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[**What's on**]

A walk to remember

DURHAM — Bereaved Families of Ontario - Durham Region is beginning another year with its annual "A Walk to Remember" fundraising event. The walk will take place at the Five Points mall in Oshawa on March 4, starting at 9:45 a.m. There is no minimum pledge amount required and each walker will receive a BFO lanyard. This year's walk will also feature a performance by the Charles Street Band, raffles and prize giveaways. Pledge forms and additional information are available by calling 905-579-4293.

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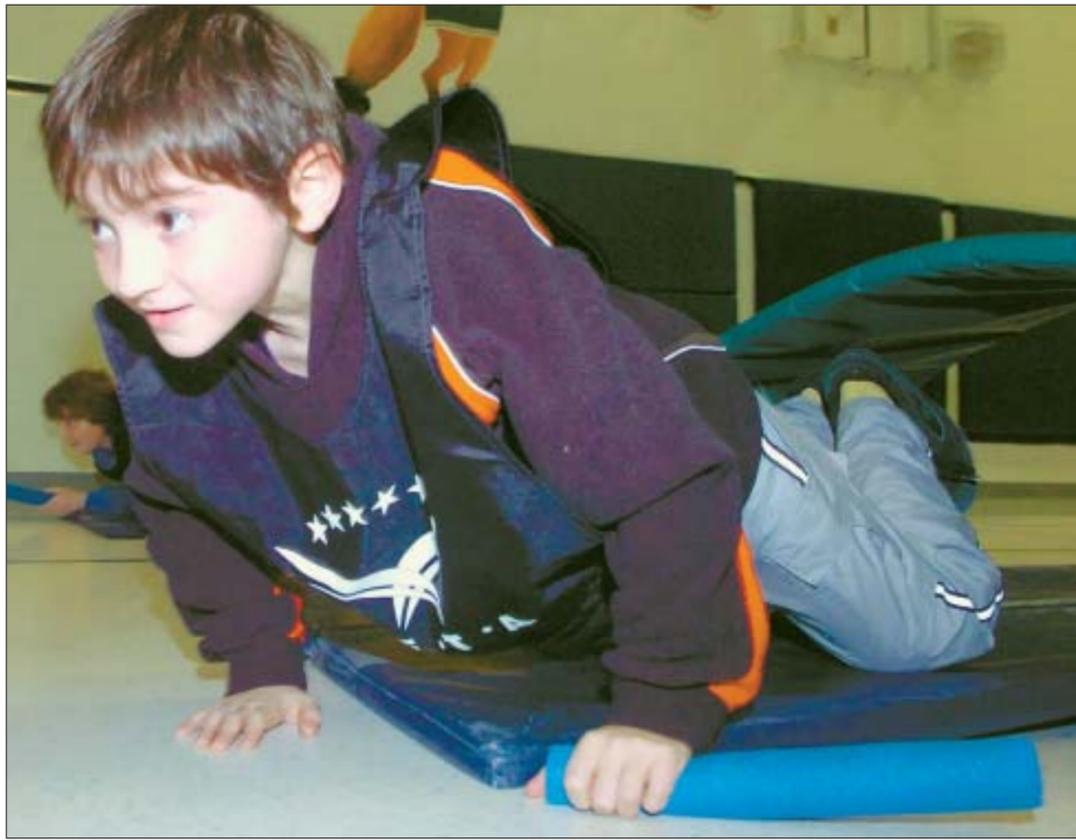
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Overcoming his obstacle

PICKERING — Cole Percival dives through an obstacle during a 'Fun and Athletics' events at Altona Forest Public School. The program teaches students to be fit, active and healthy while having fun.

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Early-morning blaze forces family from home

Forty exotic birds perish in fire

By Keith Gilligan
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AJAX — An Ajax family escaped their home from an early morning fire, but about 40 exotic birds perished. The blaze hit the home on Monk Crescent around 4 a.m. Tuesday and was confined to the garage. Thom Evered, with the Ajax Fire and Emergency Services, says, "There was the loss of several birds. Unfortunately, 40 birds were lost." Nader Eid and Oliver Kadrija were driving by when they saw flames. "The car was just bursting into flames. The garage was on fire and making its way into the house," Mr.

Eid states, adding the fire would have made its way into the house in short order. "We quickly dashed to the front door. We were banging and slamming and kicking on the door," he notes. He said if the homeowner "didn't open up, we were ready to kick in the door." The homeowner came out and "was in shock. He got his family and his parrot," Mr. Eid stated. "We went to neighbours as well." Mr. Kadrija lives north of Monk Crescent and Mr. Eid south. "We went for a late-night bite at Denny's and we were going to get a spare tire for my car," he said, "We were driving by and it's a quiet street." Where the house is faces Harwood

Avenue and there are no homes on the opposite side of Harwood. "No one would be able to see it except for us," Mr. Eid says. If the fire department hadn't arrived quickly, Mr. Eid adds the blaze would have moved to other homes. The family went to a neighbour's home after leaving the house. "We offered our vehicle if they wanted to keep warm. A lady in a neighbouring home opened her doors and offered them in," he says. Mr. Eid says he feels "special" about the role he and Mr. Kadrija played. "I feel like we saved a life. We saved a whole family's life. I have a son of my own," Mr. Eid says. Mr. Evered says the investigation is continuing, adding fire crews were "still digging" Tuesday afternoon. A preliminary damage estimate has been set at \$60,000.

Defendants deny taking part in pot rip-off

Charged in Ajax home invasion

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — Two young men standing trial on robbery and weapons charges have testified they were merely along for the ride the night their friends attempted to rip off an Ajax man's marijuana stash. O'Neil Johnson, 21, and 20-year-old Audi Breedy both told jurors this week they had no idea there was a plan to pull a home invasion robbery when a friend stopped in a residential area on a Saturday night in February 2005, announcing he was going to buy "weed." The two Scarborough men face robbery, assault and weapons charges relating to the home invasion. Three other men -- Trifon Naydonev, Delroy Mattison and Ken Battle -- have pleaded guilty to taking part in the robbery at the Charlton Crescent home of a man who was licensed to grow medical marijuana. The Crown concluded its case against the men late last week. Monday the defence opened with testimony by Mr. Johnson, who was followed on the witness stand Tuesday by Mr. Breedy. Both said they were picked up earlier in the day by Mr. Naydonev, who drove from Toronto to his home in Pickering, then picked up Mr. Mattison and Mr. Battle at a plaza in Ajax. Jurors heard the five men were on their way to a Toronto nightclub when Mr. Naydonev pulled up near the Charlton Crescent home and got out with Mr. Battle and Mr. Mattison, Mr. Johnson told jurors in Whitby. "Mr. Naydonev said he'd be back -- he just wanted to get something," Mr. Johnson said. "He said they were going to buy weed." The three men came rushing back a short time later, Mr. Johnson said. Jurors heard earlier several suspects fled when the homeowner grabbed a knife and put up a fight. The victim sustained a serious cut to his hand as he chased the intruders from his home. Mr. Johnson testified he had no idea what was going on when the three young men piled into the car and Mr. Naydonev drove off. The car was pulled over by Durham police a few blocks from the crime scene and all five men arrested. The trial continues.

Fraser report card grades Durham schools

Pickering schools fare well

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DURHAM — A Whitby school is ranked near the top and an Oshawa one near the bottom of the Fraser Institute's 2007 report cards. Whitby's Glen Dhu Public School achieved the highest ranking in Durham with a 9.2 out of a possible 10 on the elementary report cards, while Oshawa's Holy Cross Catholic School received the lowest, 0.3. The Fraser Institute, an independent public policy organization, uses data from the Ontario Education Quality

and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students, in this case from the 2005/06 school year. "I was pleased to see we scored well," said David Black, Glen Dhu's principal. He said teachers at the school work very hard to get ready for the EQAO tests and its parent community is "second to none." The school is also good at tracking each student to determine where they are and where teachers want to take them, said Mr. Black. He added there's always room to grow and the school is going to keep trying to do its best. Regarding the ranking achieved, he said he knows the Fraser report is largely based on the EQAO testing, an area in which the school traditionally does well. "That said, I think we're a great school

because we have many other great things going on as well," said Mr. Black, referring to the sports, arts and music programs, as well as extracurricular activities. "I think that's important because kids want to come to school when there are things to do." Mr. Black added he doesn't focus much on the school rankings and is more interested in EQAO information. "The ranking itself I don't feel is all that valuable," he said. He said some schools that ranked low are great places and have a lot to be proud of. The Fraser report is based on EQAO results but is a "finer measure," said Peter Cowley, director of the Fraser Institute's school performance studies. He said

it looks at the average level students achieved and is more discriminating, looking at if students just made it to a Level 2 in literacy, or are closer to a Level 3, which is also the provincial standard. It also considers the consistency of how many students from both sexes are meeting the standard. "We believe the report card is a more convenient and a more rounded look based on the data we have," said Mr. Cowley. He said the Fraser report cards can help parents choose a school and provides them with an annual audit of how the school is doing. "Parents are a catalyst for improve-

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Not all educators agree with Fraser report

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ment," said Mr. Cowley, and added the ranking empowers them to have discussions with educators and ask why things are going the way they are.

But not all educators are a fan of the rankings,

including Luigia Ayotte, the Durham District School Board's superintendent of programs.

"It's really hard to compare a school in one area to a school in another," said Ms. Ayotte. "(The Fraser report card) really doesn't give us the kind of information we need."

At the Durham Catholic District School Board, many improvement initiatives are in place, but it doesn't buy into the ranking system, said superintendent Chris Hurst. He said the Fraser reports are a simplistic way of doing things and can be misleading.

"We as educators are wondering why a school is the way it is," said Mr. Hurst, and added the board looks at the school's location, size, staff, expertise and more. It uses EQAO data and its own to look at comprehension levels, learning phases, and does profiles on each student to get a complete picture of how they learn.

How to read the tables

The tables include the top two and bottom two schools as ranked in the Fraser Report

Parents' avg education: the average number of years of education of the most educated parent (or lone parent in a single parent family).

Tests cited are the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO tests.

Gender gap (level): the difference, in average level of achievement, between girls and boys and the Grade 6 reading and mathematics tests. Where the difference favours the girls, the number is preceded by an F; for boys, the number is preceded by an M. E means there's no difference.

Three-year value added (reading and writing): These are estimates of the school's contribution to its students' results on these tests.

Upward arrow: school is probably improving in this area.

Downward arrow: school is probably getting worse in this area.

Overall rating out of 10: takes into account the test results, the gender gap, and tests below standard lines.

Our Lady of the Bay (Separate) Pickering										
Parents' avg education (yrs): 15.3		Rank: 145/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		790/2399		
Gr 6 enrollment: 27		Rank: 145/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		790/2399		
Academic Performance		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Trends			
Gr 3 avg. level:		Reading	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	—		
		Writing	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	▲		
		Math	2.3	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.2	—		
Gr 6 avg. level:		Reading	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.2	—		
		Writing	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	—		
		Math	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	—		
Gender gap (level):		Reading	M 0.1	F 0.2	n/a	M 0.2	n/a	n/a		
		Math	M 0.2	M 0.1	n/a	E	n/a	n/a		
Tests below standard (%):		49.1	33.5	35.8	36.8	14.5	—			
Tests not written (%):		9.9	7.0	3.8	8.2	6.8	n/a			
3-year value added: Reading		B	A	A	B	A	n/a			
Math		C	B	C	C	B	n/a			
Overall rating out of 10		5.6	6.9	6.2	6.3	8.7	—			

Highbush (Public) Pickering										
Parents' avg education (yrs): 15.5		Rank: 396/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		389/2399		
Gr 6 enrollment: 62		Rank: 396/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		389/2399		
Academic Performance		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Trends			
Gr 3 avg. level:		Reading	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	—		
		Writing	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	—		
		Math	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8	—		
Gr 6 avg. level:		Reading	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.2	—		
		Writing	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.1	—		
		Math	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.0	—		
Gender gap (level):		Reading	M 0.1	F 0.3	F 0.1	F 0.2	F 0.3	—		
		Math	E	F 0.3	E	F 0.2	F 0.1	—		
Tests below standard (%):		35.0	21.4	21.9	27.4	18.8	—			
Tests not written (%):		9.2	11.5	5.8	4.4	9.1	n/a			
3-year value added: Reading		B	A	A	B	A	n/a			
Math		A	A	A	C	A	n/a			
Overall rating out of 10		7.0	8.1	7.9	6.8	7.8	—			

Vaughan Willard (Public) Pickering										
Parents' avg education (yrs): 15.4		Rank: 2342/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		1663/2399		
Gr 6 enrollment: 35		Rank: 2342/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		1663/2399		
Academic Performance		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Trends			
Gr 3 avg. level:		Reading	2.7	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.5	—		
		Writing	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	—		
		Math	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	—		
Gr 6 avg. level:		Reading	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	▼		
		Writing	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	▼		
		Math	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	▼		
Gender gap (level):		Reading	F 0.2	F 0.9	M 0.4	M 0.2	F 0.3	—		
		Math	F 0.2	F 0.4	M 0.5	E	E	—		
Tests below standard (%):		33.5	44.8	35.3	43.0	51.1	▼			
Tests not written (%):		12.6	9.1	14.3	3.5	3.5	n/a			
3-year value added: Reading		B	D	C	D	C	n/a			
Math		C	C	C	D	D	n/a			
Overall rating out of 10		7.0	4.5	5.4	5.3	4.2	—			

Bayview Heights (Public) Pickering										
Parents' avg education (yrs): 14.0		Rank: 1902/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		1902/2399		
Gr 6 enrollment: 77		Rank: 1902/2812		2005-06		Last 5 yrs		1902/2399		
Academic Performance		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Trends			
Gr 3 avg. level:		Reading	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.6	—		
		Writing	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.7	—		
		Math	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8	▲		
Gr 6 avg. level:		Reading	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.6	—		
		Writing	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	—		
		Math	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.4	—		
Gender gap (level):		Reading	F 0.4	F 0.3	F 0.1	F 0.4	F 0.3	—		
		Math	F 0.5	E	F 0.2	F 0.1	F 0.3	—		
Tests below standard (%):		55.6	53.4	39.4	46.4	38.4	—			
Tests not written (%):		15.5	18.4	11.1	1.8	10.2	n/a			
3-year value added: Reading		C	C	B	C	B	n/a			
Math		C	D	B	B	C	n/a			
Overall rating out of 10		3.8	4.7	5.7	4.6	5.3	—			

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New Canada Food Guide updates nutrition needs

Focus is on fruits and veggies

By Lesley Bovie
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DURHAM — The second most requested government document in Canada has come into the 21st century.

The Canada Food Guide, which turns 65 this year, has a new look and more tips for healthy eating.

Nutritionists are encouraged by its greater emphasis on fruits and vegetables, physical activity and drinking water.

"The revisions are definitely positive," said Adrienne Baltadjian, a public health nutritionist with the Durham Health Department.

"Recommendations are now geared to age, gender and specific groups like

children, adults over 50, and pregnant and breastfeeding women."

Last revised in 1992, the Canada Food Guide used to be more generic, recommending a wide range of servings.

Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, released this month, includes a table, breaking down the recommended number of servings based on age and gender.

Fruits and vegetables have also replaced cereals and grains at the top of the four food groups. Items like tofu, kefir and flat breads have been added to serving examples to reflect diversity in Canada.

It's also the first time the food guide has recommended Vitamin D supplements for adults over the age of 50 and Folic Acid for women pregnant or breastfeeding.

Canadians can personalize the food guide with the help of a new online tool

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called My Food Guide. Users key in personal information like age, sex and activity level and by choosing items from the food list customize their own healthy eating plan.

Health Canada began its review of the food guide in 2002 using new nutritional data and input from various focus groups, said spokesman Paul Duchesne.

People wanted to see more of a variety of foods represented. The revised guide also advises Canadians about nutrition fact tables, the food labels which list the 13 core nutrients on food items, mandatory since 2003.

But while Health Canada reports 80 per cent of Canadians know the food guide, statistics show Canadians aren't eating the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables, says Ms. Baltad-

jian.

It's led the Durham Health Department to embark on a fruit and vegetable campaign, with community displays and contests encouraging families to share their ideas on how to get more of the green stuff into their diet.

"We're eating too much of the convenience foods," adds Ms. Baltadjian.

In celebrating Nutrition Month this March, the Health Department has selected the theme, Cook it up Healthy, offering quick and easy recipes for families and ways to include children in the preparation.

"It's about encouraging positive role modelling. When parents eat well, children eat well," she says.

Ms. Baltadjian suggests setting aside a weeknight or day on the weekend to plan and prepare meals for the week, rather than eating out or popping something processed into the microwave.

She recommends cookbooks, Supper-time Survival and Simply Good Food, the former soon to be released by Dietitians of Canada in March.

And if you want to see how the foods you've eaten today stack up to the new food guide recommendations, visit

EATracker.ca, an on-line tool offered on the Dietitians of Canada Web site.

For more information about the new food guide, visit www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide, or call 1-866-225-0709.

Ajax man will serve 90 days in jail for possessing child pornography

Bust of U.S. site led to Durham charges

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — An Ajax man who was brought to the attention of police here after U.S. authorities busted a child pornography operation south of the border will spend 90 days in jail.

Christopher James Brookfield, who pleaded guilty to a single count of possession of child pornography in January, will serve his sentence on weekends.

He's also been placed on proba-

tion for three years during which his access to computers is restricted and is ordered not to frequent parks, playgrounds and other areas where children congregate.

Mr. Brookfield was arrested in late 2004 after a Durham detective traced Internet transactions made on his credit card.

An investigation began after police in the U.S. busted a child porn distribution ring in an operation dubbed Project Falcon. Police in Durham traced 10 purchases of child porn to a credit card belonging to Mr. Brookfield and in December 2004 executed a search warrant at his Dreyer Drive house, seizing computers, related equipment

and three hard copies of photos of young girls.

A search of seized computer drives revealed more photos and records of visits to child porn websites, prosecutor Brenda Green said.

That forensic analysis also detected software designed to erase files from computer hard drives, she said.

Upon his arrest Mr. Brookfield cooperated with police, showing them websites he'd visited on his laptop computer, Ms. Green said.

In addition to jail time and probation Mr. Brookfield has been placed on the national Sex Offender Registry and his computer equipment has been forfeited to the Crown.



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A lesson in sledding

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- Accept e-mails, files and instant messages ONLY from people you know.** Always delete anything you get from a stranger as it may contain viruses or other nasty attachments.
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Officer, Whitby woman hurt when police van collides with SUV in Pickering

PICKERING — The province's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is examining the circumstances surrounding a two-vehicle collision in Pickering that sent a Whitby woman and a Durham police officer to hospital with minor injuries Friday.

According to Durham police, the accident occurred around 4 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the intersection of Kingston Road and Bainbridge Drive when a marked police van being driven westbound by a 36-year-old officer collided with the 2000 Nissan Pathfinder of a 55-year-

old Whitby woman.

Both motorists were treated at hospital for minor injuries and released.

The police vehicle involved was a Community Services van and while it bore the logos and paint scheme of Durham police, has no siren or emer-

gency lights. "(The officer) was not responding to any type of call," said SIU spokeswoman Rose Bliss.

The SIU was called in following the collision and continues to investigate. The agency sent six investigators including an accident reconstruction

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Schools get funds to reach out to parents

Province offers schools and their community councils grants for various projects

By Crystal Crimi
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DURHAM — Schools are getting more creative in drawing parents in, thanks to some extra money.

Across the Durham District School Board, 32 schools are sharing \$50,000 in education ministry grants to hold workshops, family literacy and fitness nights, and cultural caravans in an attempt to increase parent involvement.

"It's definitely going to enhance the relationship between the school, the parents and the community," said John Bowyer, the Durham District School Board's superintendent of education/Ajax schools and school community councils.

The money came through the ministry's Parents Reaching Out Grants, intended to support school committee council-led initiatives to enhance parents' participation in their kids' education. Projects received anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000, said Mr. Bowyer. More than 2,800 proposals were submitted to the ministry from across the province.

Mr. Bowyer said school principals and school community councils had to work together to create and submit project proposals for the ministry.

"I was really pleased by the creativity the schools and (school community councils) exhibited," he said.

Whitby's Bellwood Public School received \$2,090 for its project, intended to entice both parents and students to get more involved in school after hours.

Maret Sadem-Thompson, Bellwood's principal, said the school is offering a different activity once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. for the next four months. Snacks and prizes will be provided at

each. "It's a really nice opportunity for the school to have a grant to bring parents back into the school for something that is academically and socially related," she said.

The first activity occurs Feb. 15 and features a cartooning workshop for kids and an anti-bullying session for parents.

"The kids are going to be wanting to go to cartooning or storytelling, so the parents will be bringing their kids anyway," said Ms. Sadem-Thompson.

The next session includes storytelling as well as a positive parenting presentation for those with adolescent

and teenage children. The remaining nights centre on a fun activity and provide literacy and math information for parents. Ms. Sadem-Thompson said math concepts are so different now, it's hard for parents to help their kids with homework, which is why they are holding a session on the topic. Through the workshops, parents can learn about the little things they can do to help children learn, she said.

"Helping children be successful is a team approach," said Ms. Sadem-Thompson.

Mr. Bowyer said the board is grateful to have funds to get more parents involved.

Class Act Dinner Theatre night raises money for Durham Family Court Clinic

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Follow Food Guide for good health

Fruits, veggies lead to a better you

It may have been no coincidence that, during the month we typically focus on matters of the heart, the brand new Canada Food Guide was released for public consumption.

Closely following the guidelines in the guide, which runs to a concise six pages and is easily downloadable off the Web, is a key factor in developing strategies that will help prevent Canada's No. 1 killer, heart disease.

If there's one truism the guide makes clear it's that mom was right: You should always eat your fruits and vegetables.

In fact, fruits and vegetables are the single biggest category for serving amounts across nine separate gender and age categories as broken down in the guide.

When you take a close look at the health of Canadians, it's clear the guide is needed now more than ever.

Obesity rates are at an all-time high and the rise in child obesity is particularly troubling. The dietary deficiencies, coupled with a lack of exercise, can easily lead to severe health issues which damage the quality of life and result in higher health care costs for all.

Obesity can lead to Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other diseases which shorten lifespans and severely impinge on quality of life.

But a close reading of the food guide shows there are answers here which, if followed closely, can lead away from poor health.

After fruits and veggies, grain products -- preferably whole grain and low fat of course -- are served most daily. Down the list and in limited quantities -- because in part they are generally high-fat and can increase cholesterol -- are dairy products and meats.

The simple answer, which involves the least trouble is this: Go heavy on fruits/veggies, a little less so on grains and lightly on milk and meat. Get moving at least 30 minutes four to six days a week. If you follow that prescription, you'll be in good health.

The guide also offers examples of the different kinds of foods that fit into each category and how much a serving of each constitutes. It provides special advice to the very young and those 51 and older and provides straightforward, common sense advice for a balanced lifestyle that can keep you out of the hospital wards and living well.

The food guide, which has been the second most requested government document in the past after tax forms, is available online at www.healthcanada.ca/foodguide. You can also get one through Publications, Health Canada, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0K9.

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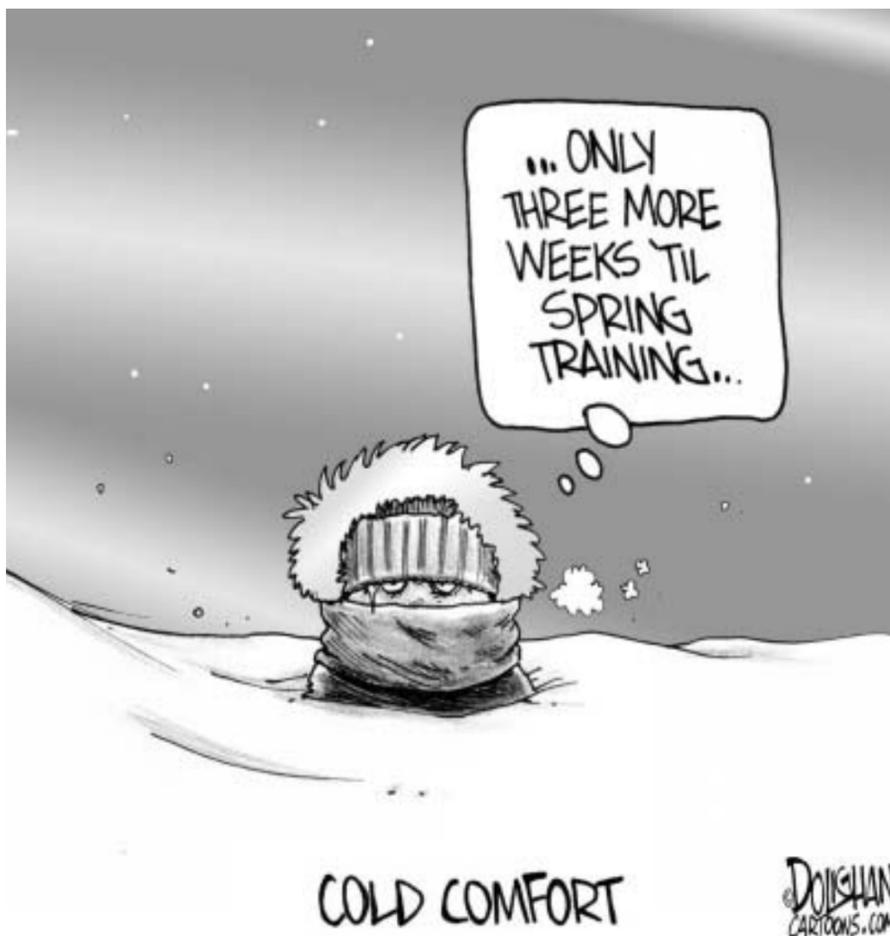
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Do something to stop global warming

To the editor:

Do you believe global warming is happening? Or is it just the warming and cooling of the earth?

If you really think it's happening, do something and don't ignore it! We all do it -- even children! Most of us can't face the fact that we're the ones doing it and we're the ones who need to stop it!

It's not too hard to prevent. All you have to do is stop using as much electricity. Don't use drive-thru windows at fast food restaurants. Car pool and walk. It's not too hard to play outside, draw or do your homework, etc., instead of using electricity or get out of your car and walk to the restaurant or walk to work or to your school.

You'll actually get some exercise and help prevent global warming.

I want to make sure our descendants are safe and that the habitats of animals aren't destroyed.

Some meteorologists predict that in the future the polar ice caps will decrease by a large

amount. That prediction can change if we prevent global warming.

Kathleen Doyle
Age 10
Brooklin

'Green reality' can't be ignored

To the editor:

In tune with a large majority of Durham residents I am puzzled by the attitude of our local councils on the issue of the best use of land coded "greenbelt" by the Province. These lands are now frozen as 'green space' - not to be built on or paved over, wisely creating healthy parkland buffer zones between existing developments.

This seems good planning, in step with the expanding international concern over global warming and the universal imperative of conservation. The world community has just awakened to the ongoing tragic damage to our ecosystem and are now in urgent search of remedies. Our Prime Minister too has hurriedly signed on. Green belt protection is very eco-friendly. Development is

not.

All regions affected by the freeze have indicated acceptance except our Durham Region. In their defiance they have stifled due process of public consultation, muscled greenbelt-friendly Ajax Mayor Steve Parish off the planning committee, defied our provincial government and ignored the opinion of the people of Durham. In this they are seen to be serving the developers only. The optics hint at possible conflicts of interest, creating doubt and suspicion. It seems timely to suggest a round of sincere public consultations, with no dissembling, could dispel these doubts and close the issue democratically.

Now is the time for each Durham politician to revisit their position on the greenbelt. Now the challenge to bestir deeper values and acknowledge this moment off truth. Consult your electors- give ear to their concerns- come out of the dark and into the green reality.

This issue badly needs more involvement- more voices, more democracy. Fellow citizens, please speak out.

Tom Fitzpatrick
Pickering

Going postal's best in a small town

It must be a lot of fun to work at the post office, especially the post office in a small town like mine. Where else can you get paid to look at people's stuff?

I am an inveterate snoop. I am constantly glancing in windows and listening to snatches of conversations as I make my way through each day. I am infinitely interested in the goings on of other people, other lives. I find it all immensely fascinating. So, being able to work in a post office, to handle people's private parcels and correspondences would be like nirvana to the fevered imagination of someone like me. You see, every letter, every parcel must surely tell some kind of story.

I'm not saying the folks in the post office pry or steam open envelopes or anything like that. Frankly, you don't even have to go that far. For example, when Vic Stinson starts getting plain brown envelopes the size of magazines delivered, only months after his wife ran off with that fancy-pants New Holland sales rep, it's not hard to put two and two together as to the contents of said packages. And chances are they're not 'Poultry Fancier'. Same deal when the United Church minister gets a parcel or two from the 'Tuff Guyz' Leather Gar-



Neil Crone enter laughing

ment Co. of San Francisco. Do the math, and let he who is without sin cast the first stone, I say.

The stream of mail flowing through that post office is like the blood coursing through the veins of this little town. The post office workers see who gets the bulky, home-wrapped care parcels full of goodies and affection. And they see who do not.

They see the cheques, the bills, the magazines, the hand-written letters and the coldly typed notices. They see the florid script of scented love letters coming and going... and sometimes stopping. They see it all. How interesting must that be?

Are they aware, for instance, that that letter with the shaky writing on it is full of nothing but heartache? Is that trim little, gilt-edged envelope preg-

nant with the joyous news of a wedding, a birth, a death? Is that Guns and Ammo subscription worth a tip-off call to the local constabulary?

If they do know anything, they never show it. Post office folks must be master poker players. I don't think I ever want to play cards with somebody who can hand Gump Lattimer his copy of 'Big Gals' magazine every week and not even crack a smile or discreetly offer the scotch tape to Thad Burford who is frantically trying to stuff the head of a blow-up doll back into it's ripped packaging. That takes professionalism.

These people live here, amongst us, after all. How in God's name do they still look us in the eye when they've seen our dark underbelly, our naughty return addresses, our perfumed envelopes, our parcels from Thailand?

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ON THE ESPLANADE

Crown seeks custodial term for cop to show seriousness of fraud charge

Defence asks for suspended sentence

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — A prosecutor has called for a custodial sentence for a Durham cop convicted of fraud and other criminal charges, arguing that lighter punishment would not reflect the seriousness of the offences.

Crown attorney Jim Hughes said Monday that Terrance "Ben" McColm breached the public trust and jeopardized the image of the Durham police service when he was found to be in possession of two stolen vehicles, one of which he drove to work in Pickering each day.

"He breaches that with the public by committing crimes and being convicted as a police officer," Mr. Hughes told Superior Court Justice David Salmers during a sentencing hearing in Whitby.

"Damage to the reputation of other police officers occurs," Mr. Hughes said.

Mr. McColm, of Port Perry, and his friend, Joselito "Joey" Abad, an auto body worker in Mississauga, were both convicted by a jury in December after a lengthy trial.

The two men had been charged with possession of property obtained by crime, charges relating to two vehicles Mr. McColm obtained from Mr. Abad. Mr. McColm was also charged with fraud for falsely reporting a Nissan Pathfinder stolen in 2000 and collecting on an insurance claim.

Jurors heard a fellow officer became suspicious in early 2003 when he saw Mr. McColm driving a Mercedes Benz with expired dealer plates and ran the car on a police computer system. The car was flagged as stolen; Mr. McColm was found to be in possession of a second stolen vehicle, a Toyota Sienna van, jurors heard.

Mr. McColm explained he'd been loaned the vehicles by Mr. Abad.

When police searched his Peel Region body shop they discovered the Pathfinder that had been reported stolen; the keys to the SUV were found inside Mr. Abad's office.

Upon his arrest and at trial Mr. McColm insisted he had no idea the vehicles were stolen.

Mr. Hughes called Monday for a custodial sentence for the convicted men, leaving it up to the judge to determine how much

time ought to be served and whether a jail term or a conditional sentence of house arrest ought to be imposed. Defence lawyer Tom Balka suggested a suspended sentence, arguing Mr. McColm has already suffered adverse publicity during the trial and faces dire career conse-

quences as a result of his conviction. "He has been punished and will continue to be punished," Mr. Balka said. Mr. Abad's lawyer, Stephen Cooper, also urged alternatives to a custodial sentence, noting his client is a first-time offender

who found himself caught up in a high-profile Superior Court trial largely because his co-accused is a cop. "He's had to go through a very significant trial experience," Mr. Cooper said. Justice Salmers is to rule on sentence next month.

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FROM THE NET OUT

Panthers seek to even series

Pickering trails Toronto Junior Canadians entering tonight's Game 4 in Pickering

By Al Rivett
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PICKERING — Emotional? Dramatic? Record-breaking? Thus far, the opening-round playoff series between the Pickering Panthers and the Toronto Junior Canadians has been a wild ride.

The Junior Canadians own a 2-1 series lead in the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League South Conference best-of-seven series heading into tonight's (Wednesday) Game 4 at the Pickering Recreation Complex at 7:30 p.m.

And, make no mistake, a win is pivotal for the Panthers to avoid going down by two games in the tightly played series and, more importantly, avoid being on the brink of elimination to a solid Toronto squad going into Thursday night's Game 5 in Toronto.

"We know the importance of (Wednesday's) game. It doesn't take a genius to know that we have to come out strong and be prepared in every way. We have to be sharp and focused," says Panthers' head coach Pat Curcio.

Curcio notes the Panthers must establish themselves early in the contest and outwork the Junior Canadians for the full 60 minutes in order to pull out the critical victory.

"I think the guys are well aware of what it takes to win. The key is our work ethic. We have to continue to skate and win the battles for loose pucks. We have to continue to do these things and not let them dictate to us the play of the game."

The Panthers earned their first win of the series on Sunday night in Toronto, unleashing a six-goal barrage and then adding an empty-net marker in a 7-4 victory over the Junior Canadians.

With the series being so tightly played in previous contests, the seven-goal outburst on the road by the Panthers was unexpected to say the least, says Curcio.

"Alan Reynolds (Toronto's starting goalie) is one of the best in the league and their backup (Russ Brownell) is pretty good too, so to score seven goals, six and one into an empty net, no, we never expected that," he says. "We prepared for a low-scoring game. To score seven was unexpected, welcomed and deserved."

The Game 3 victory spoke volumes about the character of the Panthers personnel, as it came less than a day after a six-hour, six-overtime periods affair that ended in a 4-3 loss. At 1:33 a.m., a shot off the stick of Toronto captain Kyle Wetering just made it across the goal line, ending what has been called the longest game in the history of the Ontario Hockey Association.

"I wasn't surprised," says Curcio of this team's play in Game 3 after the overtime heartbreak of the previous game. "I'm so proud of every guy on this hockey team. No matter what the future results, the way we battled through adversity to come back with the spirit to win was simply outstanding. They've really earned my respect. "It's something I don't think anyone



Officials pull Pickering Panthers' Kris Belan off a Toronto Junior Canadians player during an altercation in Game 1 of the best-of-seven playoff series in Pickering Friday night. Belan received a game misconduct and two minor penalties. The visiting Toronto Junior Canadians won 3-1. Toronto currently leads the series two games to one, with Game 4 at the Pickering Recreation Complex Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

will be involved in something like that again. Words can't explain."

The Torontonians got off the mark first in the series, scoring a 3-1 victory in Game 1 in Pickering last Friday. Unfortunately for Curcio, discipline proved to be a problem, with the Junior Canadians burning the Panthers with the man-advantage. All three Toronto goals were power-play markers.

"Discipline was an issue," conceded Curcio. "Whether they were fair calls or not, we gave them opportunities and they capitalized."

The nip-and-tuck series has proved to be a wild affair for both teams, says Curcio.

"These two hockey teams have beaten everybody in the league and are now playing in the first round. It's too bad somebody has to lose. Battling for



Pat Curcio

every inch of ice is an understatement. The games could have easily gone either way. It's truly an exciting series."

Game 5 is in Toronto at Chesswood Arena on Thursday at 8 p.m. Game 6, if necessary, is in Toronto on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Game 7, if it's needed, is in Pickering on Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

SCORING SUMMARY

Pickering Panthers 7 at Toronto Junior Canadians 4
Period 1
Pickering - Kris Belan (shorthanded) (Greg Riggs) 4:36
Toronto - Brent Tamane (powerplay) (Kyle Ventura, Andres Borges) 5:18
Pickering - Jamie MacQueen (Greg Riggs, Greg Payne) 6:46
Pickering - Mike McFarlane (Brad Fleishman, Michael Banwell) 7:51
Pickering - Kris Belan (powerplay) (Cody Smith, Michael Banwell) 15:00
Period 2
Toronto - Carson Devine (Stefan Smith) 2:03
Pickering - Kory Helowka (powerplay) (Phil Mcllhone, Richard Schofield) 11:33
Pickering - Jesse Hebscher (powerplay) (Michael Banwell, Richard Schofield) 12:33

Toronto - Brendan Soley (Troy Harris, Jared Docking) 16:18
Period 3

Toronto - Brendan Soley (Jeff Vanderlugt, Alex Paiement) 13:08
Pickering - Richard Schofield (shorthanded) (emptynet) (unassisted) 19:21

SCORING SUMMARY

Pickering Panthers 3 at Toronto Jr. Canadian 4 (6-OT)
Period 1
Toronto - Brent Tamane (Jared Docking) 5:16
Period 2
Pickering - Cody Smith (powerplay) (unassisted) 0:22
Pickering - Phil Mcllhone (powerplay) (Daniel Mandel) 9:41
Toronto - Troy Harris (Nick Avgerinos, Carson Devine) 10:26
Toronto - Ryan O'Reilly (Andres Borges, Brendan Soley) 10:48
Pickering - Cody Smith (Chad Beal) 19:21
Period 3
(no scoring)
Overtime
(no scoring)
2nd Overtime
(no scoring)
3rd Overtime
(no scoring)
4th Overtime
(no scoring)
5th Overtime
(no scoring)
6th Overtime
Toronto - Kyle Wetering (Kyle Ventura, Jared Docking) 4:32

SCORING SUMMARY

Toronto Jr. Canadians 3 at Pickering Panthers 1
Period 1
Toronto - Brendan Soley (powerplay) (Kyle Ventura, Brent Tamane) 14:28
Period 2
Toronto - Shawn Crozier (powerplay) (Jared Docking) 16:22
Period 3
Toronto - Alex Paiement (powerplay) (Kyle Ventura, Brent Tamane) 12:19
Pickering - Phil Mcllhone (powerplay) (unassisted) 15:10

Overtime contest one for the ages

PICKERING — Saturday's Game 2 in the playoff series between the Pickering Panthers and the Toronto Junior Canadians could be dubbed 'The game that didn't want to end.'

As it was, it was the longest game in Ontario Hockey Association history, lasting 154 minutes and 32 seconds, starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 1:33 a.m. on Sunday morning.

With the contest entering a sixth overtime frame, OHA officials were prepared to end the game after that point and continue it the next day; they didn't have to invoke those measures, however, as Toronto's Kyle Wetering ended it at the 4:32 mark of the 20-minute OT session, giving the Junior Canadians a 4-3 victory.

Panthers' head coach Pat Curcio says he's received numerous calls from people connected with hockey and the league in the aftermath of the lengthy contest.

One of those calls was from Oshawa Generals' head coach Brad Selwood, who noted to Curcio he arrived home from Sudbury after a game with the Generals at 1 a.m. Sunday morning and was certain the website 'Pointstreak' had malfunctioned, as the Pickering-Toronto game appeared to be still in progress.

That's because it was.

High school hockey heats up

Ajax High jumps out to quarter-final series lead over Uxbridge

DURHAM — The surprising Ajax High School Rams continue to roll in the Durham Region senior boys' high school hockey playoffs.

The No. 6 seeded Rams, after knocking off the Courtyce Secondary School Cougars in the first round of the Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) playoffs, continued to impress by downing the third-seeded Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers 5-2 in Uxbridge on Monday afternoon.

Ajax High received offensive contributions for five different players in Game 1 of their best-of-three quarter-final series with the Tigers. Brett Holmberg, Brandon Sellers, Drew Boyd, Oliver Walker and Tyler Milanovic scored for the Rams.

The Rams can wrap up the series with a win in Game 2 Thursday at the Ajax Community Centre, pad 1, at 1:30 p.m.

The second-seeded St. Mary Catho-

lic Secondary School Monarchs, which earned a bye through the first round of the playoffs, play the seventh-seeded Monsignor Paul Dwyer Saints of Oshawa in their quarter-final series.

It opens this morning at the Pickering Recreation Complex at 8 a.m. Game 2 in the series is on Thursday in Oshawa. Dwyer advanced to the quarter-finals after defeating the Bowmanville High School Talons 3-0 to win their opening-round series two games to one.

Meanwhile, the Dunbarton High School Spartans (No. 4 seed), which also received a bye through the opening playoff round, faced off against the McLaughlin Trojans (No. 5 seed) on Tuesday in Pickering.

McLaughlin advanced to the quarter-finals after defeating the Anderson Raiders 3-1 on Monday to win the opening-round series two games to one.

In another series, the top-seeded Eastdale Eagles of Oshawa defeated the eighth-seeded Father Leo Austin Wildcats 5-2 in their quarter-final series opener on Monday.

Game 2 of the series will be played today (Wednesday).



Dunbarton's Nathaniel Underhill battles for position during playoff action on Tuesday.

Sports briefs

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[Basketball]

Gall on the ball for ESN Packaging

AJAX — ESN Packaging wrapped up a tidy 51-46 victory over Dickson Printing in the first of three close matches in Ajax Men's Basketball League action Wednesday night.

ESN posted a solid team effort, led by Clayton Gall with 13 points. Gall was backed up by Ken Daniel with 12 points and Bob Pizer with 10. Greg Rowe once again had the hot hand for Dickson's with 18 points. Gord Brown added 10.

Top Shelf overcame an early first-half deficit to defeat Michael's Eatery 45-39 in the second game of the evening. Bill Manos, Bob Murray and Mike Gordensky combined for 41 of Top Shelf's 45 points, scoring 17, 13 and 11 points, respectively. Louis Davis led Michael's with 14 points, assisted by Luke Luukkonen with 13.

Burgundy pulled away in the final moments to defeat North Alliance Press 53-36 to finish out the evening. Iron man Allan Gomes paced Burgundy with 14 points, with Claude Whitfield adding 12. Big man Claude Feig had another solid game for NAP, dropping 15 points, with veteran Frank Forde putting his recent laser surgery to good work, scoring eight points for the printers.

Lions to host March Madness camp

AJAX — Ajax Lions Basketball is getting ready to host its March Madness Co-Ed Basketball Camp next month.

The youth camp runs from March 12 to 16 at Ajax High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The camp focus is on fundamentals and teamwork.

Those interested can register by phone by calling 905-683-4983 or via e-mail at Contact@ajaxlions.com. The Lions' website is www.ajaxlions.com.

[Hockey]

Raiders announce head coaches

DURHAM — The Ajax-Pickering Raiders 'AAA' hockey organization has announced its slate of head coaches for the coming 2007-08 season.

The coaches and their teams are: Novice - Todd McNabb; minor atom - Kevin Morgan; atom - David Wozney; minor peewee - Kevin Davidson; peewee - Stewart Emerson; minor bantam - Glenn Ernst; bantam - Jamie Hertzman; minor midget - Geoff Hodgkinson; midget - Larry Gertsakis. Tryouts begin on Monday, April 16. The schedule will be available shortly.

[Trampoline]

Sky Dragons sky high at Cup meet

DURHAM — Sky Dragons trampoline club members soared to promising results at the second Provincial Cup meet in Ottawa last weekend.

This meet was well-attended with 32 clubs from across Ontario participating.

In the individual trampoline level 'C' category, (girls' 13- and 14-year-old) Sydney Allen-Ash was 10th and Tiffany Hopkins was 13th.

In the individual trampoline level 'C' category, (girls' 15-and-older) Caitlin Howe was 12th.

In the double-mini trampoline competition (girls' 13 and older), Allen-Ash placed fourth, Howe was sixth and Hopkins was eighth.

[Volleyball]

Teams on the Attack

DURHAM — Durham Attack teams had to shake off some rust after Christmas break, but still managed to have a successful January.

The 16U Black girls' team won gold at the 16U Tier 1 McGregor Cup while the 15 year old girls competed for the first time a level above their own and finished a respectable fifth.

The girls' 16U Red team won the Tier 2 gold medal in Newmarket advancing to Tier 1 for the next tournament.

The Durham Attack will have three teams at the Tier 1 level for the next tournament.

The 18U girls' team participated in their second 19U tourney and once again won gold.

The 17U boys' team had an solid weekend in Cobourg. After placing second in pool play, they faced the Northumberland Breakers in a crossover match. Attack beat the Breakers in three games, qualifying for the semifinals against Ottawa. The match went to three sets with Durham prevailing. Attack faced the Mississauga Pacmen in the final and, although they gave it their best shot, ran out of steam, earning silver.

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Civic Band a rich part of Durham's history

New blood needed to sustain venerable group

By Mike Ruta
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DURHAM — Bill Askew remembers a memorable night, and an extraordinary moment, in July, 1942.

It was the inaugural concert at the McLaughlin Bandshell in Oshawa, a gift to the city from Col. R.S. McLaughlin. The Oshawa Civic Band, then called the Oshawa Oshawa and Regimental Band, was ready to break in the facility and there were around 2,000 people waiting to hear them, including McLaughlin. It was a beautiful evening.

"Sam pulled up in his limo and the maid and the chauffeur accompanied him and (wife) Adelaide to the bench they had reserved," recalls Askew.

Car blankets were spread on the bench for them to sit on. At 7:15 p.m., band president Bert Bathe approached McLaughlin and said, "the boys would like you to come down to the band room for a moment." Presentations were being made to older band members, smoking cabinets in appreciation for their long service to the group. Askew recalls McLaughlin standing off to the side watching, and perhaps getting a bit impatient.

"Well boys, I'm waiting to hear the concert," he remarked, preparing to leave.

However McLaughlin was stopped and Bathe told him it was his turn. McLaughlin tore the wrapping paper off his own smoking cabinet, a gift as thanks for the bandshell, the band instruments and uniforms he had provided.

"His eyes started to fill up," Askew recalls. "He said, 'you know, I do things because I like doing things. But this is the first time I've received something tangible.'"

The OCB always had a special place in his heart and often played summer concerts at Parkwood Estate.

"Sam figured it was his band," says Askew, an Oshawa resident and member since, wait for it, 1932.

Formed in 1870, it's arguably the oldest band in Durham Region. Unless some other group can claim it formed just after the war - the U.S. Civil War, that is. It began as the band of the 34th Ontario Regiment, a traditional military band, assuming its current name in 1968.

But, members are more interested in the band's future than its past. The band is recruiting, as it has around 22 members and could use another dozen or so. And with many older members, young people are definitely welcome.

"We're trying to build the band up," says Bill Whitsitt, a Whitby resident in his 69th year as a member. "It's been difficult getting people, players who can handle this type of music."

The group is a traditional British brass band. He explains this means there are no reeded instruments such as saxophones, clarinets and flutes. Instead, members play cornets, similar to a trumpet, euphoniums and flugel horns.

"The cornet takes the place of the reed in the concert band," Askew explains. "The horn players have to be very versatile."

The OCB's repertoire ranges from movie themes from Harry Potter and Raiders of the Lost Ark to modern and show music.

However, finding new members is hard for a number of reasons. The music isn't as popular and people are far busier and more transient. Members are looking for people who can make a commitment to the band and are going to stick around for a while. People like cornet player and



Bill Whitsitt, in his 69th year as a member of the Oshawa Civic Band, sits next to his grandson, 12-year-old Jonathon, during a recent Oshawa Civic Band rehearsal. Mr. Whitsitt's three sons have been members over the years, including current member Paul Whitsitt. Band members would like to see more younger people join.

band executive member Jessica Carter, who came on board around three years ago.

"I was interested in joining a band because I wanted to get back into music," the Ajax resident says.

For Carter, it was easy as doing an internet search on 'playing in a band.' The Oshawa Civic Band, she notes, "was the first place I looked."

She had played cornet, similar to but smaller than a trumpet, in grade school and in the first two years of high school.

"I knew that music was something I enjoyed; it was one of my passions," Carter says.

She e-mailed band president David Nusink, noting he called her right away and invited her out to a Monday rehearsal. It didn't go well.

'Bill Askew has been holding the band together for so many years. I just don't want the band to fold when he leaves. I think it would be a huge loss.'

JESSICA CARTER

"I was completely discouraged and didn't plan on coming back," Carter recalls. "I felt like I was going to let the band down."

Her skills weren't what they used to be and she felt a bit out of place, given that some members have been in the band for more than 60 years. But, band members were patient with her and now she's a regular.

"We're a huge family - they worry about me, I worry about them," Carter says.

She worries about a few things, including the future of the band. She says the OCB is a big part

of Oshawa and Durham's history that can't be allowed to disappear.

"Bill Askew has been holding the band together for so many years," Carter says. "I just don't want the band to fold when he leaves. I think it would be a huge loss."

Askew, like many of the older members, isn't going anywhere at the moment. You can't fault him for a lack of commitment. He joined the band when he was 12 and it's no cliché to say he's a young 87.

"You have to do something to keep out of mischief when you grow older," he says with a smile.

The OCB committed to performing six concerts a year for the City and he's proud to say that it didn't meet its obligation just once, when the City

closed the bandshell due to an asbestos concern.

Whitsitt has done his part to keep the band stocked with members. His three sons have been in the band, including current soloist Paul Whitsitt, and Paul's son, 12-year-old Jonathon, now has a place beside his grandfather as he learns the euphonium.

"I'm running out of kids," Bill Whitsitt jokes.

At a recent rehearsal, Paul Whitsitt shows a photo from the former Oshawa Times of him and fellow band member Edward Franklin. It's dated June 23, 1968.

"It's almost 40 years ago," he notes. "We're sitting beside each other still."

The short article accompanying the photo states members at the concert wore their new gold and black uniforms and played new silver-plated instruments, gifts from McLaughlin, who was in attendance. The band room is a veritable trip down memory lane, with photos of rehearsals and concerts past lining the walls. The dedication members like Askew, the Whitsitts and others have shown to the OCB through the years is even more impressive.

Trombonist Al Cooper, 83, joined in 1959, and a stroke in 2003 didn't keep him away for long.

"It's been my life, ever since I was about 12 years of age," he says of music and playing in a band.

He became a member after his father, by chance, met the band's then-musical director on a bus.

"They got in conversation and the music director asked my father if he had any sons interested in playing in the band," Cooper notes.

His father approached his three sons and only Al, the youngest, expressed an interest. Cooper has help getting to and from rehearsals and, asked if he'll play as long as he can, he responds as if he's been asked if summer follows spring.

"Oh yeah," Cooper says. "Why not?"

The OCB makes it easy for new people to join. It supplies instruments and even lessons for those who want to learn. Cornet, trombone and percussion players are especially needed. Rehearsals are every Monday night in the band room from 8 to 10 p.m.

To learn more about the band or if you'd like to join, visit www.oshawacivicband.ca or call Nusink at 905-426-2456.

Brown, Peacock exhibit at Farndale gallery

By Christy Chase
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DURHAM — With climate change and the environment in global headlines, it's rather appropriate that the Kent Farndale Gallery's new exhibit is entitled Tribute to Nature.

The display of paintings by Ronald Brown, of Markham, and sculptures by Roland Peacock, of Sutton West, is influenced by the environment. Both men consider themselves naturalists and Peacock is committed to preserving and cleaning up our world.

The joint exhibit opened recently, just days after the release of a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, that said humans are "very likely" the cause of global warming and called for drastic changes.

Peacock has been doing his bit for the environment for years, fighting as part of a group to get an old smelter cleaned up in his neighbourhood and working to make children aware of the problems around them.

"People are becoming more aware of their environment," he said. "Unfortunately each generation leaves the next generation picking up the tab for" the mess older generation has made. "It's getting to be costlier all the time."

His passion about the environment has influenced his work.

"I got into carving the animals and birds that are endangered," he said.

His art also represents the loss of wetlands and other habitats.

He carves old fence posts and "finds it's a good wood to use. It's readily available for me. I live on a small acreage and there's a split-rail fence that runs all down the property line."

Born in Scotland, Peacock has always been interested in art, whittling ships and painting when

he was younger.

For Brown, his love of nature is reflected in his landscapes. A former hike leader on the Bruce Trail, he now travels coast to coast through Canada and the United States to gain inspiration for his work. But many of his works reflect local scenes, in watercolour and oil.

"The paintings I have done are landscapes, done locally, in Markham, Port Perry, Richmond Hill, Haliburton," he said.

In the summers and falls, he heads out in his car to gain more inspiration. He's been to Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, the Maritimes, western Canada and California.

"Wherever I happen to be is where I paint," he said.

In the winter, in mild weather, he'll get in his van, drive somewhere, pull out his paints and paint what he sees. But only in mild weather.

He does sketches and takes pictures on his digital camera, which he uses as resources for his paintings. Sometimes, he even paints on scene.

A self-taught artist, he started painting in his 20s, after his brother gave him oil paints for Christmas.

He and Peacock met after both applied to the Kent Farndale Gallery for exhibits. The selection committee accepted both artists and informed them they'd be involved in one exhibit. They met and hit it off, Brown said.

"My landscapes were complementary to his sculpting and his sculpting was complementary to my landscapes. It's a match made in heaven."

The exhibit runs until March 1 at the gallery, located in Scugog Memorial Public Gallery, 231 Water St., Port Perry. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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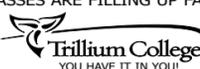
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