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Walk in the right direction for the Alzheimer Society

DURHAM — The Alzheimer Society of Durham Region invites you to take a step in the right direction by participating in the annual Manulife Walk for Memories to raise money for programs and services.

Walk for Memories is the largest Alzheimer Society fundraising activity, bringing in more than \$30,000 each year. The two-kilometre outdoor Walk for Memories is Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 along picturesque trails at Camp Samac in Oshawa, starting with registration at 2 p.m., followed by the walk at 3 p.m.

There will be light refreshments and entertainment in the Council Hall. Terry Johnston of Oshawa's Oldies CKDO will be the emcee after the walk. The public is invited to join the agencies involved in the event for an afternoon of fun, friendship and fresh air. People can join individually, with friends, family, co-workers or a team. To be a part of this walk and to get pledge forms call 905-576-2567 or visit the agency's office at 207-419 King St. W., Oshawa on the second floor of the Oshawa Centre. Participants can also register online and make donations by visiting www.walkformemories.ca. For more information on this event or on any other fundraising activities visit www.alzheimerdurham.com.

[What's on]

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DURHAM — If a family member or friend was choking on food or having chest pains, would you know how to help? St. John Ambulance is once again offering a basic eight-hour course that costs \$65 and teaches life-saving skills. Participants can learn how to aid a person who is suffering from shock, head and spinal injuries, a heart attack, and cardiac arrest.

The course is suitable for new parents, grandparents, or anyone with a pool or who goes camping. The class date in Ajax is Dec. 23 at 315 Harwood Ave. S. Call St. John Ambulance at 905-434-7600 for more information or to register.

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The Grinch strikes again and again

Christmas decorations stolen from more homes

By Crystal Crimi
Staff Writer

AJAX — The Grinch is on the move in Ajax again.

With only days left until Christmas, inflatable Santas, decorative urns, lights — even solar lanterns from a grave, have been stolen from

Ajax residents.

"I think it's disgusting," said Deneane Kyles. "The worse thing is they stole from my husband's grave."

On Dec. 1, Ms. Kyles brought Christmas decorations to her husband's grave at Church Street and Taunton Road, only to discover its "sturdy" solar lanterns were missing.

She put the lights there in the summer and they were still present a couple of days earlier when a friend

brought a wreath to the site.

The next weekend — Ms. Kyles' family was robbed again. She woke up Saturday morning to discover the five snowflake lights in her garden were gone.

"I couldn't believe it, I went outside to double check," said Ms. Kyles. She noticed they were gone Saturday Dec. 9, around 10:30 a.m. — the lights had been on until 4 a.m. the day they were stolen.

Ms. Kyles said she has lived at her

Lincoln Avenue house for 21 years and the only thing that's ever been taken were some ceramic bunnies, found smashed at a nearby school.

"Is it a random thing? I don't know," said Ms. Kyles. "I don't know what to think."

She said the incidents are not going to stop her from putting things on her lawn for Christmas or bringing items to her husband's grave.

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Deputy chiefs Mike Ewles, (left), and Chuck Mercier were two of the four pallbearers who carried the remains of former police chief David Edwards from the funeral at Kingsview United Church. Chief Vern White, (centre), carried the former chief's hat. AJ Groen / News Advertiser photo

Police pageantry on display for funeral of former chief

David Edwards saluted by friends, colleagues

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Former Durham Regional Police Chief David Edwards was laid to rest Monday during a service at which he was remembered as a committed cop and faithful friend.

"Dave was a friend of everybody he met," friend and law enforcement colleague Gerry Johnston said. "Dave is about people."

During a lengthy career that began when he signed up as a cadet

with the Oshawa police service in 1961, Mr. Edwards established many friendships inside and outside the police service, Mr. Johnston said during a eulogy interspersed with anecdotes and personal memories.

As his career progressed, he always took time to remember the rank and file officers whose welfare he considered his responsibility.

"He was a great mentor to all of us," Mr. Johnston said.

Even as he rose through the ranks of the Oshawa force and the Durham Regional Police Mr. Edwards made time for his friends, with whom he

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spent time fishing, hunting, golfing and curling, Mr. Johnston said. He served as chief of the Durham service from 1988 to 1993, maintaining strong ties with police association leaders such as the late Terry Ryan.

"They were there for the same reason he was: to make it better for the men and women on the street," Mr. Johnston said.

Mr. Edwards was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1999 and began a determined battle against the disease.

"Dave was a fighter," Mr. Johnston said.

"On Nov. 22, 2006, Dave entered

the hospital for the last time ... still with that positive attitude."

Mr. Edwards passed away Dec. 12. He leaves his wife, Rita, a sister and brother in law, and other members of his extended family.

The service Monday at Kingsview United Church was attended by dozens of officers, including the current Chief, Vernon White, and Deputy-Chiefs Chuck Mercier and Mike Ewles. Former chiefs Kevin McAlpine and Trevor McCagherty were in attendance, as were a number of Durham politicians and members of the police services board. A police piper and honour guard were in attendance for the service.

Province driven to keep students in school

Truancy charge could mean a driver's licence suspension for dropouts

By Crystal Crimi
Staff Writer

DURHAM — By dropping out of school at 16, teenagers could lose more than just their high school diploma.

Under the Province's recently-passed

Learning to 18 legislation students have to attend school or alternative programs until they are 18 or graduate. Those who drop out sooner could face penalties including fines and a driver's licence suspension.

"It's fair and it's not fair from a student's point of view," said Aaron Mallovs, while walking to Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Thursday morning. The 17-year-old student said it's not really fair to have a license re-

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moved for dropping out, but at that age, what do students know about dropping out of school anyway.

"We still haven't made our choices," said Aaron.

The new law requires students to continue learning until age 18 or graduation; broadens learning opportunities and programs available outside of the classroom and approved by the ministry of education; lets only princi-

pals issue credits for learning outside of the classroom; and, at a future date, will allow the government to permit courts to suspend drivers' licenses for students convicted of truancy — one of several penalties. The disciplinary acts would not come into effect until the government's new learning opportunities are available to everyone.

"I actually think it's a good idea because a lot of people are dropping out,"

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Inflatable Santa, extension cords stolen from condominiums

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But Ms. Kyles wasn't the only one robbed this weekend. Just north of Hwy. 2, 10 houses at Henderson Place near Old Harwood Road and Chapman Drive had their decorations stolen. "Some of them lost value of property up to \$300," said Robert Paterson, Henderson Place's condo president. "Some of the stuff that was stolen from here was too heavy for kids,

this was an organized program." Mr. Paterson said stolen items included Christmas decor, seasonal urns, and an inflatable Santa. "There were extensions cords taken from every house that was hit," said Mr. Paterson. "Some people literally had their front porch stripped. "It's one step away from breaking and entering," he added. Mr. Paterson said he lived in Scarborough for 21 years and never saw

anything like this happen. "The whole principle of the thing is disgusting," said Mr. Paterson, and added many of the people in that community are seniors. "Here we are, it's a time of celebration and suddenly, it's a time of consternation," he said. Earlier this month, a house on Kingston Road in Pickering and

on Pearce Drive in Ajax were also robbed of their outdoor Christmas decorations.

Police, its regional reporting centre has received 100 complaints in the last two weeks about Christmas decorations going missing.



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Santa's in the tub

PICKERING — The staff at Canadian Home Liesure in the Pickering Annex Mall held a toy drive called, 'Fill a Tub with Toys.' In exchange for a toy, which will be donated to the Durham Regional Police Food and Toy Drive, the donor had the opportunity to relax in a hot tub. Posing with Santa, (Jesse Voelcker), are from the left, Tony and Margaret Voelcker and Kyle Sawyer.

Police looking for man who exposed himself

PICKERING — Police have issued a warning after a child reported a man exposing himself to her in west Pickering late last week. Durham police said the 11-year-old girl was walking home on Summerpark Crescent in the Rosebank Road - Sheppard Avenue area around 3 p.m. Thursday when a man in a Pontiac Sunfire-type vehicle called to her. The child noticed the man was exposing

himself, police said. The girl ran away and called police. Cops are looking for a man aged about 19 who wears his hair in a mullet, long in the back and short on top. He drove a light green or blue car with scratches on the driver's door. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-579-1520, extension 2525 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Clinic working to get teen prostitutes off the street

Grant of \$140,150 will fund 15-month project

Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A government grant will help get teen prostitutes off the street.

The Durham Family Court Clinic (DFCC) has received a \$140,150 grant from the ministry of the attorney general through the community grants program and the victims' justice fund.

According to Laura Oloaoye, DFCC program coordinator, the money will be used for a 15-month project, Working It Back To Me. The project is a community-based program designed to assist youth, 12 to 18 years old who are victims or at-risk of being victims, of sexual exploitation or involvement in prostitution in Durham.

"There is an increasing need," Ms. Oloaoye said. "There is a need for continued support for young women on the street."

She said it is estimated there are 1,200 children, younger than 18, involved in prostitution in Ontario.

Although exact numbers of Durham youth involved in prostitution is hard to pinpoint, the presence is easily seen, according to Ms. Oloaoye.

"Going out into the streets of Oshawa and south Whitby you see all these women," she said. "But to put a number on it is difficult."

The program consists of workshops to address all of the factors and victim issues that manifest as a result of a history of neglect, physical, emotional

and/or sexual abuse, with topics including substance abuse, addiction, self harm, low self esteem and some mental health illness.

"The majority of those who are involved in sexual exploitation have a history of emotional, physical and sexual abuse," Ms. Oloaoye said.

The pilot series of 10 workshops begins in February or March and the aim is to help educate youth and then to develop a support network.

"Our goal was to develop a foundation for change," Ms. Oloaoye said. "With more information they can make better decisions and reduce the risk of further victimization." The DFCC is one of 69 community agencies that is getting \$6 million in funding for projects to help put more victims of crime on the road to recovery. This year's grants support local and provincial projects that address gaps in services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes, child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, and underserved and unserved victims.

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Students give failing grade to licence suspensions

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said Shaída Tshilonbo, while on her way to school. "Last year, I had three friends drop out.

"They don't realize that after this, you're going to have to need more and more school to get a job," she added.

Shaída said more students will graduate with the age increase. She hears people say they're going to drop out as soon as they're 16.

She said she likes the Learning to 18 initiative, but not the possibility of truancy fines and driver's licence suspensions, although she added they will probably be effective.

"I don't think that's something they should have a right to take away," said Shaída.

Other penalties for truancy under the new law include fines of up to \$1,000 for parents and guardians, unless they have withdrawn from parental control. Previously, the fine was only \$200.

Those employing under age teenagers during times when they should be in a learning environment could also face a fine.

"Courts are always a last option," said Patricia MacNeil, a ministry of education spokeswoman. She said educators do everything possible to keep kids learning.

"This is really a last resort," she said of the penalties.

Ms. MacNeil added the licence suspension is only one of many options for those charged with truancy.

"There aren't a lot of students right now that are charged with truancy, that would be rare," said John Beatty, a student success leader and a seconded principal with the Durham District School Board.

Mr. Beatty said there are lots of things currently occurring to help decrease the drop out rate and any initiative that helps is a good thing.

The Learning to 18 legislation is part of a student success strategy, and the Province's goal to increase graduation rates from 71 per cent in 2004/2005, to 85 per cent by 2010-2011.

Chris Harrington thinks the new law will have an impact.

"I don't mind it just because it will keep a lot of my friends in school still and there would be a better passing rate, more kids going to college, into trades, stuff like that," said Chris. "It would be a lot better actually."

Although he thinks it will be effective, he added some kids will still drop out.

"If they don't want to go to school, they don't want to go to school," said Chris.

He also doesn't like the potential driver's licence suspension.

"I don't think school has anything to do with driving, that's not fair," he said.

Chris Stacy, an Ajax resident who goes to school in Pickering, doesn't like the change at all.

"I could probably drop out and I don't want to get a fine for it and if I get a driver's licence, I don't want it removed," said the 16 year old. "It's your choice, not theirs... People are just going to drop out anyway, they don't care about that."

Thomas Jordan, a Grade 9 student, said he's not sure how he feels about the new law.

"If people truly want to drop out that's their decision," he said. He added students need an education to get a job and they'll have no chance if they drop out.

Working on reindeers

PICKERING — Elizabeth B. Phin Public School Junior Kindergarten student Hannah Vallitalo shares a laugh with Laura More, a co-op student from Dunbarton High School. The kids, with Laura's help, were making reindeer ornaments.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Ajax Pickering News Advertiser incorrectly ran a registration ad on Friday, December 15th, 2006 for the Dolphins. It should have been the Annual General Meeting Advertisement. We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused.

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 7:00 & 9:00 pm - Contemporary Eucharist. 11:00 pm - Watch Night Eucharist with Candles

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day: 10:00 am - Traditional Eucharist

Sunday, December 31st New Year's Eve: 7:45 am - Traditional Eucharist (BCP). 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 7th: 7:45 am - Traditional Eucharist. 9:00 am - Contemporary Service, Family Blessing. 11:00 am - Traditional Service, Family Blessing

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Christmas Masses
 Sunday, December 24th,
 4:00 pm / 6:00 pm / 8:00 pm / 10:00 pm / 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day
 Monday, December 25th,
 8:30 am / 10:00 am / 11:30 am

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 Monday, January 1st - 8:30 am

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The shape of things to come

AJAX — Michael Klym works on a Grade 6 geometry lesson on symmetry at Eagle Ridge Public School. The task was to create a symmetrical image using shapes and colours on a multiple axis.

Eighteen more charged for drunk driving in week four of RIDE

Season total now at 56 after police stop 4,800 people this past weekend

DURHAM — Another 18 people were charged with drunk driving offences during the fourth week of Durham's holiday RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) patrols, bringing the total for the 2006 campaign to 56.

Police stopped approximately 4,800 vehicles at checks throughout Durham during the week and administered 67 roadside breath tests.

In addition to charging motorists for impaired driving or driving while exceeding the legal blood alcohol limit, officers temporarily suspended the licences of 14 drivers who registered a warning after drinking and laid six drug charges.

Following is a list of motorists charged:

- Bruce Hembruff, 21, Newmarket, impaired care and control by drug
- Ashleigh Mauro, 21, Whitby, exceed
- Thomas Nadeau, 37, Oshawa, exceed

- Brett Chambers, 23, Port Perry, exceed
 - James Hughes, 22, Oshawa, impaired care and control, exceed
 - Uroy Trellis, 27, Whitby, exceed
 - Michael Devine, 22, Oshawa, exceed
 - Mathieu Lebel, 21, Oshawa, exceed
 - Stephen Warlow, 51, Whitby, exceed
 - Neil Morton, 58, Enniskillen, exceed
 - Jeffrey Brooking, 21, Oshawa, exceed
 - John Thaeter, 35, Port Perry, exceed
 - Elizabeth Harris, 52, Whitby, exceed
 - Diana Teixeira, 19, Oshawa, exceed
 - William Reardon, 24, Whitby, exceed
 - Mario Rioux, 43, no fixed address, impaired, exceed
 - Andrew Aggio, 20, Whitby, exceed
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- The festive RIDE program will continue for the duration of the holidays.

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EDITORIAL

Province must support direct election

There's no guarantee the bill will go anywhere, but at least Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette is trying to enhance democracy in Durham Region.

Mr. Ouellette, a Progressive Conservative, has introduced a private member's bill which would result in direct election of Durham's Regional chairman in the next municipal election. It's about time. Mr. Ouellette, long a proponent of direct or voter election of the Regional Chairperson -- the position is currently chosen by the 28 members of regional council -- introduced a bill for direct election while a government member in the 1990s. That attempt was foiled, but the MPP has a better chance this time around.

That's because of recent non-binding referendum results on the question of whether the regional chairman should be elected by the people. The combined total in three of Durham's largest municipalities -- Oshawa, Pickering and Ajax -- was about 86 per cent in favour.

To be fair, turnout in the recent election was poor, hovering around 25 per cent in those three municipalities. Still, the number in support of direct election of the regional chairperson was overwhelming. It sends a clear message to regional councillors and to the current long-serving regional chairman, Roger Anderson, who was acclaimed to a four-year term last week, that it's time for a change.

There is really no reason to continue the present practice of allowing councillors to choose. The notion that it would be undemocratic to have a wide open election across the region is hard to understand. How could it be less democratic than preventing taxpayers from having a direct say in who will hold the most powerful municipal position in the region. Sure, those who run would have to raise significant amounts of money and be willing to campaign across a large area. But, take a look at any federal or provincial electoral district in Northern Ontario, where candidates travel far greater distances than any Regional Chairperson candidate would in Durham. It doesn't stop the electoral process there and certainly wouldn't here.

In fact, direct election of the regional chairman position already exists in Halton Region where it has occurred for the last few elections with no problems. It is being proposed for regional chairman positions in Sudbury and Ottawa as well.

It's time to bring the election of the Durham Region chairman into the 21st century. Direct election is the way to go.

CLICK AND SAY

This Week's Question: Will the recent controversy about how the national chapter of MADD spends its fundraising dollars affect your willingness to donate to local chapters of the organization? Yes No

Cast your vote online at
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Last Week's Question: Should municipal and regional councils have retreats within the Region of Durham?

Total Votes: 149
Yes: 57.7 %
No: 42.3 %

IN THE COMMUNITY



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Santa's helpers

The Chiropractic Centre for Optimum Health held its Eighth Annual Toys for Tots and Teens Patient Appreciation Day on Dec. 5. The centre donated more than \$2,500 in services in exchange for toys. The patients and staff reached their goal of collecting more than 100 toys and cash donations, which were given to the Starlight Starbright Children's Fund. Staff members in the giving spirit were, top row, Dr. Shelley Seguin and Stacey Hill and, bottom row, Patti Melnik, Teresa Fortino and Dr. Francine Dallaire.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GM must lead way

To the editor:

Re: Feds must make changes that sustain industry, editorial, Dec. 6.

Canada was once called the best place in the world to live by the United Nations. Whatever happened to being the best? Why is it whenever Canadian industry and the economy are concerned This Week editors advocate lowering our standards.

Why can't we be leaders in every area of production instead of saying we have to lower our standards to that of the United States.

Our federal government needs to set the highest standards because lowering our standards won't make us leaders. I expect Canadians to be leaders and we should demand this of our industries.

Leaders don't have to cover up half measures through flashy marketing campaigns.

GM has decided on pushing muscle cars and SUVs and covering up their poor fuel efficiency and high output pollution. Meanwhile, Japanese factories can't produce their hybrid cars fast enough. Why should Canadians follow a flawed strategy?

Shouldn't we expect leadership in all areas at GM?

Unfortunately, the editorial stance of this paper is to support GM and its products in Durham Region and pretend, our competitor, Toyota, doesn't exist.

How about some healthy criticism at the home for once?

The community needs to pull its head out of the sand and demand higher standards so that the workers among us can rise to meet them.

Martin Kuchirka
Whitby

CAS execs guilty of 'abuse of trust'

To the editor:

I just listened to an interview on CTV of a spokesperson for the Toronto Children's Aid Society on the blatant spending of some CAS executive on items such as SUV's and exorbitant personal expenses.

It is amazing to me that anyone could defend stealing as a legitimate transaction when children are left to suffer.

The people who did this should be charged with "abuse of trust" and should be imprisoned for their callous disregard of public trust and their obvious

disregard of the welfare of children who they are supposed to protect.

Maurice Webster
Oshawa

Severance packages don't sit well

To the editor:

Re: Large severance packages for outgoing councillors.

It appears inconceivable to me that we are giving away these huge amounts of money to people who have been voted out of power.

As someone who has been advised that his company is closing its doors shortly and will be out of work with probably no more than the minimum severance of one week per year, the excessive packages given to our employees (that's what they are) is insulting.

Like many normal people, I have to face getting a new job after 12 years with my employer with no severance package and I still have to make ends meet.

Here's an idea! Offer me employment in public relations?

It seems like the best way to get some of my tax money back.

Laurence Cutner
Courtice

Christmas rituals make the difference

Only a few more sleeps before the big day. This Christmas has got me thinking a bit.

Not so much about what to buy or bake or even what I'm getting, but how to make it special again. Keeping the delight in Christmas is easy when our children are little.

Their belief in the magic and their faith in the wonder of it all are so deeply contagious that you cannot help but have some of it rub off on you. When I watch the videos of those early Christmas's with the kids, it's obvious that Suzanne and I are having at least as much fun and maybe more, than the boys.

But what do you do as the years go by and those chubby-cheeked little imps you had to help get to sleep on Christmas Eve are now lanky lumps with size 11 feet that you have to help get out of bed on Christmas morning?

Where does the magic come from when it's no longer arriving in a sled pulled by eight tiny reindeer?

Well, I think it comes from where it always came from, really. From inside us. As much fun as it is to watch our kids' faces light up when they open those toys we had such fun picking out, I think that when our children get a little older is when we have the chance to give them the truly special



Neil Crone enter laughing

gifts. The things they will treasure forever.

I cannot, for instance, with any accuracy, tell you what Santa brought me for most of the Christmas's of my youth, but I can recount in warm, dreamy detail every little thing about how my Mom used to fix us Christmas breakfast.

I can remember exactly how the dining room table was set for our huge extended family Christmas dinners. I can almost taste the little glasses of tomato juice that were at every place setting, every Christmas, even though I never, ever drank mine. I smile and laugh when I see, as clear as if it were yesterday, the dopey, paper, Christmas-card hats my grandmother made and which we all wore, year after year.

And of course I cannot ever forget decorating the tree, playing obscene games with the nativity figures and standing

uselessly at the foot of the ladder while my father cursed his way through the hanging of the outdoor Christmas lights and electric Santa. Those things and 100 more like them I have kept in precious memory all these years.

As much as I enjoyed the new hockey sticks and the Meccano sets and the Dinky toys, the real gifts of Christmas, the things that keep it magical long after we can no longer hear the patter of hooves on the rooftop, are, ironically, quite commonplace. They are found in the regular, everyday rituals that define us as family. That tell us we are a part of something bigger than ourselves, that remind us of where we come from.

If I never put another present under the tree my kids would be disappointed, I am sure. But if I never put up another tree, never played Nat King Cole's Christmas album from morning to night, never pestered everyone to sit and watch, 'It's a Wonderful Life', never made another pot of clam chowder on Christmas Eve again, never did one of the million little, ordinary, everyday, goofy things that make up our Christmas, they would be devastated.

Durham resident Neil Crone, actor-comic-writer, saves some of his best lines for his columns.

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Jan. 15	Management Forum	1:30 pm
Jan. 15	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Jan. 18	Statutory Information Meeting	7:00 pm
Jan. 24	Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Jan. 24	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public. For meeting details call 905.420.2222 or visit our website.



The Mayor and Members of City Council offer season's greetings and best wishes for the new year. No matter how you celebrate this holiday season, let there be peace on earth and goodwill to all.

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December 25 & 26 – CLOSED	
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January 1 – CLOSED	
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December 24, 25, 26, Jan. 1 – CLOSED	
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January 1 – CLOSED	
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CULTURE & RECREATION DIVISION

The City of Pickering is hiring Camp Staff for 2007 March Break and Summer Camps

MARCH BREAK CAMP MARCH 12th – 16th
SUMMER CAMP JULY 3rd – AUGUST 31st

Camp staff will be required to plan, organize and implement specific activities & special events for the 2007 March Break and Summer Camp Programs.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be considered for employment for camp positions:

- At the time of the interview, candidates must be enrolled in a secondary, post-secondary, or other educational program and be returning to school in a full-time capacity next year.
- Age of 16 by March 12, 2007 to work at March Break Camp.
- Age of 16 by July 3, 2007 to work at Summer Camp.
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- Museum Guide/Receptionist (Summer & Fall)**

New applicants for **MARCH BREAK CAMP** must bring a Program Plan and be prepared to discuss and present it at the time of interview.

New applicants for **SUMMER CAMP** will be required to attend an Interview Screening Workshop on **Saturday, March 24, 2007**. Qualified applicants selected for further consideration will be required to prepare and present a Program Plan to be presented to a group of their peers (approximately 10 minutes). Job Interviews will then be conducted with successful candidates of this process.

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- A valid Ontario Class "G" driver's license and be prepared to provide a Driver's Abstract.

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Note: You can print off the Employment Application or apply directly online. To be considered for a position, **please submit your application no later than Monday, January 15, 2007**. Please reference the specific position you wish to be considered for directly on the application. If you wish to be considered for multiple positions, please indicate so on your cover letter or press ctrl and click on each position for which you are applying on the online application form at cityofpickering.com. For Student Labourer positions, preference will be given to applicants with related experience and/or Horticulture or Forestry related education.

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FROM THE NET OUT

Bomber looks for breakthrough

Entering his option year, Ajax's Adrian Baird hopes to return to Winnipeg in 2008

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — After a Canadian Football League season spent learning the ropes, Ajax's Adrian Baird plans to apply his experience toward a greater role with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers this coming campaign.

And, the Bombers' 6-foot, 4-inch, 255-pound backup linebacker says the 2007 season is a definite watershed year in his professional football career as it may well determine if his future lies in Winnipeg or elsewhere.

"As a competitor, I don't want to be a backup. And, I'm also going into my option year, which puts more pressure on me to perform and get results and put myself at a higher value.

"Right now, if things work out, I would like to go back and play for Winnipeg (in 2008). I'm not picky and I've had a great time in Winnipeg, but I would have a great time playing anywhere in Canada."

The 2006 CFL season was Baird's first in a Blue Bombers' uniform, coming over from the latent Ottawa Renegades as a free agent after the franchise took a leave of absence from the league. He had played for Winnipeg defensive coordinator Greg Marshall in Ottawa, who recommended to Bombers' coaches to proffer an invitation to training camp last May.

Baird took care of the rest.

He impressed the Winnipeg coaches enough at camp to stick with the Bombers through camp and into the season, playing in a backup role and getting into games in short-yardage situations that required an extra linebacker on the field.

"I got off to a great start. I was definitely the dark horse of training camp who surprised everyone and turned heads," he says. "The people were great to me and it was fun being the guy that nobody knows, but wants to know."

Currently relaxing at his lakefront home in Ajax, Baird is taking a well-deserved rest after the rigours of the long CFL season. But, he vows his self-imposed hiatus won't last long.

"I'm giving my body a rest before I attack the weight room. Definitely, I'm going to start my training regimen soon."

The goal, he says, is to come into camp stronger and ready to earn more playing time on the Winnipeg defence when the season opens in the summer.

"I'm definitely looking (to play more). I've spoken with the coaches and they told me the things I need to improve on -- just little things mainly. Last year was a feeling-out process for me at a new position," says Baird, who was switched from a defensive lineman to linebacker by the Bombers' coaches. "It's (linebacker) one of the toughest positions to play. You're the quarterback on defence telling everyone the plays. They brought me along



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo

Ajax's Adrian Baird is back home after a season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

at a rate that I wouldn't be overwhelmed. I'm looking for bigger and better things this year."

The 27-year-old latecomer to the grid-

iron has been proving the skeptics wrong throughout his entire football career. An Ajax High School graduate in 1999, Baird never played football until attending the

University of Ottawa, where he was a walk-on at the Gee Gees' training camp. Although playing sparingly as a slotback in his rookie season with the Gee Gees, he was switched to a defensive lineman where he was able to use his size, speed and strength to good effect in year two.

Two years ago, Baird was drafted by the Ottawa Renegades in the fifth round of the CFL draft. In his first season, he wowed the Ottawa coaching staff into placing him on the Renegades' practice squad. Baird was activated for two games near the end of the 2005 season.

Playing in Winnipeg, he says, has been a fine learning experience. Besides playing in front of large crowds at Canad Inns Stadium and rabid fans, the players within the organization are first rate, not only in the football sense, but also in their commitment to the community. He holds up veteran slotback and perennial CFL all-star Milt Stegall as a shining example.

"As someone who's going for the all-time (CFL) touchdown record, you gain an appreciation for a guy chasing a record and having a standout season. You get to know what it takes to get through," says Baird of Stegall, who's two touchdowns shy of breaking the CFL record of 137 shared by running backs George Reed and Mike Pringle.

Stegall's "one of the hardest working players I've ever seen. He's an amazing person on and off the field."

Injuries, however, hampered the Bombers' progress this year. They fell short of playing for the 94th Grey Cup, hosted in Winnipeg last month, but the Bombers did advance to the East semifinal, losing to the Toronto Argonauts 31-27 at Toronto's Rogers Centre.

"I think if we can stay healthy, I'm certain we could be playing in the last game of the season," predicts Baird for next season.

In addition to working out during the off-season, Baird says he intends to travel to the University of Ottawa from time to time to continue his studies toward a degree in leisure studies and health science.

"It's in a field I'd like to continue in," says Baird. "I like sports and recreation, so it's the perfect fit for me."

Baird on life in the CFL

AJAX — Some inside information from Adrian Baird on playing in the Canadian Football League:

- **On injuries:** "If you're thinking about it all the time, it's going to affect the way you play. I'm not worried about it. I know I can overcome whatever happens on the field."
- **On living in western Canada:** "I know I'm out there for football, but I stay in touch with my family. We talk a lot. I get to see them in Toronto and Hamilton, so it hasn't been too bad."
- **Toughest teams to play:** "Either Calgary or B.C. I think those two are the most competitive teams on all

sides of the ball. B.C. makes the least amount of mistakes and they have three great quarterbacks."

- **Favourite stop on the schedule:** "I would have to say Toronto because I grew up watching the Blue Jays at SkyDome. To play there is a huge honour. Playing in my hometown is an added bonus."

- **Toughest player:** Montreal Alouettes' linebacker "Kai Ellis. I played with him in Ottawa and he's a beast. He's my size and about 15 pounds heavier. He goes non-stop."

- **Blue Bombers' fans:** "I remember watching (the Blue Bombers) play

on TV while I was with Ottawa. They were 4-13 and it was raining and cold and there were 20,000 fans out there. We were lucky to get 20,000 in the stands in Ottawa. (The Bombers' fans) are almost like family. They support you no matter what."

- **Role models:** "Barrin Simpson and Milt Stegall. Barrin is one of the top linebackers in the league and to have him play in front of me is invaluable -- to see an all-star and how he plays my position. Stegall is very involved in the community in Winnipeg. How much he gives is inspirational to see."

Sports briefs

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[Hockey]

PHA to make holiday memorable for two families

PICKERING — The Pickering Hockey Association, through the Helping Hands Organization, has adopted two local families for Christmas.

The PHA needs donations to assist with its goal of bringing joy and comfort to the two adopted families, which otherwise would not have a Christmas.

"It is too easy to get caught up in your own world and forget how fortunate you are. There are people out there who need help and kids who will not have a Christmas through no fault of their own," says PHA president Gary Watters.

If you would like to provide a financial donation, you can donate at the Don Beer Arena Snack Bar.

The hockey association is also looking for new unwrapped gifts and household items to give to these families.

There is a list of needed items and the ages of the family members available on the PHA website, www.pickering-hockey.com.

Papp's Restaurant, a long-standing sponsor of the PHA, has generously donated dinners at the restaurant for the two families.

Helping Hands is an organization that's dedicated to improving the lives of children, families, and adults living in poverty.

Should you have items that you would like to donate or need additional information, contact Denise Watters at 905-837-5045 or denisewatters@rogers.com.

St. Mary Monarchs golden girls in Lake Placid

PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs varsity girls' hockey team returned from New York State with gold on the weekend.

The Monarchs skated in the annual American Cup tournament in Lake Placid, New York from Dec. 14 to 17, winning the gold medal in the seven-team high school division with a 2-0 victory over Norway.

In total, the Monarchs won all four games they played, scoring 28 goals while surrendering only one.

St. Mary moved into the championship game with the best record among the seven teams.

Erin Small earned tournament most valuable player honours.

Individually, the players competed in -- and won -- the skills competition that coincided with the tournament. Erin Small and Kayla Richard finished one-two in one skills event and also won the team relay event. Monarchs' goaltender Michelle Bradley won the goalie shootout, not allowing a goal against in two rounds of shooters.



[Basketball]

Michael's Eatery shakes, bakes to win over ESN

AJAX — Michael's Eatery continued its winning ways with a solid 50-37 win over ESN Packaging in the opening contest of the Ajax Men's Basketball Association play last Wednesday night.

Louis Davis paced Michael's with 14 points; Kitson Wallace added 12.

David Jackson and Clayton Gall combined for 32 of ESN's 37 points, scoring 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Bill Manos put on a show in Game 2 of the evening, scoring 20 points to lead Top Shelf to a 57-39 victory over North Alliance Press.

Manos was assisted by teammate Mike Gordensky with 11 and Bob Murray with 10.

North Alliance got good point production from John Beyaz, Claude Feig and Stephen Pounder, each knocking down 10 points.

The final game of the evening turned into a sister kisser with Dickson Printing's Scott Poulton scoring a last-second three-pointer to tie the Burgundy team 45-45.

The shot was one of four threes for Poulton on the night as he scored 12 points, second only to Roger Young's 15 for the Printers.

Sherwin James had the hot hand for Burgundy with 16 points; Allan Goneship added 12 and Claude Whitfield added 11.

Trojans hope to march back to title game

Pickering High among 10 teams at annual Pickering Panthers/News Advertiser Classic

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Although the Pickering High School Trojans are off to a relatively slow start to the hockey season, the team's confident it will be in the hunt for a repeat title at the fourth annual Pickering Panthers/News Advertiser High School Hockey Classic.

"I would be surprised if we're not in there (in the final) on Friday," says Trojans' senior boys' head coach Lou Manserra.

The defending champion Trojans have won the title twice in the last three years of the tournament, which brings together many of the top senior boys' high school hockey teams in Durham Region and Scarborough. Last year, the Trojans upended Oshawa's McLaughlin Trojans in the final, 4-2.

This year, 10 teams will compete in the Classic, eight from Durham Region and two from Scarborough, at the Pickering Recreation Complex's O'Brien and Delaney rinks, starting Thursday morning. Competing in the



'A' pool are Pickering High, McLaughlin, All Saints, Notre Dame and J. Clarke. In the 'B' pool are Dunbarton, Courtice, West Hill, Paul Dwyer and Victoria Park.

And, again this year, the Pickering Panthers' OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League squad will scout the tournament, hoping to turn up gems who may make their roster in the future, says Panthers' general

manager Frank Robinson.

"Every year we've been able to glean something out of it in terms of player prospects," says Robinson, pointing out that two players on the Panthers' current roster -- Brendan Hann and Mike McFarlane -- skated with the Pickering High School Trojans in the past. "We always send our scouting staff for the two days to watch."

Robinson also notes the annual

tournament is a way to bolster local high school hockey, as it always provides a platform for rivalries among the Durham-based teams to flourish.

Although Pickering High always rises to the challenge for the tournament, Robinson points out that Dunbarton and All Saints of Whitby could be the biggest challengers to knock the Trojans off their throne.

"The word is out that Dunbarton has a heck of a hockey team this year. They're going to be very competitive and All Saints is very competitive too," notes Robinson.

Manserra describes his Trojans' team as generally a young team, with a core of senior players also returning to the Trojans this season.

"We've got a good mix, with a couple of veterans back. We have three or four veteran forwards and defencemen and a good core of young kids who've bought into the system and it seems to be working," says Manserra, who's assisted on the bench this season by Vincent Cheng and Pat Waters.

The Trojans' defence is anchored by returning rearguard Garrett Traynor while, in goal, the Trojans have gone predominantly with Alex Cyr among the three goaltenders with the team.

The championship final, between the two division leaders, goes at the complex's Delaney rink at 2:30 p.m.



AJ Groen/News Advertiser photo
Pickering Panthers' goaltender Brad Fogal closes the door on an offensive rush by the Collingwood Blues during OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Saturday afternoon. The Panthers nipped the Blues 3-2 in overtime.

Panthers pull out two close wins on weekend

Pickering juniors beat Newmarket, Collingwood

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Leadership had a large role to play in the Pickering Panthers' success over the weekend.

Whether it was scoring big goals or making timely saves, the Panthers typically look for team captain Richard Schofield and veteran goaltender Brad Fogal to deliver the goods.

And, both delivered in spades. Schofield scored the winning goals in two weekend games, scoring the clinching marker in a 2-1 win over the visiting Newmarket Hurricanes at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Friday night. The victory evened the season series between the two clubs at one win apiece.

On Saturday, also on home ice, Schofield netted the overtime winner in a 3-2 victory over the Collingwood Blues to give the Panthers a sweep of the weekend proceedings.

The Panthers travel to Oshawa to play the Durham Fury tonight (Tuesday) at the Campus Ice Centre at 7:45 p.m.

The weekend victories allowed the Panthers (21-12-2-0 for 44 points) to stay one point in arrears of the third-place Markham Waxers in the South Conference standings.

The work of Schofield this season continues to bring a smile to the face of Panthers' head coach Pat Curcio, who was effusive in his praise of the veteran forward.

"After we traded Brett Connolly, I said to Schoey 'This is your team, go lead this hockey team.' And, what a leader he's become. I know it's only tier II hockey, but he's got something special. It's all of his traits -- his work ethic, his physical conditioning, his

character -- he's just a phenomenal kid."

Fogal once more on the weekend showed why the Panthers placed a high priority on acquiring the veteran netminder in the six-player deal with the Newmarket Hurricanes in October. Fogal put forth a strong effort to beat his former team on Friday night and, then on Saturday, he engaged in a goaltenders' duel with Collingwood Blues' netminder Akos Agardy, a Hungarian now living in Canada. While Agardy had the heavier workload with 47 shots, Fogal was no less spectacular in recording the victory.

"He's another guy who's an incredible leader," says Curcio. "When he's in the dressing room, he's encouraging his teammates, giving advice. He leads in the dressing room, but also leads by example on the ice. He's someone who can make a timely save at a key point in the game. The best goaltenders have that quality."

The Panthers also acquired another centreman on the weekend, bringing back Chad Beal after a year away from the Panthers' organization. He was acquired from the Markham Waxers. Beal debuted with the Panthers in Friday's game against Newmarket.

"Chad has talent," says Curcio. "He was taken 41st overall in the (Ontario Hockey League's) entry draft, so he's always had potential. He was injured in Plymouth (with the Whalers) and Markham (Waxers) brought him back, but he wasn't getting the opportunity to play there. I pushed to get him back. If he can play half as well as he has in the last two games, it

will be a steal for us. He has tremendous talent and strength."

The Panthers finish out play before the Christmas break with a home date at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday against the Durham Fury at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Panthers are in Toronto to face the Junior Canadians at 7:30 p.m.

SCORING SUMMARY
Collingwood Blues at Panthers
Period 1
Collingwood - Rick Acorn (Chris Martin, Kody Collins) 7:20
Period 2
Pickering - Daniel Mandel (powerplay) (Chris Dunham, Chad Beal) 12:23
Collingwood - Jonathan Dew (powerplay) (Leiland Gauley, Matt Ashman) 14:35
Period 3
Pickering - Jamie MacQueen (powerplay) (Richard Schofield, Kevin Huinink) 9:58
Overtime
Pickering - Richard Schofield (Greg Riggs, Michael Banwell) 3:46

POWERPLAYS
Collingwood 1 for 6 : Pickering 2 for 11
PENALTY TOTALS
Collingwood 24 minutes on 12 infractions
Pickering 14 minutes on 7 infractions
SHOTS ON GOAL
Pickering: 47; Collingwood: 30
1ST STAR: Schofield, Richard (PIC)
2ND STAR: Agardy, Akos (COL)
3RD STAR: Mandel, Daniel (PIC)

SCORING SUMMARY
Newmarket Hurricanes at Panthers
Period 1
Newmarket - Justin Fox (powerplay) (Adam Martinez, Todd Hosmer) 6:39
Period 2
Pickering - Cody Smith (powerplay) (Zack Fenwick, Greg Riggs) 8:47
Pickering - Richard Schofield (Phil McIlhorne, Chad Beal) 19:36
OWERPLAYS
Newmarket 1 for 10 : Pickering 1 for 11
PENALTY TOTALS
Newmarket 36 minutes on 14 infractions
Pickering 32 minutes on 12 infractions
SHOTS ON GOAL
Pickering: 45; Newmarket: 22
1ST STAR: Smith, Cody (PIC)
2ND STAR: Mahoney-Wilson, Brian (NMK)
3RD STAR: Schofield, Richard (PIC)



Pat Curcio



Chad Beal



Richard Schofield

Panthers' Postscript

According to Pickering Panthers general manager Frank Robinson, the team intends to sign at least one more player to a card prior to the league-wide deadline for rosters on Jan. 10...The Panthers are hosting their fourth annual high school hockey tournament this Thursday and Friday at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Ten teams, mostly from Durham Region, will compete. The Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser is a co-sponsor of the tournament... Team captain Richard Schofield leads the team in scoring with 51 points in 34 games. He has 27 goals and 24 assists... Phil McIlhorne, who joined the Panthers in October after getting his release from the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals, is already second in team scoring with only 25 games played. He has 44 points (20 goals, 24 assists)... The Panthers have 11 regular-season games remaining following the Christmas break. Seven of those contests are on home ice... The Panthers raised funds for the United Way at Friday's home game against Newmarket...

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Four Annandale rinks hope to make Swiss cheese out of foes

TCA Energizer Junior Bonselpiel draws plenty of teams over Christmas break

By Jim Easson
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Four Annandale Curling Club entries will vie for a trip to Switzerland at the TCA Energizer Junior Bonselpiel over the Christmas break.

The annual event is hosted at three GTA clubs on Dec. 29 and 30, with the grand prize being an all-expenses-paid trip to Switzerland.

With the Avonlea Curling Club now closed, the Energizer 'spiel will be played at the Leaside, Tam Heather and St. George's clubs.

There are four entries from Annandale in the bonselpiel: two in the bantam boys' bracket, and one each in the junior men's and women's divisions.

The Tim March junior rink will use the Toronto bonselpiel as a tune-up for the Provincial championship in Brockville Jan. 3 to 7.

With March are Matt Pyne, Patrick Janssen, and Tyler Anderson, with Alex Bianchi coaching.

This year, 100 teams are spread across four sections: bantam boys and girls and junior women and men. Only the juniors are eligible for the main Swiss prize, however the Event winners and runners-up in each of

the four events receive prizes.

••• The 2006 Brier runner-up team of Glenn Howard with Pickering's Olympian Richard Hart third, Brent Laing playing second and Craig Savill leading, next advance to the regional playdown slated for the South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club on Jan. 13 and 14.

The Regionals send two teams each to the Provincial finals in Sarnia from Feb. 12 to 18.

Team Howard hopes to win at regionals, and then repeat their provincial championship to get to the Tim Hortons Brier in Hamilton next March.

••• Next on the bonselpiel calendar at Annandale is the Bantam and Junior Bonselpiel on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The teams each play two eight-end games and any combination of boys and girls is eligible.

The players have to be under age 20 as of 2006 year end to play in the competitive draw.

Sixteen teams will play in either the competitive draw or the 16-and-under non-competitive draw, but everyone wins a prize.

Another upcoming OCA zone play-down is the Holiday Inn Challenge.

Annandale has a team of Barry Moylan, Sean Aune, Ken Curtis, and Tim LaRoche competing. They play at the Whitby Curling Club from Jan. 12 to 14.

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Pickering swimmers medallists at Lisa Flood Christmas Classic



Meet brings together clubs from across Ontario

PICKERING — Pickering swimmers had plenty to celebrate after posting strong individual efforts at the 20th annual Lisa Flood Christmas Classic swim meet at the Pickering Recreation Complex pool last weekend.

Fourteen swim teams and 71 athletes from across Ontario participated in the biggest home meet of the swim season for the Pickering club.

Amy Smith, swimming in the eight-year-old age group, broke three club records in the 100-metre freestyle (1:30.95), the 200m free (3:17.75) and the 100m breaststroke (1:51.81).

The following Pickering Swim Club athletes were gold medallists in their events:

- Jose Baylon, 14 - boys' 13-14 age group: 200m individual medley (2:20.93); 100m free (58.37); 200m backstroke (2:30.31);
- Allison Foster, 14 - girls' 13-14 age group: 200m IM (2:33.09); 200m back (2:31.53);
- Kayla Ginter, 13 - girls' 13-14 age group: 400m free (5:01.62);
- Caroline Gomba, 11 - girls' 11-12 age group: 800m free (10:19.90); 100m free (1:09.12); 200m free (2:27.68); 400m free (5:04.65);
- Rayah Gugliotta, 13 - girls' 13-14 age group: 50m free (30.61);
- Robert Masters, 13 - boys' 13-14 age group: 800m free (9:48.43); 400m free (4:52.88);
- Emily Mayer, 10 - girls' 10-and-under age group: 400m free (5:28.75); 50m free (33.03); 200m free (2:39.87); 100m fly (1:33.63); 200m IM (3:01.11); 100m free (1:13.28);
- James McAlister, 13 - boys' 13-14 age group: 200 breast (2:44.09); 200 fly (2:34.33);
- Michelle Spencer, 13 - girls' 13-14

age group: 800 free (9:51.54); 200 fly (2:35.05); 100 Fly (1:11.34);

• Meghan Toswell, 12 - girls' 11-12 age group: 100 breast (1:29.97); 200 fly (2:49.36);

• Jessica Ward (18) - girls' 15-and-over age group - 1500m free (18:25.88); 200m breast (2:39.98); 200m free (2:11.39); 400m free (4:35.25); 100m breast (1:14.01); 100m fly (1:09.91).

The next home meet for the Pickering Swim Club is the annual Winter Swim Fest meet at the complex pool on Jan. 20 and 21.

Jason Liebrechts/News Advertiser photo

Kathryn Maitland of the Barrie Trojans Swim Club makes a splash while competing in the 200-metre butterfly event in the girls' over-15 age group at the 20th annual Lisa Flood Christmas Classic Swim Meet. The three-day meet at the Pickering Recreation Complex pool attracted 14 swim clubs from across Ontario.

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Clapping for Christmas

PICKERING — Luke Sultan-Khan charms the crowd during a Christmas concert at the Pickering Childcare Centre on Radom Street recently. The kids entertained family and friends and then sat down for a festive turkey dinner.

Making a Miracle when there's little time, much to do

The Making of A Miracle follows the cast and crew of 'The Miracle Worker' from start to finish, to find out just what is involved in a community theatre production. The Borelians Community Theatre will present the play about Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan Feb. 22 to March 3. Christy Chase is an honorary member of the crew and will write about the experience in an occasional series, both in the paper and in video through www.videodurhamregion.com in early 2007.

In the first part of the series, she gives an overview of the production.

By Christy Chase

Staff Editor

DURHAM — In the middle of October, when most people were preparing for Halloween, a small group of people was starting a journey that will last until March.

In physical distance, they are really not going anywhere. But in time, effort and artistic endeavour, they are travelling far afield.

The journey of the cast and crew of 'The Miracle Worker', a Borelians Community Theatre production, takes them to Alabama in the late 1880s. It is here that Helen Keller, daughter of Captain and Kate Keller, became blind and deaf after a grave illness before she was two. Now, her parents have turned to a young woman, Annie Sullivan, to teach their daughter, who cannot hear, see or speak because of that illness and is terrorizing the family with her wild behaviour. 'The Miracle Worker' is the play about Sullivan's efforts to teach the isolated girl how to communicate with the world around her.

It's an ambitious production for the Borelians but this theatre group prefers to go big. Opening night is Feb. 22. The closing is March 3.

The play by William Gibson focuses on the moment when Sullivan got through to Helen, allowing her to leave behind her isolation and communicate with the world. Sullivan's hard work and determination, some would say stubbornness, changed Helen's life dramatically. Helen eventually went on to earn her BA, the first blind-person to do so in the United States, and toured the world to explain her experiences.

Producing are Joel van Heghal and Carey Nicholson, who has wanted to do this play before she was even involved in the theatre. Nicholson is also directing. Together they will oversee this production from auditions to closing night over a period of four months. Helping them out will be the cast, 16 strong, and crew, including lighting



Christy Chase/ Metroland Durham Region Media Group
Discussing production details of 'The Miracle Worker' are, from left, Laurie Sider, director Carey Nicholson, Denise Randall and Andrew Oxenham.

designer Rick Huntington, set designer Andrew Oxenham, stage manager Mike Khashmanian, of Whitby, Denise Randall, of Uxbridge, costumes, Laurie Sider, also of Uxbridge, her assistant, Jam Taylor, props.

It's a dramatic, touching play, but there's still plenty of humour sprinkled throughout it. It's a piece that requires a young actor who can convey all of Helen's feelings with her face and her actions. Helen has only one line in the play which features plenty of battles, both emotional and physical, between Sullivan and Helen, and disagreements aplenty among the family members.

For this reason, Nicholson will have to find two actors who will work closely together and be comfortable with each other to make those action scenes work safely.

But for now, there's more to think of than the cast. There's everything from the budget to the set to lighting to costumes to furniture to publicity.

"There's nothing amateurish," about community theatre productions, Nicholson said.

Everyone gives their all to ensure each perfor-

mance is the best value for the audience's money and audiences are expecting quality productions, she said.

The budget, as it is with most community theatre productions, is small, so small Nicholson just tells everything there's no money available. Then, if they come asking for something, she knows they "really need it," she said.

"We work with really small budgets. The more strength you have in your creative people, the more mileage you can get.

"I believe in being conservative," she said. "I think you just need to be creative and resourceful. Theatre is not about the trappings per se but about characters, the story."

Community theatre is ensemble work that involves actors and the crew, she said. When it all comes together, "that's when it becomes magical."

Meanwhile, there are set things like rehearsal hall rentals, royalties and a surcharge to help pay for the Town Hall 1873 renovations.

For this production there will be lots of lumber required, since the set calls for a three-level set, Oxenham said during an early production meet-

Entertainment in brief

DECEMBER 19, 2006

Skater boys make video debuts Dec. 20

DURHAM — A video featuring local skateboarders will be released Dec. 20 at Coachlite Roller Gardens in downtown Oshawa.

Alcatraz Skates and Clement Lush, present 'Chairman of the Board', a Lush Brothers Entertainment production, on Dec. 20 at 88 King St. W. Featured on the video are Jordan Bandula, Jay Revella, Glencoe Hogle, Ron Piontek, Shawn Arpin, Brandon Bandula, Chase Furman, Sean Melo and Clement Lush.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the video will be shown at 6 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$10. The video is available at \$20.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Alcatraz Skate and Snow, 22 Stevenson Rd. S., Oshawa, 905-579-4261, and in Bowmanville at 75 King St. W., 905-697-1744.

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Christmas stories, music ring out Dec. 22

DURHAM — Christmas is coming and so is an evening of Christmas stories and music.

Dianne Chandler's Candlelight and Magic presents the fifth annual 'Stories for a Christmas Night' on Dec. 22 at The Piano Cafe, 217 Queen St., Port Perry. A new concert of seasonal stories and music

is planned with performers from Durham and beyond.

Artistic director and storyteller Chandler will be joined by other storytellers Enid DeCoe, of Courtyce, Sharon Henry, of Oshawa, Ron Getz, of Garden Hill, and Heather Whaley, of Whitby, in the concert which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Music for the evening will be provided by harpist Debra Northey of Bethany and singer Stewart Bennett, owner of the Wee Tartan Shop in Port Perry.

Chandler says the evening will provide food for the soul and the body. Christy Stone-Curry of the Piano Cafe will serve up desserts.

The cost is \$20 for the concert, dessert, coffee or tea. Reservations are recommended. Call 905-982-0707.

Holiday fun for the young ones

DURHAM — The coming holidays mean children will be home and looking for things to do.

The Children's Library of Oshawa Public Libraries, located in the main branch on Bagot Street, is holding special programs during the school break that keep children occupied.

On Dec. 28, Madame Buskerfly, returns with her blend of physical comedy and circus skills, including juggling, card tricks, a cannon and illusions. The family program starts at 10:30 p.m. Free tickets available in the Children's Library.

Loris Lesynski, a poet and illustrator of 'Nothing Beats a Pizza' and 'Dirty Dog Boogie' is back for another presentation of her funniest rhymes on Dec. 29 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 4 to 12. Free tickets available Dec. 14.

The movie, 'Open Season', about a bear and mule deer who rally the animals against hunting season, will be shown Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. Free tickets available Dec. 18.

Magician Owen Anderson brings his fun-filled show of magic tricks, audience participation and Ruby the rabbit to the library Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Free tickets available Dec. 18.

It's a concert with Markus on Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m. There will be music and stories for the audience. Free tickets available Dec. 18.

For more information contact the Children's Department at 905-579-6111 ext. 5233.

Spend New Year's Eve with Sourpuss

DURHAM — Spend New Year's Eve with the Greenbank Folk Music Society as they ring in the New Year with their favourite band, Sourpuss.

Festivities begin Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. and go until 1 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person to enjoy the sound of Durham's acoustic, award-winning band. Their set list includes a few old favourites, a couple of swing tunes and a bit of folk. The full band includes vocals, mandolin, guitar, stand-up bass, harmonica and percussion.

The show is at the Greenbank Folk Music Society, Centennial Hall, on Hwy. 12, 30 minutes north of Whitby in Greenbank.

Tickets are available for purchase at Blue Heron Books in Uxbridge, Three Doors Down or P.O.E. Design in Port Perry or by calling 905-985-8351.

ing in the fall. He originally wanted a set that could move but realizes that's not in the works. He'll be making a scale model, once he has a set designed and approved. Nicholson will need a design after Christmas so she can start blocking out the scenes with the actors, accounting for set walls and furniture for their movements.

Nicholson wants to evoke the period, the late 1880s in the southern state, through the set, the lighting and costumes. She wants strong sensory elements to emphasize Helen's lack of sight, speech and hearing.

"I would like it to be so beautiful to look at that people would feel how awful it would be not to see it," she said. "There's room for it to be stylized. The important thing for me is what's going on with the characters. It's the miracle."

Then there are the flashback sequences, taking Annie back to the orphanage she grew up in and where her younger brother Jimmy died, despite her promises to get him out of there. That's something Huntington is working on, thinking about transparency, projections and shadows and the young Jimmy's voice.

"We're looking for ways to create a seamless set," Nicholson said. "That's why lighting will play an important role."

Costumes will have to be found and/or made for the cast, fitting in with Nicholson's vision of a spare, stylized play.

Other things to think of include props. Multiples will be the order of the day when it comes to dishes, since Helen breaks them frequently.

"I need to see there's enough plates and things to do the whole play," Taylor said.

She'll also be thinking about food, which has to be thrown about on stage. They also have to think about cleaning up broken dishes and food to avoid safety problems for the actors.

Props and costumes, though, will be something left until after Christmas although the people in charge are, much like Santa Claus, busy making lists of what's required. (I can imagine the list Nicholson and the others would leave for Santa, given the chance.)

My eyes have already been opened to the amount of effort and time required to stage a play. There's so much to think of and what seems like a great time is rapidly passing. But community theatre veterans like those involved here make it seem, well, not easy, but certainly smooth and controlled. And I'm enjoying being part of the process from script to stage.

In the next segment, I look at the audition process.

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Big Wind Band brings big sound to Chicago's on Tuesday's each month

DURHAM — In November 1994, a group of musicians with a passion for stage band music got together for a first rehearsal. Today, the Big Wind Band is going -- or should that be blowing? -- strong, playing a monthly gig at Chicago's in Oshawa and playing at events throughout Durham.

The 18-piece group got its start when four musicians, Steve Hanson, Scott Miller, Rick Creuzburg and Peter Smith, all friends from Port Perry High School, sat around a table at a Pickering pub listening to live jazz. For "the umpteenth time," someone suggested they should start their own band, Miller said.

Miller proposed they actually form a band. Within a month, they held a rehearsal and three months later played for the first time. The band is made up of four trumpets, four trombones, two alto, two tenor and one baritone saxes, a vocalist, drummer, bass guitar, lead guitar and keyboards.

"There's a difference between a big band and a stage band," explained Miller, a landscaper. "A stage band plays big band music ... but they can play any other kind of music they like. A big band plays mostly swing. We're a stage band. We do everything from the big band era right through to Chicago to Blood,

Sweat and Tears to Lighthouse," he said. The play list includes traditional swing through latin, rock and blues. Smith has since left the band and is a professional musician in Toronto with his own bands and CDs. The group rehearses Wednes-

day nights in Clarington and plays the last Wednesday of the month at Chicago's, Simcoe Street North. This month, Big Wind plays at Chicago's on Dec. 20, a slight change due to the holidays. To find out more about the band, go to www.bigwindband.com.

Durham Superstar winner announced

Oakley takes \$5,000 prize after navigating through semifinal and final rounds

DURHAM — Oshawa's Sylvia Oakley has won the first ever Durham Superstar. The 27-year-old singer and songwriter took top spot in the competition which was held by Metroland Durham Region Media Group during the fall at the Groove Lounge in the Midtown Mall in Os-

hawa. She has been singing and writing music for about 10 years. The singing competition saw 30 singers from across Durham Region and beyond audition for the event. Of those, 27 advanced to the semi-finals with nine going through to the finals on Dec. 6. Oakley was chosen the winner by a panel of judges and won a \$5,000 recording prize from DuneTunes. In second place was Elyse Saunders of Peterborough. Coming in third was Chris McLeod.

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