facility at Deer Creek Golf has opened the door to tournaments on a much larger scale. Combining 5 9 hole courses and the banquet facility that can hold up to 900 people, large corporations are booking tournaments for larger groups, some as big as 400. The new facility means inquiries from all over the province for large tournaments and this year will be the first time for Deer creek North to be used for tournaments. Utilizing the three 9's a tournament can be run with a shotgun start and regular golfers can still play without the tournament interfering with their play. There is a couple of great value specials to check out at Deer Creek Golf. The first is golf, cart, & dinner at the North course after 3 p.m. for only \$67. If you want to golf just 9 holes after 6 p.m. the price is \$35 for golf, cart and dinner. Don't miss the Mother's Day Brunch. The Chef will be preparing a VIP Buffet from 10:30am- 3:00pm. for \$25.99. Children 1/2 price. Call for reservations at 905-619-4600. For these and any other events on our calendar please call 905-427-7737 x 241. or visit www.deercreekacademy.com

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Tips On Getting Out Of Wet Bunkers

This Week shows you a reliable way of getting out of those firm, wet bunkers. We found a bunker, and the sand is very wet. Obviously, it's been raining the past hour. The rain packs the sand and becomes much harder. So we're going to tell you how to play out of a firm bunker. When the bunker is firm and becomes a hardpan, you don't want to open the clubface too much. That brings too much bounce into play, and what happens is: the club bounces off of the bunker, and even though you hit behind the ball, the club will bounce and it will seem like you skulled the ball, and it will fly over the green. So you don't want to open the clubface too much, just a little open is okay. What you want to feel is more of a shallow follow through. So remember, a less-open clubface, shallow and smooth through the ball.

Tips On Playing In Windy Conditions

This Week, shows you a reliable way to play when confronted with windy conditions. On a windy day, we're going to practice the knockdown shot. The biggest problem we see is when people try to hit the knockdown shot, they are really trying to hit it hard while leaning into it. That's putting too much spin on the ball, and it flies up too high and comes in way too short. So, let's teach you the correct way to hit the knockdown shot, so that you can hopefully improve your scores. This is what we see in a normal person: when they go to hit the ball, they feel the breeze into them and they really try to hit it hard. So they come in, hit forward, and the ball balloons up way in the air, and who knows how far it's going to go. The correct way is always take one, maybe two clubs more than you generally would, depending on the strength of the wind. Just take it in, you don't have to move it too far back, just the middle of the stance. The main thing is: keep your body nice and still, and it's just a nice, smooth swing. You don't have to hit it hard. You don't need to go forward. It's just staying there and coming around the ball. Keeping that ball under the breeze will make your game a whole lot more reliable, and that's what we're looking for in this game is: to be more reliable. So, hopefully, that will work for you.

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Girls Incorporated of Durham (formerly Big Sisters Association of Ajax-Pickering) will hold its 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility in Ajax on Thursday June 2nd, 2005. A registration fee of \$150 includes 18 holes of golf, buffet dinner in the new banquet facility, electric golf cart, great gifts for everyone, putting contest, trophies for the winning foursome, silent auction and use of Deer creek shower and locker facilities. Participants will enjoy golfing with celebrities such as Canadian Hall of Fame jockey Sandy Hawley.

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