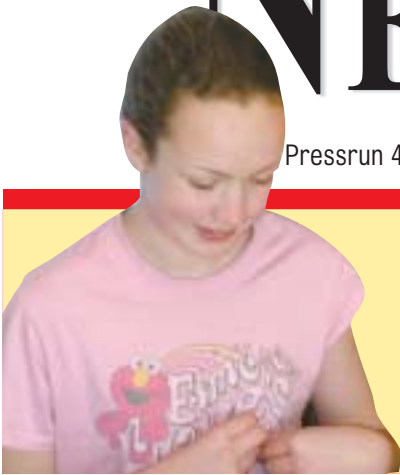


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PICKERING — Alex Boyd was out with his brother Andrew and grandmother Kathy Boyd for a game of tennis this week. The family was sharpening its game at the Dunmoore courts on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Team approach to health care in Pickering

Province designates west Durham for new collaborative setup

By **Danielle Milley**
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Health care in Ajax and Pickering has received another boost from the Province.

The Ministry of Health on April 6 designated west Durham as one of 50 new family health teams in the province. The latest announcement brings the total to 150, which was the government's goal.

Family Health Teams are the first point of contact in the health-care system and include doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dietitians, physician specialists, social workers, health educators, mental health workers and other health-care providers. These interdisciplinary teams work together to provide better access to

24-hour care.

Dr. Howard Petroff, chief of family practice at the Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS), which includes the Ajax-Pickering hospital, led the application for designation.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for our communities to move forward," he said. "I was quite happy the ministry selected our area as one of the sites that would benefit from a family health team."

The first family health teams were announced last April and a second wave was added in December 2005. The government is hoping once all the teams are up and running they will improve access to health services for more than 2.5 million Ontarians.

The process of getting together a group of people to work towards a family health team designation was long and involved, Dr. Petroff

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Province 'recognized need' in Ajax and Pickering

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said. The application had the support of both the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax, as well as the RVHS administration.



Hume Martin

"We are very pleased with the designation of the family health team," said Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan. "It, combined with the commitment to the expansion of the Ajax-Pickering hospital, shows that the Province has recognized the need in Durham and in particular Ajax

and Pickering." Hume Martin, RVHS president and chief executive officer, was also pleased.

"We think this is one of the most important initiatives we have been working on for the past couple of years," he said.

Dr. Petroff said there are several advantages to a family health team.

"The benefit the family health team can provide is it expands on the service the family physician already gives to their patients," he said.

"By being able to have other professionals involved, it enables people to get care from different sources within the same team... It doesn't replace the care given by family physicians, but it allows us to utilize the skill set of others to

allow us to do our work more efficiently."

Mr. Martin also hopes the designation will help ease the doctor shortage in the area.

"It will attract additional family

physicians to the area," he said, adding younger physicians like to practise in groups so this option would appeal to them.

Dr. Petroff said that is a possibility.

"Maybe we'll be able to make a small dent in that," he said.

Their next step is to do a business model.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said.

Finance committee pushes accelerated GM tax break

Recommends council drop large class in 2007

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham's large industrial tax class could be eliminated sooner than originally planned if regional council accepts a recommendation by the finance and administration committee.

The committee passed a motion this week stating that in order for General Motors in Oshawa to incorporate into its business case for new products, and as a signal of support to the auto sector, finance staff has been directed to set the ratio for the Region's large industrial tax class as the same as the industrial tax class,



Jim Clapp

starting in 2007. Durham council will vote on it Wednesday.

A motion to eliminate the large industrial class in 2006 was lost at council March 29, but it had been referred back to the committee to investigate its harmonization with the industrial class in 2007.

GM had expressed urgency in the elimination of the tax as it is pursuing a designation as the plant to build a new Camaro. A new product would mean a complete modernization of the car plant.

The strategic property tax plan originally would have seen the elimination of the large class by 2008.

Finance commissioner Jim Clapp made a presentation to

committee about the impact of the harmonization of the industrial classes in 2007. He urged the finance committee to consider reviewing the large class in 2007 and to not commit to setting it the same as the industrial class in 2007.

"This is not an anti-GM presentation," Mr. Clapp said. "The resolution before you says, 'do it in '07.' My plea to you is consider it in '07.'"

The impact of getting rid of the large class will not only apply to GM but to all businesses in that class. He pointed out that transit and the Region's seven-year transit phase-in plan would also be affected as a result. It will also have effects on planned reductions for multi-residential and farmland taxpayers, on matching provincial education taxes, and settlements on outstanding appeals.

"In '07, hopefully we will have more cards to play with," Mr. Clapp said.

"If GM is really going to make this decision then I think it is appropriate we offer as much as we can," Regional Chairman Roger Anderson said.

He said three weeks ago he was comfortable with the harmonization in 2008, but his view had changed.

"I hope (the motion) carries the way it is and GM can go to Detroit and come back with a car," Mr. Anderson said.

Oshawa Councillor Brian Nicholson said he would prefer the harmonization in 2006 but would accept 2007 as the bare minimum.

"I have a grave concern that 2008 would send a negative message," Mr. Nicholson said.

He added he was sure when the large industrial class is harmonized the Region will see growth in businesses that had held themselves back because of the tax implications.

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Regional budget talks roll along

Pickering residents face \$71 hike, in Ajax it's \$81

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham residents are facing an increase to their regional tax bills of between \$53 and \$125, depending on where they live.

An increase of 2.75 per cent, or \$50 on the average home (\$280,000), plus transit costs was approved at the committee level Wednesday.

The Region's general budget came in at 2.75 per cent after one per cent was applied from the rate stabilization fund. The tax increase for transit varies by municipality, with percentages ranging from a high of 4.17 per cent in Brooklin to a low of 0.19 per cent in Uxbridge.

The combined tax increase, if approved by council on April 19, will be between 2.94 and 6.92 per cent.

Transit talk consumed nearly all of the budget talks Wednesday and took some councillors by surprise.

"The numbers are high," Whitby Councillor Gerry Emm said.

However the transit budget did come in at the council recommended \$24.9 million.

Transit general manager Ted Galinis said it was a challenge to take transit from mu-

nicipalities across the region and work them into a budget of \$24.9 million. But in the end he had what he felt was a good proposal for the committee.

The budget included money for a number of new staff, service improvements, and new buses.

Forty-three buses inherited by the Region are 18 years old and need to be replaced.

"We have some buses in our fleet that, quite frankly, they don't even make parts for anymore," Mr. Galinis said.

Still, some were not pleased with the numbers. When the Region began talking of amalgamating transit it was not supported by Whitby council. The program the Totten, Simms, Hubicki consulting firm brought forward in 2004 was not a good deal for Whitby, Coun. Emm said.

"For the amount of cost to implement, it was better to provide our system and co-ordinate it with other municipalities," he said.

Debate continued into the afternoon over 'tax room' or the dollar difference between local municipal budgets pre- and post-regional transit. Discussion centred around how it translated into the final transit numbers for 2006, and whether or not it was there for the municipalities to use or for the Region to apply to transit.



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Farmers make a statement

DURHAM — Farmers were out Thursday across southern Ontario to protest the low prices for their products. The action took them to the Sobeys Distribution Centre in Whitby where they were blocking the main entrance, stopping every 15 minutes to let a few trucks through their barricade.



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Internet luring topic of upcoming workshops

Education
key to safety,
psychologist says

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Protecting children from sexual predators and other perils of the Internet is the subject of a series of seminars taking place throughout Durham Region.

Presented by the Durham Family Court Clinic, the seminars for parents and caregivers will outline the uses children make of the Internet and the dangers associated with it.

"To kids now the Internet is part of their lives; cyberspace is part of their world," said Barrie psychologist Peter Marshall, who will conduct the workshops.

"Cyberspace should be seen as another part of the community," Dr. Marshall said. "Just as kids are protected out in the community, they should be protected in cyberspace."

The workshops will outline the workings of the Internet, with special focus on the forums, including chatrooms and messaging programs which young people use to communicate with each other.

Dr. Marshall will also discuss the pedophiles who target children and offer suggestions as to how parents can be aware of what their children are doing while online, as well as ways to communicate with kids about staying safe.

"One of the very basic steps is that parents need to get themselves educated," Dr. Marshall said. "You cannot communicate with your child about a topic if you know nothing about it."

Upcoming workshops are taking place in Bowmanville and Whitby April 18; at the Greenbank United Church April 25; in Whitby and Ajax May 1 and in Lindsay May 9. For more information on times and locations consult the website www.dfcc.org under Current News or call 905-436-6754.

Pitch in and help give Pickering a makeover

PICKERING — The City is looking for help to give Pickering a makeover.

The City is joining other GTA municipalities on April 21 in asking residents, schools, community groups and businesses to roll up their sleeves as part of the 20-Minute Pickering Makeover challenge and help clean up litter around the community.

To make it easy to participate, gloves and special biodegradable litterbags are available for pick up at all participating Tim Hortons and Pizza Pizza locations in Pickering. Supplies are also available at the Pickering Civic Complex, the Pickering Recreation Complex and all branches of the Pickering library.

Last year there were almost 8,000 participants in

Pickering.

"It was an amazing collaborative effort," said Chantal Whitaker, co-ordinator of environmental awareness programs. "The makeover is a great way to celebrate the upcoming Earth Day and we hope this year even more schools, community groups and businesses get on board."

Businesses, schools and community groups are encouraged to register for the 20-Minute Pickering Makeover by calling the customer care centre at 1-877-420-4666. This will allow City staff to deliver cleanup supplies and haul away the litter. Individual residents may simply place their bagged litter out with their regular household garbage on their regular collection day.

Diabetes support meeting in Pickering

DURHAM — The Ajax-Pickering Diabetes Support Group meets Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Petticoat Creek Library and Community Centre.

It's for people living with diabetes in Durham Region. The guest is registered nutritionist Evelyn Arbour, who discusses, 'Nutrition 101 for Diabetes.'

Shoppers Drug Mart and other businesses are setting up a number of display tables for attendees.

The library and community centre are located at 470 Kingston Rd. in Pickering.

All are welcome. Admission is free. To reserve a spot, call Barbara Lorne at 905-725-4226 or 905-441-3364.



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DURHAM — University of Ontario Institute of Technology facilities manager Ken Bright led a tour last week of more than 40 dignitaries from 21 countries. The guests were getting a look at UOIT's geothermal well-field while in Toronto for Post Globe 2006, an international environment partnering forum.

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Heat, gas prices help push electricity rates up in Ajax, Pickering

By Jennifer Stone
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The only way not to feel the heat from the electricity bill may be to turn off the air conditioner this summer.

The Ontario Energy Board announced new prices Wednesday that will see some Durham residents' bills rise by just more than eight per cent beginning May 1, which some say may encourage conservation.

For the typical 1,000 kilowatt hours a month used by a Veridian customer in Ajax, Clarington, Pickering and Uxbridge, the combined change to distribution and commodity rates should mean an 8.2 per cent increase, annualized, said George Armstrong, of Veridian. In Port Hope, the increase will be

the highest in the Veridian distribution area, at 12.3 per cent.

"That takes an average monthly bill of \$100 to \$117," in Ajax, Clarington, Pickering and Uxbridge, he said.

The jump in commodity rates is a result of a number of factors, said a news release from the OEB, which, in part, blames last summer's heat for a wide variation between the forecast cost of power and the prices set, and the actual cost that resulted. Not only that, but low water levels meant reduced power output from Ontario's hydroelectric plants, which meant purchasing more expensive power from elsewhere. And higher-than-anticipated prices for natural gas, which is used to generate electricity, also contributed to the variance.

The other half of the jump is blamed on forecast prices for this year.

Prices for most residential users will increase, effective May 1, to 5.8 cents, up from five cents per kilowatt hour, for the first 600 hours from May to October, and the first 1,000 kilowatt hours from November to April. After those thresholds, the price rises to 6.7 cents per kilowatt hour. The change not only increases price, but reduces the threshold at which prices jump.

The combination of higher prices and the reduction of the threshold "will provide the customer with the incentive to use less electricity during those summer months," said Mr. Armstrong, noting Veridian will be participating in a number of programs, including the Ontario Power

Authority's Every Kilowatt Counts, to encourage customers to conserve. Through that program, Veridian will be issuing, through mail, coupons for items like air-conditioning tune ups, energy efficient products and the like.

There is a real need for conservation, Energy Minister Donna Cansfield said Tuesday.

"It isn't just a matter of putting up some big plant, turning on the lights, and the rest, who cares about? It's a commodity, and a very expensive commodity ... how do we use it in the best possible way?" she said, during a conference call with reporters.

For those customers concerned about budgeting for the higher rates, Mr. Armstrong reminds them of the equal billing plan his company of-

fers.

"We really do encourage people to take advantage of our equal payment plan. What really does have an impact is the after summer bills and the after-winter bills ... the (equal payment plan) really helps customers with their budgets," he said.

Distribution rates were also altered by the change, with a number of power providers getting permission to change their charges. Veridian, for example, was granted the ability to harmonize rates across much of the area for which it provides power. The result, for the typical 1,000 kilowatt hour per month customer, was a 0.4 per cent decrease for Ajax, Pickering, Clarington and Uxbridge, and a 3.3 per cent increase for Port Hope, said Mr. Armstrong.



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A jump in his step

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Region should cut tax class in 2007

Given a chance to exercise some sober second thought, regional council should do the right thing and eliminate its large industrial tax class by 2007.

That's the recommendation that came out of the Region's finance committee, and it will head to a vote shortly at Regional Council. Urgency is of the essence because Durham's largest employer, General Motors, is under tremendous stress in its effort to make a winning bid to bring further vehicle production to Durham in 2008.

GM Canada, which will see Plant 2 close and, with it, some 3,500 workers laid off in 2008, wants to make sure a flex plant is built here and automobile production extends beyond 2008. To ensure Plant No. 1 -- reborn as a flex manufacturing facility -- keeps on churning out top-quality products and to guarantee it maintains employment for thousands of workers, every edge is necessary. The decision about where to put the flex plant will be made this summer and GM Canada representatives need all the tools they can get their hands on to present the most competitive bid. To that end, the large industrial tax is an impediment that simply makes GM less competitive against American and foreign-based auto plants.

Council recently decided to cut back by a year the termination of the large industrial tax, from 2009 to 2008, but voted against dropping it in 2006. However, a move to drop it in 2007 apparently is welcomed by GM Canada as a sign the Region is on board in supporting GM. And a compromise sure beats the alternative of refusing to budge from 2008. GM can be assured that, well before new production starts here in 2008, the large industrial tax will be eliminated. GM will still be paying its fair share of taxes, tens of millions a year, but what is more crucial is maintaining job levels in Durham. That's true not just of GM, but also with all the supplier plants in Durham dependent on GM contracts for their survival.

To make sure Durham gets this facility, absolutely critical to GM's future in this country, senior levels of government need to offer incentives to make doing business here competitive, and the Region must do what it can as well.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unelected chairman has too much influence

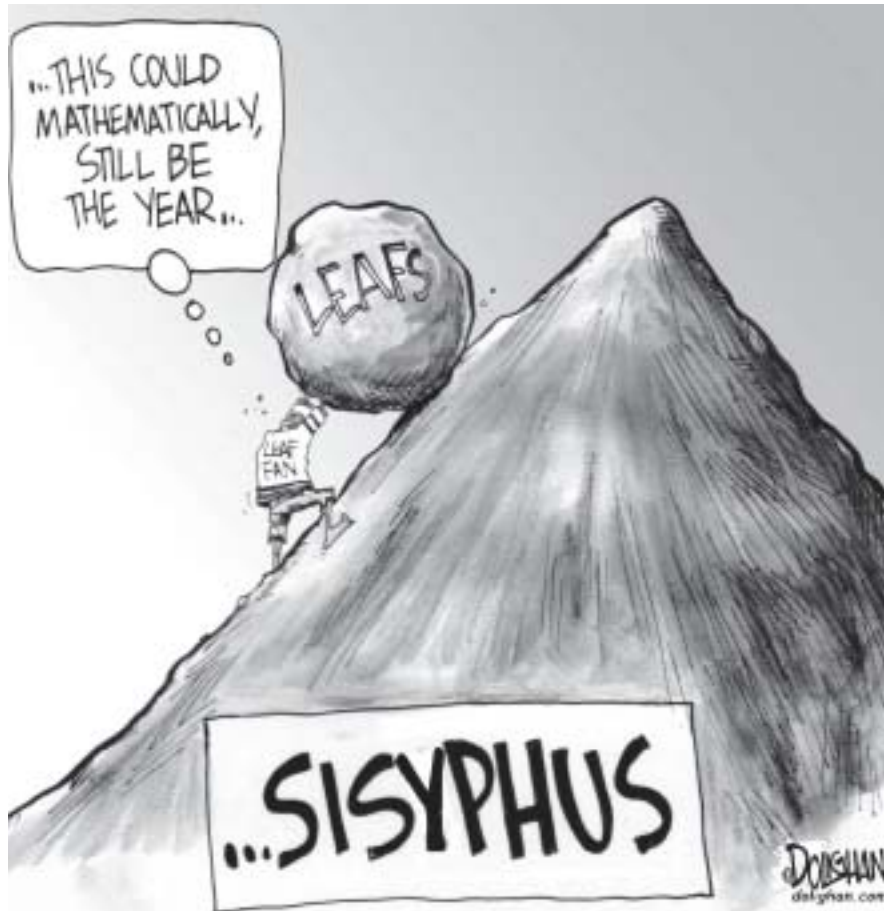
To the editor:
Re: 'Anti-Anderson campaign gets personal,' letter to the editor, April 8.

A majority of citizens in Durham care about how our tax monies are used. Shareholders of large corporations have a say in who their chairperson is. The Region absorbs millions in tax dollars and we must demand a say in who administers the money. Does Mr. Anderson realize who pays his exorbitant salary? This is not democracy. At Ajax council recently, he once again reiterated the fact that his position is "non-political." So why is he allowed to attend every subcommittee, comment on same, make motions and vote? This privilege is not even available to our elected councillors. How non-political is that?

With so many dire predictions regarding pandemics, why has our associate medical officer of health, Dr. Donna Reynolds, moved on after achieving so much? She, along with Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham's medical officer of health, were heavily involved in containing SARS. What or who provoked her to leave? Why was a more concerted effort not made to change her mind? Is someone running interference at the Region? Will we ever know what really happened?

More public input is needed and selecting a people's chairman in a free election would be a good start.

John Haste
Ajax



Time to say bye bye crackberry

Meetings a time for open debate, attention to detail

Crackberry — that is what my best friend calls the cellphone/e-mail wireless handheld contraption she is never without.

Her personal digital assistant, or PDA, she said, is like a drug. "When you aren't on it you are thinking about it." She needs to quit that thing -- but she has a very important job and does big important things and the cellphone helps her.

Unfortunately, it is taking over her life. She called me last week with news she recently enrolled in an e-mail in-box management course. You have got to be kidding me; the course is like AA for e-mail. It helps reduce the urge to always be e-mailing.

The uncontrollable connection with her phone and the people on the other end had become more than she could handle.

The handheld has consumed my best friend and I fear they are also taking over the democratic process. Committee and council meetings at the Region of Durham are inundated with the machines. When first attending meetings, I thought how strange it was so many councillors were dozing off, their heads hung in what appeared to be a quiet slumber. And then I realized they were simply looking down and discreetly e-mailing.

Are they talking to each other? Sending notes about motions, doctoring deals of some kind, and what effect does that have on the democratic process we as Canadians hold so high?

If the councillors want to communicate during meetings, shouldn't it be out loud



Erin Hatfield
staff writer

in a free and open manner? And if they aren't talking to each other, then doesn't that mean they aren't paying attention to what is going on in the meeting?

More importantly, if these councillors choose to not pay attention, is it fair for them to distract others, like me, with incessant e-mailing? Not all, but most, fiddle and flip with the machines. They get dropped on the floor and passed to one another. The things buzz against the tables, they set static off on the microphones. But my, they are so convenient.

Their praise I sing on a weekly basis when I need to touch base with someone from the Region. A call is placed to their office and the always polite and pleasant receptionists routinely offer to shoot the councillors a note.

Still, my proposition is these oh-so-convenient, but still so annoying, devices should not be in use during meetings. It is time some etiquette was established around their usage. To start, the crackberry should be left outside the meeting room doors.

Erin Hatfield's column appears every third Sunday. E-mail ehatfield@durhamregion.com.

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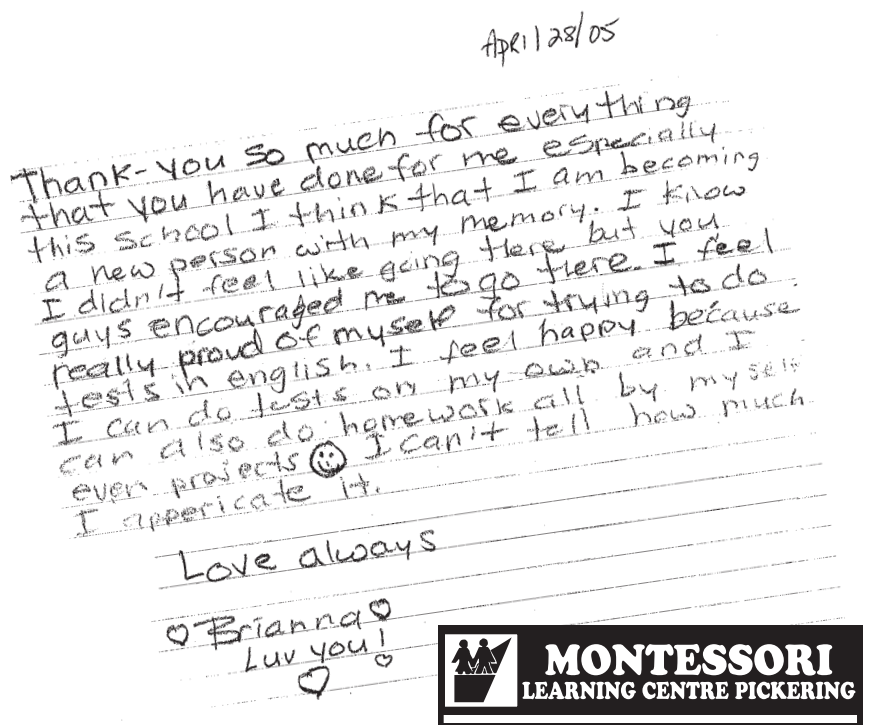
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Pickering girl has the write stuff for soldiers

Auriele Diotte honours troops

By Crystal Crimi
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A Pickering student's attempt to turn sadness into thanks is capturing the attention of soldiers overseas.

Since Auriele Diotte's class began studying the Second World War, she's been working on Canadian Armed Forces Encouragement (CAFE) Day, a project to honour soldiers serving the country today.

"I didn't want to wait until (they died) to thank them, I wanted to thank them while they were still with us," said Auriele.

For the CAFE Day project, Auriele has been collecting pictures and letters from classes at Holy Redeemer Catholic School to send to members of the country's armed forces. Since she started in March, the concept has spread to military schools, politicians, and others across the country.

The idea for CAFE Day began after Auriele shared with her father her thoughts about being upset over the Second World War and the treatment of Jewish people.

"My teacher said something about history repeating itself and that got me think-



Crystal Crimi / News Advertiser photo Auriele Diotte, a Grade 8 student at Holy Redeemer Catholic School, and her father Michael look at some of the submissions for Canadian Armed Forces Encouragement (CAFE) Day. The project collects pictures and letters to be sent to Canadian soldiers to show that they have our support.

ing, what would happen if the same thing that happened in World War Two happened today?" she said. "When my dad came home, we talked about how to turn a negative thought into a positive."

Her father, Michael Diotte, said when Auriele went to bed that night, he stayed up and wrote some ideas about what they could do to make her feel better, resulting in the class picture and note

project. From there, it blossomed to include her whole school and found its way into the Sault Star newspaper, where Auriele's grandmother is a Legion member. Through contact with local politicians and the creation of a website by a family friend, CAFE Day caught the attention of people across the country and has received radio, television and newspaper attention.

"Within a three-week period, it was over 1,000 hits on the website," said Mr. Diotte. The family also received about 60 e-mails, about a dozen from troops and military personnel, some currently stationed in Afghanistan.

Other people are also jumping on board, such as churches and people who heard about the project and want to show their emotional support for Canadian soldiers as well.

"I never thought it would go as far as it did; I thought it would just be a little thing," said Auriele.

She's also received feedback about the effectiveness of CAFE Day from military members.

"It makes me feel really happy I made a difference about the way people think about each other and what the troops are doing in Afghanistan and think about how they can make the

troops' lives better," she said.

One of the letters she received is from soldier in Shilo, Man., who has friends serving in Afghanistan.

"To be honest, we in the military quite often feel unappreciated and misunderstood by Canadians, so your efforts are doubly appreciated," he wrote.

Along with the media attention she's been getting, Auriele was also recently recognized during Parliament when she was a guest in Otta-

wa of Pickering-Scarborough East MP Dan McTeague.

A scrapbook created with submissions from her school and from members of the church the Diottes attend was mailed April 10, to be distributed to members of the country's armed forces. Auriele also proposes Canadians celebrate CAFE Day annually on the first day of spring to celebrate Canadian troops.

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Pickering Rotary gets artistic in support of new centre

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The Rotary Club of Pickering is throwing its support behind an arts centre for west Durham.

The club is helping organize a benefit for the Durham West Arts Centre, with the evening planned for J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate on May 27. The event will feature songs and dance from performers representing all facets of the local multicultural community.

"The many diverse Cana-

dian communities are represented on the benefit's organizing committee and are in full support of the building of a performing arts centre," said Muttukumaru Chandrakumaran, Rotarian and benefit co-chairman.

The committee is still looking for performers, and sponsors; groups have until April 25 to sign up.

The Rotary Club has been supportive of DWAC since its inception, including helping with its Trillium grant application. Mr. Chandrakumaran

said it's important to have a local venue so groups can perform close to home as opposed to putting on their shows in other communities, such as Markham or Toronto. As well, that money is leaving the local economy.

Benefit co-chairman Tim Dobson said there is an overwhelming need for such a facility here. "The centre, as envisioned, will be a great benefit to the community in Ajax-Pickering area. We don't have a professional venue for people to perform," he said.

"It provides a focal point for our local performers."

Mr. Chandrakumaran said while the benefit won't make a large dent in the estimated \$20-million price tag of the project, the hope is it will raise awareness and get different communities involved.

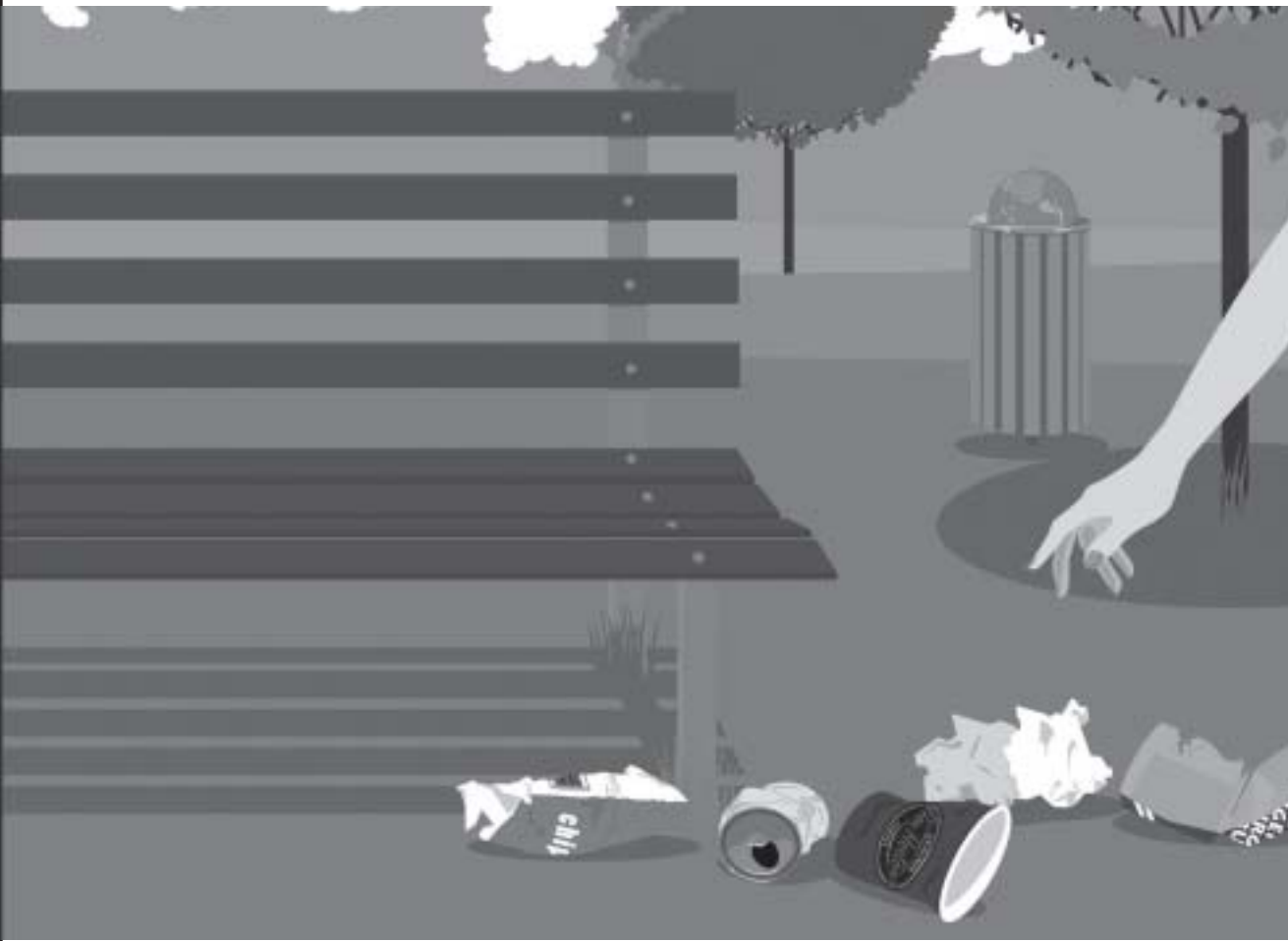
"This is the start; once we lay the foundation, each community can do their own program and raise money," he said.

The benefit begins at 6:30 p.m. with three hours of entertainment planned,

including Irish, Scottish and Sri Lankan dancing. J. Clarke is at 1355 Harwood Ave. N., in Ajax. Tickets are \$10. For more information or

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Wetherup making an impact on the links down south

Junior at University of Hartford excelling at the NCAA level

By Shawn Cayley

OSHAWA -- The University of Hartford Hawks golf program lucked out when Dustin Wetherup chose to enroll at the West Hartford, Connecticut school.

Wetherup, now a junior at Hartford, is coming off quite a successful season with the Hawks judging by the numbers. However, he doesn't exactly see it that way.

"Well, it was all right I guess," he says of his impressions on the past golf season. "I had some good tournaments, but there were too many times where I wasn't happy with how I shot, I had a couple of rounds in the '80's, so I know I could have done better."

Those are some pretty reserved words for a guy who captured his first NCAA Division I tournament, a MacDonald Cup event in October of 2005, shot a career best 66 during a round at the McLaughlin earlier in the season, had three top-10 and five top-21 finishes for the season and was the only Hawks golfer to win an event.

The 21-year-old has his sights set on improving his game further for next season with the hopes of putting up even better results.

"That's my goal," he says. "I just want to keep getting better each time out, be a little more consistent and hopefully pick up a few more wins."

So, in his eyes, how does he go about doing so?

"I need to improve on my mental approach to the game," he says of his most evident flaw. "That is the toughest part of the game -- keeping your head in it. What I need to do is just relax

and do a better job of focusing." By that he isn't only referring to focus on the links, but also in the classroom as he has found the adjustment to such a hectic schedule to be more difficult than he thought.

"It's been tough at times," he admits. "It is a busier schedule than I have been used to. It is a little bit of a hectic lifestyle juggling class and travelling around the country for all the events, but over the last couple of years I

have just learned to deal with it." That was evidently clear at the MacDonald's Cup at Yale Golf Course as Wetherup ran roughshod through the entire field, shooting back-to-back rounds of 67 en route to his first tournament victory, which was something he was quite proud of.

"It was a pretty awesome feeling," Wetherup says of winning the event. "My parents drove down eight hours to watch me play and I pretty much ran away

with the tournament, so it was really special."

After such a successful year, what does the future hold for this bright up and comer?

Well, he isn't exactly sure yet. "We'll have to see how the next couple of years go with school," he says. "I hope to continue to make progress, but I guess the PGA would be my ultimate goal."

One way or another, Wetherup seems to have greener pastures on the horizon.



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Gillespie, Maunder back on Canadian Tour

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Oshawa's Derek Gillespie, 27, and Whitby' Eddie Maunder, 28, are still trying to work their way up the professional ranks after several years playing mostly on home soil.

This season, Gillespie has entered three Canadian Tour events and has made two cuts, good for \$1,954 in earnings and 44th spot in the Order of Merit. His best finish was 18th at the Northern California Classic.

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Eastdale takes LOSSA golf title

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Patte finished two strokes ahead of Courtice Secondary School's Tim Lew (76-75) and six ahead of Eastdale teammate Mike Oudyk (79-76).

Not surprisingly, Eastdale also won the boys' team title.

Pickering's Dunbarton High

School finished second and Port Perry High School third in the boys' team standings.

On the girls' side, Courtice's Addi McLaren (77) won the individual title, followed by O'Neill Collegiate's Alex Leask (83) and Bowmanville High School's Lauren Bowerman-Ritchie (85).



TOP SHOOTERS

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DURHAM -- Some of the best young golfers from around the Durham Region competed at the 2005 LOSSA golf championships that were staged at Royal Ashburn. Included in the competitive field were, clockwise from top left: Tim Lew of Courtice Secondary School, Geoff Maltese of Pickering and Jay Finley of Paul Dwyer .



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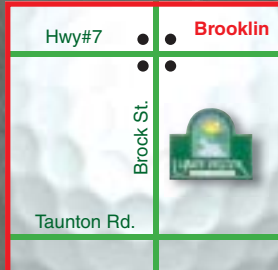
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Ryan Szewerda earns Canadian Tour Card for 2006

Seagrave resident says turning pro is an 'amazing feeling'

By Shawn Cayley

SEAGRAVE -- Ryan Szewerda is on tour. The Canadian Tour that is. Thanks to a solid performance at the Canadian Fall Qualifying School event held at Royal Ashburn Golf Club in Whitby, Szewerda has earned his non-exempt tour card for the 2006 season.

"It is a pretty amazing feeling," he said of his accomplishment. "This isn't something I thought would ever happen. When I first picked up the game, I thought it would just be for fun. It still is for fun, but now I am a pro."

In earning his card, the Seagrave resident shot a four-round total of 298, 10-over-par for the course. After back-to-back 74's on days one and two, his highlight came on the third day with a one-over 73 before he faltered just a little on the final day with a 77.

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The top-10 golfers earned full exempt cards, something Szewerda missed by three strokes. But even with the non-exempt card, Szewerda should see plenty of action on the tour this year.

"For the most part I was pretty happy with the way I played," stated the 22-year-old. "But the most important part is that I got my card, which is what I set out to do."

With no guarantees of obtaining his card heading into Q-school, Szewerda had a back-up plan. He entered the tournament with his amateur status still intact -- one of only eight players to do so -- for fear he may not have placed high enough to acquire his card.

Though he qualified in the end, had he relinquished his amateur standing and not placed high enough to garner his card, Szewerda's golfing options would have been limited for the 2006 season, which would have been a huge blow to his development.

"I kept the A (amateur status) because I didn't want to close any doors," he says. "Had I dropped it (the card) and not placed high enough, it would have taken me upwards of two years to regain amateur status, and when you're

caught in that predicament, not a whole lot of options exist in terms of places to play golf."

Embarking on a professional career is a huge step for the Durham College grad, who in his final season with the Lords golf team looked as though he was on this very road to success.

Last season, Szewerda was a standout helping the Lords to an OCAA team gold medal, then a silver medal at the CCAA championships. He also was named co-athlete of the year, and along the way was chosen MVP of the golf team, beating OCAA indi-

vidual champion Tyler Martin, which was quite a feat. Throughout the season, Szewerda constantly posted scores near the even-par mark, and carded the best single round of the year for the Lords with a 68 in the sixth event of the season.

With his pro career now a reality, Szewerda looks at gaining his Canadian Tour card as the first stepping stone in reaching his ultimate goal: a PGA tour card, which many others including Mike Weir and Stephen Ames have done.

"This is the first step in a very

long road to getting onto the PGA tour," he admits.

"But I am looking forward to every challenge that I am presented with."

The biggest challenge, according to Szewerda, is fighting that battle from within.

"The biggest problem with my game is the mental aspect of it. I tend to over-think too often. If I can get that under control, then I'll be OK," he said.

With all the physical tools, should he win that battle from within, there is no telling how successful Szewerda might be.



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Good to May 31 2006

Dave Mills watches the PGA with interest now that his son is on it

GAO boss proud of son Jon's achievements

By Shawn Cayley

UXBRIDGE -- As the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Ontario, Dave Mills has seen plenty of success on the links in his time to make him proud.

Many golfers he has had the pleasure of working with over the years have excelled at the junior level, while some have advanced to acquire NCAA scholarships and others have even made it to the Canadian and Nationwide Tours.

His proudest moment, however, is to experience as not only the Executive Director of the GAO, but also as a father.

You see, Mills is the father of Jon Mills, who earned his Professional Golf Association Tour card for the 2006 season.



Jon Mills

"I am so happy for Jon and his wife for what they have accomplished," said the proud father. "It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication for Jon to get to where he is now and I would be lying if I said me and my wife weren't just as happy for him as he is for himself."

The elder Mills has a pretty good eye for golf talent, but it wasn't until near the end of 2005 that he really considered Jon a threat to make the jump to the PGA.

"When Jon was younger I wouldn't say it (making it to the PGA) was something I thought would happen for him," recalled Mills. "I always knew he was a great junior golfer, but he has continued to improve each year and here he is."

So what kind of influence did dad have in son making it professionally?

"Not much really," he said. "I have always said it

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Dave Mills

comes down to talent and ability which has always been there for Jon. If anything, I would like to think by providing a great support group over the years that as a family we have done our part to contribute to his success."

That support group Mills refers to is something he prides himself on in his work with the GAO.

"We strive to provide that support from the grassroots right up on through to the PGA," said Mills. "We have moved several golfers throughout the years onto golf scholarships in the NCAA and we think that is a big reason for it."

Two of those graduates include his sons Jon (Kent State University) and Jeff (Jacksonville University).

As the Executive Director, Mills is responsible for many tasks ranging from the scholarship programs to player development to golf industry issues.

Looking back over the last 20 years, seeing the success of the association and all the hours of work he has put in, Mills says he doesn't foresee the day when he retires.

"I still love what I am doing. I love the game of golf and everything that comes with it," he said. "As long as I love it, I'll be doing it."

It's safe to say that with Mills's hard work and commitment to the association that his son Jon won't be the last contribution to the PGA tour he makes.



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Dave Mills is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Ontario. He is also the father of Jon Mills, who earned his PGA tour card for the 2006 season.

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Looking back at the highlights

Mills, Gillespie miss Canadian Open cut

VANCOUVER -- Jon Mills is hoping the 2005 Bell Canadian Open doesn't offer an accurate preview of the 2006 PGA Tour season.

The 28-year-old former Brooklyn resident missed the cut at the lone Canadian event on the PGA Tour last year, held at the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver from Thursday to Sunday.

Mills, who is in his rookie season on the Tour this year thanks to his strong season on the Nationwide Tour, was granted an exemption to the Canadian Open, just as he had been every year since turning pro in 2001.

Mills sat at three-over-par after an opening round 73, which left him tied with world No. 2-ranked Vijay Singh, and finished seven-over after a carding a 74 Friday.

Oshawa's Derek Gillespie, a late invite after Dave Barr withdrew, also missed the cut, thanks mostly to a slow start and an opening round 78 Thursday. He followed up with a solid 72 Friday.

the front nine and had another on 11 and 16, the short par 3. Bogeys on 13 and 14 prevented Loughry from going really low, but those were irrelevant as he went on to win by seven shots.

"My goal was to hit a lot of greens today," said Loughry, "I just wanted to play up and down golf and let the putter do the rest."

Overnight co-leader Miles McMulkin of Toronto finished second after shooting 77. Public Player Championship rookie, Marcus Strom of Pickering, shot back-to-back 76's to place third.

Oshawa's Jordan Price finished in a tie for 10th with rounds of 81-78.

In other divisions, Nancy McConnell of Oshawa captured the women's title in what was a heated battle. Defending champion, Stephanie Simich of Mississauga put up a fight, but stumbled on the back nine. McConnell shot a 79, while runner up Simich, fired an 82. Jennifer Kuntz of Burlington finished third with an 83. In B Flight, David Little of Oshawa finished third, nine back of the lead following rounds of 75-80, Daniel Rideout was fifth with scores of 83-78 while Don Hutton of Bowmanville carded rounds of 79-83 to finish in a tie for sixth.

year veteran Stephanie Brown parred the first hole in a playoff to beat St. Clair's Michelle Charron and Georgian's Julie Van Every. All three finished the two rounds at 165.

Durham's Brittany Caldwell took advantage of the fact silver medals were given to both Charron and Van Every, as she was awarded a bronze after a two-day total of 171.

The women won their first-ever team title in convincing fashion.

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Loughry, McConnell victorious at Public Player Championship

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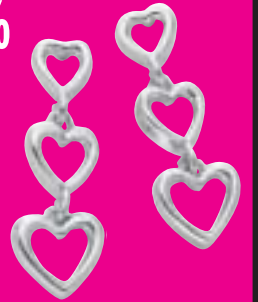
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UPCOMING

Ajax Men's Basketball Association play comes to a close Wednesday night with Team Blue playing Team Burgundy in the final at Ajax High School at 8:30 p.m.

'March'ing to big curling payday

Host Annandale team captures main event at Last Chance Bonspiel

By Jim Easson
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — The end of the curling season came with a nice monetary bonus for Tim March and his teammates at the annual Last Chance men's bonspiel at the Annandale Curling Club last weekend.

The March rink won the main event and \$500 by defeating another Annandale foursome, skipped by Sean Aune, in the final. For their troubles, the Aune rink picked up \$300.

Curling with March were Matt Pyne, Patrick Janssen and Tyler Anderson.

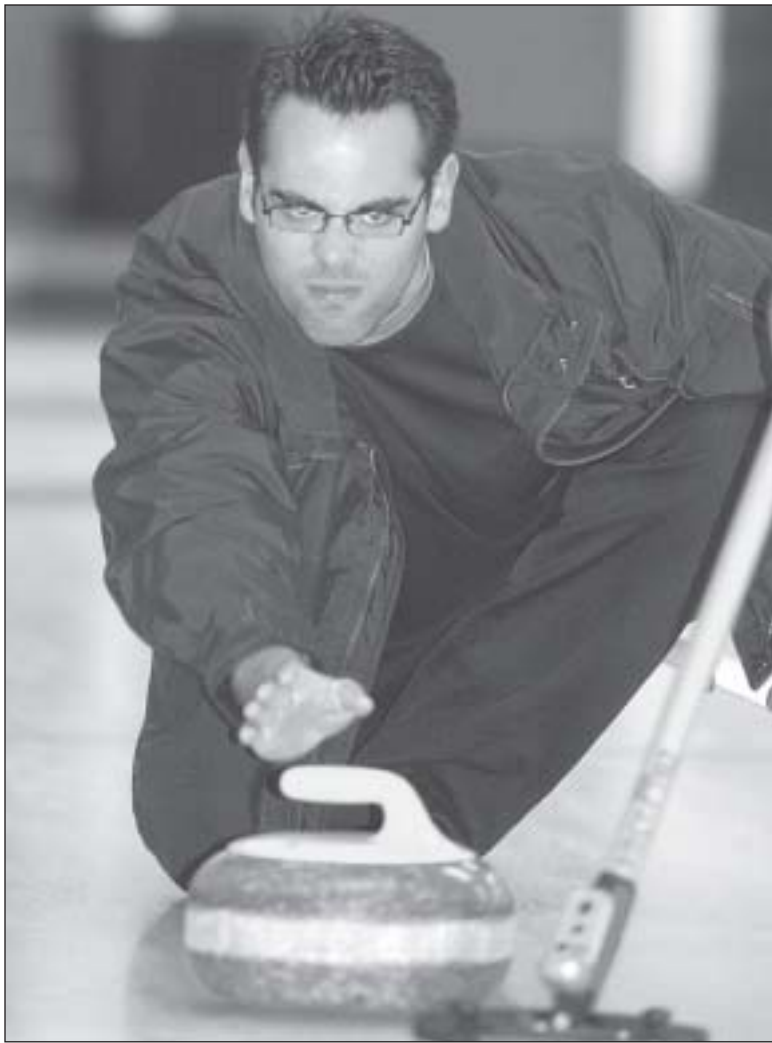
Meanwhile, Annandale's Carl Vickers' foursome captured the Second Event and earned \$250. Yet another Annandale rink, skipped by Warren Leslie, won the third event and \$225.

Following the Last Chance's final draw on Sunday afternoon, the ice was turned over to youth skaters, holding their closing banquet on Sunday afternoon. They had fun on the ice until the compressor was turned off later in the day.

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It was the end of an era when the Annandale Competitive Men's Club Championship playdowns finished on Tuesday, April 4.

For 40 consecutive seasons, Jack Rauch, of Jack's Rad, has sponsored the championship play, and this one was his last as he has sold the business and retired.



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Annandale skip Wayne Warren throws the winning rock to earn a 7-6 victory over another Annandale team. Warren and his teammates took part in the recent season-ending Last Chance Bonspiel at the club.

The Warren Leslie team, which included Alex Bianchi, Patrick Janssen and Tyler Anderson, won the main event prize. The normal front

end of the team, Jason March and Blair Metrakos, were away at the mixed provincials.

Prizes went to Barry Moylan as

main event runner-up, Chris Janssen captured the 'B' event, Scott Finkle won 'C', Glenn Bull took 'D', Doug Peterson won 'E', and John Breukes was victorious in the 'F' event.

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Metrakos and March teamed with two Uxbridge women to represent Annandale at the Ontario Provincial Mixed Finals last week. With March as skip, Susan Kovacs third, Metrakos at second, and Cindy McKnight the lead, the rink ended with a 2-6 record during the nine-team round-robin playdown at the Orangeville Curling Club.

The winning team represents Ontario at the 44th running of the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship. The 2007 edition is to be competed in Kitchener-Waterloo from Nov. 10 to 18.

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Olympian and Pickering resident Richard Hart, vice on Ontario champion Glenn Howard's rink, close out the 2005-2006 curling season at the Calgary Herald Men's Players Championship at the Calgary Corral, which ends today, Sunday, April 16. Hart and Howard, along with Brent Laing and Craig Savill, are playing for a share of the \$150,000 purse.

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The Annandale Afternoon Ladies' League held its closing banquet on April 4. Pins and their names on the trophy go to each of the two session-winning team players. The first session winners were Lisa Puddephatt, Diane Lalonde, Linda Kells and Nancy Campbell. League winners in the second session were Wendy Retz, Marion Taylor, Laurette Glanzmann and Diane Gottschalk.

Sports briefs

APRIL 16, 2006

[Soccer]

Pumas strong but upset in playoffs

PICKERING — The Pine Ridge Secondary School Pumas girls' soccer teams fared well at the Queen's Avidal High School Indoor Soccer Invitational Tournament in Kingston last weekend.

The senior girls' squad posted a 5-0 record during round-robin play to win its pool in the 32-team tournament. Pine Ridge, however, was knocked out in the quarter-finals by losing to St. Aloysius Gonzaga of Mississauga 3-1.

Bayside Secondary School eventually won the senior event with a 2-0 win over defending champion Gonzaga.

Meanwhile, Pine Ridge's junior team posted a 4-0-1 record in the round-robin, but was also defeated in the quarter-final. No score was reported.

[Baseball]

Robinson runs up Ks for Maine

AJAX — An Ajax resident and pitcher with the University of Maine Black Bears fell just short of a school record during a collegiate game against the University of Maryland Baltimore County Retrievers recently.

Scott Robinson, a senior pitcher with the Black Bears, struck out 16 batters in Maine's 9-4 victory over UMBC in America East baseball play. The 16 strikeouts were one short of tying the school record.

Robinson posted the complete-game victory and allowed four runs on 10 hits. He walked just one batter and struck out the last six batters of the game.

Robinson improved to 4-2 on the season.



Scott Robinson

Watt a bright light for Princeton Tigers women's hockey team

AJAX — An Ajax High School grad has pushed herself and the Princeton Tigers women's hockey team to new heights.

Laura Watt completed her junior season with the Tigers, helping Princeton win the Ivy League title for the first time in 14 years. The Tigers also finished second in the Eastern College Athletic

Conference (ECAC), just two points out of first. All told, the Tigers amassed 21 wins and made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament, losing in the quarter-finals to the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers.

This season, Watt was in her first full season after making the transition from forward to de-

fence. She landed on the blue line midway through the 2004-05 campaign after two defenders went down with injuries. She was the only unanimous selection to the Ivy League first all-star team, as well as being selected to the ECAC all-conference first team.

The Ajax resident is only the fifth player in Princeton history to

be named to the ECAC first team.

The former member of the Durham West Lightning junior hockey team has been selected team captain for the 2006-07 season.

Watt is in her third year of mechanical and aerospace engineering studies at the New Jersey campus.

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Pickering Athletic Centre trampoline and tumbling athletes fared well at the recent provincial championships in Toronto. In back row, from left, are Amanda Meirik, Alize Chandler, Rebecca Palen and Ashley Wells. In front row are Megan Bacci and Meghan Hering.

City club solid at championships

PICKERING — Pickering Athletic Centre trampolinists and tumblers fared well at the provincial championships at the Etobicoke Olympium in Toronto recently.

In the trampoline events, Megan Bacci finished third overall in the Provincial 'B' women eight-14 age category and Amanda Meirik was fourth in the Provincial 'C' women 14 category. Meghan Hering was fifth in the Provincial 'A' category.

Meanwhile, in the tumbling events, Alize Chandler, Rebecca Palen and Ashley Wells competed in the Provincial 1 senior women's category. Chandler finished fourth, with Palen sixth and Wells seventh.

The centre's trampoline coach is Jaime New and the tumbling coach is Serena Bono.

In centre gymnastics news, Samantha Smedley placed

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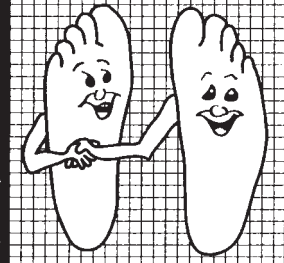
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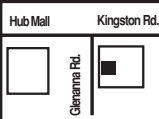
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