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Naturalists meet in Pickering

PICKERING — Travel from Texas to Montana at the January meeting of the Pickering Naturalists.

The group welcomes nature photographer Peter Money to its Jan. 12 meeting.

Mr. Money will be focusing on plants, mammals, reptiles and birds of the scenic western U.S. interior, including its mountains, canyons and deserts.

The club's fundraising silent auction theme is "bring in those unwanted gifts." Closing bids will be made on a professional session on how to program your computer to upload digital photos.

The meeting is at St. Elizabeth Seton Public School in the library at 7:45 p.m. The school is at the corner of Rosebank Road and Stroud's Lane.

For more information, call Heather Jessop at 905-837-1775 or Doug Lockrey at 905-666-3897.

[What's on]

Pickering man picks 'em right

PICKERING — Leonardo Sgovio started the new year off on a high note.

The Pickering man won \$72,858 on a PRO*PICKS POOLS lottery ticket Jan. 1.

"Wow. What a great start to the new year," he said.

Mr. Sgovio, 41, owns and operates a No Frills grocery store, and he and wife Anna have two children.

He plans to pay off some bills and purchase some toys for his cottage.

The winning ticket was purchased at S&P Supermarket in the West Lynde Plaza in Whitby.

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Tragic accident takes singer's life

Warren Parker now
'with the one he
served and loved'

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — A Clarendon family and the gospel music community are taking solace in their faith after an accident in South Carolina claimed the life of one of their own.

Warren Parker, 34, of the Parker Trio,

died Saturday after being hit by a pickup truck while helping to guide the group's tour bus into the parking lot of the Calvary Church of the Nazarene, where the award-winning group was to perform Sunday.

"I do miss him," said his father Brian Parker. "It's difficult for my wife and I and my daughter. We had a very close family."

Mr. Parker was pinned between the truck and the tour bus. He died at the scene. The incident is still being investigated.

Although Mr. Parker misses his son, he is thankful for the time he had with him.

"I've had the pleasure of having Warren for 34 years and I wouldn't wish him back because he is with the one he sang about, the one he served and the one he loved," he said.

Mr. Parker grew up in Pickering, where his father and mother Edna still live today, but had been living in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife and band mate, Shannan Parker, for about a year and a half.

The Parkers moved to Canada from Northern Ireland when Mr. Parker was 10 years old. By that time he had already begun studying music. Upon graduating from high school, he decided he wanted a career in justice.

"Warren's ambition was to go into law enforcement," said his dad. Mr. Parker graduated from Seneca College, but then took a mission trip to Belize for six months that changed the course of his future.

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HIS COLOUR IS RED



PICKERING — Ted Swann scans the snooker table for the best angle during a game at the South Pickering Seniors' Activity Centre Monday morning.

Celia Klemenz/ News Advertiser photo

News Advertiser editor-in-chief tops in North America

Joanne Burghardt named
Editor of the Year

DURHAM — Joanne Burghardt, Metroland Durham Region Media Group editor-in-chief, is no stranger to winning.

Mrs. Burghardt, who has been at the editorial helm of the media group since 1991, has won awards from the YWCA, Durham College, the Durham District School Board and, most recently, earned the 2004 Ontario Community Newspaper Association's top honour, the Mary Knowles Award for Community Service.

Now, Mrs. Burghardt, 44, who celebrates 25 years with Metroland in March, has been chosen Editor of the Year for non-daily newspapers by the Suburban Newspapers of America. SNA is a non-profit, professional trade association specifically serving the suburban newspaper industry. SNA's membership is comprised of approximately 2,000 suburban newspapers published by the leading multi-newspaper publishing companies around North America.

"It's such a huge honour. So much of it is a result of the years of teamwork at the paper and the things we've all done together," said Mrs. Burghardt.

"Joanne leads a staff of 34, spread across five different offices and hundreds of kilometres, in publishing more than 100 newspapers each month. Over the last 14 years she has helped

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Joanne Burghardt

Pickering library gets good read on new record

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — It was a record-setting year for the Pickering Public Library.

The library system celebrated its busiest year ever with a record 1,056,965 items checked out in 2005.

"We're very excited that the growth is continuing and the demand for libraries is continuing to grow," said Cynthia Mearns, library chief executive officer.

The Bain family (Virginia, Brook, Lindsay and Connor) was the last patron of the year and made the mile-

stone transaction at the Petticoat Creek Branch. They received a commemorative set of gifts from the City of Pickering and the library in honour of the occasion.

In 2004, the library passed the milestone circulation mark of one million for the first time since 1996.

Ms. Mearns said the library is continuing to respond to residents' needs by building on both the physical and electronic collections. She said by adding electronic products such as databases or e-books, it gives people

quicker access to information and is more convenient for library users.

"We've been aware of the fact that people need access to information that is up-to-date and easy to access," she said. "We're trying to make sure we're open for business 24 hours a day."

The library also set new records online in 2005 with more than 300,000 visits to the website (www.picnet.org) and 30,000 electronic books and magazine articles accessed by clients.

Ms. Mearns said staff is looking to beat the circulation record this year.

What a ride it's been for Ted Galinis

Man behind new
Durham transit system
loves building teams

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — For Ted Galinis, gratification comes through challenge and is the result of building strong teams.

As general manager of the new Durham Region Transit (DRT), Mr. Galinis is feeling satisfaction having seen the completion of what he calls a seamless

merger of Durham transit systems.

With 165 conventional and 26 specialized buses and 320 employees under his charge, Mr. Galinis stresses the key to his success is in the teams he creates.

"That's my joy," he said.

Mr. Galinis was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany. A Lithuanian, he moved from Germany to Britain and then to Canada in 1953 with his mother and sister. The Galinis family landed in Toronto and he has resided in the area ever since. He began his career in transit 40 years ago.

"I started out as an apprentice mechanic in 1966, June 20," recalled the 59-year-old.

He then moved into Toronto Transit Commission engineering in 1970. After 10 years with the TTC, he went to work at GO Transit then to Red Coach Lines. When Red Coach was sold off and absorbed back into the TTC he became vice-president of operations and maintenance. Mr. Galinis served as a senior official with the TTC for a number of years in various positions.

When Mr. Galinis retired from the TTC he ran a consulting firm until a

friend faxed him a posting for a position in Ajax-Pickering.

"I just sort of laughed at it," he said. "I get more money in six months than that but I looked at it and quite frankly it is 10 minutes from home."

Merging Ajax and Pickering transit began in December 2000 and by September 2001 the systems were amalgamated. It was challenging, according to Mr. Galinis, but one he found much joy in.

"The thing I enjoy most is build-

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Galinis' next challenge is to bring four transit unions together



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Ted Galinis, general manager of Durham Region Transit, stands in front of the transit garage this week at the Ajax GO station as a new sign is being installed. Mr. Galinis said building teams is one of the best parts of his job.

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ing teams," he said. "Watching people reach their full potential."

So when the Region decided to create Durham Region Transit, Mr. Galinis jumped at the opportunity. He applied and was awarded the position.

There were nine months to create Durham Region Transit, a job Mr. Galinis said was at least a year and a half worth of work.

There were 482 items to do during the nine-month period, all detailed in what he calls his "implementation matrix."

"We accomplished, by year end, 95 percent. It has been seven days a week and I work for 10 to 12 hours a day. But we have done it, the team has done it and we are now rolling."

"The things that make me happy is to be there on Day 1, which was Jan. 1, and see the majority of my staff in there on their own time because they are passionate about it," Mr. Galinis said. "They want to be there, they want to see it work, and I see my drivers and maintenance people all actually caring

about what is going on and that gives me gratification."

In merging transit systems they had to rebrand the fleet, come up with common uniforms, radios and operating systems.

Mr. Galinis' challenge for 2006, he said, will be to bring four unions together and hopefully create one.

"If you can do that you are actually creating a first contract," he said. "Which to me is going to be a lot of work but also a lot of fun."

Burghardt a clear winner

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to guide our editorial department to a staggering 200 awards for just about every possible category including investigative journalism, photography, layout and general excellence. Joanne's drive to make our organization the best it can be is only equalled by her desire to give back to the community," says publisher Tim Whittaker.

The judges commented, "Joanne Burghardt's achievements either in community service or in editorial excellence would make her a strong contender. Together they make her a clear winner as Editor of the Year. Her many contributions to education are especially commendable. Few weekly newspapers undertake projects as ambitious as the North to Nunavut project." North to Nunavut is one of the many education-based community service projects spearheaded by Mrs. Burghardt. The project resulted in an educational publication written for students in Grades 4-6 and distributed to every elementary school in Durham

Region earlier this school year.

The Metroland Durham Region Media Group includes the Ajax and Pickering News Advertiser, Whitby This Week, Oshawa This Week, Clarington This Week, Canadian Statesman, Uxbridge Times-Journal and the Port Perry Star. When Mrs. Burghardt, fresh out of Durham College, joined Oshawa This Week back in 1981, the single edition published just once a week.

"I couldn't imagine us, back then, sending reporters and photographers to Nunavut or to Africa. It's hard to believe what we've been able to do accomplish in recent years," said Mrs. Burghardt, who also oversees the Northumberland News which serves Cobourg and Port Hope.

The media group's Durham and Northumberland community newspapers took home 21 awards and two honourable mentions at this year's SNAs.

Also receiving top honours from the SNA was Northumberland News reporter Vince Versace who was named Journalist of the Year.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
DURHAM REGION OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DURHAM REGION OFFICIAL PLAN

Purpose of Proposed Amendment:
REGIONAL FILE NO. D12-01

The Durham Regional Official Plan is a long range policy document that guides the growth and development of the Region while conserving resources and protecting the environment. The Region is currently reviewing the Official Plan. As part of the review, Regional Planning Committee has released a proposed amendment for the Transportation, Commercial, Rural and Environmental components of the Official Plan review.

The proposed amendment incorporates changes to the Official Plan in these policy areas and also ensures conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement 2005 and Greenbelt Plan 2005 as they relate to these policy areas.

PUBLIC MEETING
The Durham Region Planning Committee will hold a public meeting to provide interested parties the opportunity to make comments and identify issues relative to the proposed amendment. The public meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
Durham Region Headquarters
605 Rossland Rd. E. Whitby, ON
Lower Level Conference Room
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COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?
An information report outlining the details of the proposed Amendment may be obtained from the Durham Region Planning Department. Additional information may be obtained from the Planning Department or on-line at www.region.durham.on.ca. If you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed Amendment, please contact:

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If you wish to make a written submission or if you wish to be notified of subsequent meetings or the adoption of the proposed Amendment, please write to the Commissioner of Planning, Box 623, Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3. Please include your address, telephone number and the Regional file number.

APPEAL
If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision for the proposed official plan amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

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News Advertiser earns community service, writing awards

Media Group wins 19 awards in all

DURHAM — There were smiles all around Friday when the results of the 2005 Suburban Newspapers of America (SNA) Editorial Contest were announced.

Winning 19 awards and two honourable mentions made it a banner year for the newspapers of the Metroland Durham Region Media Group at the North American contest for editorial excellence. SNA reports it was the most competitive in the association's 35-year history with more than 3,100 entries -- an increase of 40 per cent over the previous year's record number.

The Metroland Durham Region Media Group includes the Ajax and Pickering News Advertiser, Whitby This Week, Oshawa This Week, Clarington This Week, Canadian Statesman, Uxbridge Times-Journal and the Port Perry Star.

The American Press Institute (API) judged the contest again this year. Winners will be recognized at the SNA

U.S. health care not perfect, but no outcry to try Canada's public system

DURHAM — While the U.S. health care system is not perfect, it is not so far from the Canadian system that there is an outcry to try it, according to a four-part series in the News Advertiser.

The series, written by Keith Gilligan, examines the American and Canadian health systems and was judged second best feature series in the Suburban Newspapers of America annual editorial contest. At right, the News Advertiser's work with the Durham Community Tsunami Relief was named best community service.

The series includes a photo of a young boy in a hospital bed, a photo of a young boy in a hospital bed, and a photo of a young boy in a hospital bed.



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At left, News Advertiser reporter Keith Gilligan's four-part look at the American and Canadian health systems was judged second best feature series in the Suburban Newspapers of America annual editorial contest. At right, the News Advertiser's work with the Durham Community Tsunami Relief was named best community service.

Spring Publishers' Conference in Palm Springs, California, and at the SNA Editors' Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Metroland Durham Region Media Group awards:
 • Editor of the Year, non-daily newspapers, 1st, Joanne Burghardt

- Community Service Award, 1st, Ajax and Pickering News Advertiser, Tsunami Relief
- Best Feature Series, 2nd, Ajax and Pickering News Advertiser, U.S. vs. Canadian Health -- Keith Gilligan
- Best Breaking News Story, 3rd, Canadian Statesman, Caledon Explosion
- Best Graphic Artwork, 3rd, Canadian Statesman -- Assistant Editor Paul Futhey
- Best Non-Page One Layout, 2nd, Canadian Statesman -- Sports Editor Brad Kelly
- Best Graphic Artwork, 3rd, Oshawa This Week -- Assistant Editor Paul Futhey
- Best Young People's Coverage, 1st, Oshawa This Week -- Faces of the Future
- Best Special Section, 3rd, Oshawa This Week -- Faces of the Future
- Best Sports Photo, 1st, Oshawa This Week, Fingers Crossed -- Photographer Walter Passarella
- Best Feature Series, 1st, Oshawa This Week, North to Nunavut -- Reporter Mike Rota and Photographer Walter Passarella
- Best Feature Series, 3rd, Port Perry Star, Pride of Port Perry -- Reporter Chris Hall

- Best Feature Photo, Honourable Mention, Port Perry Star, Swimming in the Shades -- Photographer Celia Klemenz
 - Best Editorial Page, 2nd, Uxbridge Times-Journal
 - Best Feature, 3rd, Uxbridge Times-Journal, Harvest Time -- Crystal Crimi and Celia Klemenz
 - Best Front Page, 2nd, Uxbridge Times-Journal
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 - Best Editorial Writing, 2nd, Whitby This Week -- Tim Kelly
 - Best Sports Photo, 1st, Whitby This Week, Whitby Saints Strong -- Photographer Ron Pietroniro
 - Best Graphic Artwork, 1st, Whitby This Week -- Assistant Editor Paul Futhey
 - Best Front Page, 1st, Whitby This Week
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Norng wants Biblical principles in Ottawa

Party the only one pro-life, pro-family

By Keith Gilligan
 Staff Writer

DURHAM — As the name suggests, the policies of the Christian Heritage Party are based on Biblical principles.

In fact, Kevin Norng says the CHP is the only party that endorses the preamble to the constitution, which states "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law..."

Mr. Norng is the CHP candidate in Ajax-Pickering, the first time the party has run a candidate in the riding.

"Christian principles made our country great," said the 25-year-old on why he is running. "I don't see those policies in the other parties."

"I believe the Christian Heritage Party is the only pro-life, pro-family political party."

Among the policies of the party, founded in 1987, are protecting the sanctity of life, strengthening the family, such as supporting the traditional definition of marriage, promoting honesty and integrity in government, making public safety a priority, and promoting renewable energy sources.

One policy is a \$1,000-a-month tax



Celia Klemenz/ News Advertiser photo
 Kevin Norng is the Christian Heritage Party candidate in Ajax-Pickering riding. He'd like to see Christian principles enter into politics more often.

credit if one parent stays home to raise a child, "as opposed to a national day-care strategy. It allows one parent to stay home. It's better for the children," Mr. Norng states.

Having one parent remaining at home would open up jobs and day-care spaces, he adds.

One of the reasons Mr. Norng is running is to show "how a single-income family is discriminated against as far as taxes go. We need to strengthen families and give them tax relief."

The "redefinition of marriage" is "one of many" reasons he decided to run. But, he adds, "There's no one issue.

The Christian Heritage Party looks at all social and economic issues from Biblical standards. You can't separate morality and government. You'll end up with a worse government. That's what makes us different from all the other parties.

"Health care is the biggest thing for all Canadians. We have the best system in the world, but it's coming apart. We need equal access," he says.

Party policy includes the sanctity of life "from conception to natural death."

It also promotes "abstinence as the safest alternative."

Other proposals include protecting the environment and electoral reform, he says. There needs to be "accountability in government," he states, adding there has to be "integrity and honesty."

On the environment, the CHP would promote renewable energy sources, such as hydro, wind, solar, geothermal and ocean energy. It would also promote more research and development into alternative fuel sources, and push for the development of a lifestyle that protects the environment.

As a resident of Clarendon for almost 10 years, Mr. Norng opposes an airport in north Pickering. Mr. Norng and wife Christina have two children, Leah, four, and Daniel, who turns three Jan. 24. He's a self-employed home improvement contractor.

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with the candidates



We've asked the Pickering-Scarborough East Riding candidates a number of questions submitted by readers. Today we print the seventh question and candidate answers.

We asked in Ajax:
Do you favour large expenditures for street-highway infrastructure and the public transit system? Why or why not?



Betty Price

'Yes. Something should be done to get people on the buses because there are more people to move around.'

Do you favour large expenditures for street/highway infrastructure and the public transit system, including the transition funding Durham was seeking as it took over region-wide transit Jan. 1.

Brownridge prefers mass transit

The Green Party favours placing increased emphasis on mass transit in order to help alleviate the pressure placed on our highways and roadways. Our mass transit system needs to be accessible, affordable and reliable. We also need safe and effective roads. It has been estimated that up to 5,000 people die prematurely in the GTA due to air pollution, of which pollution from traffic is a large portion. We need to provide people with real alternatives to sitting in traffic on Hwy. 401 or our regional roads through targeted federal infrastructure funding for programs designed to reduce traffic congestion.



JEFF BROWNRIDGE
Green Party



Urban transit

From the Liberal website at www.liberal.ca:

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With each Question and Answer with candidates we'll print a different party's take on a key issue of the election campaign.

We have to stop paving over farmland, says Dale



GARY DALE
NDP

Yes and no. We cannot go on gobbling up the best farmland in Canada to feed urban sprawl. Cities need to grow within their existing limits rather than building on every available patch of green. We need to abandon New York and Los Angeles as urban models and look instead to the world's most livable cities. At the same time, Canada and Ontario are huge jurisdictions. We need to ensure that people and materials can continue to move efficiently over large distances. Roads, railways and bus routes are all parts of the solution.

McTeague supports any traffic-improving project



DAN McTEAGUE
Liberal

I favour prudent expenditures, large or small, that serve Durham Region and the interests of the residents of Pickering-Scarborough East. Our roads and highways require expensive maintenance. We also need reliable transit for commuting workers. Our environment benefits from mass transit with cleaner air. Co-operation by municipal, provincial and federal governments ameliorate costs that municipalities alone could not address without raising taxes. The Canada-Ontario infrastructure program has worked. It has provided numerous benefits to our community. I would support appropriate transition funding for Durham's new region-wide transit responsibility. I would support any infrastructure project that lessens traffic and reduces pollutants.

Dobson supports transition funding

The reference to 'large' expenditures is vague. However, a Conservative government believes that a modern, efficient transportation system is integral to the well-being of Canada's economy. We will support public infrastructure investment as part of a comprehensive approach to improving and sustaining a world-class infrastructure system. This includes required transition funding for Durham Region.



TIM DOBSON
Conservative

'Yes, because the cars I drive in, the roads are pretty bad and I notice when I go over a bump that the road should have been attended to.'



Lorraine Morgan

'Yes, it should be an ongoing thing. The people here are going to be needing transportation and the only way they can have it is to have money invested.'



Doris Smith

'It's important for them to invest money in transit and the highways because we're growing as a population here, and across the country, and we're not seeing a change in the transportation (system). In order to keep up with the demand they have to make investments.'



Heather Johnson

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EDITORIAL

We have to grapple with garbage crisis

The clock could be ticking on the trucking of Durham garbage to Michigan landfills.

That's because Michigan state legislators have resoundingly voted to close the international border to our trash.

Luckily for us, the final call on international borders and what is allowed to come and go through them is made by international governments, meaning any dispute over the entry of our rubbish is not between Michigan and Ontario, but rather between the U.S. and Canada.

And for now, at least, efforts to keep the border open for the offal trade have been successful.

Our representatives in Washington have been able to convince the Republican Congress and President George Bush that it wouldn't be prudent to exclude our waste from landfills in Michigan.

But we can't count on that to last over the long haul.

A trade dispute -- say a fight over softwood lumber -- could lead to retaliation that might prevent us from keeping the garbage going south. And then, where would we be?

It's believed Ontario would have a maximum of six months of existing landfill space before we would be filled to the brim with our own detritus.

That's a pretty messy and unhealthy prospect.

In truth, we have had many years to come up with a solution to our debris problem. We have made some progress, though it has been slow.

But we haven't done nearly enough.

Diversion is critical, of course, and the Region has worked to bring in blue and green box programs that will send far more waste to compost and recycling sites than to landfills. It's a good start, but what do we do about the many tonnes of junk that cannot be blue or green boxed?

The solution is to get away from the not-in-my-backyard (NIMBY) policies that have left us with the Michigan option. We must endeavour to find acceptable landfill sites within our own Region or share such sites with other GTA regions.

Better yet, we must work with the federal and provincial governments to come up with a viable, long-term solution that would allow us to eliminate our own trash on our own soil.

Incineration might be one alternative. We could use existing technologies that might provide us with a dual solution to this difficult problem: Burn the garbage and use the resultant energy to help make up for the shortfall we face in our energy sources in coming years.

The current ongoing York-Durham garbage study should yield some important ideas to grapple with this nagging problem.

It comes at a time when we need answers -- fast.

CLICK AND SAY

This Week's Question: *Have you decided for whom you will vote in the Jan. 23 federal election? Liberal Conservative NDP Green Other Undecided*

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Last Week's Question: *Will you be attending a local all-candidates debate or watching one featuring your local candidates on TV prior to voting?*

Votes cast: 244

No: 52 %

Yes: 48 %

IN THE COMMUNITY



A merrier Christmas

Local Kinsmen were out in force just before Christmas, delivering toys and boxes of groceries to 21 Durham Region families during the club's annual Operation Santa Claus. Herizon House in Ajax also received two large boxes of food, and the club members say they could not have done it without the support of Zellers and Sal's Grocery.



To see more photos from residents across Durham and to submit your own, visit citizenseye.com, the Metroland Durham Region Media Group's newest initiative. The web page is dedicated to the submissions and photos of readers from around Durham.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Put promise in writing

To the editor:

Re: 'Hospital fight needs united front,' editorial, and 'Withholding money only hurts hospital,' Danielle Milley column, both Dec. 16.

Unfortunately, many have succumbed to the fluff from Rouge Valley Health System administration and its spin doctors.

Yes, the main threat to the hospital's survival is the uncertainty and instability. However, that climate has not been created by the hospital staff, nor by the politicians, nor by the public. The uncertainty and instability has been the sole creation of RVHS.

Since amalgamation there has been a constant, recurrent threat of relocating obstetrics, pediatrics and other services from Ajax to Centenary. Furthermore, the existing medical and surgical services have been significantly downgraded and downsized at a time when the population and its medical needs have skyrocketed in Durham.

Publicly, the RVHS constantly reiterates how it is committed to preserving and enhancing services, including obstetrics and pediatrics at Ajax. Yet their actions point in the opposite directions.

The latest decision to relocate obstetrics and pediatrics to Centenary was not simply an isolated incident of lack of communication with staff. The medical and nursing staff have been systematically and purposefully excluded from all decision making for the past seven years. Proper process has never been followed at RVHS. That is why the medical staff in Ajax took the unprecedented step and passed a unanimous motion of non-confidence in the administration.

Platitudes, hollow promises and verbal assurances from RVHS are not enough. The residents of west Durham demand a binding, legal document containing an unequivocal commitment from the RVHS board and administration that all existing services in Ajax will not only be maintained but will be enhanced and that the hospital will be expanded to a major full-service hospital providing necessary medical services for the growing population. Nothing less will do.

Dr. Romas Stas
Ajax

It's our duty to vote

To the editor:

We owe a debt to all the

men and women who sacrificed their lives so that today we can live freely. Today we have the liberty to make a difference in our country. Our freedom came at a costly price, the price of thousands of lives. I think we often forget and do not value the gift they have given us.

January is a special month. We citizens of a free Canada get to speak out and have a voice on who we want to lead our country. We get to stand up for what we know is right. You and I can make a difference in the direction our beloved land goes. Not only is it a freedom we have, it is a duty and responsibility to choose good leaders. It is a way to show honour to those who sacrificed their lives for this freedom.

Voting is an obligation we have to our families, and to our country. To our families because our choices today shape their tomorrow. To our country, because of the simple fact that we are Canadian and care what happens to her.

Are we proud to be Canadian? Then let us lift high our heads Jan. 23 and show it. It is our duty to vote and stand up for what is good, right, and honourable. God keep our land, glorious and free.

Lana Joy Wardlaw
Pickering

A birth song could go so wrong

What happens when your kid doesn't live up to the advance billing?



Neil Crone enter laughing

the way they're meant to, not the way we want them to.

And so I wondered if maybe the folks in that African tribe have to fudge the words on occasion.

I'm sure no mother, for instance, on learning she has conceived, sits outside her hut, rubbing her hands over her newly swollen belly, happily singing, "Oh, Bruce, you will be short with an overly large head... You will never get a decent job or even come close to killing a lion."

No. She would sing of great deeds and bravery and chiselled good looks. But, as any parent knows, around the ninth or tenth birthday, the writing is pretty much on the wall. So, what do you sing when, in spite of your every effort, your "Dragon Slayer" is a slack-jawed boy? You fudge the lyrics.

"Oh, Kevin, you will do pretty good things... the sun

will shine on you and you will learn to use a spoon... you will be a man who buttons his pants well..."

You can almost see the chief rolling his eyes, can't you? Flash forward a few hundred years to our own society and the picture probably wouldn't be that much different.

"Oh Steve, you of the mighty paper route... copier of essays and pusher around of kids smaller than you... long will you sit in front of game shows and there is no end to the chips you will consume... repeater of short words and stainer of shirts."

Still, I think it's important to sing to our kids, to remind them continually and hopefully of what they may become. And not to berate them angrily with what they have become or probably will become. Or at the very least, we may sing to them that, whatever they have in mind to become, they should do so happily and in the knowledge that they are right where they are supposed to be.

We can't all be dragon slayers, but we can walk our paper routes with a smile on our face.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Passing of a Revised
Procedural By-law

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The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the proposed procedural by-law and to solicit public input. Any person wishing to address Council with respect to this matter must contact the undersigned to register as a delegation. The Council will also consider any written submissions.

Copies of the report and proposed by-law will be available on or after January 13, 2006 during regular business hours.

Any comments or requests for further information regarding the proposed procedural by-law may be directed to the City Clerk at 905.420.4660, ext. 2153.

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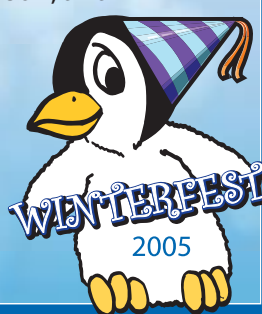


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Keep lit candles in sturdy holders on level surfaces and if possible, place a glass chimney or shade over it. Candles can easily be knocked over, so keep them out of the reach of children and pets, and away from anything that can burn. Be sure to extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

While all other major causes of fire are on the decline, fires caused by candles **increased 47%** between 1995 and 2001. By comparison, fires caused by cooking **decreased 41%** during the same period.

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Panthers pounce on Attack...again

Ajax coach in surly mood after 16th loss in a row

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — The wear and tear of a season of more downs than ups is beginning to show on Ajax Attack head coach Carey Durant.

The first-year Attack head coach, who's had his share of successes as a junior hockey coach, including taking the Bramalea Blues on a title run in the late '90s, is becoming agitated and frustrated after his charges took it on the chin once again, chastened for a third time by the rival Pickering Panthers inside of a week.

And, the coach's ire seems justified, judging by how Sunday's game went down.

The last-place Attack (5-30-0-3 for 13 points, ninth in South Conference) had everything going their way entering the third period of Sunday afternoon's 6-2 loss to the Panthers in front of a good crowd at the Ajax Community Centre. Riding a strong goaltending performance by Daniel Stein and trailing by only a 3-2 count with 20 minutes to go in the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League regular-season contest, the Attack fizzled instead of sizzled.

A goal just 16 seconds into the frame by Panthers' Cory Battista all but sealed the Attack's fate. The Panthers scored twice more in the frame and the Attack offered no more resistance in recording their 16th consecutive loss.

For the Panthers (23-13-1-1 for 48 points, tied for second in South Conference), it was their third consecutive win over Ajax and they are now a perfect 4-0 in the season series against the Attack. The Pickering juniors won the opener of the home-and-home weekend series against Ajax, 7-3, in Pickering on Friday night.

The Panthers received an unexpected prolific offensive performance from tough-guy-turned-sniper Battista who, besides the all-important insurance marker, also connected for a power-play tally in Sunday's contest.

Although the Panthers had beaten the Attack by wide margins in earlier meetings this season, Battista says the message was delivered loud and clear by head coach John Winder: No taking a victory over the struggling Attack for granted.

"Exactly. He stressed it very clearly after Friday night's game. Everyone on the team has to be ready to play and not take them lightly," says Battista, who joined the Panthers earlier this season after a trade with the Stouffville Spirit.

Nothing and no one was spared by Durant in a post-game rant -- the players, the game officials and the fans. Mostly, though, Durant unloaded on the game officials whom he says missed an icing call in the opening minute of the third period, opening the door for Battista to score and letting the collective air out of the Attack's tires.

"First off, the linesmen blew an obvious icing and they wave it off. There seems to be two sets of rules in this league -- one for everybody else and one



Ajax Attack's Brandon Bartlett, centre, tries to break away from Pickering Panthers' A.J. Ward, left, and Greg Riggs in OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action at the Ajax Community Centre on Sunday afternoon. Panthers won 6-2.

for Ajax. There's no consistency whatsoever," he says. "If they don't miss that icing call, it's a fairly close game. That was definitely the turning point of this game."

Moreover, Durant ripped referee Brent Thompson for missing a major penalty call on Pickering's Tyler Melancon, who reportedly separated Attack forward Ryan Gouldby from several of his teeth with a high stick to the mouth. He says Melancon also high-sticked Attack forward Brandon Bartlett, but wasn't sent off with an infraction.

"There was no call on either play. I don't know where they're looking. They must be staring at the ceiling," says Durant.

The Attack bench boss also lit into his own players, claiming they played

tentatively with the game on the line in the third period, allowing the Panthers to dictate and control the play.

"Our team played scared. They don't want to stand up for themselves. And, they like to take the garbage from any team that wants to give it. We didn't respond to (Pickering's) physical presence at all."

Durant also teed off on detractors of the fledgling Attack, in their first year of operation since the team was sold late last summer by former owner Larry Labelle to new team president Rob Stein. He says people should stop comparing the current Attack team to the previous Axemen regime, which won all of two games a season ago.

"They're judging us on what the (franchise) did 10 years ago and they

should stop. Judge us on the merits of what we're doing now," he says, adding that Stein's committed to providing the resources to enable the Attack to get into the upper echelon of the conference standings in the seasons to come. "Next year, we won't be pushed around and we will be at the top of the standings."

The lone bright spot for the Attack was the continued strong play of netminder Daniel Stein, who was brought up to the Attack from a Kitchener junior 'C' team for the remainder of the season and was especially effective in Sunday's loss to Pickering. The 16-year-old netminder and son of owner Rob Stein faced a whopping 55 shots in the contest, turning aside several Panthers' breakaways in keeping his team in the hunt through the first two periods.

"He's the one who kept it close for us," says Durant.

The two weekend victories allowed the Panthers to hop into a second-place tie with the St. Michael's Buzzers in the South Conference standings and stay within striking distance of the first-place Markham Waxers, who are four points ahead with the Panthers owning one game in hand.

Although the Attack are winners of only five games this season, playoffs are not out of the question, due to the league's rather generous post-season qualifying standards.

The Ajax juniors are currently a point in arrears of the Oshawa Legionaires for the eighth and final playoff spot in the conference.

Panthers' Postscript



Battista led the Panthers, scoring two goals in Sunday's 6-2 win over Ajax. Brett Connolly, Justin Fox, Tyler Melancon and Todd Hosmer netted one apiece... Connolly netted two goals in Friday's 7-3 win over the Attack. Greg Riggs, AJ Ward, Fox, Ed Snetsinger and Ryan Annesley also tallied... Pickering netminder Mark Duchesne started both weekend games against Ajax, facing only 27 shots in Sunday's game. He faced 25 shots in Friday's win, with backup Bryan Eustace also getting some time in the cage, playing 10 minutes and facing seven shots... The Panthers have a busy schedule this week, playing in Stouffville against the Spirit on Thursday night. On Friday, they're home at the Pickering Recreation Complex to meet the Seguin (Parry Sound) Bruins at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, they travel to Ajax for their final meeting of the regular-season against the Attack at 3 p.m.

Sports briefs

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[Hockey]

Durham Lightning splits two games

DURHAM — The Durham Lightning earned a split of National Women's Hockey League games in their first action after the Christmas break.

The Lightning started back Friday in Orangeville against the Brampton Thunder, losing 5-2. The Thunder scored four times in the second period. The first-place Lightning, however, bounced back on Sunday with a 2-1 victory over the Ice in Oakville.

Dawn Mccauley and Kyla Gillespie scored for the Lightning against the Ice. Pamela Pachel earned an assist.

Jennifer Wakefield and Latoya Clarke scored against Brampton, with assists to Joanne Eustace, Candice Moxley and Mccauley.

The Lightning (14-4-4-1 for 33) continue to lead the NWHL's Central Division, six points ahead of second-place Brampton.



Latoya Clarke

Ajax midgets slip past Newmarket in tourney final

AJAX — The Ajax Knights Karbelt Speed & Custom midget 'AE' rep hockey team worked overtime to secure the championship at the 24th annual Ajax Minor Hockey Association Christmas tournament recently.

The Knights' Nick Mainelli scored the game-winning goal off a breakaway pass from David Hagg just 1:19 into overtime for a 3-2 victory over Newmarket in the final.

Colin Garland and Kevin Pilon, who was named the game's most valuable player, also scored for the Knights.

Goaltender Luch Calleri made 14 saves to record the victory.

The tournament win was due to a full contribution from the entire team, including captain Kevin Watts, Matt Huntington, Mitchell Shanks, Oliver Walker, Alex Welch, Ian Johnson, Mike Nobile, Cameron Garland, Jamie Macina, Evan Fitzpatrick, Lee Taylor and Joseph Trentadue.

The victory gives the Knights midgets, which have already clinched first place in the Lakeshore League, an overall record of 23-3-2.

The Knights will compete in the International Midget Silver Stick Finals in Waterloo next weekend.

[Ringette]

Petites ring up tourney silver

DURHAM — The Pickering-Ajax Wing Shack petite 'A' ringette team couldn't chop down Forest, settling for silver at the annual Whitby Ringette Tournament last weekend.

Pickering-Ajax and Forest entered the final with identical 4-0 records, but Forest emerged with a 3-2 victory. Pickering-Ajax dominated the first period, but Courtney Taylor's wrist shot was the only one to beat the Forest goalkeeper. Forest then tallied twice early in the second period and held on the rest of the way.

Pickering-Ajax goaltender Melissa Cho was named the team's most valuable player in the final.

Ajax opened the tournament with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over the Nepean Ravens. Robyn Salvatore netted a pair of timely goals, with singles to Melissa Kay and Samantha Rogers.

In Game 2, Pickering-Ajax scored a convincing 6-1 victory over Gloucester. Taylor led the attack with a hat trick. Salvatore followed with a pair of goals; Madyson Leavens chipped in with a single and added two assists.

Playing the top team from the eastern region, the West Ottawa Avalanche, Pickering-Ajax put forth its best effort of the tourney, posting an impressive 4-0 victory. The defence of Miranda Pilon, Chantal Gauthier, Melissa Kay and Michelle MacPherson held West Ottawa shooters at bay, aiding Cho.

The local petites then finished the round-robin portion with a solid 7-0 victory over West Ferris, Cho picked up her second shutout of the tournament. Lana McMullen potted two goals and call-up Nicole Schoer, filling in for Sydney Johnson, scored a goal and added an assist.

After a slow start to the season, the Pickering-Ajax petite 'A's now sport a 15-10 overall record and are quickly establishing themselves as contenders for the Ontario Provincial 'A' Ringette Championships in Sault Ste. Marie in March.

Firth fourth man in Paris's pitching rotation

Ajax ball player set to return to Texas team

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — Paris in the springtime is where Ajax's Matt Firth wants to be.

But, the 19-year-old won't be taking a transatlantic flight to get there. Rather, he'll be headed to the U.S. southwest next week where he'll resume his collegiate baseball career with the Paris Junior College Dragons of Paris, Texas.

And, since joining the school and the baseball program last August, Firth leaves no doubt playing, living and studying in this particular Texas town is preferable to that other Paris.

"I love it down here," says the freshman righthanded pitcher and lone Canadian on the Dragons' baseball roster. "I think it's the best decision I've ever made."

Firth demonstrated his versatility for the Dragons and their manager Deron Clark through the fall season, which started last September, serving in a starter, reliever and closer's role with the club. At the end of the fall campaign, the Dragons had carved out a record that hovered just above the .500 mark.



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo Pitcher Matt Firth is coming off his freshman fall season with the Paris Junior College Dragons of Paris, Texas.

More importantly for Firth, he pitched successfully in a number of situations throughout the season and it paid off handsomely. Firth was named as the club's fourth starter in

the four-man rotation for the all-important TEAC (Texas Eastern Athletic Conference) spring season, which gets underway on Feb. 4 against Brookhaven (Addison, TX).

"Personally, I thought I developed real well," says Firth. "The coach gave us team meetings at the end of the fall meeting, telling us where we were situated on the staff... In the fall league I was not a starter, but an all-around guy. He wanted to see where the guys fit in best. The fall league is just to show the coaches your skills, your talents when they put the team together."

Baseball, says Firth, is a big sport on the Paris Junior College campus, located two hours northeast of Dallas. In fact, the team plays in a state-of-the-art facility, H.L. 'Hub' Hollis Field, which seats 1,000 spectators.

"Baseball is what it's all about down there. It's all about trying to become better at what you're doing," says Firth, who's been on the field two to three times each week since joining the baseball program.

Paris Junior College wasn't the only school in Texas courting the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School graduate, who also played for the Ontario Blue Jays' travelling all-star team. In fact, a number of schools were interested, but Paris Junior Col-

lege was the first one to call.

"I talked to the coach (Clark). He was a great guy and he knew what he was talking about. I went down last February, took a tour of the school and I liked the environment," he says.

Firth may be the lone Canadian at Paris Junior College, but he's far from the lone Canuck in the TEAC league. He knows at least two other former Ontario Blue Jays teammates who play for rival schools. But, he says he's adapted well to the Texas culture and the people have been welcoming.

"I'm having a good time. Everyone seems to be outgoing and easy to get along with. It wasn't that bad (to adapt)," he says.

He credits his time with the Ontario Blue Jays for his relatively easy transition to the college game.

"The calibre of baseball down there is high. It's one of the best leagues in Texas. The work the Ontario Blue Jays put me through -- we played top U.S. university and college teams -- helped me to become ready to be a college pitcher," he says.

His goal, heading into the spring season, is to pitch well enough to get noticed by Major League Baseball scouts. "I hope I get a chance to be drafted."

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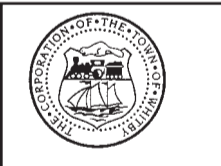
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Woody Allen meets Jean-Paul Sartre and the Book of Job



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo
Ken Bond, left, Jeff Kellar and Vanessa Taylor are among the ensemble cast in the StoneCircle Theatre Group's production of '7 Stories'.

By Mike Ruta
Staff Editor

AJAX — The StoneCircle Theatre Group is going out on a limb, or ledge, for its first play of the new year.

'7 Stories' is the award-winning play by Canadian playwright/actor/director Morris Panych, a work that presents a challenge for actors and set designers alike.

Ken Bond, the theatre group's artistic director, describes it as "a sophisticated, fast-paced comedy.

"The premise is there is a man perched on the ledge of an apartment building. He's about to leap, and one of the windows flies open and it stops him."

More windows open, and as the man, played by Bond, contemplates suicide, he encounters individuals or groups of two or three people, including guests at a party. They interact with one another and touch on a number of subjects and themes, including psychiatry and the humanist approach to life.

In some cases, Bond says, there would appear to be an attempt to

help the man. Others aren't overly concerned that he could jump to his death.

"They don't care what his plight is; they're only concerned with their lives," he says.

A surprise ending awaits.

'7 Stories' is a test for the actors, but imagine the logistical challenge involved in staging a work where the action takes place on a building's ledge.

Mr. Bond says the cast and crew went to the source, using the set design from the Tarragon Theatre's Toronto production, which Panych directed.

"The wall with the windows and the ledge spans 24 feet, and then nine feet in height," he says. "The ledge is about a foot wide."

Brad Carson directs the play, Nancy Palumbo is the stage manager and Dave Edwards is the production manager. In addition to Bond, the ensemble cast members are Georgina Spencer, Vanessa Taylor, Heather Warkentin, Jeff Kellar and Paul Love.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 to 28, Feb. 2 to 4 and 9 to 11, and there is a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee on Jan. 29.

Performances are at the Village Theatre, on the corner of Sherwood Road West and Linton Avenue in Pickering Village.

Bond says the theatre could hold 100 people, but there are 75 seats so audience members have a lot of leg and elbow room as they enjoy productions.

Tickets are \$18 and available at the theatre ticket outlet at Village Grape Vine, 109 Old Kingston Rd., Unit 11 (905-426-7233).

For a \$40 subscription, drama enthusiasts can see '7 Stories' and two other plays this year, Bond's own, 'Star Wishes' and 'Stepping Stones,' a collection of short dramas by various writers. Tickets or subscriptions are available by calling 647-895-2015.

For more information, visit www.stonecircletheatre.com.

Actors wanted for one-act play

PICKERING — Four women and one man are wanted for an upcoming Backwoods Players' production.

Auditions are being held for the Players' production of the one-act play, 'A Day After Forever.'

The play is the story of a woman who has served a 20-year jail sentence for embezzlement. Before going to jail, her baby daughter was handed over to another woman to raise as her own child. There was just one condition: that the birth mom could see her daughter on her wedding day.

Auditions are Jan. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., at The Redman House Program Centre (at Pickering Museum Village); Jan. 17, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tower Room, Pickering Civic Centre; and on Jan. 19

at The Redman House Program Centre at Pickering Museum Village from 6 to 9 p.m.

To schedule an audition time, e-mail Julie Adams at julieadams@cinram.com (put 'audition' in the subject line) or call 416-291-6191 (leave a message if no answer).

Prospective cast members are asked to prepare a short monologue, around two minutes in length.

Actors may be asked to read cold from the script.

Actors must be available for rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Performance dates are March 31, April 1, 2, 8 and 9. The dress rehearsal is March 29.

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