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Auto wreckers levelled by fire

Second blaze in less than one year

By Keith Gilligan
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AJAX — Workers at an auto wreckers cutting up a discarded van may have inadvertently started a fire Monday that closed a portion of an Ajax industrial area.

The blaze began shortly after 9 a.m. and sent thick black smoke billowing out easterly over Ajax.

Three businesses immediately to the east of Ajax Auto Wreckers on Dowty Road were evacuated for about two hours. Thom Evered of the Ajax Fire and Emergency Services said the preliminary cause was sparks from the van being dismantled.

"It's possible there was gas still in the vehicle. The workers tried their best to extinguish it with the portable extinguishers on site," Mr. Evered stated.

He described the blaze as "a typical fire you would find in an auto-repair and auto-recycling shop."

Deputy fire chief Mark Diotte said it's possible there was "fuel in a line. There may have been gas contained in a vehicle." It's the second time there's been a fire in the same 7,500-square-foot building. The previous blaze occurred in September of last year.

"Unfortunately, this one got out of hand," Mr. Evered stated.

Steve Miller was at work at Hupaco Wood Products when he heard "a couple of explosions. They were loud enough to hear inside."

Mr. Miller said when he went outside he saw "big-ass flames" coming from the building, adding the flames were "80 feet in the air."

Sergeant Paul McCurbin of the Durham Regional Police said there were "hazardous materials in the fire, propane, gas and oil. We evacuated the buildings in the immediate area."

Mr. Evered said there were no injuries to anyone in the building or to firefighters. The fire was quickly brought under control by crews from the Ajax and Pickering fire departments.

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PICKERING — Ontario Power Generation presented 'Mad Science' as part of its March Madness activities. Lindsay Wilkinson of Mad Science lets Blake Robertson feel suds made from soap, water and dry ice. Much to Blake's surprise, the suds quickly disappeared, leaving no trace.

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Flaherty's 'family-friendly' budget sits well locally

Up to Province to pass new money to municipalities

By Izbela Jaroszynski
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DURHAM — Fresh from delivering his second budget as the federal finance minister, Jim Flaherty was confident and jovial as he addressed his hometown crowd at a post-budget breakfast in Oshawa on Tuesday.

"I hope I will be able to convey to you why we're doing what we're doing," he told the group of local business and community leaders. "There is a focus to

what we're trying to accomplish."

The audience was sympathetic to Mr. Flaherty's 'family-friendly' budget that includes a plan to reduce the tax burden for lower-and-middle-income families and gives parents a \$2,000 tax credit for each child under the age of 18. Minister Flaherty also plans to inject money into post-secondary education, health care, and the environment, all of which he says will benefit the average local family.

"The choice that we made was to support Canadian families," he said, pointing out the increasing expenses faced by the typical household, such as rising energy prices.

"So we addressed some of that yesterday," he said, adding: "we are intentionally supporting families in Canada.

That's our goal and we will continue to do that going forward."

Mr. Flaherty also announced measures that he says will help the region's

struggling auto sector, including an accelerated capital cost allowance that will

give local manufacturers the ability to write off 100 per cent of their large equipment investments over a two-year period.

But while the government spent billions of its surplus dollars on tax cuts and industry investment, it is the \$39 billion in new transfer payments to the

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Regional budget includes 24 new officers

Councillors considering tax hike just below five per cent

By Erin Hatfield
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DURHAM — This year's tax impact is poised to come in at less than five per cent and that has Regional councillors and staff smiling during the 2007 budget talks.

Although early in the Region's budget process, the residential tax increase is at 4.89 per cent, which trans-

lates to a \$95 increase on the average residential home, valued at \$280,000.

The general purpose budget increase is at 3.09 per cent while, according to Jim Clapp, the Region's commissioner of finance, there is also a projected increase of 50 per cent for transit and 1.3 per cent for solid waste.

"(The budget) met all the guidelines imposed by the council," Mr. Clapp said. "The key to the budget process is setting the guidelines, which council did back in January."

Council's 2007 guidelines were placed at a one per cent increase for operations, one per cent for roads and

1.5 per cent for police services.

"There is not a lot of new stuff in the budget because the guidelines were pretty tight to begin with," he said.

However, Mr. Clapp said you never really know what the budget will look like when it is eventually passed by council in April.

A Regional council priority on road work represents the biggest expense in this year's budget, \$41.8 million.

The proposed 2007 road program gives priority to expansion projects in four major corridors: Taunton Road, Harmony Road, Brock Road and

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Free tax-return session offered for Pickering residents

DURHAM — If your gross income is less than \$22,000 and you are a resident of Pickering or Ajax, you can book an appointment to get your tax return done for free.

On March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Doric Pickering Masonic Corporation, representing The Masons of Pickering and Ajax, hosts the free event.

To be eligible, you must be an Ajax or Pickering resident. Also, you must have a gross income less than \$15,000 without dependants or a gross income of less than \$22,000 with dependants.

Applicants must bring complete information to the appointment, namely: last year's completed tax return and their notice of assessment; their SIN number; and all receipts for income and expenses.

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Nathaniel Baturensky mugs for the camera as Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty checks his cup to see if he's a winner. The minister met with the Baturensky family who are from Brooklin at the Victoria Avenue Tim Hortons in Whitby.

Region reviews police budget Wednesday

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Bayly/ Victoria/ Bloor Street.
The increase isn't a huge impact on a residential tax bill, something Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce said she is pleased with in her first shot as chairwoman of the finance and administration committee.
"We are just starting off the process and we are under five per cent," Mayor Pearce said.
Today (Wednesday) there will be presentations by regional departments, police services, and conservation authorities, followed by an explanation of provincial downloading and final cutbacks Thursday.

"We are still going to try to firm it up where we can," Mayor Pearce said. "I still think there are a few areas where we can bring it down."
She said the budget is nearly where it will be when passed, although there could be further reductions of about a half per cent.
"I think there are other smaller areas we can deal with," Mayor Pearce said. "And those small areas add up."
There are a lot of good things happening in this budget, she said, including 24 new police officers and waste diversion rates that are at 60 per cent.
"We are doing some good things in Durham Region," Mayor Pearce said.

"But unfortunately they cost some money."
Regional chairman Roger Anderson agreed with Mayor Pearce that there is still room to make some changes.
"Anywhere we are having to pay for staff that have the potential to be subsidized by the Province is an area we can cut back," Mr. Anderson said.
"We shouldn't be paying for health and social services in the first place."
As the budget stands now, the region plans to spend just under \$420 million last year.
Pending approval by the finance and administration committee at its April 11 meeting, the Regional budget comes before council on April 18.

Provincial budget released Thursday

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provinces that has some local politicians worried. Roger Anderson, the chairman of Durham Region, says he is happy to see a resolution to the fiscal imbalance between the federal and provincial government, but is concerned that the money won't trickle down to where it is needed most: the municipalities.
"Is there any measure in place that will make the provinces pass that new money on to the municipalities that are paying for services that are rightfully a provincial level (responsibility)," he asked Mr. Flaherty at the breakfast event sponsored by the Whitby Chamber of

Commerce.
"The answer to the question is no," Mr. Flaherty said.
"The relationship between the municipalities and the province is the relationship between the municipalities and the province."
"The municipalities have to work with the province and ask the province to be responsive." In the budget, the minister made it quite clear that it is not the responsibility of the federal government to fund cities and the new funding is meant to empower provincial governments to look after spending in their own jurisdiction -- which includes providing money to municipalities.

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Female clerk beaten, cash and cigarettes stolen

PICKERING — A suspect clubbed a female clerk over the head during a convenience store robbery Friday in Pickering.

The 35-year-old clerk was treated for injuries sustained in the attack, which happened at the Daisy Mart outlet on Bayly Street around 10 a.m., police said.

The victim told cops she was responding to a request for assistance from a man who'd come into the store when he struck her several times over the head with an unknown blunt object.

The suspect, a white man in his 30s, helped himself to cash and cigarettes before fleeing the scene, police said.

Victim pistol whipped during robbery

PICKERING — An employee was pistol whipped during a robbery at a business in a Pickering industrial mall Friday, police said.

Durham police are seeking two suspects in connection with the incident, which occurred around 7 p.m. at Pynacle Promotions on Salk road. An employee was counting the daily receipts when he was confronted by two men and struck in the face with the butt of a gun, police said.

The suspects, described as black men in their 20s, fled with cash. The victim sustained minor injuries, police said. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call police at 905-579-1520, ext. 5360, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Funeral a celebration of 'grandpa's' life

Oldest payer of head tax passes days after apology is complete

By Kristen Calis
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PICKERING — In traditional Chinese culture, red is not normally used at funerals because it depicts celebration. But at Ralph Lung Kee Lee's funeral on March 19, red flowers adorned the casket.

"Because he lived so long, we were advised to put red on the casket," Landy Anderson, Mr. Lee's granddaughter, said in an interview.

A Pickering resident, Mr. Lee died on March 15, just days after celebrating his 107th birthday and receiving compensation for paying the head tax imposed on Chinese immigrants to Canada between 1885 and 1923.

Ms. Anderson said she is happy her grandfather received his compensation before passing and that he reached the status of the longest-living payer of the head tax.

"We celebrated that he lived to the completion of the apology," she said. "In my heart, I knew he stayed alive for the apology."

In fact, Mr. Lee had a heart attack two days before his birthday, which the family did not know until after he died.

"I cannot believe how strong he was," Ms. Anderson said, "how he persevered and hung around until the end."

And, that end was long after his arrival on Canadian soil. In 1912, 12-year-old Ralph landed in Vancouver, B.C., eventually making his way to Fort William, Ont. (now Thunder Bay). He washed dishes to pay off the head tax, the equivalent of two years' wages. Five years later, he finally paid the debt, and began work on the



Just last week Ralph Lung Kee Lee attended a party in celebration of his 107th birthday. He was also presented a cheque for \$20,000 as part of the compensation agreement reached between Chinese immigrants who paid a head tax and the federal government.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

Ms. Anderson explained her grandfather made trips to China, and eventually married, fathering two daughters and one son. But, because of the Exclusion Act, which barred most Chinese immigration into Canada, they were unable to return to Canada with him until after the ban was lifted in 1947. Although he eventually brought his wife and two daughters back to Canada, his only son had died during the Second World War.

Ms. Anderson said at first, Mr. Lee wanted to travel back to China to see his son's grave with the \$20,000 compensation he received from the government. But, even before his passing, Ms. Ander-

son said he wouldn't be able to do that due to his old age and failing health.

Mr. Lee did, however, have the last train ride of his life on the Redress Express to Ottawa last June when Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally apologized to Mr. Lee and other payers of the head tax.

"He was very happy," Ms. Anderson said. "He just lit up when he got on the train."

On that journey, Mr. Lee carried the Last Spike (which was driven into the CP railway in 1885) to Ottawa and presented it to Mr. Harper at the ceremony, bringing it to its final resting place.

Mr. Lee had lived in a Pickering retire-

ment home for 13 years. Ms. Anderson said he was well-liked and recognized by many in the community.

"Everyone at the nursing home just loved him," Ms. Anderson said.

She said her grandfather drove until he was 95 and walked until he was nearly 100. He remained active in the Chinese community, attending cultural events such as exhibits and the Chinese opera. He also enjoyed playing cards, going out to eat and spending time with his grandchildren.

His grandchildren certainly admired him, providing interesting stories at the funeral that Ms. Anderson said she didn't even know.

"It was really sad, but powerful to hear them speak of grandpa like that," she said. Among the grandchildren at the funeral, were media, community members and even people Mr. Lee met on his trip to Ottawa last June. Oshawa MP Colin Carrie, who presented the compensation cheque, called and expressed his sentiments. He also made a statement in the House of Commons on the day of the funeral. The secretary of state, multiculturalism and Canadian identity, Jason Kenney, also called on behalf of the PM.

"It was meaningful that they took the time, especially since it was budget day," Ms. Anderson said.

Ms. Anderson said it was bizarre to see the hero status her grandfather has reached. She's hopeful it will keep future generations in her family aware of the contribution Mr. Lee has made to Canada.

"I was overwhelmed at the interest people had in grandpa," she said. "To me, he's just grandpa. And, I'm so proud he chose Canada."

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Dickerson tops expenses list at Pickering council

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PICKERING — Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dickerson said he apologizes to no one for racking up the most Council expenses in 2006. "I just happen to be a firm believer that if you're spending nothing, then chances are you're doing nothing," he said.

At the March 19 council meeting, the treasurer provided information on City Hall's 2006 expenses. The grand total of remuneration and expenses was \$418,330, and \$69,953 of that was in expenses billed by the

councillors. Coun. Dickerson's total expenses was \$17,695, and his largest expenditure was his Blackberry, at \$6,186. He said he's lost it five times, so he simply bought out the contracts.

"Some of it was my fault, some of it was by accident," he said. "It's the way it happens."

He mentioned many of the charges made to his account were simply because he performed his duties as a councillor. When citizens call for his help, he said he prefers to get back to them as soon as possible and uses his phone for the work he does.

"I pride myself on getting back to

them," he said. "I pride myself on knowing the answers and going out and finding out the answers."

Coun. Dickerson's other expenses included \$2,788 on meals, \$3,728 on conferences and \$2,300 on outside agencies, such as maintaining his website.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick



Doug Dickerson

Johnson spent the second most on expenditures, his bill totalling \$14,242. He spent the most on outside agencies at \$4,400, which is \$400 below the maximum.

Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles' bill decreased this year from \$11,704 to \$10,832. His greatest expense was on newsletters and postage at \$5,558. He explained that after being criticized for spending too much on his newsletter, he decided to stop. But once residents began asking what happened to their annual newsletter, he chose to produce it again.

"Sending one newsletter each year is the least you can do," he said. "Most

people find it very useful."

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean spent \$8,268, his biggest expense being his cell phone bill at \$3,070. Ward 1 City Councillor Jennifer O'Connell and Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley haven't had time to rack up their bills, since they were both elected in November of 2006.

Former Ward 1 City Councillor Kevin Ashe and former Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner spent \$9,519 and \$8,598, respectively. Mayor Dave Ryan's expenses rose slightly from \$14,098 last year to \$14,791.

Education workers hold rally

Keep checking durhamregion.com for updates on possible strike by CUPE members

By Crystal Crimi
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DURHAM — Wearing signs reading 'We are worth it' and 'Show us the money,' public education support staff rallied outside the Durham District School Board office in Whitby Monday.

About 60 supporters and members of the secretarial, custodial and maintenance, and educational assistants represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) gathered outside the board office just hours before its March 19 meeting.

The groups will be in a legal strike position on March 21 at 12:01 a.m. if members are still without a contract.

"We're saying to these trustees here tonight, how about standing up for the students in the Durham Region, how about standing up for the workers in this area," said CUPE president, Sid Ryan, through a loud speaker.

"Make no mistake about it, these trustees better understand they better give that bargaining committee a new mandate," said Mr. Ryan.

Unresolved contract issues include wages, benefits, workload, hours, and job posting. Bargaining was scheduled to resume on Tuesday, March 20.

"We'll bargain right straight through to 12:01 a.m. (Wednesday)," said Don Bryans, president of the Durham Local 218.

He added it's the group's intention to pull service Wednesday if it appears the two sides are still getting nowhere. If the CUPE staff do strike, they will set up picket lines at the board office, some high schools, and the maintenance shop on Bayly Street in Ajax.

"We do not want to affect the elementary schools," said Mr. Bryans.

It's not the groups' intention to scare kids, but if it gets to the point where replacement staff are brought in, they may have to include elementary schools in their protests, he added. A strike would include the withdrawal of all custodial staff, education assistance, and technical, clerical and office staff.

Marion Moore, an education assistant at Gertrude Colpus Public School in Oshawa, thinks the strike is going to happen.

"Going out on strike is not an easy decision for the membership to make," said Ms. Moore.

Staff delivered a 93 per cent strike vote on March 18.

Ms. Moore said it always seems like the school board leaves the support staff agreements to the last minute.

"And it's like we get the leftovers," said Ms. Moore.

Education assistants are being assigned four to six students now instead of just a couple, she said.

The increased amount limits the time education assistants can spend with the students, as does their increased presence in the school yard, following the 200 minutes of prep time given to teachers.

They also have children with higher needs and more paper work to complete, she said.

"And it just doesn't happen in the six hours we have," said Ms. Moore. "I can do paperwork but it's at the expense of the students."

If CUPE employees walk, schools are staying open and contingency plans are in place, said Sally McIlveen, the Durham District School Board's superintendent of employee relations. Plans include monitoring schools daily to see how each is impacted and communicating with administrators on how service can be best maintained.

Along with listening to Mr. Ryan's speech, demonstrators also marched back and forth on the Taunton Road sidewalk outside the board's Whitby headquarters, some clutching paper



AJ Groen /News Advertiser photo
Members of CUPE local 218, who are in a legal strike position as of 12.01 a.m. March 21, gathered at the Durham District School Board headquarters Monday before the start of a school board meeting.

coffee cups or CUPE signs, and almost all dressed in winter coats, mitts and toques for the afternoon's cold temperatures. They received some honks of support from passing motorists.

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Three face charges in card skimming plot

PICKERING — Three men face dozens of charges after police busted what they say was a conspiracy to install credit card skimming equipment at a Pickering gas station.

Durham fraud cops launched an investigation after receiving information about men approaching gas bar attendants and offering cash in exchange for being allowed to install skimming equipment.

The equipment steals encoded card data which is used to create counterfeit cards.

Three suspects were busted before skimming equipment was to be installed at an Olco gas bar in Pickering, police said. In all, 80 charges were laid against the three suspects.

Officers executed four search warrants and seized credit card data readers, phoney credit cards and identification, and arrested three men who police say were on release while awaiting trial for similar fraud-related offences.

Charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and breach of probation are Kanagendra Thiruganani, 29, of Mary Pearson Drive in Markham, Krishnamoo Wejeyamoorthy, 25, of Mornelle Court in Toronto, and Galepan Samba Sivam, 26, of Sunrise Crescent in Toronto. Mr. Wejeyamoorthy and Mr. Sivam are also charged with multiple counts of unlawful possession of credit card data and possession of instruments used in forging credit cards.

UOIT to study web-based classrooms

University receives cash to investigate online professional development

DURHAM — The University of Ontario Institute of Technology is getting a \$48,000 grant to research the best way to use online learning in professional development.

Roland van Oostveen, a faculty of education assistant professor, was awarded a strategic research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) in the category of Image, Text, Sound and Technology, UOIT announced on March 16. The money is to explore

the nature and impact of web-based professional development learning environments for teachers.

Mr. van Oostveen's project will explore the potential of using online classrooms to facilitate professional development sessions for teachers, a departure from the typical in-class sessions.

"I am very pleased to receive such an impressive research grant from the SSHRC," said Mr. van Oostveen. "The research being conducted with the support of this grant will fuel innovative thinking about the real-life scenarios impacting today's teachers, including new methods for providing effective access to professional development techniques both inside and

outside of the classroom."

The web-based sessions, available for both pre-service and in-service teachers, would support multiple subject areas and incorporate video-based cases.

Mr. van Oostveen's research will also explore: the nature of online professional development; methods for facilitating online learning; the impact of video cases on teacher beliefs and practices, and the nature of action research, a cyclical method that can

define targets, develop strategies and refine approaches, when applied in an online environment.

The SSHRC is an independent federal government agency that funds university-based research and graduate training through national peer-review competitions. It partners with public and private sector organizations to focus research on and aid in the development of better policies and practices in key areas of Canada's social, cultural and economic life.

Car runs red light, sets off multi-vehicle crash in Pickering

PICKERING — Police are considering the possibility a medical episode led to a multi-vehicle crash Saturday afternoon in Pickering.

Witnesses told police a Mazda being driven by a 42-year-old Pickering man ran a red light at the intersection of Whites Road and Sheppard Avenue around 5 p.m., before slamming into a van. The car and van slid into two other vehicles in the area, police said.

The driver of the Mazda was treated at local hospital and then transferred

to intensive care in Toronto, where as of Monday he was listed in serious but stable condition. Traffic management officers closed the intersection for several hours as they probed the crash and continue to investigate. One scenario they're considering is that the man had some sort of medical episode before the crash.

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EDITORIAL

Budget does enough to keep Tories in power

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty was in a giving mood Monday, spreading billions in good cheer across the length and breadth of Canada.

The friendly budget -- it provides generous helpings of cash for the environment, health care, the provinces, education and skills training and cities -- should be grudgingly received by the opposition parties.

The Conservatives are in a solid spot: they're prepared to run on this budget if the opposition dares to defeat it. And they'll happily continue to govern with this budget as their blueprint.

The budget provides \$4.5 billion in environmental promises that will attack greenhouse gas emissions and air and water pollution. Much of the money promised was announced over the past few weeks in various provincial capitals. There is a \$2.6 billion commitment to health care, part of a \$44 billion promise in health-care funding transfers to the provinces over the next two years.

Equalization funding to have-not provinces has been boosted by \$1.5 billion this year. And money for post-secondary education through federal transfers has been topped up by \$800 million next year and by three per cent each year following. Gas-tax funding to municipalities, which started a few years ago, has been extended to 2013-14.

Low-income earners got some mild relief in the form of a \$550-million a year Working Income Tax Benefit. And there will be \$140 million in the next two years put into a Registered Disability Savings Plan.

Working families -- the middle class so coveted by all federal parties -- will get some help too. There will be an additional child tax credit for kids under 18. The spousal and dependant amounts that can be claimed on income tax forms will be increased to the same level as the basic personal amount. And RESP amounts will be increased as will the age limit for seniors to contribute to RRSPs from 69 to 71.

Small businesses will face less red tape, farmers will get more federal money, more foreign aid cash will be spent and there will be a little more for the military. Finally, the debt will be paid down by \$9.2 billion this coming year.

This isn't the perfect budget by any means, but it does just enough to keep the Tories in power. It's not likely this budget will trigger an election any time soon.

CLICK AND SAY

This Week's Question: Did the federal budget provide the financial measures you were hoping for? Yes No

Cast your vote online at
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Last Week's Question: What should be the major focus of the March 19 federal budget?

Total votes: 261
Tax cuts: 54.4 %
Debt reduction: 16.5 %
Program spending: 14.9 %
Money for cities: 14.2 %

IN THE COMMUNITY



submitted photo

N-ice house

Neighbours on Kane Court in Ajax built an igloo recently. The igloo was finished on March 4 as everybody enjoyed the relatively warm day and packing snow. From left to right are Zen Pasternak, Christopher Payne, Matthew Payne, Avery Pasternak, Greg Payne, and Paula Frederick. The kids tried to sleep in the igloo one night, but it was too cold.



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

Snowball effect if cuts implemented

To the editor:

I am writing to comment on the government-ordered cuts to mental health and addiction services at Lakeridge Health.

If this happens it will be a very sad and sorry day for the Region of Durham. Mental health and addiction services already are very much needed and often have long wait lists. To reduce them would result in some very serious consequences.

Without crisis intervention at the hospital, the emergency department will be overrun with mental health patients who have nowhere left to turn. The only women's residential addictions program east of Toronto will be forced to close.

Families coping with a child with mental illness will not get the assistance they need. This will result in an increase demand for child protective services and foster care. The educational system will be further taxed trying to cope with these seriously ill students. The homeless population will increase and with an already much publicized lack of affordable housing, the need will significantly increase.

There will be an increase in crime and more funding will be needed for the police and court system.

In short, the proposed cuts to save money will not only cause

much greater cost and burden to the taxpayer and community but also add a lot of heartache to concerned and caring families.

Donna Mason
Pickering

Gas shortage one thing, but what about food?

To the editor:

I have found it frustrating to grasp the concept of how/why we are dealing with the current gas prices as well as more recently, a gas shortage! It is very sad that, while Canada has an abundant source of natural resources, we are relying on another country to deliver the gas to us.

While attending a meeting on Durham Region's current food issues such as shortages, I could not but help to compare the current gas situation to another shortage we will soon be facing -- food. We need to look at our current local/regional issues (ongoing depletion of farm land, lack of support for local produce/farmers, air quality, water sanitation, etc.), all issues that affect our supply of food.

Did you know that if our neighbouring borders were to shut down, food deliveries from our southern neighbours would come to a halt. It is a fact that Ontario would have a large enough food supply for only three days!

A group of dedicated community partners and residents

are attempting to create awareness of Durham Region's need to plan for Local Food Systems.

Local Food System Planning is an important factor toward a sustainable future for Durham Region residents. An update from the "Food Task Force" will soon be here to support and address the challenges of food supply in our community. Everyone should be encouraged to read it.

Ana Pacheco-Rye
Oshawa Community Health
Centre, Food Charter Task
Force

Outgoing chief should pay for selection

To the editor:

Re: Police chief leaving Durham.

I hope the Region doesn't "white out" a handsome separation cheque for a broken contract and the current chief will "white in" a cheque for the man-hours spent on the selection process 18 months ago, plus the expense of selecting a new chief.

Meanwhile, given the unrest of the past few years at the Durham Regional Police Service, this must be a real morale booster for the rank and file. Could this development be a wake-up call for the selection committee to be more vigilant in the future?

Albert Knibb
Whitby

March 21 perfect day to get in balance

If not National Cleavage Day, how about National Set Things Right Day?

As I write these words the vernal or spring equinox, the only day of the year when we enjoy equal measures of light and dark, is exactly one week away.

With the exception of National Cleavage Day (OK, this day may not exist just yet, but I can lobby can't I?) this may be my favorite day of the year. It's a day of perfect balance. The one day of the year when the seasons seem not to be in flux. When, for 24 hours, things appear to be resting in exactly the right spot.

I wonder then, might it not be a good day for the rest of us to get ourselves into balance, to put ourselves in exactly the right spot? Just as we are supposed to change our smoke alarm batteries twice a year when we adjust our clocks for daylight saving time, wouldn't it be a good idea if we had one day a year when we could "reset" our internal mechanisms.

The equinox seems like an ideal time for just that. A national day of rest and realignment. A day when we stop, take a look at what is out of whack in our lives



Neil Crone enter laughing

and try to set things right. I'm eating too much and not exercising enough. Have to balance that out. I'm angry more than I'm joyful. Need to shift perspective. I work more than I play. There's no equilibrium there. I don't have enough chocolate in my life. That's just wrong.

I think this might be a really good thing. New Year's Day tries, in vain, to be this day, with its resolutions and promises, but, stuck in the darkest, coldest time of the year it cannot hope to do so. There is not enough light, there is not enough balance. No wonder so few of us are able to stay the course on those diets and guitar lessons and exercise regimens.

But in the perfect, hopeful light of the equinox, everything seems possible.

True, it is not the sunniest

day or the warmest day or the longest day. But that's not what we want.

Our lives, indeed the universe, need light and dark. We need contrast. How else would we know to love the feel of the sun on our skin unless we had slogged through the black cold of winter? How would we know joy unless we had experienced sorrow? How would we understand love if we'd not known indifference or even hate? How could we delight in The Sound of Music unless we'd seen Ishtar?

We are beings living in a world of constantly contrasting emotions. And our journey, our goal, it seems to me, is to achieve some kind of balance.

In that balance, as I understand it, is peace.

So, isn't it kind of a nice idea to take a few moments, maybe even the whole day on March 21, to be still enough to let our inner scale balance itself. To stop twirling, if even for a short while, to allow the compass of our souls to find it's own true north. Just for a day.

I know I could use that. I mean, if you can't have cleavage, go for a little inner peace.

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

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Mar. 28	Accessibility Advisory Committee	7:00 pm
Apr. 02	Planning & Development Committee Followed by: Special Council (Budget)	7:30 pm
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 Friday, March 23, 2007, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and
 Monday, March 26, 2007 (if not completed on Friday)
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 Main Committee Room
 Civic Complex, One The Esplanade

Council Meeting
 Monday, April 2, 2007
 7:30 pm
 Council Chambers
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Copies of the proposed 2007 Current and Capital Budgets and related user fees and charges will be available on March 19th at no cost upon request by contacting the Corporate Services Department, City of Pickering, 905.420.4634, or by email at corpserv@city.pickering.on.ca.

For further information regarding these meetings, please contact Debi Bentley, City Clerk, at 905.420.4660 ext. 2153, or by email at dbentley@city.pickering.on.ca

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Panthers bow out to Buzzers

Pickering juniors swept out of final series after home-ice loss Friday

By Al Rivett
arivett@durhamregion.com

PICKERING — Turn off the lights, the Pickering Panthers improbable playoff run is over.

After more twists and turns than a soap opera plot and after more comebacks than Wayne Newton, the Panthers were eliminated from the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League's South Conference final series by the St. Michael's Buzzers after a 6-2 loss at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday.

The victory enabled St. Mike's to sweep the best-of-seven series four games straight. They'll now face the Eastern Conference champion Wellington Dukes in the league semifinal series.

Panthers' head coach Pat Curcio notes a controversial St. Michael's goal, which

gave the Buzzers a 3-1 lead, was the turning point in Friday's game.

According to Curcio, the puck stayed out of the net, but the officials nonetheless credited the goal to St. Mike's Louie Caporusso.

"The puck clearly didn't go in," notes Curcio. "It took the wind right out of our sails."

Another slow start by the Panthers, however, put them in the hole early, with St. Mike's opening up a 2-0 first-period lead. Kevin Huinink cut the deficit to 2-1 in the second, which led to Caporusso's disputed marker that re-established the Buzzers' two-goal advantage.

St. Mike's scored the only two goals of the third period to put the game and the series on ice.

After surviving two previous playoff series against the Toronto Junior Canadiens and the Vaughan Vipers that went to seven games each, the Panthers had little left in the tank to effectively do battle with the powerhouse Buzzers, who were the No. 2 seed in the South Conference.

Moreover, the Panthers were without captain and leading scorer Richard Scho-



Pickering Panthers' Cody Smith reaches for the puck in front of St. Michael's Buzzers' goaltender Mike Binnington during Game 4 of the best-of-seven South Conference final series at the Pickering Recreation Complex. The Panthers lost 6-2 and were swept out of the series in four straight games.

field for much of the series, as he returned in Game 4 after being out for the previous three games with the concussion suffered during a hard hit in Game 7 against Vaughan. Schofield's linemate Kris Belan missed the entire series with an eye infection.

"We calculated that between Belan and Schofield, they were playing 30 minutes each in the playoffs. To take them out of the equation was huge," explains Curcio. "Even speaking after the series to the St. Mike's coaches, they agreed that if we had those two guys it would have been a different series, no question."

Panthers' starter Brad Fogal's heavy workload in the first two playoff series may have taken a toll on the veteran netminder in the final against St. Mike's. Fogal was beaten for 24 goals in the four games in the final series and was pulled after giving up seven goals in an 11-3 loss

to St. Mike's in Game 3.

Curcio contends the Panthers' struggles against St. Mike's had nothing to do with Fogal.

"No, I don't think so," says Curcio. "He was focused and prepared to play. They scored because they created opportunities and they capitalized. It wasn't about Brad. He didn't have the same team in front of him that he had in the first two series."

Despite the conference final series loss -- the first time the Panthers had qualified for the conference championship in nearly a decade -- Curcio was impressed with his club's resilience in the post-season that included 12 periods of overtime during the first two series against Toronto and Vaughan.

"I'm very proud of the guys. To see them overcome what they did was outstanding," says Curcio.

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SCORING SUMMARY

Game 4: Buzzers at Panthers, Friday, March 16

Period 1
St. Michael's - Fred Cassiani (Richard Ryan, Mike Forgione) 1:20
St. Michael's - Richard Ryan (Mike Forgione) 1:40

Period 2
Pickering - Kevin Huinink (Matt Rigtrup) 12:54
St. Michael's - Louie Caporusso (Andrew Rygiel) 14:38
St. Michael's - Louie Caporusso (Sean Fontyn, Andrew Rygiel) 15:35
Pickering - Phil Mollhane (power play) (Cody Smith, Chad Beal) 19:16

Period 3
St. Michael's - Brendan Smith (power play) (unassisted) 5:27
St. Michael's - Fred Cassiani (unassisted) 13:07

Goaltending key for OFSAA teams

Dunbarton, St. Mary in 'AAA' playdowns; DO'C at 'AA' level

By Al Rivett
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DURHAM — Three Ajax and Pickering high school hockey teams hope to not only represent host Durham Region well at the provincial championships that get under way in Whitby this week. They also plan to be among the top, if not the best, at the Ontario showcase event.

Pickering's St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs and the Dunbarton High School Spartans compete in the 20-team 'AAA' division at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) boys' championships.

Meanwhile, Ajax's Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Chargers plays in Whitby in the 'AA' division at OFSAA, which also has 20 teams competing.

The LOSSA 'AAA' champion Monarchs (7-0-3 in LOSSA, 30-11-7 overall) enter the OFSAA championships as the seventh seed, which was about where coach Mike Dion thought his club would be ranked.

"I'm fine with that. There were four teams seeded higher than us that did beat us during the season, so it's justified," he says.

Dion says the key to the Monarchs' fortunes at OFSAA rests with senior goaltender Eric Nottbeck.

"Goaltending and team defence," says Dion of the keys. "Our goaltending will make or break us. Eric's shown an ability to steal games for us and that's what he has to do for us (at OFSAA). Every team there is a champion and more often than not, it comes down to goaltending."

Dion notes the Monarchs face a tough task to emerge from their pool. They'll compete in Pool 'B' with the second-seeded Notre Dame High School Fighting Irish of Burlington; the 10th-seeded St. Aloysius Gonzaga Bulldogs of Mississauga; the 15th seeded Banting Memorial High School Marauders of Alliston; and, the Bluevale Collegiate Institute

OFSAA Boys' Hockey

Rankings and Pools AAA Division

POOL A

- 1 Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School Spartans (London)
- 8 Fort Frances High School Muskies (Fort Frances)
- 9 Brother Andre Cardinals (Markham)
- 16 Mayfield Secondary School Mavericks (Caledon)
- 17 Thomas A. Stewart S.S. Griffins (Peterborough)

POOL B

- 2 Notre Dame High School Fighting Irish (Burlington)
- 7 St. Mary Catholic Secondary Monarchs (Pickering)
- 10 St. Aloysius Gonzaga SS Bulldogs (Mississauga)
- 15 Banting Memorial High School Marauders (Alliston)
- 18 Bluevale Collegiate Institute Knights (Waterloo)

POOL C

- 3 John F. Ross Royals (Guelph)
- 6 Belle River District High School Belle River Nobles (Belle River)
- 11 Michael Power/St. Joseph H.S. Trojans (Etobicoke)
- 14 St. Joseph Scollard Hall Bears (North Bay)
- 19 St. Joseph Catholic High School Jaguars (Ottawa / Nepean)

POOL D

- 4 St. Michael's College School Double Blues (Toronto)
- 5 Denis Morris Redmen (St. Catharines)
- 12 Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Rams (Toronto)
- 13 Dunbarton H.S. Spartans (Pickering)

Knights of Waterloo.

"I thought (Notre Dame of) Burlington would be the No. 1 seed. Gonzaga's the 10th seed, but they won Peel Region, which is one of the toughest region's to win. It's a tough pool. It's going to be tough to get out of there."

As a top seed, Dion says his Monarchs have a shot to make it to a gold-medal game at OFSAA.

"Our goal going in is to win the whole thing," he says. "That's the mindset every shift and every game and, hopefully, at the end we'll have gold around our necks. I definitely think we're not just happy to be there; the boys want more than that."

As Durham is the host region, the Monarchs will be joined at OFSAA by the Dunbarton High School Spartans, who've earned the 13th seed.

By any definition, says coach Bradeson, the Spartans (7-2-1 league, 21-7-1 overall) are in tough in their pool. Three teams in their five-team pool are ranked

Double Blues of Toronto, the (No. 5) Denis Morris Redmen of St. Catharines and the (No. 12) Etobicoke Collegiate Rams of Toronto. The other team in the pool is the 20th-seeded Frontenac Secondary Falcons of Kingston.

"We have two real hard games against St. Mike's, who could very well win it all, and Denis Morris. We've seen Denis Morris play and they're very good. We have to win one of those games to have a shot at advancing," says Reeson.

Like Dion, Reeson also believes the goaltending supplied by his tandem of Aaron Williams and Andrew Leclair will have a big say in whether the Spartans can climb out of their pool and on into the playoffs.

"Goaltending is huge in the playoffs and we'll need quality games from our two goaltenders," says Reeson.

In addition, he notes the Spartans need to stay away from penalties and play sound hockey in their own zone in order to emerge from pool play.

"If we find ourselves in the penalty box, that's what these teams prey on. Our defensive zone coverage is sometimes a bit too relaxed," he explains.

With a full complement of players available, which wasn't the case in the LOSSA final against St. Mary, Reeson likes his team's chances at the provincials.

"I think we can meet the challenge if we play our best game. We have to play smart and know we have to play as a team and not as individuals to have success."

Meanwhile, DO'C (11-1 in league, 15-3 overall) is heading to its first ever OFSAA hockey championship, achieving a seventh seed in the 20-team 'AA' field.

Head coach Mike Heffernan notes his Chargers have a solid opportunity to emerge as a top-three team at OFSAA.

"We want to be a top-three team," says Heffernan. "We feel we have a chance to move on (into the playoffs)."

His optimism is buoyed by the fact his Chargers will play in a pool with the second-seeded Stouffville DSS Spartans, a team they've beaten this season. Also in the pool with DO'C are the (No. 10) Sacred Heart Crusaders of Walkerton, the (No. 15) Timmins High Blues, and the (No. 18) Stratford Central Rams.

"We beat (Stouffville) in Peterborough at a tournament, so we have a good shot of coming out of our pool."

The Chargers are a team in the truest sense of the word with everyone contributing to the team's success this season.

"We're an extremely solid team from player 1 through to 18. We use all our (forward) lines and all our 'D' and it's worked for us so far," he says.

DO'C begins pool play today (Wednesday) at 10:45 a.m. against Stratford Central at Iroquois Park, Pad 6.

The Monarchs begin pool play today (Wednesday) as the seventh seed in pool 'B' against Bluevale at Iroquois Park, Pad 2, at 10:15 a.m.

Meanwhile, the Spartans also begin pool play today against St. Michael's College at Iroquois Park, Pad 4, at 8:15 a.m.

Sports briefs

MARCH 21, 2007

[Hockey]

Memorial game honours teen's life

PICKERING — An upcoming hockey game will honour once again a Pickering teen who lost his life in a rollerblading accident two years ago.

The Derek Cameron Memorial Hockey Game will take to the ice this Friday, March 23 at the Don Beer Sports Arena (Pad 3) at 7:10 p.m. Like last year's first event, the contest will raise funds to help a needy child with hockey registration as well as to sponsor a minor hockey team in Derek's name.

Derek was 15 at the time of his death on March 23, 2005 following a rollerblading mishap in front of the Cameron residence. Last year, family and friends organized the memorial hockey game, which received a strong response from the community.

"Since Derek's death we have had many days filled with heartache that we wanted to do something positive on the anniversary of Derek's death," says his mother, Sandy, in a press release. "We are hoping not only to celebrate Derek's life but also remind many kids how precious life is."

Ms. Cameron notes her son always had a passion for hockey, so the game is an appropriate way for family and friends to remember Derek.

Ms. Cameron reports a number of players have signed up for this year's game, with jerseys specially made for the occasion. The jerseys will be sold following the game, with the proceeds donated to the Pickering Hockey Association on Derek's behalf.

The PHA has donated one-and-a-half hours of ice time for the memorial game.

The Don Beer Sports Arena is at 940 Dillingham Rd. (off Brock Road, just south of Bayly Street).

Ajax juveniles on quest for title

AJAX — The Ajax Knights juvenile 'AA' rep hockey team begins its quest for an OMHA all-Ontario championship this weekend.

The Knights face off against Tecumseh in the OMHA championship series, which begins at the Ajax Community Centre (Pad 4) on Saturday at 7 p.m. Game 2 is also at the community centre (Pad 1) on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The series continues in Tecumseh on Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31. If necessary, a fifth and deciding game will be played in Ajax on Sunday, April 1.

The Ajax juveniles earned their way to the OMHA final series after knocking off the Richmond Hill Stars in the semifinal series. The teams split the first four games with each team winning one game at home, and one on the road. This set up a series-deciding Game 5 in Ajax, and the local boys had their backs to the wall before overcoming a 2-1 deficit and clinching the win with an empty-net goal in the last minute for a 4-2 victory.

The Knights finished in first place in their round-robin quarter-final series, losing only once in eight games, while winning six games and earning a tie in the eighth game.

Despite how the OMHA championship series unfolds, the Ajax juveniles have already earned a berth as the host town for the upcoming Ontario Hockey Federation championships from April 13 to 15.

The OHL championship brings teams from the NOHL (Northern Ontario), Tecumseh (OMHA) and two teams representing the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), along with Ajax.

[Basketball]

Pickering High, DO'C set for OFSAA play

AJAX — Two Ajax high schools tip off at the provincial senior boys' basketball championships in their respective divisions, beginning tomorrow (Thursday).

The third-seeded Pickering High School Trojans begin their quest to improve on their bronze-medal effort of a year ago at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) 'AAAA' championships in Hamilton. The Trojans face 18th-seeded Bear Creek of Barrie in their opener at Cathedral school in Hamilton on Thursday at 11 a.m.

Toronto's Eastern Commerce Saints, winners at the 'AAAA' level in four of the past five provincial championships, are the No. 1 seed, followed by the Henry Carr Crusaders, also of Toronto, as the No. 2 seed. In all, 18 teams are competing.

Meanwhile, the Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Chargers will compete at the OFSAA 'AAA' championships, also in Hamilton.

DO'C is seeded 15th in the 16-team tournament. They start OFSAA play against fifth-seeded St. Patrick's Catholic High School from the Ottawa area.

Catholic Central High School of London is the No. 1 seed at the OFSAA 'AAA' championships.



The St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School Monarchs are headed to the OFSAA championships after winning the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) title over the Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers. Monarchs' Jessica Vella pulls away from an Uxbridge Tigers' player during one of the LOSSA championship series games.

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DO'C, St. Mary at provincial girls' showcase

DURHAM — Local high school girls' hockey teams are also vying for titles at the provincial championships this week.

Pickering's St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs and Ajax's Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Chargers are competing at their respective Ontario Federation of School Athletics (OFSAA) championships.

The LOSSA champion Monarchs (17-3) are competing at the 'AAA' level in Ottawa, earning the No. 5 seed in the 20-team tournament. St. Mary is in Pool 'E' with sixth-seeded Sacred Heart Crusaders of Newmarket and unseeded Nepean High School Knights and the St. Mary's Thunder of Cobourg.

The Monarchs have won the OFSAA championship in two of the past four years.

St. Mary started action on Tuesday against Sacred Heart and St. Mary's of Cobourg, with neither result available at press time. The Monarchs continue pool play today (Wednesday) against Nepean, with playoffs beginning later in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, DO'C is seeded 10th at the 16-team 'AA' championships in Belleville. The Chargers are in Pool 'B' with the second-ranked College Notre Dame of northern

Ontario, seventh-seeded Bishop Tonnos from the Hamilton area and Holy Cross.

DO'C began pool play on Tuesday against Bishop Tonnos and College Notre Dame, with the results unavailable at press time. The Chargers continue pool play today (Wednesday) against Holy Cross.

Both St. Mary and DO'C must be among the top two teams in their re-

spective pools in order to advance to today's quarter-final playoff games.

DO'C finished Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) league play with a 4-0-2 mark. Their overall record was 6-1-2.

The Monarchs' overall record is 17-3-0 this season, which also included the championship at the American Cup tournament in Lake Placid, New York last December.

Lightning bantams topple foes in tournament, playoffs

DURHAM — The Durham West Lightning bantam 'AA' girls' rep hockey team is on the move after earning playoff and tournament victories.

In their own recent Durham West Girls' Hockey League Tournament, the Lightning bantams played with a high degree of determination to top Willowdale 3-1 in the final.

The Durham West bantams were a perfect 3-0 in round-robin play to advance to the final. The Lightning defeated Willowdale 5-1, Gloucester 2-1 and Niagara Falls 1-0.

Meanwhile, the momentum continued for the Durham West bantams in their North Metro

Girls Hockey League playoffs as they've advanced to the second round after defeating Peterborough. Durham West faces Aurora later this month in what should be an exciting series with the winner advancing to the North Metro league's championship tournament.

The bantam Lightning also advanced to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) provincial championship after sweeping their home-and-home regional playdown series against Whitby and Clarington. Durham West didn't surrender a goal in either of the Whitby or Clarington series. The Lightning defeated Whitby by 4-0 and

2-0 score. They defeated Clarington by identical 3-0 scores.

Team members are Kristie Bye, Juliana Conte, Jennifer Daly, Vicky Formusa, Megan

Hagg, Sara Kaljueve, Kaitlyn Malthaner, Marissa Maugeri, Victoria Powers, Olivia Roberge, Leah Semeniuk, Shannon Stoneburgh, Brittney Sullivan, Sarah

Thomson and Tiffany Toong.

Ron Stoneburgh coaches the team, assisted by Paul Maugeri and Warren Court. Pat Semeniuk is the trainer.



Submitted photo

The Durham West Lightning bantam 'AA' girls' rep hockey team has been firing on all cylinders in tournament and playoff action of late.

Co-ed volleyball league to hold tryouts soon

Sunday night loop needs adults to try out on April 1

DURHAM — An adult co-ed, competitive volleyball league hosts tryouts early next month.

The Sunday Night Volleyball League, which has been running for the past

four years, holds tryouts at Westney Heights Public School, 45 Brennan Rd., in Ajax on Sunday, April 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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PICKERING — The Amberlea Tennis Club hosts its annual registration sessions later this month.

Signups for the club, on Shadybrook Drive, just south of Stroud's Lane, are

on Tuesday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pickering Recreation Complex's (1867 Valley Farm Rd.) upstairs meeting room.

The Amberlea club has numerous in-house activities lined up through the course of the season.

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Author's story became Genie-nominated film

'We hadn't expected a nomination. It's a wonderful honour. This is a huge boost. The film is back in circulation again.'

nominated for a 2007 Genie Award.

'Snapshots for Henry' is nominated for best live Action short drama. It's based on 'Scarlet Runners', by Yvonne, who resides with her family in Little Britain.

"It was a huge surprise, definitely exciting," she said of the film's nomination.

"We hadn't expected a nomination. It's a wonderful honour. This is a huge boost.

The film is back in circulation again."

She and her husband were in the audience at the Carlu Centre in Toronto Feb. 13 when the Genie's were announced.

While the award went to Maxime Giroux and Paul Barbeau's 'Le Rouge Au Sol/Red', the nomination still brought a lot of attention to Yvonne's story and the film.

"The story is about a young

woman who must face hard truths about her life and lifestyle choices," Yvonne said

She added she was also surprised when she learned someone wanted to make a film of her short story.

"It was exciting to observe the process of transforming the story to film," she said.

"I had an opportunity to comment on the script and visit the set to meet the cast, all amazingly talented young

Canadians, and the rest of the crew. I am delighted with the result."

The short film, directed by Teresa Harrigan, premiered at a film festival in Houston, Texas, in 2006.

It was screened at numerous other festivals in Canada, the United States and Europe.

It won best short drama at Toronto's Female Eye Film Festival.

Yvonne recently released

her first novel, "cheeky women's fiction", 'The Queen of Cups', which is now available in local bookstores.

Yvonne has articles in many newspapers throughout Ontario.

In 2006, she took part in 'The M.O.M Project' in Uxbridge, a play directed by Anna Mackay Smith.

Yvonne is currently writing a sequel to 'The Queen of Cups'.

Columnist shares information about Orono gigs, 'one of the region's best-kept secrets'

There is not, at least among my acquaintances, a better stage to see alt-country phenomenon 'The Sadies' than the Orono Town Hall, a building touching five score plus ten years.

It is fabulously charming, a cherished nod to a time long gone but, as with 'The Sadies' who keep tradition alive and history breathing, the old hall was bursting with life, from punks to farmers.

The stage is ornately capped and framed with branches outlined in fairy lights.

The smell of wood is strong in the cavernous interior and one could almost hear Atticus Finch in full oratorical prowess urging the good citizens in the right direction.

With multi-instrumentalist brothers Travis and Dal-

las Good backed by Sean Dean on stand up bass and Mike Belitsky on drums the band members are considered musician's musicians, well respected in the Americana community. They recently released the soundtrack to 'Tales Of The Rat Fink' and a two-disc live concert from last year with guest appearances from Neko Case, Garth Hudson, Jon Spencer, members of Blue Rodeo plus many more. Both on Outside.

On a recent Saturday it was Orono that was treated to a



Will McGuirk

run-through of that two-night sold-out noway in hot ticket of last February and, while the urban cowboys of Hogtown lined up, the people of Toronto without the Tease had it all.

The band was joined on stage by mom Margaret Good and also Greg Keelor of 'Blue Rodeo', who also plays with the Good boys and Rick White of 'Elevator' in a band they call the 'Unintended'.

They played two sets and in between the guests, for that is how one feels in the Town Hall, were treated to trays of ham and cheese or egg salad sandwiches. An honest home-spun touch and most welcome with the red wine they also served at the bar.

The spirit of community involvement was further called into action when the breakers

blew and plunged most into darkness.

As many offered advice and suggestions to the Sparkys in the building, Greg Keelor led the crowd through a singalong while Belitsky kept the beat until the power came on.

Fantastic professionalism and enthusiasm shown.

Shows at the Town Hall are one of the region's best kept secrets and I am reluctant to share any further.

Call it selfish. However, locals the 'Kent Boys' and 'Jonas Bonnetta' will be hosting a CD release gig there March 24.

But that's all I'm saying. William McGuirk is a freelance writer and longtime Oshawa resident. He can be contacted at umacg@yahoo.com.



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She's got style

DURHAM — Ajax native and entertainer Jessica Tyler was on stage with Dan The Music Man for a children's concert at the Oshawa Public Library on a recent Saturday morning.

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RFP 07-05

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650 Rossland Road West
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Attn:Linda Morel, Buyer-Purchasing Services

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Entertainment in brief

MARCH 21, 2007

Pickering airport resistance comes to the big screen

DURHAM — Opposition to a long-proposed airport on the federally owned airport lands in Pickering is the subject of a documentary film being screened in Uxbridge this Sunday.

On March 12, Peter Shatalow's 'Last Stand' is shown at the Roxy Theatres in Uxbridge. Following the film, there will be a question-and-answer period and discussion, led by local Sierra Club of Canada members and Ajax-Pickering MPP Mark Holland.

Tickets are \$8 and available only at the door. The Roxy Theatres is at 46 Brock St. W. (at Toronto Street). For more information, see www.roxytheatres.com.

CD release party

DURHAM — Musician Tafari Davis, a graduate of Durham's School Alliance of Student Songwriters program, is releasing his first CD, *Almost a Star*, at a party in Whitby this Saturday.

The March 24 event is at 7:30 p.m. at the

Ukrainian history revealed through art in exhibit

DURHAM — The history of Ukraine in art is part of a new exhibit at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery.

Vera Jacyk: *Chysto, Chysto, Chysto* (clean, clean, clean) is a meditation on the power of historical events on Ukrainian soil, including ravages perpetrated by Communist and Nazi regimes. Jacyk's parents were born there and like many others endured war, displacement and forced emigration to Canada.

Now the artist is revealing the impact of the experiences that were passed on to her in the exhibit, which runs until May 6. Ukrainian culture, heritage and history can be found in the works, which draw on familiar icons and clichés, all changed under the hand of the artist. A bust of Joseph Stalin sits behind cupboard doors, traces of a swastika lay in a drawer. While the setting reflects a home, there's no evidence of a family or family life.

An opening reception will be held March 25 at 1 p.m. Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk will give a lecture April 15 at 1 p.m.

The gallery is located at 72 Queen St., downtown Oshawa.

Whitby Courthouse Theatre, Centennial Building. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes a copy of the CD.

The theatre is at 416 Centre St. S. in Whitby.

Carvin' it up in Whitby

DURHAM — The Brooklin Woodcarvers' 17th Woodcarving Show and Competition features exhibitions, prizes and more.

The free event is on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heydonshore Pavilion, at 589 Water St. in Whitby.

Many Ontario carving clubs will have a presence at the show and demonstrate their skills. As well, ribbons will be awarded to the top carvings in the novice, intermediate and advanced classes. Woodcarving supplies and refreshments are available at the event, and hourly draws will be held for numerous door prizes.

The Brooklin Woodcarvers meet at the Brooklin Community Centre every Thursday night from

6:30 to 9 p.m., from September to April. If you're interested in carving or just curious, drop in on a Thursday night or contact club president Randy Pater at 905-683-2634.

Acoustic mic night in Tyrone

DURHAM — If you like to sing, play music or listen to it, consider *Latenite* in Tyrone.

On March 31, there'll be an acoustic open mic evening at the Tyrone Community Centre, Taunton Road East. You're invited to bring your instrument, your talent and your friends. Single or small combo acts are welcome on a first come, first served basis. There's a three-song limit.

The house band, *Olde Friends*, will also entertain.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. and the evening will run till 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door. Sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be sold.

This is a fundraising event for the centre. For more information, send an e-mail to latenite@scaleablesolutions.net.

A world view in Port Perry

DURHAM — An exhibit of photographs by travel photographer Jonathan van Bilsen is on display now at the Piano Cafe.

The *World Around Us* features 26 photographs from places such as India, Easter Island, the Galapagos Islands and Africa. The exhibit runs until May 1.

Van Bilsen, also an author, has been taking photos around the world for 33 years, travelling to 60 countries on six continents along the way. He has also published six books in the last eight years. He and his wife live in Utica.

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