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Pickering asks Province for help

City needs \$2 million to fight backyard erosion

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Pickering is asking for the Province's help to prevent the further erosion of backyards into Amberlea Creek.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner introduced a motion at the May 8 council meeting to ask the min-

ister of public infrastructure renewal (PIR) for funding to rehabilitate the valley walls -- a project that is estimated to cost \$2 million.

"The situation, as it continues to develop, not only poses a serious risk to the private property and private investment, but it is also tied into our EA (environmental assessment) process, which we are moving ahead with in looking at the entire Frenchman's Bay," Coun. Brenner said.

Chief administrative officer Tom

Quinn said it has been an ongoing problem. Development upstream of Kingston Road and the West Shore area has meant more runoff into the creek and during big storms, such as the one last August, the level and speed of the water does a lot of damage, Coun. Brenner said.

Mr. Quinn said stabilization work was done on one property about three years ago -- large chunks of the backyard had been falling off instead of the natural rate of erosion -- at a cost of

\$200,000.

"The situation continues on at the other homes that abut (that property), while we were able to deal with one there are a number of homes that are suffering erosion to the point where it is a concern," Coun. Brenner said.

He doesn't think the financial burden should fall on the homeowner.

"Everyone needs to work together," he said.

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Teens appeal adult sentences

PICKERING — An adult penitentiary sentence given to two young offenders for their part in a string of violent robberies is being appealed.

Lawyers for the two teens, now aged 18, will argue the eight-year penitentiary terms handed down by a Durham judge ought to be overturned and replaced with terms of incarceration in youth facilities.

The adult sentences were ordered after a lengthy sentencing hearing held in Whitby. The Crown argued the violent natures of the crimes -- the teens were part of a crew that terrorized, beat and stabbed convenience store clerks in Ajax, Pickering and Whitby -- warranted the harsh sentences.

A date for a hearing before the Ontario court of Appeal has yet to be set.

[What's on]

Community Care golfs in Pickering

PICKERING — The 10th annual Community Care Durham (CCD) golf tournament is Wednesday, June 7 at Pickering's Seaton Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$125, which includes green fees, cart, dinner, a prize for each golfer, and a chance to win a new car with a hole in one. CCD also needs sponsors for the event and prize donations. Proceeds go to Community Care Durham's services and programs.

"This annual event contributes to helping more than 6,000 adults with needs related to physical disability, aging, or mental health to continue living at home in a supportive environment," says Brent Farr, CCD executive director.

To register or for more information regarding sponsorship and donations, call Elizabeth Fulford at 905-428-7955

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DURHAM — The Uxbridge Horsemen's Association hosted its second annual 'Everything Equine' horse show and expo at Elgin Park in Uxbridge. There were horse-drawn wagon rides, vendors, horse demonstrations and information booths on everything related to horses. Pickering resident Dianna Ayton spent some time getting to know Maximum Overdrive, a Kentucky Mountain Horse from Alota Trails in Little Britain.

Pickering man charged in seven church robberies

PICKERING — A Pickering man is facing more than 20 criminal charges relating to a string of break-ins dating back to the summer of 2005.

Durham Regional Police said that, during the spree, a suspect broke into seven churches and four houses, hitting one church in Ajax twice and in another incident robbing a priest's residence,

stealing the victim's wallet and car as he conducted mass.

It's believed on several occasions a suspect stole credit cards and used them to buy cigarettes and other items, police said. The earliest crime attributed to the suspect was a house robbery on Burrells Road in Ajax in July 2005; he's also charged with breaking into the Pickering

Recreation Complex and stealing a cash box on April 19 of this year.

Police arrested a suspect without incident in Pickering Monday.

Reginald Holmes, 31, of Valley Farm Road is charged with 13 counts of break and enter as well as other theft-related charges, mischief and breach of probation.

Pickering honours its outstanding citizens

Heroic security guard blocked robber from escaping

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Kevin William Hoover said he was just doing his job.

The security guard was honoured Monday night at the Pickering Civic Awards for his actions that led to the arrest of a bank robber.

Mr. Hoover was outside having lunch when a customer came out and told him the Pickering bank where he

works was being robbed.

"Without thinking, I got out of my truck, ran into the bank and stood in front of the doors," he said.

As he stood there blocking the exit, the robber was waving a knife and threatening him, he said. At this point an off-duty Toronto police officer who was at the bank was able to safely come up behind the robber and grab him.

"It took two of us to put him to the ground," Mr. Hoover said.

He was presented with a Bravery/Heroism Award for those actions.

Listening to the 32 other individuals and groups honoured by the City of

Pickering at the annual ceremony, the Oshawa resident was humble.

"They deserved it more than I did, I was just doing my job," he said.

Dylan Robertson was one of several youths honoured. The Grade 10 French immersion student at Whitby's All Saints Catholic Secondary School is a member of several schools clubs, active in the St. Isaac Jogues Columbian Squires Circle, served on the Pickering Public Library Teen Advisory Committee, and volunteers distributing food to the homeless in Toronto and serving dinners to the homeless at St. Vincent's Kitchen in Oshawa.

"I also like to help out with com-

munity events," he said as he listed his many volunteer efforts. "Anything I'm able to go to."

Dylan got involved in volunteering because of his parents, who are active in the community, but he does enjoy it.

"It makes you feel good," he said. "It isn't something challenging, but you can help people out."

He was surprised, then excited, then nervous to be receiving an award, but he felt proud at the ceremony.

"It's amazing some of these people," he said.

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Region's European vacation nothing but waste

Trip will examine technologies dealing with garbage

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — An environmentally motivated system of waste management is on the horizon in Durham Region.

"We are considering looking at an alternate means of treating residual waste," Cliff Curtis said. "We are no longer satisfied with putting it in landfill outside of Durham Region."

In a move to be environmentally sensitive in dealing with Durham's waste, the Region is approaching an exciting time in waste management said Mr. Curtis, the Region's commissioner of works.

From May 17 to 24 a regional delegation is visiting Europe on a mission to explore a better way of getting rid of Durham's garbage.

The trip, to Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden, will specifically focus in on the technologies that are leading candidates for use here in Durham.

"A little more than just the technology, we are looking at how it is integrated into the community," Mr. Curtis said. "And how they deal with the residual waste products, because there always is a little bit of material left over after the thermal treatment."

The Region's consultant, MacViro Consultants, has recommended thermal conversion or an energy-from-waste facility. Within that family of treatments there are a number of different technologies, so Region representatives will tour a number of different facilities in Europe.

"We can see the pros and cons of the technical process, see what the residual products are, how expensive they are to operate," Mr. Curtis explained. "But more importantly, from a political view, we have to see how they have been integrated into the community and what the impacts are in the surrounding community and how those issues are dealt with politically."

Durham is no longer maintaining a large landfill and an average of 150,000 tonnes of waste is shipped to Michigan each year. However, the threat that the state will close its borders to Canadian trash, Mr. Curtis said, has intensified the need to find an alternative.

"Michigan simply is not viable in the long run," he said. "We have to find an alternative and get it in place because it takes about five to seven years to roll out an alternate

solution."

Also going on the trip with Mr. Curtis are Durham Chairman Roger Anderson, chief administrative officer Garry Cubitt, waste management staffer Mirka Januszkiewicz, MacViro's Dave Merriman, Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle, Oshtawa councillors Cathy Clarke and Nester Pidwerbecki and Pickering councillor Rick Johnson.

"We are taking works department staff along to deal with the technical issues but the politicians also need to go to get their minds up to speed with respect to the political issues," Mr. Curtis said.

Local garbage guru Jack McGinnis, who sits on the Durham/York

Waste Advisory Committee, said the next few months should be interesting.

"I am in favour of what Durham is doing," Mr. McGinnis said. "It is so much better than we had in the 1970s. I don't even know if it will make sense to go forward after they spend these millions studying. But it does make sense to do the right thing by doing this study."

Metroland Durham Region Media Group reporter Erin Hatfield is also making the trip to report on the findings and the different technologies. Watch for coverage later this week and next week on Durham Daily News, available at durhamregion.com.



Cliff Curtis

10 Questions

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Cliff Curtis, commissioner of the Durham Region's works department, is headed for Europe today to examine different facilities that make energy from waste.

Q: Why is the timing important for this trip?


A: The timing is very important because the committee members are going to be evaluating the technology, so it is important for them to basically go out and kick the tires so they get a feeling for the technology they are talking about.

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Pickering hands out the hardware

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In total, 33 groups or people where honoured in 16 categories. The Brian English Foundation, Colleen Rintamaki, George VanderKuur and Peter Faber received the Special Citation Award; Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Gary Polonsky and Jack McGinnis; Elsie Hetherman, Mary Spence, Kisho Umar and Steve Scott were presented with the Individual Volunteer Award; the Service Group Award went to

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Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo
 Dylan Robertson earned a Youth Leadership Award for his long list of accomplishments when the City of Pickering handed out its Civic Awards on Monday.

Inc. received the Urban Design Award; the Economic Development Award went to Nerotal Ltd./Emix Ltd.; Ontario Power Generation received the Local Business Award; the Environment Award was presented to Larry Noonan; and Tracy Mac-

Charles and Corrine Brook-Allred received the Access Award for Disability Issues.

The Fire Services Awards were also presented at the ceremony, with 14 firefighters receiving provincial and federal medals for lengthy service.

Economic factors to consider with Pickering erosion troubles

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"It would be unfair to expect the homeowners to be wholly responsible for something they didn't expect would be a problem when the approvals were given (all those years ago)," he said.

The problem is particularly evident on Vistula Drive, Coun. Brenner said.

Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dickerson said the problem is posing an economic concern as well since some properties on Kingston Road are affected by the erosion. In particular, there is a property on Kingston Road, just east of Whites Road, where an application can't move forward until restoration work is done.

"If we don't start these proj-

ects, it's not going to heal itself," Coun. Dickerson said.

The request to the Province stems from a meeting with PIR Minister David Caplan, Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Wayne Arthurs, Coun. Dickerson as chairman of the Seaton Net Benefit Committee, Mayor Dave Ryan and Mr. Quinn, in which Mr. Caplan said "the Province would be willing to invest in a project connected to our waterfront if such a project were to be put forth by the City," the motion read.

Council passed the motion establishing that the restoration and enhancement of Amberlea

Creek east of West Shore Boulevard is of high environmental and economic importance.

Mayor Ryan was the only member not to support the motion because it requests that Toronto and Region Conservation accept the initiative as environmental enhancement so properties in Pickering's downtown can be developed according to the Official Plan.



Tom Quinn

"I'm a little uneasy that this sends a message to the TRCA about how we expect those negotiations to go," he said, referring to the property at Whites and Kingston roads Coun. Dickerson referred to.

Four more take a crack at municipal office

PICKERING — The slate of municipal election candidates in Pickering is starting to fill in.

Several more people have put their name forward for the Nov. 13 vote. Incumbent Doug

Dickerson and former councillor Eileen Higdon are vying for the Ward 2 city councillor's position, while incumbent David Pickles is again seeking the Ward 3 city councillor seat.

Jim McCafferty is again one of Pickering's two trustee positions on the Durham Catholic District School Board.

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Community asked to help SAVE Durham from youth violence

Fundraiser set for June 4

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Community members are being asked to band together to address the issue of youth violence -- before it's too late.

"To ensure a community that is safe and where all members feel secure, we must take action," committee chairwoman Sandra Mackey said during the official launch of Society Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Monday at Durham Region headquarters in Whitby.

"This is the opportunity to show we will not allow (violence) to ruin our community."

SAVE, described as a partnership among various community organizations, citizens and Durham Regional Police, hopes to address the root causes of youth violence by supporting new and existing programs and by spreading the message among youth that there are alternatives to violence, said Ms. Mackey, a civilian supervisor with the Durham Regional Police communications department.

It is hoped the effort will reach all elements of society in Durham Region, encouraging people to become involved in the effort to foster a safe environment for everyone.

"Violence will destroy communities if we allow it to flourish," Ms. Mackey



The Society Against Violence Everywhere held a press conference this week to launch its first special event — a Walk to Stop The Violence in Durham Region. Chairwoman Sandra Mackey and her son Chris joined other supporters in tying up their running shoes at the end of the press conference.

said. Endorsing the effort at Monday's launch was Durham Regional Police Chief Vernon White. "SAVE represents an opportunity for Durham Region to stand together and

make a strong statement against violence," the chief said. "This is the future of Durham Region. We have a tremendous opportunity and we must seize that opportunity." The first public event for the organiza-

tion is a fundraising 5-km walk scheduled for Sunday, June 4, in Oshawa. Participants can register at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium prior to the 1 p.m. start or sign up online at www.societyagain violence.org.

Gun-wielding robber busted; two sought

PICKERING — Police responding to a call from an off-duty colleague came face to face with a gun-wielding suspect in a Pickering video store Thursday morning.

One man is in custody and two others are being sought in connection with the robbery, which occurred at the Rogers Video store at Valley Farm and Kingston roads at 10 a.m.

Police said an off-duty officer became suspicious of three men he saw preparing to enter the store and called for back-up. Upon entering the store the officers encountered an armed man who pointed his handgun at them.

No shots were fired and the man dropped the gun, which turned out to be a replica, when ordered to do so.

A clerk told police three men, two of them armed with guns, had demanded cash and two fled prior to officers arriving. Police are seeking two black men believed to be in their early 20s. Police said the suspects may be responsible for other video store robberies.

Terrance Bent, 20, of William Street in Toronto, is charged with three counts of robbery as well as forcible confinement, wearing a disguise, breach of probation and weapons charges.

Police working RIDE in Ajax seize knife

DURHAM — Officers working streets to catch drunk drivers on the weekend expected they might detect some odd behaviour.

But battle axes? Sure enough, that's what Durham cops working a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) stop in Whitby discovered when they pulled over a car on Victoria Street Saturday night. The driver was found to be carrying what police described as a Goth-style battle axe in his car. He was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon.

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EDITORIAL

On the road again but s-l-o-w-l-y

Many Durham citizens are about to discover their cottage road to heaven is a highway to hell.

Such a bottleneck problem isn't new of course. Heading east on Hwy. 401 on any spring, summer or fall Friday or north on Hwy. 12, or further west, on Hwy 400, has been agony for years now.

And coming home on a Sunday is no pleasure ride either. This really is a bad news story. What's rotten is that the traffic congestion is ugly. Worse still is it shows signs of deteriorating even further as the GTA continues to grow.

The Province, in its latest budget, showed a commitment to transit spending and promised some road and bridge funding. The trouble is, the transit cash is spread all over the GTA -- but hardly at all in Durham -- and the roads and bridge funding is mostly in rural and Northern Ontario.

Other than helping fund the Salem and Stevenson roads 401 on- and off-ramps in Ajax and Oshawa, which does nothing to ease gridlock, there has been precious little provincial government funding in Durham for highway improvement.

What we really need is the fast-tracking of Hwy. 407 eastward expansion from Brock Road in Pickering to Hwy. 35/115 in Clarington. That will take thousands of vehicles off the 401 daily from Clarington right through Toronto and into Halton Region. And we need a firm commitment that the 401 will be widened from six to 12 lanes from Ajax to at least Oshawa and eventually further east.

Unfortunately, there will be some unavoidable waiting involved.

The environmental assessments need to be completed for any 401 and 407 work, but what's essential is that the Province needs to pledge, in its very next budget, to highway construction in and through Durham Region.

Whichever party takes the reins after the next provincial election in October 2007 must plan to expand our highway routes in Durham.

For far too long in this region we have watched the needs of Toronto, York, Peel and Halton more than adequately fulfilled. With the massive growth ongoing and expected to continue here over the new few decades it's about time we turned our devilish freeways into angelic throughways.

It shouldn't take a miracle to make it happen, just some honest political will.

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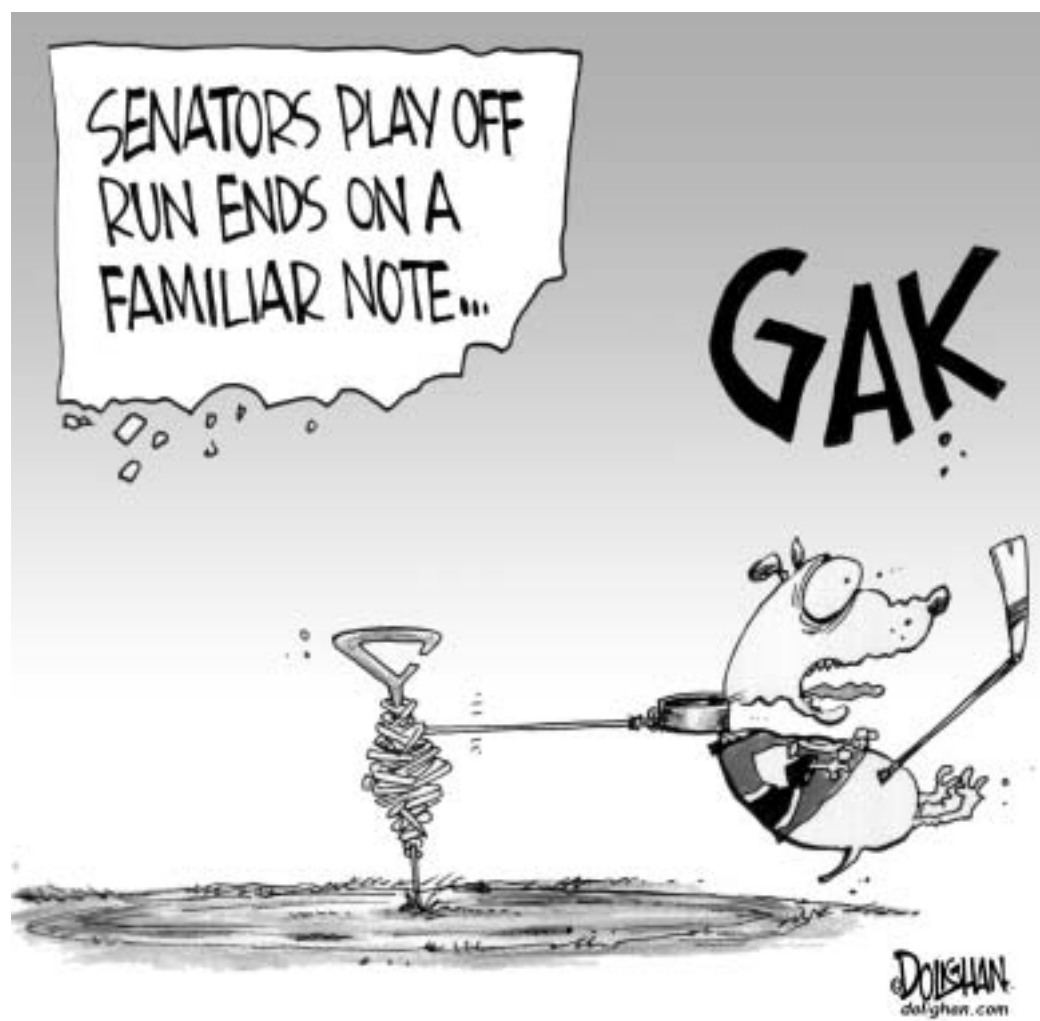
Students in Grade 4 to 12 competed in the annual Durham Regional Science Fair last month. About 40 science projects were featured, providing students with an opportunity to showcase their talents. First place in the elementary physical science division, for their project on volcanoes, went to Megan Little, Colleen Munro and Molly Little from Woodcrest Public School. The event was organized by Sci-Tech Ontario and hosted by the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Students from across Ajax and Pickering participated.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McTeague bill will only benefit the well-off

To the editor:

Re: 'McTeague offers an education in tax breaks,' May 7.

While I suppose anything that makes it easier for young people to afford higher education should be welcomed, Dan McTeague's private member's bill is a wasted effort that could actually make the situation worse.

Astronomical education costs are not something that has suddenly happened under the Stephen Harper minority. Instead, it developed during the 13 years the Liberals held the majority in Parliament.

Rather than tackle the tuition problem, however, McTeague suggests more tax cuts. Making RESP contributions deductible is a proposal that will benefit the rich almost exclusively. It acts this way for three reasons:

1) You need money for an RESP. Those who are already

well-off will be able to contribute and get tax deductions on the full education costs. The rest of us will usually only be able to contribute part, while those least well-off are unlikely to have any excess money to contribute;

2) Tuition is already so high that only those who are well-off can afford most post-graduate programs. Thus, the well-off will get an even larger benefit than those who can barely afford basic post-secondary programs; and

3) The progressive nature of our income-tax system gives a larger percentage reduction to those who are earning more.

We don't need another program that pulls tax dollars from post-secondary funding to give money back to the rich. If we want to make education more affordable, let's look at reducing tuition and making more grants-based student assistance available.

Our children's access to post-secondary education should be based on ability, not on ability to pay. McTeague's

bill-conceived proposal is more likely to enshrine higher education as a privilege of the rich.

Gary Dale
West Hill

Take care of your pets

To the editor:

Pet owners are becoming lazy, irresponsible and endangering their pets' lives.

Too many cat owners let their felines run about, defecating in children's sand boxes and gardens.

These cats also risk fighting with other cats, dogs, being hit by cars, disease and not to mention all the cruel people out there.

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Bronwen Hennigar
Whitby

Memories to last a life-time are made in the great outdoors

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in two words:

The cottage!



Neil Crone enter laughing

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Lying, lazily in bed and listening, eyes closed, to sounds so familiar and pleasing. An outboard motor idling its way home from a dawn fishing trip to a bacon and egg breakfast. Chickadees, crows, jays and cicadas trilling and barking and humming their wake-up calls.

The smell of coffee and the never-ending comfort of my parent's voices floating in from the kitchen.

You can get seriously lost in magic like that.

And as our family grew and changed, the cottage happily grew and changed with it, eagerly embracing new faces and drawing them into its spell.

I remember waiting excitedly for a girlfriend to drive up for her first dinner at the cottage. I wanted her to see it, to see us, my family, for

her to understand that this is who we are.

I remember swimming naked with that same girl in the inky cool of that fairy-tale lake, a million stars blazing overhead, blissfully unaware of the countless gifts that the cottage had yet waiting for us and our unborn babies. Magic, magic, magic.

There were parties and reunions and lavish Thanksgiving dinners, but the real delight of the cottage lay in the more mundane.

Gin and tonics and Scrabble on the deck, marathon card games not for the prudish or faint of heart, the quiet therapy of a bonfire, pajama-clad, sunburned children padding into the kitchen to kiss grown-ups good night. Ice cream, pie, Chelsea bun and hot dogs.

Far stronger than Abracadabra or Open Sesame, believe me.

But the world turns and things change.

Our time at the cottage is coming to an end.

And, as sad as the letting go has been and will be, and it has been monumental, I take great solace in the fact that when a cottage is sold, you lose docks and boats and buildings, but you keep the magic. That stays with you forever.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, Mom and Dad, for all the magic.

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Durham stands by downtown charges

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Some regional councillors would like to see changes to the development charges bylaw to encourage redevelopment in Durham's downtowns.

Chris Kakouros asked Durham council at its May 10 meeting that the \$20,000 development charge on a King Street East property in Oshawa be redeveloped. He argued redeveloping the former Highland Theatre as a "multi-faceted entertainment venue" won't increase the capital cost required to provide regional services, since occupant capacity would not increase so development charges shouldn't be needed. He is planning on opening the venue with a restaurant, night club, dining lounge and billiards all under one roof.

"The Region's self-interest is in a redeveloped and vibrant downtown in Oshawa," he said, adding the new business would generate revenue in the form of increased property taxes and stimulate

the region's economy by employing 60 people.

"We are small developers and \$20,000 is a very substantial amount of money to us," Mr. Kakouros said.

The recommendation from the development charges complaints committee was to uphold the \$20,343 in development charges imposed by the Region of Durham.

Oshawa Councillor Robert Lutczyk was opposed.

"I believe this is the step we have to take for our future," he said. "We have to vote against this to provide for greater intensification and rehabilitation. That is certainly what Places to Grow advises."

Fellow Oshawa Councillor Cathy Clarke agreed and said there needed to be a change in the policy to help encourage redevelopment in the downtowns of Durham.

Ajax Mayor Steve Parish suggested council consider a deferral on this request until staff has time to develop a policy regarding development charges

for redevelopment applications in downtowns.

Whitby Councillor Joe Drumm agreed. "We cannot encourage development in our downtowns unless it happens," he said.

Several councillors were not comfortable with granting the request because of the precedent it would set.

Clarington Mayor John Mutton said if it went through there would be all sorts of developments in his municipality where it would apply.

"I'll bring in redevelopment (applications) from Bowmanville, Newcastle and Orono and you won't believe the amount of money you'll have to pay out," he said. "To deal with this one today and make any changes, I guarantee there will be more at the door. We have a bylaw and we have to make decisions (based) on how that bylaw is," he said.

The motion to uphold the development charge passed, with staff given direction to look at the policy for future applications.



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Walking for sick kids

DURHAM — For the fourth year in a row, from left, Janice Renaud and Fern Bowles, from Oshawa, and Jean Stewart and Shirley Smith, of Whitby, are joining 10 fellow employees in walking 50 kilometres from Costco in Ajax to the Hospital for Sick Children. They hope to raise \$5,000.

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Gaming enthusiasts are encouraged to come and sign up for the summer darts teams, which start up at the end of May or take part in a free five-week Texas Hold'em Poker tournament on Wednesday nights. Past prizes have included an air hockey table, an 18-speed mountain bike and a Portable Sony PlayStation, while this year, there is a \$300 gift certificate up for grabs.

For those with a thirst for something different, the Lion & Dragon's famous keg has started again, featuring a different key every Thursday night.

The pub is also available for rent on Saturdays for private parties, or, if you're looking for a little excitement and to make some new contacts come in and inquire about the speed dating night.

For those who may have had a little too much fun, Jenkins shows he cares about his customers by supporting Keys to Us, an organization of designated drivers working to reduce impaired driving, and to get his friends home safely.

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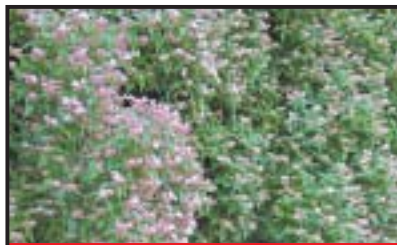


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Going above and beyond

Players have high praise for Pickering News Advertiser's Coach of the Year

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — You can definitely term Jerry Webster a players' coach. The Pickering resident and Pickering Hockey Association house league coach, along with sons Mark and Patrick, helmed the Bob Johnson Chev-Olds bantam team this past season. And, the players were appreciative of their efforts, most notably five players who wrote to the News Advertiser in support of their coaches, whom they described as generous, respectful and, above all, had an abiding love of the game.

And, that's why the Websters were named as the Pickering News Advertiser's Coach of the Year for the fall/winter season recently. The honour came with a Topper's pizza party for the entire team, courtesy of the News Advertiser.

"I'm overwhelmed," says Jerry Webster of the accolade.

Since moving to Pickering from Ottawa four years ago, Webster has been involved in coaching house league in the PHA -- all at the bantam level. He prefers that 13-year-old age group for a number of reasons.

"The kids are old enough to understand what you're teaching, but young enough that they'll still listen to you," says Webster, who guided his charges to first place in league play and the title at the annual PHA House League Tournament.

"We had a very good team and a very good bunch of boys this year. Not only were they good players, but they played well together."

In his winning letter to the News Advertiser, Mitch Gosling noted he came to the team as a first-year player at age 13 and ended his first season of hockey with a positive experience, mostly due to the time and



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo
Jerry Webster is the Pickering News Advertiser's Winter-Fall Coach of the Year. Mr. Webster and his sons coach the Bob Johnson Chev-Olds bantam house league hockey team.

commitment shown by the Websters. Incredibly, he noted they don't have children on the team, which is out

of the norm for house league hockey coaches.

"There wasn't one time that we did

not get a pat on the back or a word of encouragement when we returned to the bench. We had a full team almost every game and that was because my teammates just wanted to be there, even for practice. They taught us respect for each other and ourselves," wrote Gosling. "There was never a negative comment on the bench or in the dressing room about a fellow player, only encouragement and suggestions on how to improve or offers of help."

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Gosling says the Websters went above and beyond for the players, including taking them to an outside tournament during the season.

"They brought drinks and snacks for the team at every game. This chore in most teams is divided up among the parents to spread out the cost. When our parents asked to contribute they refused the offer. Also, during the year, they took us to a tournament in Hastings, Ontario and organized a tailgate party between games, giving up more of their own time. This is something house league teams do not do, but they thought the experience would be fun for the players as they probably would never get this chance in their lives as house league players."

Webster says his coaching philosophy is based on mutual respect among the players and coaches, on fair play and, above all, on sportsmanship.

"We want them to be good sports," says Webster.

"We make sure at the start of the season no one picks on any of the poorer players. We watch for it and curtail it. We make sure they shake hands. We make them take their gloves off and shake hands with the other players and coaches."

Gosling is hoping that the Websters will coach him in the future.

"If I could have these fine men teach me hockey for the rest of my teenage years, I would be ecstatic."

Mammoth Ajax man saves the day

Nash helps lead Colorado to national lacrosse championship; Brooklin's Prout stars as well

By Shawn Cayley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Saturday afternoon, Colorado Mammoth goalie and Ajax product Gee Nash got the best of his Buffalo Bandits counterpart Steve Dietrich, in a 41 save performance to lead the Mammoth to the National Lacrosse League championship crown.

Later that afternoon, Colorado captain and Whitby resident Gavin Prout was named the championship game's most valuable player after notching four goals and three assists in the 16-9 triumph. In three post-season contests, Prout chipped in 25 points, including 10 goals.

As for Dietrich, while the result in the Champions Cup game obviously wasn't what he had hoped for, a couple of days prior, the goaltender was named the NLL's MVP for 2006. That award came on the heels of being named the RBK goaltender of the year earlier this month.

The trio's success bodes well for the Brooklin Redmen who'll have all three men in uniform tonight at Iroquois Park when they host the Six Nations Chiefs at 8 p.m. in their Major Series Lacrosse season opener.



Gee Nash

Nash and Dietrich give the Redmen a tandem between the pipes that isn't likely to be rivaled. To his credit, Nash, while refusing to concede the on-and-off handle he has had on the No. 1 netminding duties the last few years, is looking forward to working with the NLL's top goalkeeper.

"I don't know Steve very well, but what I do know is he is a team player," says Nash of the Redmen's prized addition to the crease. "It's going to be fun working with him and whatever the coaches decide to do, if they want to play me one night and Steve the next, or ride the hot hand, it doesn't really matter. Winning is what matters."

Nash says the returnees meshing with the newcomers as soon as possible will go a long way in determining the success of the Redmen this season.

"Team chemistry is going to be huge," says Nash. "The organization has obviously done a great job over the winter in bringing guys in and we have got to realize that they have done their part in bringing in a lot of these guys and a lot of great talent. Now it is our job to play together, have everybody play their role. I think it'll all fall into place."

With the Mann Cup being in the East this year, Nash says the goal is to have the championship series on their home floor.

And with the re-addition of Prout, there is a chance that could come to fruition.

After taking last season off, Prout will be a welcomed addition to the Redmen lineup this season. He is expected to carry the offence after posting 29-64-93 numbers in 16 NLL games this season.

Ajax-Pickering Rock really rollin' to start the season

Senior B club stays perfect with two weekend wins

PICKERING — It's early, but so far the Ajax-Pickering Rock is perfect.

Three games into the Ontario Lacrosse Association senior 'B' season, the Rock have three wins, leaving the squad in a first-place tie.

On the weekend, Ajax-Pickering dismantled the St. Clair Storm 20-5 and knocked off the Owen Sound Woodsmen 9-5.

Playing in Sarnia against the Storm on Sunday, and without three key players, the Rock still managed to run and gun to victory. John and Jim Veltman and Frank Littlejohn didn't make the trip because of family commitments.

Mark Craig, Mike Daley and Jaime Lumsden carried hot sticks, as each netted four goals, while Charlie Girdler scored three, including his first ever in senior lacrosse. Andrew Furlong potted his first three senior lacrosse markers. Jordan West-Pratt and Chris Parkin added singles.

Assists came from Parkin with six, Craig, Girdler and John Derochie with four apiece, Furlong with two, and singles from Lumsden, Todd Holinshead, Ian Harloff, Bill McLean and Daley.

Goalies Pat Campbell and Dave Power also joined in the scoring parade, with Campbell chipping in with three assists and Power one.

Campbell played the first two periods and gave up four goals, while Power manned the net in the third.

The Storm were assessed 28 minutes



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Rock's John Veltman comes to the aid of goalie Pat Campbell, who has his eyes on a shot by Woodsmen Scott Luckhardt. The Owen Sound Woodsmen dropped a 9-5 decision during a visit to the Pickering Recreation Complex to face the Ajax-Pickering Rock in Ontario Lacrosse Association Senior B action. The Rock improved to 3-0 on the season.

in penalties, while the Rock had 12. Ajax-Pickering used the man-advantage to its favour, netting eight power-play goals, while St. Clair managed a pair.

Against Owen Sound in Pickering on May 12, the Rock netted four goals in a strong second period on its way to the win.

Daley and Parkin paced the offence, with a pair of markers each, while singles were scored by Craig, Holinshead, Tony Henderson, Jim Veltman and Derochie. Assists came from Jim Veltman and Cann with two apiece, and singles from Campbell, Craig, Henderson, McLean, Parkin, Littlejohn and Daley.

The Rock were assessed 18 penalty minutes, while the Woodsmen had 12.

Ajax-Pickering is tied for first with Wellington, but the Rock have two games in hand.

Next up for the Rock is a match against Mohawk on Friday, May 19 at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

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Blue and Gold Panthers on a collision course

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers hosted their annual Rookie Camp recently at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Kyle Neadles and Brad Fleishman got tangled up during scrimmage action between the Blue and Gold teams.

Ajax Wanderers' win two of three

Local rugby club gets season off to good start

AJAX — Two out of three ain't bad. Teams with the Ajax Wanderers Rugby Club opened their seasons on the weekend, with two of three victorious.

The men's first team knocked off the Toronto Dragons 29-12 in a game closer than the score indicated. The Dragon scrum dominated, but better overall team play by the Wanderers was the difference.

The Wanderers seconds grinded out a 15-0 win over their Dragon counterparts. Much like the firsts, the Dragon scrum was superior, but the Wanderers not only defended well, but the team's lineout play worked well.

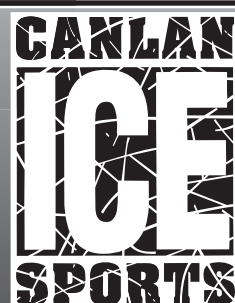
The lone Wanderer loss came in the form of a default, as the women's team didn't have enough players. They did, however, play a 'friendly' match against the Brampton women's squad.

Next up for Ajax is action on Saturday, May 27, with the women playing at home, starting at noon, while the men play in Peterborough.

All three Wanderers clubs are at home Sunday, June 4, with the women starting at 11:30 a.m., the seconds at 2:30 p.m. and the firsts at 4 p.m.

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Lorraine Davies and Rob MacArthur of The Too Drunk to Fish Band rehearse in their basement. Davies and the band's first international single, 'Me and My Man', is moving up the European country charts ahead of its North American release.

Fishing for the big time across the big water

Ajax band making moves in European country scene

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

AJAX — Lorraine Davies and The Too Drunk to Fish band are celebrating the release of their first international single.

'Me and My Man', the first single off Davies's 'A Time for Me' CD, was released in Europe and is getting quite a bit of air play. The single is currently moving up the European country music charts and is to be released in Canada and the U.S. shortly. A recent check of the charts showed the song was No. 6 in Italy, No. 7 in Sweden, No. 13 in Ireland, and No. 37 in Europe overall.

So what's a mainly-Durham bar band, formed just two years ago, doing on the European charts? Ironically, it's trying to make a bigger name for itself here at home.

"Canada's kind of a hard market to hit, so I think you have to come from somewhere else," Davies says.

She and the band are hoping the single will make some noise in Europe so that when it hits the North American airwaves, it'll have a bit of momentum.

Davies says she's happy with how the song is doing across the pond, noting she's attracting some attention from fans who are thousands of miles away.

"I'm getting a lot of requests for autographed posters, CDs; it's funny," she says.

The Too Drunk to Fish Band is Davies and her husband, Rob MacArthur, who goes by the stage name Robert Wayne while on vocals and rhythm guitar. They live in Ajax while members Al Matthews (keyboards) and Darren Sachs (lead guitar) both hail from Whitby. Drummer Bruce Templeton is from Keswick and bass player Randall Mathieu is from Markham.

The Too Drunk to Fish Band is a good-time, high energy band that plays new country, but not just new country, mixing in some blues as well. Ballads or slow songs are rare in their repertoire.

Davies and Wayne also do a bit of comedy on stage, cutting each other up a bit, he says, like Sonny and Cher once did. That's if the mood is

right, or wrong.

"If people are up and dancing and enjoying the music, we don't say much," Wayne says.

Davies wrote or co-wrote a few of the songs on the disc, but doesn't write music, so she had 'Me and My Man' charted for her. She says she writes down a number of thoughts and songs that go through her head, generally on napkins and the like. One of these days, she says she's going to look over everything and see what she's got.

Meanwhile, Wayne says the band is working on some songs to try and get a band album together.

The band's name, like the music itself, certainly gets your attention. Wayne explains that he's a big Jeff Foxworthy fan.

"If you've ever been too drunk to fish, you might be a redneck," Wayne quotes the country comedian.

"It's a line, but it's actually a redneck song he has on one of his CDs."

He and Davies met at a Karaoke bar in Ajax, the inspiration for Davies's 'Mom's Night Out.' They started singing together as a duet, playing along to music tracks, but Davies wanted a full band behind her strong voice.

The two formed a life partnership in addition to a musical one, instantly creating a big household, with six children between them. Most of the kids are grown up and gone, so Davies and Wayne have a bit more freedom and time to devote to music.

"We only have one left at home, and she's 15, so we can pretty much do anything we want," she says.

They are talking to agents interested in representing the band, and Davies says if a tour was arranged, "I'd be gone."

The band has played a number of local venues, and is scheduled to have a busy summer in Durham and beyond. Among the gigs, The Too Drunk to Fish Band plays the Deering Sisters benefit concert (Ronnie Hawkins is on the bill as well) in Port Perry on June 3, East Side Marias in Ajax on June 30, Whitby on Canada Day and the Hillside Hoedown in Ottawa in August. They make a return trip to Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern in August as well.

Look for them online at www.lorrainedavies.com and www.toodrunktofishband.com.

Blue Rodeo riding into Sunderland

Concert on May 27

By Jeff Hayward
Staff Writer

DURHAM — One of Canada's best-loved bands will be performing locally this month.

Blue Rodeo is the focus of a Sunderland community fundraiser on May 27 at 8 p.m. And while none of the band members hail from the area, said Karen McKenna, who helps organize the concerts along with the Sunderland Lions Club, they love coming to the area.

"They like the venue... they give us a really full show," she said, adding that the group usually plays for over an hour.

McKenna said this will be about the tenth time the band has come to Sunderland, and they have packed the Sunderland Memorial Arena every time.

The arena will again be the site of the upcoming show.

"I just approached them to play a concert and they did," she said of the first show in 1992. "The band was just getting developed (then)... I was a big fan."

She said the shows have drawn people from all over Durham.

Sunderland Lions member Bill Brethour recalled even a fan from New York arrived at one of the shows in a limousine.

"We have people aged 19 to 70 coming," he said.

The funds raised have benefitted the community in the past.

"It's gone to different causes, the (Sunderland) town hall restoration committee and the expansion of the Sunderland (Lions) medical centre," she said.

This year, she said the Lions will use the funds to run its regular services and she hopes there will be enough to install a heating system for spectators at the Sunderland arena.

"We have hockey and ringette here, (the arena) is used all year," she said, adding onlookers can get a bit chilly.

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Fantastic growth at our Pickering site has created the need for enthusiastic, talented and flexible people for a variety of schedules in our call centre environment. As a customer service representative, you will need strong communication and keyboarding skills, and a high school diploma. Don't forget your résumé when attending!

If you are interested but unable to attend our job fair, please visit the Career Opportunities section of the Minacs Web site at www.minacs.com and refer to the Pickering location. Please attach your résumé in MS Word format.

We thank all candidates, however, only those under consideration will be contacted. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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We require writers and photographers to complete freelance assignments for *East of the City* and *Durham Trade and Commerce* magazines.

We're looking for enthusiastic, versatile and experienced individuals. A background in journalism is preferred.

Send a resume and cover letter stating availability, expected remuneration, area of expertise along with two samples of previously published works (or links to your websites) to:

Tamara McKee, Publications Editor
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No phone calls please.

Only those selected will be contacted, thank you for your interest.

CO-ORDINATOR, part-time, six months contract. Must be knowledgeable about co-ops. Fax resume by June 1st to 905-728-8701 or email resume: cordova_co-op@rogers.com with Co-ordinator in subject line

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- Busy locations
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Fax: (416) 281-8842.
E-mail: jwaller@mcasphalt.com
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Come and Join us for Our Free Apprenticeship Information Workshop

Date: **May 18, 2006**
Time: **1pm - 2:30pm**
To Register Call: **(905)420-4010**
Location: **1400 Bayly Street, Unit 12, Pickering, Ontario**

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CLASS S MECHANIC REQUIRED

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The successful candidate will possess proven expertise in developing and implementing PHP-based web applications. In addition, excellent working knowledge of the following is required: HTML, JavaScript, CSS, XML, Dreamweaver and Fireworks/Photoshop. Experience using CSS for layout an asset.

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Applicants should submit their resume and portfolio electronically (in Word or PDF format) to: Todd Blayone, Business Development Manager, Interactive Media (tblayone@durhamregion.com).

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By Christy Chase
Staff Editor

DURHAM — Happy birthday, William Shakespeare.
Driftwood Theatre Group, the Durham-based troupe which brings the bard to parks throughout southern Ontario each summer, celebrated Shakespeare's 442nd birthday recently by launching its new website and announcing its summer schedule.
Driftwood is presenting two productions in a season that stretches from July 14 to Aug. 20. The first is Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, the story of a 16-year

journey of redemption and forgiveness, mixed with comedy, love and magic.
One of Shakespeare's later works, the play is considered one of his "romances," explained artistic director and founder Jeremy Smith.
"Near the end of his career, Shakespeare's writing was working at a level which went beyond the traditional format of tragedies and comedies," he said. "His later plays (commonly acknowledged as the 'romances') explore the human condition on such a profound level and with such creative flair, that it is impossible to ignore them."

The Winter's Tale tells the story of Leontes, king of Sicily, whose jealousy leads to the death of his wife and son.
The second play is last year's hit, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield. The play is a hilarious, condensed look at the bard's works. Last summer's presentation broke all of Driftwood's attendance records, resulting in the highest-grossing season in the company's 11-year history. This play will be presented once in Durham this summer but four times elsewhere in southern Ontario.

Reprising their roles in *The Complete Works* are Steven Burley, a Driftwood original, Christopher Darroch, two seasons with Driftwood and Peter Nicol, six seasons with Driftwood.
Opening night will take the form of a new, fundraising event at Parkwood Estate in Oshawa on July 19. This event, by ticket only, offers a chance of a "picnic under the stars" in front of the stage or a meal at the Parkwood Tea House catered by King's Court Catering. This will be followed by the performance of *The Winter's Tale* and a chance to meet the actors at a reception.

The schedule for *The Winter's Tale* in Durham beyond opening night includes: July 26 -- Esplanade Park, Pickering, 7:30 p.m.; July 27 -- Greenwood Community Centre, Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 2 -- Rotary Park, Ajax, 7:30 p.m.
The Complete Works will be presented Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Trafalgar Castle in Whitby.
Other than opening night, admission is pay-what-you-can, with a suggestion of \$15 per person. For more information on the season, locations and opening night tickets, call 905-576-2396 or visit www.driftwoodtheatre.com.

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'The New World', a film by Terrence Mallick, is playing tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the Ajax Cineplex Odeon theatres.
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Set in 1607, the tale centres around the famous love story between Pocahontas and John Smith, played by Colin Farrell.
The film is rated PG13 due to some graphic battle scenes.
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PARSONS, May "Frances" Suddenly, in her 79th year at Ajax Pickering Hospital on May 11, 2006. Loving mother of Marge (Wayne) Armstrong, Debbie (Ron) Wilmot, Susie (Rick) Degraze, Cindy (Mike) Miller, Sandra (Jag) Boothram, Carol (Henry) Maillet, and Randy (Andrea) Parsons. She will be sadly missed by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Parsons. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Ajax (Pickering Village) 905-428-8488 from 12-1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2006. Memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm in the chapel. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

SPENCER, Norah. Peacefully in her 100th year at Ajax Pickering Hospital, on Friday, May 12th, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Bill. Cherished mother of Sandy (David) Matthews and John (Barbara) Sander. Gran will be sadly missed by Brent, Chris, Robin, and Melissa, and her 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Ajax (Pickering Village) 905-428-8488 for a memorial service on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 3 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Society or the Ajax-Pickering Hospital.

GUERIN, Carol Diane - Peacefully and suddenly at her home on Sunday May 13, 2006 at the age of 61. Wife and the sparkle in loving husband Peter's eyes. Mother of David, Mike, and Paul Ritchie. Step-mother of Carolyn, Tina, Kathryn and Kim. Loving grandmother of Sam, Kyra, Joshua, Myles, Ben, Nathaniel and Sean. She leaves behind Daughters-in-law Michelle, Cathy, Danielle and Sons-in-law Steve, Tom and Derik. She will be sadly missed by the lives that she touched. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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By **Blake Wolfe**
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — Ten Durham Region students recently got the chance to not only record their own music, but to receive advice on their songs from some of Canada's top music industry professionals.

The 10 Durham participants, in addition to one student from British Columbia and one from Stouffville, were sent to the Metalworks Institute in Toronto last month by the School Alliance of Student Songwriters (SASS). The 12 students, all members of SASS clubs in southern Ontario and B.C., were the first group of students in the club to have this free opportunity to record at Metalworks Studio, where many high-profile Canadian artists, ranging from Anne Murray to Sum 41, have recorded albums since 1978.

"This will be the biggest studio experience for these kids," said Artemis Chartier, founder of SASS. "They came to the studio every morning

and they were taught by the best."

The students worked with such names as Stan Meissner, president of the Songwriters Association of Canada, Justin Gray of the Creative Collective, and recording artists Damhnait Doyle and Haydain Neale. The students, working in groups of three with guidance from the four mentors, produced 12 songs over the four days they spent at Metalworks, starting from the ground up.

"They went from having nothing to a completely recorded song in eight hours," Chartier said, adding that many of the participants had never written in groups or under the pressure of a recording deadline.

The four mentors chose one song out of the 12 to make a radio-quality recording of. The song, titled Sleepwalking, was written by Sarah Nadeau, of Queen Elizabeth Public School in Oshawa, B.C. SASS participant Sonny Parmar, and Stouffville resident Braedon Quarles. Sarah was also selected by the other students to take on the role of

lead vocalist for her song.

"It was good that our song was chosen," Nadeau said, "but to get to sing it was awesome."

Describing the Metalworks recording experience as "the most amazing time of my life," Sarah was impressed with both the guidance and positive attitude provided by the four mentors.

"They stood as a group," she said, "and they'd stay there to guide us and tell us if it sounded good." Sarah, who worked mostly with Damhnait Doyle and Meissner, described the two as outgoing and people she felt comfortable around.

Sarah, who joined SASS two years ago while in the seventh grade, participated in the club's Songs Contest at the Hummingbird Centre last March. Placing first in the elementary school category, she secured a spot for her song Walk Away on the We Are SASS compilation CD, alongside nine other finalists.

Despite the honour, Sarah explained that the emphasis of the club is on cooperation and not

competition.

"It's an environment where you feel comfortable and get to learn what everyone does musically," she said. "It's unlike any other extracurricular activity."

The focus on collaboration is also one of the goals Chartier had in mind when forming the club.

"We teach them how to be a gifted songwriter and be nice about it," she said. "There's enough gifted jerks in the world."

Chartier, a teacher at Donald A. Wilson Secondary School in Whitby, founded SASS in 2003 with Dale Russell, former guitarist for The Guess Who, to promote music and songwriting to high school students. There are SASS clubs in 50 schools across Canada, led by elementary and high school teachers after class.

"(The arts) keeps kids in school and in life," she said. "The emphasis of SASS is on keeping kids engaged."



Merle Robillard (left), Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photos

Cool girls and tough guys

DURHAM — At left, Pine Ridge Secondary School students, from left, Beck West, Tiffany Malvo, Emma Borg, Melanie McGregor and Lauren Sears, rehearse a scene from the musical 'Leader of the Pack'. The students are performing the play from June 1 to 4. Meanwhile, Carruthers Creek Public School recently presented its play, 'Much Too Much Music', a parody of music award shows. Dan Willett, at front, leads the Greasers, along with other cast members, from left, Ramario White, Garett Blanchard, Spencer Davis-Lewis, Jeff Bray and Dennis Wells in a spoof of the movie 'Grease'.

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