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[ Briefly ]

**Get on the job track in Pickering**

**PICKERING** — This is where it all begins career-wise. The Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre in Pickering, 1400 Bayly St., Unit 12, is holding workshops throughout April. Thursday, April 6 is a choice-career exploration workshop from 9 to 10:30 a.m. followed by passport to safety from 1 to 2:30 p.m. On April 13 it's an Intro to MS Word from 9 to 11 a.m. April 20 is another choices workshop from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Finally, on April 27 there are resume critiquing half-hour sessions between 9 and 10 a.m. The centre also offers a three-day job club managed by Northern Lights, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It also offers a landed immigrants' job search workshop on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Pre-registration is required to participate. For more information, call 905-420-4010.

[ What's on ]

**Reflexology gets interactive**

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Public Library is helping people learn how to relieve pain and tension. The Petticoat Creek branch is hosting a Reflexology: Hand and Forearm Massage Workshop on Tuesday, April 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Debra MacFadyen, a certified reflexologist, leads the interactive workshop and teaches participants techniques that will increase blood flow to their hands and arms and help them relax. Participants are asked to bring a pillow to rest their arm on while practising techniques. The workshop is free, but there is a limit of 30 participants so registration is required. For more information, call 905-420-2254 or 1-888-831-6266. The Petticoat Creek branch is at 470 Kingston Rd., west of Rosebank Road.

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## Doctor worries about public health

*Reynolds leaving Region for private sector, wonders what future holds*

By Erin Hatfield  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Dr. Donna Reynolds fears for the future of public health as she makes her exit from the system this month. "There have been innumerable reports on what is happening in the public health system and why people are

leaving it," Durham's associate medical officer of health said of her decision to leave Durham for a position with a Toronto research company. "With the expectations for public health -- both the provincial and the local government, even the federal government, are not in line with the expectations with the funding and investment in public health," Dr. Reynolds said. Among her other reasons for leaving are recent regional budget decisions, around-the-clock demands, and she admits she simply cannot keep up the

pace. "What I have done, for me and my family, it was an important decision," she said. Coworkers will be much missed, but Dr. Reynolds feels she has chosen the right path. "I am starting to feel more myself," she said. "Because it is so pervasive you don't realize the impact on you as a person as well as a professional." Also factoring in on her choice to move on was the decision by the Region's health and social services committee to again cut a provincially

funded additional associate medical officer of health (AMOH) position. "It is such a shame for the Region to miss out on having another physician here... it would have been a real benefit," she said. Dr. Reynolds has accomplished much in the past eight years. Her office at Durham headquarters in Whitby is lined with certificates of excellence and accolades. Dr. Reynolds was the department's medical lead in managing and mini-

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### FOLLOWING THROUGH



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo  
**PICKERING** — Nigel Jamieson, of Pickering, blasts a shot from the 18th fairway last week wearing perfect summer attire during a round of golf at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club. This is the earliest the club has opened in more than eight years.

## Pickering's \$100,000 club stays at nine members

*CAO salary jumps \$14,000; public board ranks also on the rise*

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Pickering's \$100,000 club didn't cost taxpayers much more in 2005 than it did in 2004. The number of City employees making \$100,000 remained at nine -- the list includes mainly directors -- and the amount paid to those nine remained relatively constant. All provincial public-sector employers are required to disclose those employees receiving more than \$100,000 in annual compensation. The list was made public March 31. One notable exception in Pickering

was chief administrative officer Tom Quinn, who received \$200,571 in 2005 compared with \$186,425 in 2004. "I'm at the top of my range and last year I didn't take any holidays at all," he said. "I was paid on a 58-week pay period." Mr. Quinn has worked for the City for 36 years, adding he's been CAO for 11 or 12 of those. His pay is decided by council. The amount disclosed for each public employee includes not only salary, but also any bonuses, vacation pay out, or any other monies paid during the year. The Durham District School Board saw a large increase in the number of employees moving into the \$100,000-

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## Surprise, wariness greet speech

*Durham reacts to Harper's plans for Canada*

By Erin Hatfield  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — The federal government's season opener was tight and tidy as Prime Minister Stephen Harper pitched his game plan for the country Tuesday. In Durham it was met with mixed reaction. The throne speech, as read by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, largely mirrored the five key points from the Conservative election campaign. It touched specifically on bringing accountability back into government, tackling crime, child care, cuts to the GST, and the so-called fiscal imbalance. Less-anticipated topics addressed were electoral reform, the promise of an elected senate and foreign affairs. As well, a stronger military, better use of aid

dollars, and the promise of an apology for the Chinese head tax made their way into the speech, as did agriculture. "This government recognizes the unique challenges faced by those who make their livelihood from our land and oceans in our vital natural resource and agriculture industries," the speech reads. "It will take action to secure a prosperous future for Canadian agriculture, following years of neglect." Regional Chairman Roger Anderson was most struck by the surprise reference to the agricultural industry. "That is good news for us," Mr. Anderson said. "I mentioned to Minister (Jim) Flaherty a few times what our farmers are going through, and I look forward to seeing what plans they have in mind." Not so impressed with the portion of the speech dealing with child care was Denise Gilbert, executive director of the Schoolhouse Playcare

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## Pickering makes a few extra points

*Budget increase dips slightly, taxes up \$64 on average*

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — The 2006 Pickering tax increase isn't going to leave as big a dent in residents' wallets as expected. At the April 3 council meeting, a

5.79-per cent increase was approved, meaning the owners of an average home assessed at \$296,000 are going to pay \$64 more on the City portion of their property tax bill this year. As of last May, the preliminary projection for 2006 was a 9.5 per cent increase. When the budget came to committee in March it was down to 6.6 and after a day and a half of debate it had been further decreased to 5.99. Treasurer Gil Paterson said it came down even further when staff went

back and recalculated numbers based on changes made by councillors during the budget committee meetings. Before the final debate on the budget, Mayor Dave Ryan commended staff for their work in what is a difficult financial time for the City. He talked about how Pickering has had to deal with a decrease in funding from upper levels of government over the past 10 years, while at the same time coping with costs that have been downloaded to the City.

"All of these things flow through... They're real and have an impact not only on the budget of the day, but also future budgets," he said. "We are in a time of declining growth in the City of Pickering." "Look around us, there is a lot of growth happening, but not here in Pickering." The 2006 budget basically maintains services and includes few new

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# Elementary principals push public school numbers up

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plus group. In 2005, more than 90 of the board's 6,000 employees made \$100,000 or more, up from just over 30 the previous year.

"It's another employee group that has reached that level," said Ed Hodgins, superintendent of education, business and treasurer for the board.

He said in 2005 elementary principals joined those from secondary schools in moving into the wage group. Mr. Hodgins said the wage change is accounted for in the board's regular budget process and even though more people are now in the higher salary bracket, their paycheques may have only increased slightly as part of the annual adjustment.

"It's just natural progression, as time moves along, if there are regular adjustments to compensation, as there have been, you'll see other groups reach that threshold," said Mr. Hodgins, adding in future years, vice-principals could move into the \$100,000 group.

Hospitals are another organization that must report their list of \$100,000 earners.

Between its two sites, the Rouge Valley Healthy System had 39 employees, including staff and administration, up from 32 in 2004.

Four of the newcomers were stationary engineers (maintenance personnel) who were on the list because of retroactive pay, said RVHS spokesman David Brazeau.

Another change to the list was to money paid to president and chief executive officer Hume Martin. It decreased by more than \$48,000 to \$338,613.69.

"The Rouge Valley board of directors showed its commitment to the Ministry of Health to be more responsible on executive pay," said Mr. Brazeau.

A decision was made to do away with the executive pay incentive compensation, such as bonuses.

"(It is) something both the

board and the CEO feel strongly about," Mr. Brazeau said.

Other wage earners making at least \$100,000 across Ajax and Durham included Lakeridge Health Corporation chief executive officer Brian Lemon at \$287,358.23; retired chief Kevin McAlpine topped the Durham Regional Police list at \$234,586.16; Durham Region CAO Garry Cubitt earned \$212,644.82; Gary Polonsky, president of Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, earned \$259,988.64; and the Durham District School Board's Craig Burch and Durham Catholic District School Board's Patricia Manson earned \$158,216.83 and \$163,233.22, respectively, in their capacities as education directors.

For its part, Ontario Power Generation had just under 5,000 of its employees make the list.

To see Durham Region employees on the \$100,000 list, visit [durhamregion.com](http://durhamregion.com). For the complete salary disclosure list, visit [www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/index.html](http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/index.html).

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# Police hit school zone speeders where it hurts

PICKERING — Speeding in a school zone could cost one driver \$1,000.

Durham Regional Police Service Officers laid over 1,600 charges against motorists in school zones recently as part of its ongoing campaign to combat aggressive and dangerous driving. One of those ticketed was a driver traveling 127 km/h in a 50 km/h zone. All fines are automatically doubled for offences within Community Safety Zones.

The DRPS Traffic Services Branch, in conjunction with members of Community Police Offices, the Ministry of Transportation and Municipal Bylaw officers, completed the second phase of Operation In the Zone, on March 24. The week-long initiative was part of the year-long aggressive enforcement campaign called "Drive to Stay Alive in 2006."

During the course of the week, officers attended school zones and community safety zones in

each municipality, enforcing zero tolerance toward infractions like aggressive driving, rolling stops, speeding and driving without proper papers. As a result, 1,666 tickets were issued March 20-24, up from 1,331 during the first Zone 1 blitz.

- Charges include:
- Speeding: 1,114
  - Speeding in a Community Safety Zone: 57
  - Fail to stop for stop sign: 88
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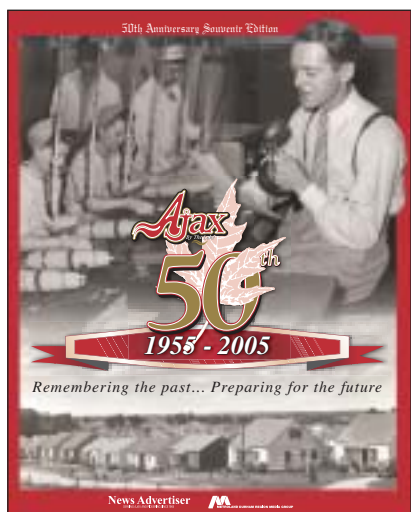
# News Advertiser finishes among top newspapers in Ontario at industry awards

Earns awards for general excellence, reporting, community service and advertising design

**DURHAM** — The Ajax and Pickering News Advertiser was honoured with a number of industry awards Saturday night, including finishing third in the province for general excellence in its class.

The News Advertiser earned six awards, along with two honourable mentions. In all, Metroland Durham Region Media Group community newspapers collectively brought home 19 awards from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association convention in Toronto. The association's 2005 Better Newspapers Competition saw reporters, photographers, graphic designers and editors from each of Metroland's seven newspapers in Durham recognized in a variety of categories.

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The News Advertiser earned six awards and two honourable mentions at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspapers Competition. It finished second in Heritage Reporting for a special section on the Town of Ajax's 50th Anniversary, left, and first in the rural and agricultural category for 'Urban Farmer.'

ers with top quality community journalism in each of our newspapers across the region," says editor-in-chief Joanne Burghardt.

The Stephen Shaw Award for Reporter of the Year went to DRMG crime and



courts reporter Jeff Mitchell and second place went to Danielle Milley, staff writer with the Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser.

The awards, given out per circulation category and listed by newspaper, are:

**NEWS ADVERTISER**

- Best Rural and Agricultural Story, first place, Danielle Milley and Ron Pietroniro, 'Urban Farmer';
- Community Service, first place, Tsunami Relief;
- Reporter of the Year, second place, Danielle Milley;
- Heritage Award, second place, 'Ajax 50th Anniversary Souvenir Edition';
- Best Creative Advertising, second place;
- General Excellence, third place, Class 7 (Circulation Over 40,000); and
- Honourable mentions: Best Feature Photo, Ron Pietroniro; Education Writing, Crystal Crimi.

**CLARINGTON THIS WEEK**

- Best Special Section, first place, 'Faces of the Future'; and
- General Excellence, Clarington This Week, third place.

**OSHAWA THIS WEEK**

- Reporter of the Year, first place, Jeff Mitchell
- Best Arts and Entertainment Section, first place;

- Feature Writing, first place, Mike Ruta and Walter Passarella, 'North to Nunavut';
- Community Service, second place, 'North to Nunavut';
- Best Technically Enhanced photo, third place, Sunday Lek, 'Whitby Sesquicentennial'; and
- Honourable mentions: Best Editorial, Best Sports Section.

**PORT PERRY STAR**

- Best Rural and Agricultural Story, second place, Chris Hall, 'Farmers protest';
- Best Sports Photo, third place, Celia Klemenz; and
- Honourable mention, Reporter of the Year, Chris Hall.

**UXBRIDGE TIMES-JOURNAL**

- Best Editorial, second place;
- Best Rural and Agricultural Story, second place, Crystal Crimi and Celia Klemenz, 'Harvest Time'; and
- Best Special Section, third place, 'Uxbridge Bicentennial'.

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# 'Political decision' forced position removal

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mizing communicable and infectious diseases.

In her first week on the job, there was an outbreak of bat rabies, and then came the fallout from Walkerton. The Region's work on the West Nile virus took a leading position in Ontario and she was quarantined for eight days during severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

"During SARS it was one of the worst and the best experiences of my career," she said.

She said it consumed her every thought and she learned that adrenaline can be your friend, but only up to a certain point.

"You really need to rely on other people in times like that," she said. "When times are tough, this is a great community to be in."

She recalled after the SARS outbreak the Province gave 100-per cent funding for the overtime public health professionals had worked, but Durham pulled Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Robert Kyle, the Region's medical officer of health, from the list.

"After that the media called for us to be compensated," Dr. Reynolds said. "It was such a show of support."

In her new position, she will work on projects to bring new vaccines to the public, such as therapeutic cancer vaccines, a vaccine for Chlamydia, AIDS and respiratory diseases in infants.

She holds out hope for

the future of public health, with the provincial public health agency, Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) and a new report to be released by a provincial capacity review committee.

"I guess our hope in public health is that it isn't just a report," she said. "That there is some action on it."

Today (Wednesday) is the first meeting of the Region's health and social services committee since Dr. Reynolds' resignation.

"I can tell you there is not a member of our committee that will be happy about this," committee chairwoman Pat Perkins said. "We will all be sad to see her go."

Coun. Perkins said she hadn't yet had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Reynolds about her decision to leave. She explained the motion to delete the additional AMOH from the regional budget was approved at the committee level and endorsed by finance.

"It was a political decision at the committee that the funding be used for something else," Coun. Perkins said. "It was enhancement funding to beef up areas of programs. Politicians are rather skeptical of how long that funding will be there."

Coun. Perkins has met with Dr. Kyle, who she said, is doing whatever is needed to fill the position but admits it could take some time.

"We are losing a lot by losing Donna," Coun. Perkins said.



Walter Passarella/ News Advertiser photo  
After eight years with the Region, associate medical officer of health Dr. Donna Reynolds is leaving for the private sector.

# Measures to ensure safety are 'gratefully received'

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Centres.

"All I can say is now we have to count on opposition members to push for national child care," Ms. Gilbert said.

Although there was some ambiguity, around a line in the speech that reads, "In collaboration with the provinces and territories, employers and community non-profit organizations, it will also encourage the creation of new child-care spaces," Ms. Gilbert said it gave her no hope the Conservative government was reconsidering its approach to child care.

"I don't know what it means... but I am discouraged personally," she said.

"At least with a national child-care program there was some recognition that we needed to address wages. This plan doesn't address any of that. It is basically the same thing they said in their platform."

Although Mr. Harper's pledge to provide parents with \$100 per month for every child under six was not given direct mention in the speech, it did say the government would support child care through direct financial

support.

When it came down to tackling crime, the speech proposed changes to the criminal code that would provide tougher sentences for violent and repeat offenders, particularly involving weapons.

"Measures that attempt to ensure the safety of our community are always gratefully received by the public in Durham," John Scott, senior Crown attorney for the Region of Durham said in response to the proposal.

As anticipated, there was mention of a one per cent cut to the GST, a move that Bob Malcolmson, the chief executive officer of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, said will certainly stimulate the economy and be a definite plus.

"The more money people have in their pocket the more they will spend," Mr. Malcolmson said.

However, how much stimulation it will provide will depend on how far they take the cut, he said. The speech did make mention of a further reduction of the GST to five per cent.

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Members of OPSEU Local 361 are on strike at the Kennedy House Youth Detention Centre in Ajax after failing to reach a new contract by March 28.

## Youth centre strike enters second week

**AJAX** — Workers at a youth detention centre in south Ajax are on the picket lines, seeking better wages and working conditions.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 361 went on strike last week after talks with Kennedy House Youth Detention Centre representatives failed to result in a contract.

Local president Steve Canning said the workers are earning about \$35,000 a year, approximately \$10,000

less than workers at other youth detention facilities in Ontario.

The Kennedy centre is a 24-bed, maximum-security facility for youths between the ages of 12 and 17. Residents have been convicted of such crimes as murder, armed robbery, sexual assault, drugs and weapons convictions, and home invasions.

Ed Blazo, the executive director of Kennedy House, wasn't available for a comment.

## New GM plant in Mexico

No word on impact for Durham, Canada

By Izabela Jaroszynski  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — In the same year that General Motors plans to close assembly plants in Canada and the United States, it will be creating new jobs in Mexico.

Last Thursday, GM quietly announced its plans to open a new car assembly plant in San Luis Potosi in central Mexico. Carlos Gelistra, GM spokesman, said this will be the company's fourth Mexican facility.

Construction on the multi-million dollar plant will begin in late spring of this year and the plant is expected to start producing cars in 2008.

"Cost of the plant con-

struction, equipment and tooling will be in the range of \$600 to \$650 million," Mr. Gelistra said.

The new plant will employ between 1,800 to 2,300 unionized workers, who will produce compact and sub-compact cars, mainly for the local market.

Mr. Gelistra, however, said that current plans call for the exporting of the Mexican-made cars to "markets other than the U.S." but didn't comment as to whether this would include Canada.

The company will also not comment on which cars will be built at the new plant.

The announcement of a new facility in Mexico comes as the company began its first round of cuts to salaried positions in the United States and as it fights to keep workers at Delphi Corp. from engaging in a crippling strike.

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# Pickering fire hall in line for addition, renovation

◆ Pickering from page A1

projects. Mayor Ryan said they knew that going in because 2005 was a two-year budget with many projects completed this year.

"We're not doing badly in spite of what we have to deal with," he said.

Some of the service level improvements include \$103,000 to hire three additional seasonal staff for the Eyes on the Street program, \$151,000 for additional staff for improved turf and grounds maintenance, and \$110,000 for additional hours for facility security guards and custodians to enhance security for the general public and to reduce vandal-



Gil Paterson

◆ Budget will also see hiring of seasonal workers and money for security guards and custodians

ism.

Some of the capital projects, to be paid for through debt financing, include \$240,000 for a street sweeper, \$200,000 for the East Shore Seniors Activity Centre parking lot, and \$1.1 million for additions and renovations to fire station No. 5.

An announcement in last month's provincial budget means \$1.8 million for roads and bridges for Pickering. Mr. Paterson said \$1 million is to be used to fund projects that would have been debt financed -- saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest charges over the coming years -- with the remainder being put into a reserve fund.

Included in the recommendation

passed by council were guidelines for the 2007 budget, including that there be no full- or part-time staff added,

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to give notice that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham intends to review and adopt or amend and adopt the 2006 Regional Business Plans and Property Tax Budgets on April 19, 2006 for Regional Operations, the Police Services Board, Outside Agencies, Provincial Downloaded Services Costs, Solid Waste Management, the Durham Region Transit Commission and related 2006 Regional Property Tax Rates.

The review and adoption or amendment and adoption of the 2006 Business Plans and Budgets and related fees and charges will occur at the regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m. in the Regional Council Chambers located at 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario.

Comments from the public are welcome in writing or by attending the Council meeting and presenting oral comments. Written comments may be forwarded to the Regional Clerk at the address indicated below. For inclusion in the Council agenda, receipt of written comments by noon on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 is requested. For further information regarding the Regional Council meeting, please contact the Regional Clerk at 905-668-7711 ext. 2100.

Further information regarding the 2006 Business Plans and Budgets and related fees and charges is available at no cost upon request by contacting the Budgets, Economic Studies and Risk Management Division of the Region's Finance Department at (905) 668-7711 ext. 2302.

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*Provision of Additional Capacity for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant*

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The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham are undertaking a joint study to identify the preferred method of providing additional wastewater treatment capacity at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to service future growth in the urban areas of York and Durham Regions.

Located in the City of Pickering, the Duffin Creek WPCP treats the wastewater flows collected by the York-Durham Sewage System (YDSS), which provides sanitary sewer service to portions of York Region (Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Markham & Vaughan) and Durham Region (Ajax & Pickering). Population and employment growth forecasted for the existing and future service areas of the YDSS will ultimately generate sanitary sewage flows beyond the existing capacity of the Duffin Creek WPCP. The Regions are seeking approval from the Ministry of the Environment to increase the average day capacity of the Duffin Creek WPCP from 420,000 cubic metres/day to 630,000 cubic metres/day.

This study is proceeding under **Schedule C** as described in the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000)** document. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) is a **five-phase** process that includes an extensive evaluation of the impacts of proposed projects on the technical, natural, social/cultural, and economic components of the environment. We are currently finalizing the **third phase** of the study, which involves an assessment of the alternative design concepts for expansion of the WPCP, and selection of a preferred expansion concept. Numerous studies are being carried out as part of this phase to identify the potential impacts of the preferred expansion concept, and measures for mitigating these impacts. The studies are scheduled for completion over the spring of 2006, and include a receiving water impact assessment, a natural features impact assessment, and odour, air emission, and noise assessments. The **fourth phase** of the study will involve the filing of an Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review and comment. The ESR will include comprehensive details on the studies undertaken, data collected, issues raised by stakeholders, and any other matters covered during the study. The **fifth phase** will involve the implementation of the recommendations.

**DUFFIN CREEK WPCP LOCATION**

Members of the public are invited to attend an Information Centre on **Wednesday, April 5, 2006, between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room, 75 Centennial Road, Town of Ajax.** A brief presentation will commence at 7:00pm. Attendees will have an opportunity to examine and provide comment on the preferred expansion strategy, as well as the plans for mitigating impacts. We encourage your involvement in this study.

Please visit the project web site at [www.region.durham.on.ca/duffincreek](http://www.region.durham.on.ca/duffincreek) for further information on this study. Project studies are being posted on the project web site as they become available. You may also contact either of the following:

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## EDITORIAL

# A card or letter can mean so much

Show troops that you care about their sacrifice and service

'Keep the Home Fires Burning' was an inspirational song from the First World War which states: "Keep the home fires burning while your hearts are yearning/Though the lads are far away they dream of home."

And "Operation Homefires," is the title for a Royal Canadian Legion-sponsored program to send letters of support to our troops serving in Afghanistan.

While the home fires have changed from coal or peat to nuclear generators, the thoughts and feelings of a century ago are every bit as real today.

Since 2002, 12 Canadians have been killed in Afghanistan, 11 of them soldiers. From the four servicemen who were killed by American "friendly fire" in 2002 to the death just last week of a private who was the victim of gun fire, Canadians have paid a heavy price in the war on terror.

And, with a commitment of more than 2,000 troops in Kandahar, we're certainly in this thing for the long haul.

Whatever your personal or political views about Canadian armed forces involvement overseas, there's no question the young men and women who serve do so with conviction, bravery and a sense of duty and honour.

They are in real harm's way, never sure if they will make it through until tomorrow, enemy combatants in a foreign land thousands of kilometres from home.

To make their service a little less stressful and to try to bring a smile from back home, Robert Rohrer, a member of the Whitby Royal Canadian Legion, started a program two years ago to send cards and letters as well as coffee, candies, magazines and other goodies to the troops in Kandahar.

For the third year the Legion is pushing "Operation Homefires," program to include troops in Haiti, Cyprus, Sudan and any other farflung locale where Canadians are serving.

The Legion is trying to get schools and students involved in sending cards or letters but it doesn't have to be limited -- anybody who wants to can send a note, letter, card or poster.

Do not seal your card as it must be checked by security before it is sent.

The Legion would like all cards or letters received by May 1 so that troops will receive them in time for Canada Day. To send your card or letter call Cecile Bowers, secretary, Branch 178 (905-263-2086) or Robert Rohrer at 905-439-9951 and they will arrange to have your card or letter picked up.

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This Week's Question: *Do you think Canada should abolish the east coast seal hunt?*

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Last Week's Question: *Do you feel Durham Region was slighted in last week's provincial budget?*

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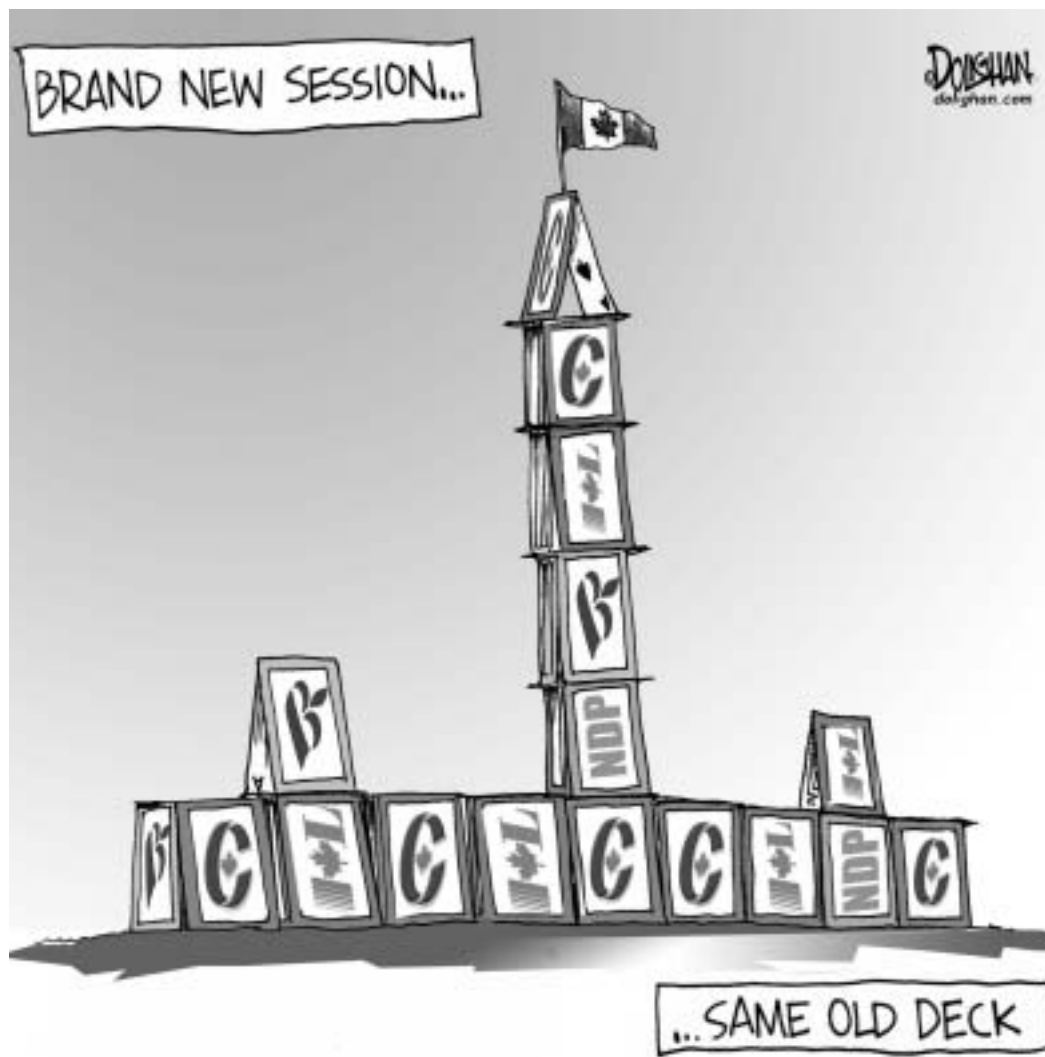
The Ajax Lioness Club recently hit the aisles, purchasing \$1,000 worth of kitchen items and linens that they donated to the Herizon House women's shelter. Christie May of Herizon House, second from right, gratefully accepted the donation from, left to right, Lionesses Rita Saler, Germaine Pearce (president) and Lin Nowitski.



To see more entries from residents across Durham and to submit your own, visit [citizenseye.com](http://citizenseye.com), the Metroland Durham Region Media Group's citizen submission website. The page is dedicated to the submissions and photos of readers from around Durham.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GST leaves big impact on our homes

#### To the editor:

In his recent newsletter, Liberal MP Mark Holland attempted to discredit the proposed one-per cent GST reduction.

The only thing he accomplished was to raise the question of whether he has a firm understanding of the GST-taxable items his constituents purchase, by necessity, for their family households.

Mr. Holland should upgrade his level of understanding by taking a GST tour of his own home. Perhaps the bathroom would be the most appropriate place to start. There he will find toothpaste, Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine products, grooming products, shampoo, soap, toiletries, towels, a shower curtain and mat. Continuing his GST tour, Mr. Holland's understanding would be further enhanced by his discovery of furniture, lamps, beds, linens, pots, pans, cleaning products, dish soap, a refrigerator, dressers, outerwear, innerwear, and

footwear.

There are common denominators for all the listed items that Mr. Holland will find in his own home. They are all GST taxable. They are all necessary household purchases. They will all have to be replaced at some time because they were consumed, became broken, were worn out or were outdated.

Hopefully Mr. Holland's next newsletter will be reflective of a GST tour of his own home.

Richard Groh  
Ajax

### People should make the decision on regional chairman

#### To the editor:

*Re: Regional chair referendum defeated again, Feb. 19.*

I read this item with interest and amusement. Interest with the fact, that I, along with a lot of my friends, feel this should be an elected position and amusement with the antics that take place at council meetings, because

this matter has been going on for nine years, since 1997!

On Feb. 15 the vote was 14-13 against with one vote being absent which could have made it a tie. Councillor Joe Drumm says "that people do not want an elected chair," and Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor says "Let's get onto the things that matter to residents." Well, to both of you, this does matter to the residents! So to end this matter, to the satisfaction of all the taxpayers in the region (and I do not live in) have the councillors do two things.

On the next election ballot in all areas of Durham Region add:

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Earl Brown  
Oshawa

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your mailbox full of offers for better, platinum health cards. The birth certificate registry doesn't pester you to donate because you're an alumnus.

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# Immigrant women

## RISE to the challenge

By Izabela Jaroszynski  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Imagine, for a moment, landing in India.

The hot, arid heat fills your lungs as you step off the plane. As you head away from the airport, you look around at the men and women in garb different from yours, speaking a language that has no resemblance to your own. Your children look to you for direction.

Now imagine that this isn't a vacation. Imagine that you have just quit your job, cashed in your life savings and moved halfway around the world. Imagine a wave of terror washing over you as you begin to grasp the enormity of the life change you have made.

This is the reality faced by thousands of immigrants who land at Toronto's Pearson International Airport each year. They come from all around the world and many make their way east towards Durham Region, settling in growing places like Ajax, Pickering, Whitby and Oshawa. With the region's expected population boom over the next 15 years, immigrant settlement will be at the forefront for the social services helping these men, women and children make the transition from one country to another.

Newcomer women, in particular, face mounting social, economic and emotional barriers.

Esther Enyolu is one woman who has been in the trenches.

At 18 she packed up her few belongings, said goodbye to her family, boarded an airplane and began her journey to join her husband in Canada. As she flew over her native Nigeria, Ms. Enyolu experienced a mixture of emotions: fear, excitement, anxiety and anticipation.

"I was lucky," Ms. Enyolu says of her passage to Canada. "My husband was already here to facilitate my move into a new society."

Now, 23 years later, Ms. Enyolu is the executive director of the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham. She helps women whose immigrant experiences may not be so easy.

"Many women have high expectations when they come to Canada," Ms. Enyolu said. "When they arrive, it is a struggle."

She says one of the most difficult experiences for immigrant women is isolation.

"Women often experience isolation because they have a lack of a family network and

support system," she says. "It is hard enough to leave your country, but they also have to start from the beginning to build a support network."

Ms. Enyolu's organization reaches out to women and children from diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds who are the victims of violence. WMRCC offers one-on-one counselling, crisis intervention, information on social assistance and other services to help marginalized women free themselves from violence.

And while Ms. Enyolu says that violence against women knows no social or economic boundaries and occurs in all cultures, she chooses to specifically reach out to immigrant and refugee women because they are often the ones who do not know the Canadian system and where to go for help.

Across town, Evelyn Smith, a native of Newfoundland, is also fighting for immigrant women -- women she sees on a daily basis and who inspire her to work harder.

"They are wonderful women," she says of her clients. As the executive director of Community Development Council Durham, Ms. Smith is on the front lines in the fight to successfully integrate immigrants into Durham Region. Her clients include individuals from around the world, but the majority speak Farsi, Dari, Urdu, Arabic or Spanish. Amongst her staff -- which she calls a "mini-United Nations" -- are people from different backgrounds. The council provides a variety of programs for the settlement of new immigrants. The Host program, for example, matches newcomers with volunteer hosts, to help the newcomers practice their English and learn about their new community.

But Ms. Smith's personal fight is for the immigrant women who inspire her with their courage and perseverance. She tells the story of women who walk from their homes in Whitby or Pickering to her agency's office in Ajax. They walk, she says, because transportation is too expensive.

"If it is a choice between taking the bus with two or three children, or feeding those children, they walk," she says.

She tells the story of a mother -- a newcomer to Canada -- who arrived at her office the day that Ms. Smith had baked muffins for her staff.

"I offered her one and she took it, broke off a piece and



Walter Passarella/ News Advertiser photo  
Esther Enyolu is the executive director of the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham. She's among a core group of individuals at the forefront of the battle to bring and maintain necessary services locally for Canada's newest members.

placed the rest in her coat pocket," she recalls.

"I told her that it is for her and she can eat the whole thing. But she looked at me and said, 'I have three babies at home. This will be their lunch.' It broke my heart."

The struggle to make ends meet can be particularly hard for the country's newcomers. Good jobs are hard to come by when you have no Canadian experience, Ms. Smith says. "And many employers aren't willing to take someone on to give them that experience."

So Ms. Smith fights. She fights for more affordable housing in the region, for greater access to services and to break down the isolation that can surround a woman new to Canada.

Her ultimate goal is to create a centre that contains all services that immigrants may need under one roof to minimize the back and forth. For now, she says the majority of her clients are settling in Ajax because that is where most services are available.

But increasingly immigrants are moving to other centres in the region.

"We have to embrace all of the diversity," she says. "The saying is that it takes a village to raise a child, but I say that it takes a village to raise a village."

"Immigrants in our society face immeasurable barriers and we have to do what we can to make their lives a little easier."

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## Sports briefs

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### [ Hockey ]

#### Ajax's McGregor joins AHL Barons

**AJAX** — His college hockey career ended, Ajax's Tyler McGregor has made the jump to the pro ranks.

The Holy Cross University (Worcester, Mass.) Crusaders' graduating senior forward has joined the Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League. The Barons are the affiliate of the San Jose Sharks.

McGregor has played in the Barons' last two games. Cleveland hosts the Grand Rapids Griffins today (Wednesday), and has six games left in the regular season.

Last week, McGregor was named to the Inside College Hockey All-America third team and Atlantic Hockey Association player of the year.

McGregor led Holy Cross in goals (26) and points (54), while he was tied for second in assists (28). His .68 goals per game rank him sixth in the U.S., while his 1.42 points per game is seventh nationally. McGregor's 13 power-play goals this season tied the school record and is fifth-best in the nation. He concluded his Holy Cross career with 70 goals and 67 assists in 143 games. McGregor is tied for 15th all-time at Holy Cross in points and is second in games played.

Earlier this month, along with player of the year, McGregor was selected to the Atlantic Hockey all-conference first team, while he received the sportsmanship and regular-season scoring awards. He was named the Atlantic Hockey player of the week three times this season and five times during his career.



Tyler McGregor



Durham Lightning's Jennifer Wakefield makes a move toward the net as Brampton Thunder's Liz Macri is set to challenge and Cindy Eadie braces for the impending shot during Game 2 of the National Women's Hockey League semifinals at the Legends Centre in Oshawa last Sunday afternoon. The Thunder won 3-1 to capture the best-of-three series.

# Underdog Durham Lightning goes down fighting to powerhouse Thunder

*Dream season ends after semifinal series loss to Brampton*

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**DURHAM** — The Durham Lightning's Cinderella season finished short of a fairy-tale ending on Sunday afternoon.

But, no matter the result of the crucial Game 2 in the National Women's Hockey League best-of-three semifinal against the Brampton Thunder, the Lightning's 2005-06 campaign was an unqualified success.

Going from perennial losers the past seven seasons to a team that was one series win away from competing for a league championship, the Lightning gave it everything they had to prolong the series against the powerhouse Thunder at Oshawa's Legend Centre.

But, too many trips to the penalty box and way too much Olympic firepower in the Thunder lineup added up to a 3-1 loss, thus ending the Lightning's season short of competing for a championship -- something that even a year ago would have been unthinkable for the Ajax-based Durham squad.

The NWHL semifinal series started at Brampton's Powerade Centre Saturday night, with the Thunder scoring a 5-1 victory.

The Thunder's Olympians -- including 2006 Canadian gold medalists Vicky Sunohara, Jayna Hefford and Gillian Ferrari, along with U.S. bronze medalist Kathleen Kauth -- were a formidable challenge for the Lightning which, although talented, lacked that calibre of experience and know-how.

And, it showed.

Sunohara scored twice, including the winner. For insurance, Hefford converted a neutral-ice Lightning turnover into a short-handed marker with 7:56 remaining in the third period, thus put-

ting the series on ice.

While the Lightning battled gamely with the Thunder 5-on-5, Lightning head coach Peter Perram acknowledged playing short-handed against a strong power play was a recipe for disaster. Sunohara's goals came on the power play, one during a 5-on-3 opportunity.

"If you look honestly at our play 5-on-5, we controlled a good part of the game. When you're playing 5-on-3 and they're able to put players like Sunohara and Hefford out there, with that kind of talent, it's doubtful that you're going to come away without getting scored on," says Perram.

Perram, however, was philosophical in defeat, noting that although the Lightning players had their hearts and

minds focused on playing for a league championship, the series loss in no way diminishes a remarkable campaign.

"We have 20 records we keep for this organization and I'm sure this team will have 18 of them," says Perram, who lauded the work of team owner and general manager Brandon Smith for resuscitating the franchise. "This is a phenomenal group in so many ways. We can't forget that going forward."

Although somewhat grudgingly, Perram admitted the insertion of the Olympians into the Brampton lineup -- after the Thunder played the regular season without them -- was more than enough to put Brampton over the top in the playoffs after finishing some 10 points behind the first-place Lightning.

## Lightning bolts

Susan Fennell, the commissioner of the National Women's Hockey League, owner of the Brampton Thunder and Mayor of Brampton, and City of Oshawa Councillor Mike Nicholson were on hand for the opening ceremonies prior to Sunday's playoff game...Durham Lightning owner Brandon Smith was non-committal on whether or not the Lightning would return to its Ajax home base next season. Following Sunday's loss to Brampton, Smith said he'd have something to say on the matter at some point in the off-season... One person who was committal was Lightning head coach Peter Perram. "I would like to come back. I feel like the job's not done here."... 2006 Turin Olympic gold medal hockey player Vicky Sunohara stayed for a long time following Sunday's contest at Oshawa's Legend Centre signing auto-

graphs, posing for photos and talking to fans who were lined up to meet the Brampton Thunder centre. Still wearing her jersey while standing in the arena in flip-flops, Sunohara was unfailingly polite and eager to accommodate her young fans... Other 2006 Canadian Olympic gold medalists on the Brampton roster: Gillian Ferrari (defence) and Jayna Hefford (forward)... Speaking of Olympians, Thunder forward Kathleen Kauth was a member of the U.S. women hockey team that won bronze in Turin... The Lightning announced its year-end awards at its recent banquet. Winners were: Best defence -- Pam Pachal; best forward -- Joanne Eustace; Unsung hero award -- Deandra Lolicero; Rookie of the year -- Melanie Rothan; Most valuable player -- Desi Clark; Coaching excellence award -- assistant coach Gord Holdgate...



# Fennell a force within the National Women's Hockey League

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**DURHAM** — No one is happier or prouder of the Durham Lightning's turnaround this season than Susan Fennell, the National Women's Hockey League's commissioner.

"They were in last place for the past seven years; they've never made the playoffs in the last seven years, but they turned the team around this year and finished the season in first place. That's a remarkable turnaround -- absolutely remarkable. I'm really proud of what they've done," says Fennell, who's also the mayor of the City of Brampton.

Fennell notes there was no hidden agendas associated with the Durham Lightning hosting a playoff game in Oshawa, rather than at their home base in Ajax. She explains NWHL teams routine-

ly play neutral-site games, with Sunday's contest in particular a fundraising effort of the Oshawa Girls' Hockey League.

Although the Lightning could potentially move to another locale within Durham Region, Fennell says she's unfamiliar with any talk to re-locate the team. Moreover, further league expansion in Ontario is a non-starter, saying the league wishes to keep its teams strong and adding more teams would only dilute the player pool in the province.

"We have five teams in Ontario, so the only way to get a team in Ontario is to relocate an existing team. We will not allow our league to lose its competitive edge," she says.

The commissioner chafes at those who say the eight-team league -- in its eighth season of providing elite women's hockey -- is merely a training ground for future Canadian Olympians.

"We are not a training wheel for Team Canada. We're here to provide affordable, competitive hockey for the whole family, no different than the NHL. A young girl's dream to play in the NWHL is no different than a young boy's dream of playing in the NHL. Boys don't grow up dreaming of playing for Team Canada, they grow up wanting to play in the NHL."

She says over the league's eight years of operation, the league has changed, and for the better.



Susan Fennell

"We've gone from playing for T-shirts, dressing in mismatched socks and helmets and playing at unusual hours in some arenas where they didn't even have doors on the dressing rooms," she says. "This was considered OK for Olympic athletes and the finest female hockey players in the world. How can that be OK? I don't think it was ever OK, but people just weren't paying attention and no one was anxious to pay attention. Today, it's a completely different standard."

Although Fennell is the chief architect of the league's competitive and economic growth, she's quick to deflect any praise.

"Somebody had to say, 'let's take the pieces and see if we can move it forward.' That's my little contribution. I've never played hockey in my life, I don't even skate and I have no daughters. It's not about me. It's about these players."

### [ Track and field ]

#### Martin hurdles to awards at Lock Haven

**PICKERING** — A Pickering resident and former Pine Ridge Secondary School graduate was an award winner with

the Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, Pa.) Bald Eagles track and field team this year.

Paul Martin, in his freshman season with Lock Haven, was awarded rookie of the year honours by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) on March 31.

Martin, a freshman sprinter-hurdler, capped a successful season at the PSAC indoor championship meet by winning the 55-metre hurdles in a time of 7.69. He also picked up a third in the 400m. Martin was also a national qualifier, and was the only freshman in the hurdle event.



Paul Martin

### [ Synchronized swimming ]

#### Durham Synchro brings home medals

**DURHAM** — Durham Synchro Club members earned three medals at the Eastern/Atlantic Divisionals in Quebec City.

Facing powerhouse teams from Quebec, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces, Durham Synchro's Christa Hutton, Katie LePage, Julia Maclean, of Ajax, and Brianna MacLellan, Chelsey Matthews, Allie Mear, Carrie Mouck and Alaina Wade, of Pickering, placed fourth out of 10 teams.

Durham swimmers also placed well in figures, duet and solo events at Synchro Elite's Centre Sportif Lucien-Flamand.

In Tier 6 15-and-under figures, Maclean won bronze in a field of 145 competitors. In the Tier 7 junior figure competition, LePage was 23rd (eighth in Ontario), and Matthews was 25th (10th in Ontario).

In Tier 6 15-and-under duet, Maclean and Mouck won the silver medal in a field of 21 competitors and will compete at the 2006 Canadian Espoir Synchronized Swimming Championships at the Etobicoke Olympium in June.

In Tier 7 junior duet competition, LePage and Matthews finished 10th in a field of 22. Their top-10 finish qualifies them for the 2006 Open Championships in Winnipeg in May.

In Tier 6 15-and-under solo competition, Maclean won her second bronze medal of the meet, and also qualified for nationals.



The Pickering Legionnaires under-19 women's rugby team returned from a tour of California with a championship from the Fullerton Youth Rugby International Tournament in Fullerton California, south of Los Angeles, recently. The Legionnaires also played an exhibition game against the UCLA women's rugby team while on tour.

# Pickering Legionnaires women conquer California in rugby

*Under-19 squad ends successful tour of state with tourney win*

**PICKERING** — California sunshine and rugby proved a perfect combination for a Pickering women's team that travelled to the west coast.

The Pickering Legionnaires under-19 women's rugby team captured the girls' crown at the Fullerton Youth Rugby International Tournament in Fullerton, south of Los Angeles, from March 18 to 19.

In the final, the Legionnaires got past USA Combined XV 24-7.

In the semifinals, the Legionnaires blanked the North Shore Highlanders from Mequon, Wisconsin 21-0.

The Legionnaires emerged from pool play in first place with a 2-0 record. Pickering started by defeating the Wildcats from North Los Angeles County, Ca. 31-0. In Game 2, the Legionnaires downed Kettle Moraine from Waukesha, Wisconsin 17-0.

In the lead-up to the tournament, the Legionnaires played two exhibition games. They suited up against a team from San Pedro, Ca. on March 14, earning a 24-0 victory. The next day, the Legionnaires faced the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Bruins women's rugby team, winning 28-0.

Most of the Legionnaires' players, says coach James Blair, are also members of the Dunbarton High School Spartans varsity girls' team, with several from the Peterborough and Lindsay rugby clubs also making the trek to California.

The Legionnaires have been in existence for just under a year, having competed in the Toronto Rugby Union's (TRU) under-19 division last season, where the Pickering team finished sixth out of 19 squads.

The Legionnaires draw players from all over Ajax, Pickering and Whitby. The club is open to all females between the ages of 14 and 18. The club will again be competing in the Toronto division this summer, and the club is in talks with other members of the TRU to start a women's under-21 exhibition league this summer.

For more information about the Pickering Legionnaires Rugby Club, e-mail [www.legionnairesrfc@hotmail.com](mailto:www.legionnairesrfc@hotmail.com), or call James Blair at 705-878-8250.

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West Hill Men's Slo-Pitch 66 vs. Ellis Packaging 52.	<b>TOP SCORERS</b>
West Hill: Orin Taylor 21, George Jordanov 18, Elman McLean 18, Paul Vorvis 6, Ellis: Conrad Davis 29, Dave Bayless 8, Joe Lococo 4, Steve Williams 4.	<b>GAME THREE</b>
Ell-Rod Holdings 46 vs. Knights Corner Pub & Grill 37.	<b>TOP SCORERS</b>
Ell-Rod: Roger Young 11, David Voth 10, Eric Hamdic 8, Alberto Daros 6, Knights: Karl Hutchinson 10, Randy Filinski 11, Rod Fraser 8, Don Leahy 6.	<b>'B' DIVISION</b>
Accent Building Sciences 62 vs. Best Buy Insurance 59.	<b>GAME ONE</b>
Accent: Mike Horn 17, Bill Linton 16, Ian Campbell 15, Horace Peterkin 12, Best Buy: Reuben Newman 21, Sherwin James 17, Iain Grant 8, Tom Recalis 5.	<b>TOP SCORERS</b>
Gallantry's Eatery 63 vs. Lakar Carpentry 34.	<b>GAME TWO</b>
Gallantry's: John Grimonte 18, Steve Gazmin 15, Jim Bowen 10, Tony Oliver 8, Lakar: Dodge Backford 14, Brad Hewitt 6, Bill Boston 4.	<b>TOP SCORERS</b>
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## Annual General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th • 7:00 p.m.

Ajax Community Centre - Admiral Room

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**Agenda: Executive Reports, Bingo Policy, Open Forum for Questions, New Business**

Note: If you would like to "have your say" please attend as your suggestions and ideas are important to us!

Registration for the 2006/07 season available prior to the meeting - 6:30 pm

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To our valued customers: We apologize for any inconvenience caused by an error in our flyer dated: March 31-April 06.  
Product: Nikon Coolpix Digital Camera. On pg. 17 of our March 31 flyer, we stated that this is an 8.1 megapixel digital camera. In fact, it is a 6.0 megapixel digital camera. SKU: 10072798

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To our valued customers: We apologize for any inconvenience caused by an error in our flyer dated: March 31-April 06.  
Product: 50" Widescreen HDTV Home Theatre Package. On pg. 6 of our March 31 flyer, we stated that this package includes a 5-disc DVD/receiver with speakers. In fact, it comes with a home theatre speaker system with a receiver and a subwoofer. SKU: 10033080

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## Checking things out

**AJAX** — Oshawa St. Paul's Matthew Marrone, left, and Ajax Source for Sports' Randy Chessman fight for the puck during atom division play at the Ron Sharpe Memorial Classic Tournament at the Ajax Community Centre on Sunday.

# Pickering minor bantams York-Simcoe champions

*Panthers finish off Aurora in dramatic fifth and final game*

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Panthers GlaxoSmithKline minor bantam 'AA' rep hockey team capped its season with a 4-3 win over the Aurora Tigers to capture the York-Simcoe league championship recently.

The series was deadlocked at two games apiece in the best-of-five affair. The deciding game was fast-paced and penalty-free. Pickering opened strong and carried a comfortable lead of 4-1 late into the third period.

But, with only three minutes to play, the Tigers started a comeback by scoring two quick goals to make the score 4-3. The Panthers shut the door the rest of the way and hung on for the victory.

Team captain Corrado Gianfriddo led the Panthers offensively with three goals and an assist. David Motts picked up the other goal and an assist. Jake Kelly, Michael Smith, Jay Boychuk, Tommy Reid, Maclin Crawford and Spencer Bentley also earned assists.

After eliminating Peterborough, Oshawa and Whitby, the Pickering team opened the final series against Aurora with a decisive 4-1 win.

Goaltender Connor Maxim turned aside 26 shots for the win.

Kelly led the team's offence, picking up two goals and an assist. Boychuk and Motts were the other scorers. Assists went to Ryan Wilkinson, Boychuk, Gianfriddo and Reid. Tena-



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The Pickering Panthers GlaxoSmithKline minor bantam 'AA' rep hockey team captured the York-Simcoe league championship recently, defeating the Aurora Tigers in a fifth and deciding game in the best-of-five final series.

and Cody Harding contributed to the win.

In Game 2, Michael Sheremeta shut out the Tigers 1-0. Gianfriddo, from Jordan Bean and Motts, provided the offence. Outstanding work by the team's defence of Michael Smith, Michael Hood, Brian Smith, Zac Munn, Wilkinson and Kelly kept the Tigers' scoring chances to a minimum.

In Game 3, Pickering jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals by Munn from Bentley, and Motts from Gianfriddo and Bean. But, Aurora roared back with four consecutive goals to get the win and stay alive in

In Game 4, the Panthers again failed to finish off the pesky Tigers. Pickering took the early lead on a goal by Kelly from Hood and Crawford. Aurora scored late in the third period to tie and then scored the winner in overtime on the power play, which set up the deciding game.

The Panthers' now will continue their fundraising efforts as they work toward their trip to Europe in December.

Norm Rogers, Geoff Hodgkinson, Rob Bean and Tom Reid coach the team. The trainer is Bob Price and the manager is Gino Del Re.

# Ajax tweens golden at ringette league finals

*Shooting Stars post come-from-behind win over Whitby*

**AJAX** — Despite being behind in its league final against Whitby, the Ajax Shooting Stars tween 'C' ringette team wouldn't be denied.

Ajax came all the way back from a 3-0 deficit to post a 7-4 victory to capture the gold medal at the league finals in Sunderland last weekend.

The Ajacians received a solid, all-round performance from centres Jessica Chin and Megan Mcrae, and forwards Kirstin Broders, Mya Butler, Sierra Campbell, Jackie McCuaig and Marina Terranova.

Meanwhile, the defence of Stephanie Bailey, Natalie Feltrin, Michelle Hughes and Catherine Pankratz was focused throughout the crucial contest. Goaltender Michelle Misketis was outstanding in preserving the victory.

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## Ajax Minor Hockey Association Spring Tryouts 2006-2007 Season

Registration and payment for 2006-2007 tryouts will on be Saturday & Sunday, April 8 & 9, from 10 am to 2 pm, in the corridor between ACC # 3 and #4. The cost has been set at \$40 per player.

### "AA" TRYOUTS

Novice	Sat. Apr.15/06	9:00-11:00am	Russ Hutchison	905-619-6269
Minor Atom	Sat. Apr.15/06	9:30-11:30am	Steve Avery	905-428-3274
Atom	Sat. Apr.15/06	11:00am-1:00pm	Ian McCrae	905-686-7502
Minor Peewee	Sat. Apr.15/06	11:30am-1:30pm	Shawn Parker	905-619-8879
Peewee	Sat. Apr.15/06	1:00-3:00pm	Greg Murphy	905-686-6682
Minor Bantam	Sat. Apr.15/06	1:30-3:30pm	Brian Deroches	905-427-6733
Bantam	Sat. Apr.15/06	3:00-5:00pm	Rod Cooper	905-427-3751
Minor Midget	Sat. Apr.15/06	3:30-5:30pm	Mike Mayhew	905-427-6994

### "A" TRYOUTS

Novice	Sat. Apr.22/06	9:00-10:30am	Vacant	
Minor Atom	Sat. Apr.22/06	9:30-11:00 am	Darryl Beckett	905-428-1283
Atom	Sat. Apr.22/06	10:30-12:00pm	Stewart Dobbs	905-619-0597
Minor Peewee	Sat. Apr.22/06	11:00-12:30 am	Jim Orr	905-428-0668
Peewee	Sat. Apr.22/06	12:00-1:30 p.m.	Chris Fox	905-427-4087
Minor Bantam	Sat. Apr.22/06	12:30-2:00p.m.	Ken Hook	905-428-7724
Bantam	Sat. Apr.22/06	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Brent Jollymore	416-315-3568
Minor Midget	Sat. Apr.22/06	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Tony Schittone	905-428-8079

### "A/E" TRYOUTS

Novice	Thu. Apr.27/06	6:00-7:00pm	Graham Rowsell	905-426-2494
Minor Atom	Thu. Apr.27/06	7:00-8:00pm	Ray Murphy	905-686-8940
Atom	Wed. Apr.26/06	7:30-8:30pm	Jim O'Hara	905-427-2940
Minor Peewee	Thu. Apr.27/06	8:00-9:00pm	Mike Murphy	905-426-9118
Peewee	Thu. Apr.27/06	8:30-9:30pm	Ty Nicholson	905-427-6336
Minor Bantam	Wed. Apr.26/06	8:30-9:30pm	Eamonn Heenan	905-427-1216
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**ALL tryouts to be held at Ajax Community Centre**

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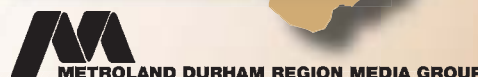
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## Bond peers into future in 'Star Wishes'

Boomers' banishment goes bust for government

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Editor

**AJAX** — Ken Bond offers up a glimpse of the not-so-distant future in 'Star Wishes.'

The artistic director of the StoneCircle Theatre company says he's worked on the play for a year or so, one of five of his works produced at the Ajax-based company.

'Star Wishes' begins its run at the Village Theatre tomorrow night.

"It takes place in the year 2014," Bond says. "The premise is, where are we going to be eight years from now when the last of the baby boomers turns 50?"

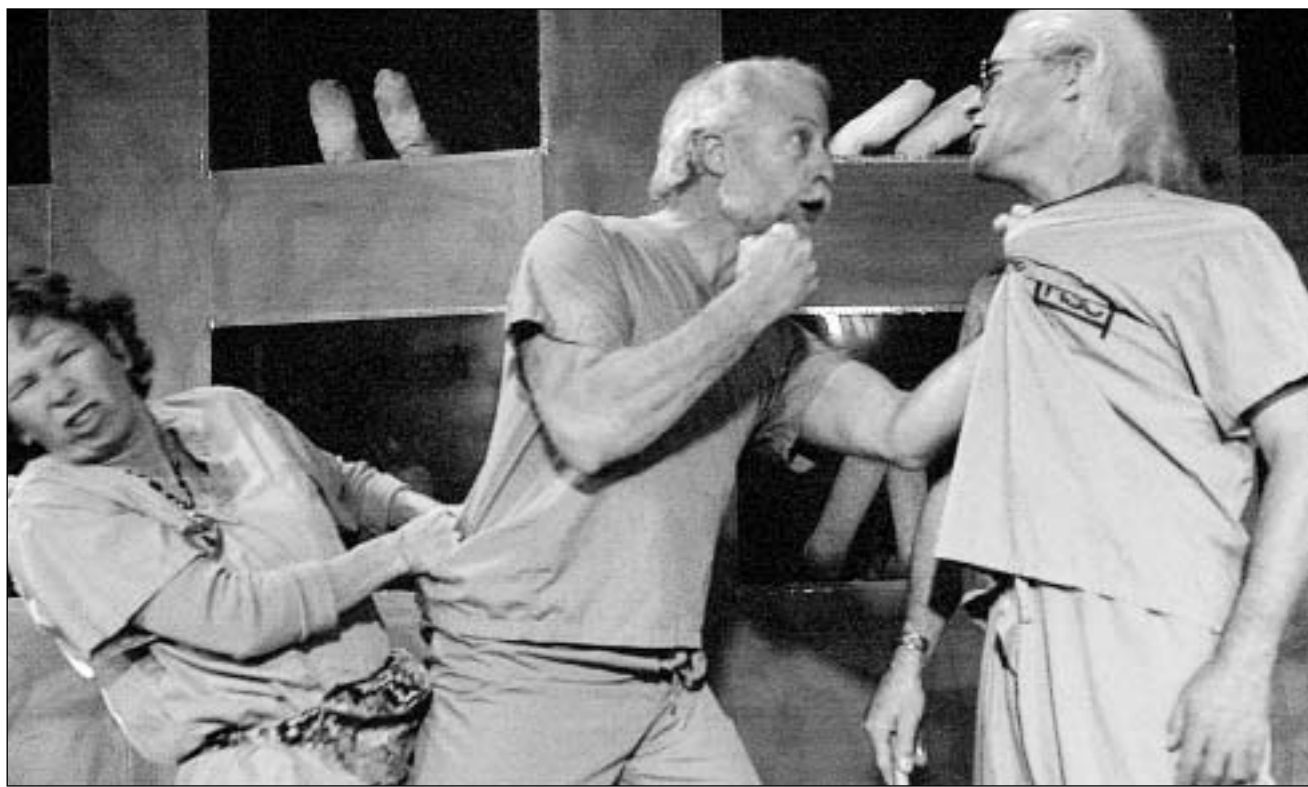
Much has been made in the media of Canada's aging population and in particular the boomers, born just after the Second World War.

In 'Star Wishes,' Bond fast forwards to when most of the boomers have joined the ranks of the retired and are a tremendous drain on the government's finances.

The Generation-X dominated government comes up with a novel approach.

"The government of the day decided to commit all baby boomers, and anyone over 50, to institutions," he says, adding the intent is to go a big step further and actually cull the population of seniors.

These discarded people are branded 'mobile,' 'semi-mobile' or 'passives,' the latter being those unable to move and confined to small sleeping



Things get heated during a rehearsal for the StoneCircle Theatre company's production of 'Star Wishes'. The cast includes, from left, Marion Reid-Clarke, Dave Edwards and Jeff Kellar.

areas.

Running the show is an administrator whom Bond refers to as "a rather nasty piece of work," a woman who enjoys seeing things go wrong for the residents.

"It's her intention to manage the institution well so she can please the government," he says.

The person who does most of the work of caring for the residents, and

likes them very much, however, is a co-op student, Sara.

Bond describes the play as a "poignant comedy," and when asked what is comedic about the dark future he portrays, he points to Sara.

"A lot of the humour comes from her, because she has no frame of reference for some of the things the residents know," he says.

Much of what the residents have

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experienced earlier in their lives is completely foreign to Sara, like ice boxes before the days of refrigerators and heating water over a fire before there were stoves and microwaves.

When the audience begins to meet the residents, the lights in the institution flicker, and it's a sign of things to come. Soon a global power failure hits and there's great panic, as without electricity to power the

Internet and other contemporary conveniences, most are at a loss.

But, there is a segment of the population that does know how to make do: the elders, the forgotten, suddenly possess the knowledge needed to adapt. Bond notes it's a nice gig to write and direct the play.

Every director has to at times interpret what the playwright intended. In the case of 'Star Wishes,' that's not an issue, and the cast has Bond close at hand as a resource for subtext information to provide greater context, making for a better performance.

The cast is made up of Dave Edwards from Ajax, Heather Jamieson and Heather Warkentin from Whitby, Oshawa's Jeff Kellar, and Marion Reid-Clarke and Betty Dubeau from Bowmanville.

'Star Wishes' is performed at 8 p.m. on April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. There is a 2 p.m. matinee on April 9. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door or by reserving a seat at 647-895-2015.

For more information on StoneCircle Theatre and multi-play discounted rates, visit [www.stonecircletheatre.com](http://www.stonecircletheatre.com).

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**HESP, Ernest** Passed away on Thursday March 30, 2006. He will be sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and many friends. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at **St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church**, 97 Burcher Road, Ajax on Friday April 7, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 905-428-8488.

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# Ajaciens Cruwys, Walker and Black take the stage in Shoestring Performers play

By Christy Chase  
Staff Editor

**DURHAM** — An all-woman cast will take to the stage this spring as Durham Shoestring Performers present the modern classic, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, by Spanish playwright Federico Garcia Lorca.

A cast of about 20 women, directed by local theatre veteran Judith Edmondson is busy rehearsing the 75-minute play, set in Spain, about a woman who, when her husband dies, announces a traditional eight years of mourning much to the concern of her five daughters.

The woman, Bernarda Alba, is very traditional and a bit of a tyrant, Edmondson said.

"She has five unmarried daughters, one of whom is the daughter of her first husband," Edmondson said.

The daughters, the oldest of whom is 39, aren't allowed outside beyond the house's courtyard. The daughters want to find love and freedom and their passions, which can't be suppressed by their mother. Their emotions spill out in

anger and jealousy.

The women are shut up in the house because of tradition. The set is very stark, much like a prison, to emphasize this, Edmondson said.

She sees the play, with its young women straining against and imprisoned by tradition, as symbolizing what was happening in Spain at the time, in the leadup to a bloody civil war. The play is a modern translation, by Emily Mann, of Lorca's drama written in 1936, just before the war began. The poet, artist, actor, lecturer and playwright was politically aware and made no secret of his sympathy for liberal politics. This, plus his homosexuality, made him a target for the right-wing, insurrectionist fascist movement which arrested and executed him in August 1936, in the early days of the war. This play, his last, was not presented in Spain until 1964.

"It's not a comedy," Edmondson said, adding it's suitable for teens.

The cast includes Ajaciens Rachel Cruwys as one of the daughters, Mae Walker as a servant, and JoAnna Black

as a villager/mourner. The play opened March 31 and runs April 5, 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. at the Arts Resource Centre behind City Hall in downtown Oshawa.

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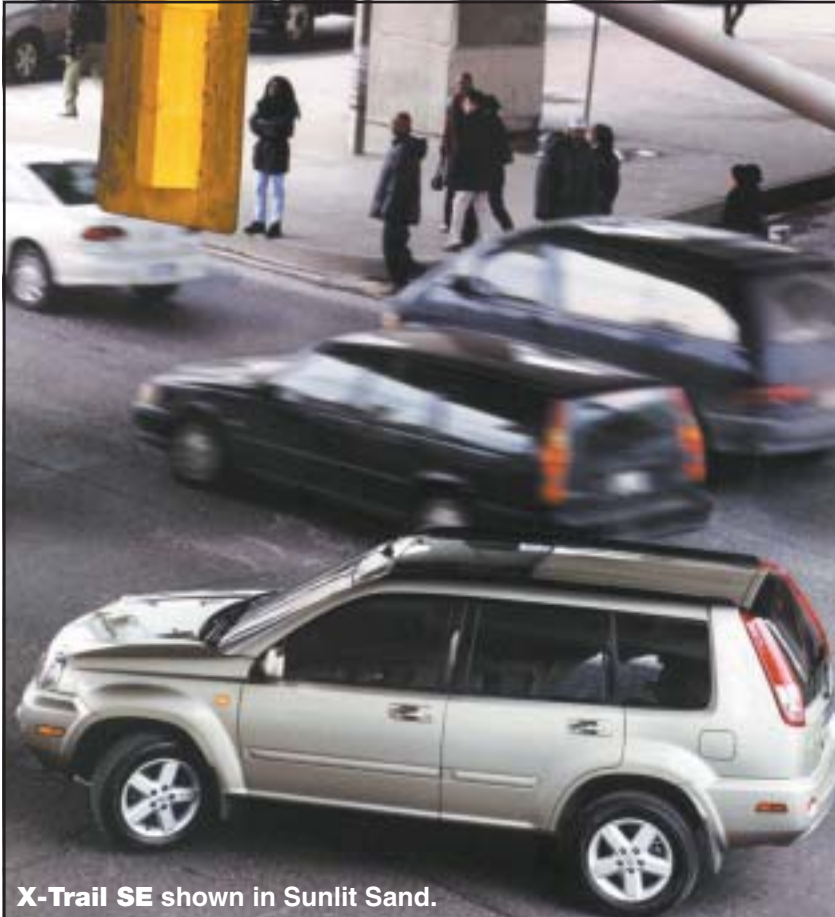
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