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Bag giveaway to aid environment

DURHAM — A local retailer is banking 2,000 reusable bags will make a difference in Durham Region.

On July 6 and the following two Fridays, the Giant Tiger store on Westney Road South in Ajax will hand out a re-usable plastic bag with each of the first 500 purchases.

The store is also encouraging residents to bring in clean, used plastic bags to be bailed and shipped to a recycling facility. The goal of the promotion, according to store owner Marcel Landriault, is to create awareness and positively impact recycling efforts.

"Together with the residents of Durham Region, we can make a difference," Mr. Landriault said.

[What's On]

Durham Cruisers holding poker run

DURHAM — The Durham Cruisers will hold its fifth annual charity motorcycle poker run July 7.

The run, in support of Big Brothers and Sisters of Clarington and the Veterans Honour Ride Foundation, begins with registration, which takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at Mackie Harley Davidson and Buell at 880 Champlain Ave., Oshawa.

It ends at about 6 p.m. at Spoiled Sports, 1898 Baseline Rd., Bowmanville. Awards and prizes will be handed out between 5 and 6 p.m., and a live band, Code Green, will play.

Directions and maps for the approximately three-hour run will be supplied upon registration. The cost is \$15 per player, and the event, which boasts loads of prizes, goes ahead rain or shine. For more information, visit www.durhamcruisers.com.

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Task force to monitor operations

Job includes creating a code of conduct for council members

PICKERING — Although he's proud of Pickering's reputation for municipal excellence, Mayor Dave Ryan has chosen to implement a task

force to address the accountability and transparency of City operations.

The task force came as a result of a commitment to a responsible, transparent and open government, noted the mayor.

It's meeting over the next several months to analyze current policies, practices and bylaws of Pickering and other municipalities, and review

the Municipal Act. The task force is also creating a code of conduct for council members.

"I hope council will agree to the recommendations that will be made by the task force, and that a new council code of conduct will be implemented by 2008," Mayor Ryan said in a press release.

The task force is made up of a wide

range of members, including: Joanne Burghardt, Metroland Durham Region Media Group editor-in-chief; Joan Wideman, VP of corporate services for the Lenbrook Group of Companies; Mayor Dave Ryan; Judi Longfield, former Whitby-Ajax MP; Alan May, local business owner and

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ARTIST AND CANVASS



PICKERING — Henna artist Seema Saxena draws a tattoo on Naomi James, 14, at the Pickering Canada Day celebrations at Kinsmen Park.

Photo by Jennifer Roberts

Searches yielded stolen property: witness in home invasion trial

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — Evidence recovered during a police investigation was traced to a violent home invasion in Pickering, jurors hearing charges against two men were told Tuesday.

Police also tracked transactions made on stolen debit and credit cards hours after the early morning robbery in July of 2005, during which a 36-year-old man was roughed up and

bound, an investigating officer testified in Superior Court.

Detective Constable Stephen Groat said a cellphone found in a car belonging to Kevin Harris was traced to the victim of the home invasion. And jewelry recovered from the Ajax man's home nearly two months after the robbery was also identified as having been stolen, he testified.

Mr. Harris, who was 25 at the time of the home invasion, and Jermaine

Hylton, then 19, face numerous charges in connection with the July 26, 2005, incident. Two men broke into a home on Valley Ridge Crescent around 4 a.m. and bound the victim with duct tape before making off with a large screen plasma TV, the man's cellphone and wallet, and his car.

During testimony in Whitby Tuesday Det.-Const. Groat also identified a booking photo of Mr. Hylton taken at the time of his arrest in Septem-

ber 2005, as well as security video pictures captured at ATM machines at which the stolen debit and credit cards were used.

Crown counsel Lori Anne Turner also introduced cellphone records that indicate a phone found on Mr. Hylton when he was arrested was being used in the Pickering area in the hours preceding the home invasion.

The trial continues.

Residents push for more waste information

Region promises it once site selected

By Erin Hatfield
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DURHAM — People pouring out to public meetings continue to push for details on energy-from-waste (EFW) and the impact it will have on health and the environment.

At the most recent round of EFW public information sessions, held between June 18 and 28, consultants contracted

by the Region of Durham insisted all the details residents are after will only be known after the technology and site are selected.

"A detailed, site-specific assessment must be done before any facility could open," said Dr. Chris Ollson, a consultant with Jacques Whitford, at the session held on June 28 in Newcastle. Meetings were also held in Courtice and Bowmanville.

The final meeting, attended by approximately 60 residents, presented the consultant's conclusions from the Ge-

neric Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Study.

Using a theoretical facility, Jacques Whitford consultants investigated the omission of chemicals and the impact on people's health and the environment. They estimated exhaust stack air emissions based largely on values obtained from stack testing of a facility in Brampton and concluded an EFW facility presents an acceptable risk.

The findings, consultants said, do represent the worst-case scenario. Consultant Dave Merriman said all vendors

that would qualify to build and operate an EFW facility would be better than the theoretical facility used in the study.

But, Wendy Bracken, a Newcastle resident who has been vocal in her opposition to incineration, said dioxins and furans are created in the stacks of EFW facilities and no level is acceptable.

"The risk assessment was based almost entirely on Ontario Regulations," she said. "Many, including doctorates, say these regulations have not served us

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No word yet on possible tax impact

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well."

She cited increasing rates of cancer and asked that a precautionary approach be taken.

"There are other technologies available; there are other things we can do," Ms. Bracken said. "The precautionary principal to me means avoid it if you know it is toxic."

Bowmanville resident John Traill agreed that energy from waste should be taken off the table.

"If this process is such a wonderful one then why doesn't every community have one and why doesn't every community want one," Mr. Traill said. "I propose we start by burning the garbage we heard in the first hour and a half (from consultants). This was a totally one-sided snow job."

Durham and York began work on an environmental assessment (EA) of energy from waste after identifying thermal technology as the preferred method of dealing with garbage. The findings of this latest study will be used to assist in the preferred site selection.

As the Region continues down the EA road there are more site studies and more public meetings to come.

"We are able to do a very detailed site evaluation, so if you live near these areas you will probably see people out in the next couple of weeks," said consultant Jim McKay.

There are four potential sites remaining on the Region's short list. One site is in East Gwillimbury and three are in Clarington, located at Courtice Road and Osbourne Road, south of Hwy. 401 between Bennett Road and South Service

Road and south of Hwy. 401 between Courtice Road and Osbourne Road.

The preferred site, as identified by consultants, will be announced in September, after which site-specific studies are planned.

Upon provincial approval of the EA, Durham senior staff say they could start building a facility in 2009 and have it operational by the time Michigan, where Durham's trash is currently shipped, closes its border to Ontario trash in 2010.

Residents will also have to wait until a vendor is picked to hear the tax impact estimate of a facility.



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Residents can give input at town hall meeting

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resident; Leah Myers, president of Durham College; and, Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Little. Coun. Little said she chose to join

"because I think people are cynical about politics and politicians."

"There needs to be some better checks and balances to give people confidence in elected officials," she said.

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The meeting is on Sept. 24, and at future executive and council meetings.

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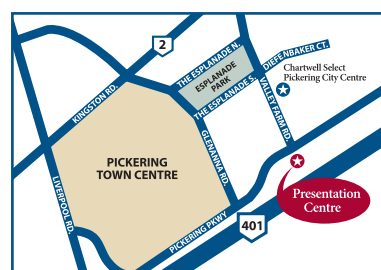
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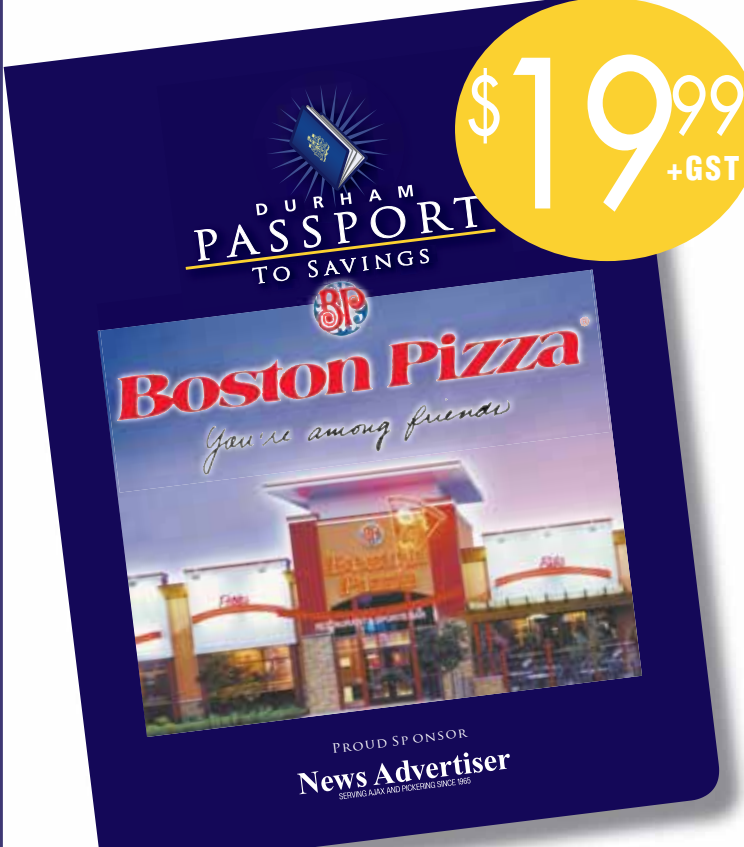
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Patriotic types

DURHAM — West Durham celebrated Canada Day with fun and big splashes of red. In photo above, Alexa and Ashley Chambers proudly show their colours at their neighbourhood celebration. At top, Katelin Phillips, 8, Joshua Short, 6, Dhvani Vaishnav, 5, and Jacob Dosen, 10, play with a giant soccer ball at the Pickering Canada Day festivities at Kinsmen Park. In Ajax, world-record-breaking stilt walker Dave the Great was at the Ajax Canada Day celebrations at Rotary Park. The Chambers' photo is an entry in our contest. We're looking for still and video images that prove just how patriotic you are. A Canada Day gift package is on the line. Submit your patriotic photos and video to mediamash.ca by 5 p.m. today, July 4.



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Mark Elliott, Senior Vice President, Pickering A Nuclear Station

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- ✓ Our employees at Pickering B achieved more than one million hours without a lost time injury.
- ✓ The University of Ontario Institute of Technology OPG Engineering Building was officially opened by community and university dignitaries, including Ontario's Minister of Energy Dwight Duncan. The building offers state-of-the-art engineering laboratories and facilities to enhance learning.
- ✓ Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear hosted thousands of local residents at our March Break activities with a focus on environmental, science and recreational activities.



Pickering Nuclear

Lining it up and following through

AJAX — It's prime tennis season as action at courts in Ajax and Pickering is in full swing for the summer. At left, Kelly McNabney's eyes are on the ball as she shows perfect form in preparing for a forehand at the Ajax Tennis courts recently. Once a shot is lined up and struck, Selwyn James, swinging the racket at the Glendale Tennis Club in Pickering, shows the value of following through.

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Province has Hwy. 407 route

Toll highway to be extended from Brock Road in Pickering

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The ministry of transportation (MTO), in February 2005, initiated the 407 East environmental assessment (EA) study to extend Hwy. 407 east to Clarington.

The MTO is now ready to present the results from the evaluation of the final short list of route alternatives and a technically recommended route.

Pickering man charged in New Brunswick stabbing

PICKERING — A Pickering man described by the RCMP as a high-risk offender has been arrested in connection with a 2005 stabbing in New Brunswick.

Durham police assisted the Mounties in making the arrest, conducting a vehicle stop Wednesday afternoon and taking a man into custody without

This third round of public information centre meetings features the recommended Hwy. 407 route and is to obtain feedback from the public.

The study is looking at extending Hwy. 407 and a transitway by 50 kilometres from Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 in Clarington with two links to Highway 401.

Construction could be completed by 2013.

The construction schedule is pending environmental approvals and property acquisitions.

Today's (July 4) meeting is from 4 to 8 p.m. at the General Sikorski's Polish Veterans Club, 1551 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa.

incident. Authorities here were alerted that the man, wanted on charges in connection with the New Brunswick stabbing, was seeking sanctuary at a home on Denby Drive, police said.

David Thomas Miller, 24, of Pickering, is charged with attempted murder, armed robbery, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon.

Contraband tobacco seized in Durham

TORONTO — Investigators from the Ministry of Revenue recently uncovered three incidents of illegal tobacco activities in the GTA, confiscating an estimated \$1.75 million in tobacco.

On May 25, Kyung-Tae Kim of Toronto pleaded guilty to possessing tobacco without the proper permits or designations under the Tobacco Tax Act. Ministry investigators detained Mr. Kim's vehicle and seized 10,520 cigars and 11,833 grams of other tobacco. Mr. Kim was fined \$5,444.97 and ordered to pay a \$1,361 surcharge to the Ontario Victims' Justice Fund.

On May 29 in Whitby, Zia Brenjanipour of Aurora pleaded guilty to possessing 1,400 unmarked cigarettes, 541

cartons of marked cigarettes and 14,285 cigars without legal authority. Mr. Brenjanipour was fined \$4,182.70 plus ordered to pay a \$1,045.67 surcharge.

On June 4 in Whitby, Jeyachandranathan Selvanayagam, director of 1586687 Ontario Inc., an Oshawa convenience store, pleaded guilty to possessing 5,204,491 cigarettes unlawfully. He also pleaded guilty to making false entries in his books to avoid the payment of tax.

Provincial investigators uncovered two sets of records created to hide the sale and income from illegally acquired tobacco. Mr. Selvanayagam was fined \$22,733 plus a \$5,683.25 surcharge.

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EDITORIAL

Places to Grow needs Durham focus

Push politicians to provide answers

While the provincial Liberal government crows about its Places to Grow legislation, with its emphasis on residential density and jobs close to where people live, the reality in Durham is somewhat different.

David Caplan, the minister of infrastructure and renewal who is the main point man on the Places to Grow plan, was in Pickering recently to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the passage of the legislation.

While Places to Grow has good intentions with its live, work and play philosophy of largely self-contained communities, it needs a financial push before it can pull any real sympathy from Durham residents.

For far too long the policy of bedroom communities without a corresponding industrial plan has created a 905 commuter culture. Too many people go to bed and wake up in Durham Region but get in their cars and head west for work.

And Places to Grow, while it has a push for a two people per one job in Toronto, York, Peel and Halton regions, would like Durham to settle for three people per local job. That's not acceptable.

The Province has to help Durham hit the two for one target to put us on a level playing field with the other GTA regions.

Not only that, but the Province has to help provide the proper infrastructure to make it attractive for business to locate here. That means the quick development of more lanes on Hwy. 401, a Hwy. 401 extension clear through to the Hwy. 35/115 in Clarington, better and more frequent GO Train service with an extension through to Clarington and further expansion of main east-west thoroughfares like Rossland and Taunton roads.

With the expansion to one million residents in Durham by 2031, it's imperative the Province work to make Durham a true partner in Places to Grow.

The upcoming election will allow the three major parties plenty of opportunity to put their platforms out there for residents to consider.

Make sure they put the needs of Durham high on their pledge sheets.

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IN THE COMMUNITY



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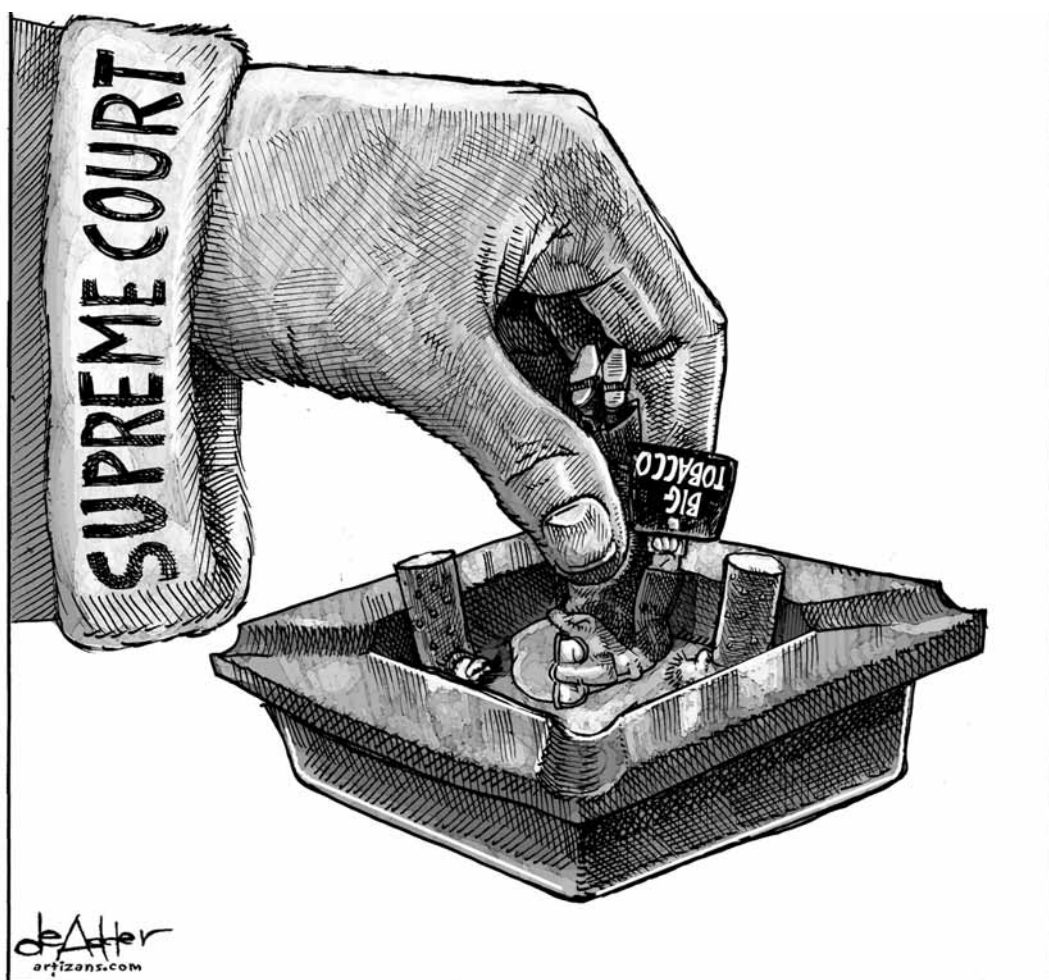
The Bayshore Towers Neighbours Association hosted a barbeque on the lawn at the rear of its building at 1210 Radom St. in Pickering recently. Sponsored by Guardian Property Management and supported by Restorers Group, more than 100 residents attended, including invited guests Councillor Bill McLean and Susan Carlevaris and Tim Dobson of the Pickering East Shore Community Association. The goal of the barbeque was to develop better community spirit.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No reason to mock driving commandments

To the editor:

I started reading the Friday, June 22 issue of the News Advertiser, and after the front page, I went, as usual, to the editorial page. I was surprised to see the cartoon entitled, 'THE VATICAN ISSUES SAFE DRIVING COMMANDMENTS-WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS'.

This cartoon equates sexual abuse cases to moral value beliefs of the Catholic Church - contraception and same-sex marriage -- and throws in the issue of women priests.

How can you make this comparison and attack the beliefs of so many of your readers? Why compare the horrors of sexual abuse to a stance against contraception and same-sex marriage and the tradition of not allowing women priests?

I am extremely offended by the cartoon and feel that your paper is promoting anti-Catholicism, if not hatred of Catholics and what they believe and hatred of the Catholic Church.

Have you read the Safe Driving Commandments? Which ones are you against? In brief, are you against: 1, do not kill; 2, do no harm; 3, be courteous; 4, be charitable; 5, do not dominate others with a car; 6, drive only when fit; 7, support

victims' families; 8, promote forgiveness; 9, protect the vulnerable; or 10, feel responsible for others? Which of these deserve your paper's ridicule and derision?

Maybe you should publish these commandments in detail like other papers have done and support them instead of ridiculing them.

Larry Noonan
Pickering

Catholics used to mockery

To the editor:

Graeme Mackay's cartoon in the June 22 Friday edition lampooning the Vatican's commandments for the road chose to mock beliefs that differentiate Catholics from what the media views as mainstream. Mr. Mackay feels quite free to make those beliefs the target of his ridicule, with a gratuitous wink and a nod to sexual abuse which, while not uniquely a Catholic problem, always makes a handy pillory for anti-Catholic sentiment.

Mr. Mackay thinks that he can take potshots at Catholicism without fear of reprobation, even though Catholics hardly hold a monopoly on the beliefs he mocks. No one from the Vatican is likely to call for Mr. Mackay's demise

and no riots will likely erupt in Europe or anywhere else over his cartoon. Most Catholics will generally take mockery like Mr. Mackay's on the cheek, rather than angrily defend a line crossed but perhaps not quite sufficiently offensive. The most Mr. Mackay will likely experience is this letter from me, and I can be dismissed as overreacting. Mr. Mackay can remain safe and comfortable in his bigotry. Fortunately for Mr. Mackay, bigotry has once again become fashionable. As long as its targets are fashionable too.

Dan Brennan
Ajax

Cartoon offended reader

To the editor:

Re: June 22 editorial cartoon, 'The Vatican issues safe driving commandments.'

As a community newspaper, the News Advertiser should not belittle groups within the community they serve. I take exception to the cartoon and find it demeaning to my religion. Your type of newspaper should respect all groups within the community and a decision should be taken by your editorial staff to avoid publishing this type of material in the future.

Susan Kennedy
Ajax

Single act of courtesy can change world

Never underestimate a simple gesture

I must have done something horribly wrong in another life, something unspeakably vile. Otherwise why do I find myself standing in front of my house at three in the morning in my boxer shorts, staring helplessly up at a neighbor's window where a dog seems to be imprisoned?

Actually it sounds more like a dog has been impaled or perhaps disemboweled and set on fire, such is the din, the absolutely spine-shattering wailing coming from that window. Typical of these scenarios, of course, only my wife and I seem to be able to hear this. The occupants of the house, the dog's captors, seem blissfully unaware of its sufferings. Remarkable. And now there is a wild, panicked scratching to accompany the mad howling, as though the poor beast were attempting to claw through the masonry to escape its torment.

However this ends, someone is in for a fair chunk of drywall work and quite possibly a hefty plumbing bill. Hapless and helpless, I go back to bed where my wife and I close the windows and put pillows over our heads.

The next day we are visited by a friend. After a phone conversation in which my wife had mentioned, in passing, that she was feeling tired and a little stressed, this kind soul had decided to



Neil Crone enters laughing

pay us a visit. She arrived, unannounced, with a bottle of wine, some cheese and a smile simply because she wanted to make someone feel better.

As they say on English exams, compare and contrast these two situations. On the one hand we have irritation, pain and suffering in animal and human as the result of an uncaring, selfish perspective. On the other, we have peace, harmony and happiness as the result of one simple act of kindness and consideration.

It has come to my attention, after some 47 years of experimentation and observation, that the route to this planet's salvation lies not in science or chemistry or invention of any kind, but in simple courtesy. Nothing, in my estimation, has greater transformative power for good than the elemental act of thinking of others, of being aware of the fact that we do not live alone. That everything we do or do not do

will impact someone for better or worse. The cumulative effect of choosing to act for the "better" is incalculable. All of us can point to at least one instance in our lives where some loving individual's unbidden kind word, phone call or gesture made us feel instantly better and our lives easier and more comfortable.

What we may have more trouble remembering though are those moments when our own selfish thoughtlessness has had the opposite effect on those around us. Moments that could've easily been avoided had we only paused to think. Does everyone in the neighborhood really want to hear my music? How many trucks on the front lawn is too many? Is my dog keeping anyone up? Never underestimate the scope of such seemingly innocuous decisions. The world turns easily or not on such choices.

All of us have enormous power to change lives on a daily basis. The domino effect that I begin by letting in or cutting off that other driver in the morning, by smiling or frowning in the office elevator, by complimenting or nitpicking my child or spouse, is like the storied hurricane begun by the flapping of a butterfly's wings. Think and choose wisely.

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Peters a key to Canada's U20 World Cup aspirations

Pickering resident and Ipswich Town midfielder excited to play in front of friends and family

By Al Rivett
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PICKERING — Humble, soft-spoken and quietly confident -- the persona of Jaime Peters is in sharp contrast to his on-field demeanour.

When on the soccer pitch, the 19-year-old Pickering native has been described as a human dynamo, with speed to burn from his midfield position. A holdover from Canada's U20 World Cup team in 2005 in The Netherlands, Peters hopes to lend his international experience, not to mention his uncanny speed and skill, to be a difference-maker with the Canadian men's under-20 World Cup team.

The Canadians started their FIFA U20 World Cup journey on a sour note in Toronto on Sunday in Toronto, losing 3-0 to Chile. They'll attempt to regroup in their next pool game in Edmonton on Thursday when they face Austria. Canada finishes Group 'A' pool play against Congo on July 8, also in Edmonton.

The prospect of playing in his home country is a thrill for Peters.

"Oh yeah, I'm very excited. I get to play in front of family and friends and I'm looking forward to it," says Peters, who's just signed a three-year contract extension to continue his soccer career overseas with Ipswich Town, an English First Division squad.

"It's very special to play for your country; you always want to play for your country. I'm just grateful to play for Canada."

Peters says his sole focus since the conclusion of Ipswich Town's season is on putting in the training necessary to be in peak form for the Canadian team. He feels that he's better prepared, as well as the team, for the world showcase tournament that's arguably the largest single-sport sporting event in Canadian history.

"I've been preparing myself since I first came into camp. Every team that's here is a good team. I know what it's like to prepare for the World Cup and I've tried to prepare myself even better this time."

Far from experiencing nerves about the prospects of playing on the biggest



Photo courtesy of Dale MacMillan
Pickering's Jaime Peters hopes to play a pivotal role on Canada's U20 World Cup soccer team. The midfielder is excited about the prospects of competing for Canada in front of family and friends. Canada started World Cup play Sunday with a 3-0 loss to Chile in Toronto. They continue Group 'A' play against Austria in Edmonton Thursday.

soccer stage for the age group in Canada, Peters relishes the opportunity to compete against the best under-20 players in the world.

"All the upcoming stars in the world

will be here and everyone is coming out to impress. (Diego) Maradona and Thierry Henry have played in this tournament. Everyone knows if they do impress, it could be a big break for

their careers.

"I'm just trying to play for my country and do well. You are showcasing yourself, but I'm taking it step by step. Hopefully, the team wins."

He firmly believes that playing in home stadiums in front of partisan Canadian fans will help the team's on-field performance.

"It's a big help playing here," he says. "Fans are like the 12th man, they can make a big difference. Them being behind us and the other team being from far away, it can frustrate the other team. It will be crucial to our team."

With soccer cognoscenti suggesting Canada will only go as far as Peters and fellow international star David Edgar, with Newcastle United of the English Premier League, will take them, Peters deflects any added pressure on being a key figure in Canada's World Cup hopes.

"As a player, you're always under pressure to perform. If I do my job and do what I do, hopefully I can bring a lot to our team."

And, as a team, Peters is excited to be part of what he describes as the best Canadian squad he's ever been a part of.

"Yeah, not only do we have a lot of experienced players, we have a lot of players who've played overseas. To know that everyone has international experience gives me more confidence as a player," he says.

Not only is Peters comfortable with the Canadian team's personnel, he's also confident that Canada can advance farther than his previous U20 World Cup experience in 2005, when it failed to advance out of its pool. Anything short of qualifying for the Round of 16 will be considered a failure, says Peters.

"I think with the team we have, if we reach the quarter-finals, we'll be happy," he says. "If we don't make it out of the group stage, we'll be very disappointed. We have to make the Round of 16 to be happy. If we're at the top of our game, we should go quite far."

But, he's under no illusions as to the difficulty involved in the Canadians advancing out of four-team Group 'A' that also includes the Congo. There are 24 teams competing in the tournament.

"Every team in the World Cup will

♦ See Peters, Page B2

Sports briefs

JULY 4, 2007

[Basketball]

Keane leads Canada to 2-1 record at U21 worlds

AJAX — Canadian guard Kalisha Keane has been a standout for the team so far in helping the Canucks to a 2-1 record in the preliminary round at the U21 FIBA World Basketball Championships for Women in Moscow, Russia. Canada's latest conquest was a 71-47 scorching of Mali on Canada Day, July 1.

The Ajacian, who's attending Michigan State University on a full scholarship in the fall, chipped in with 10 points and two assists in the victory.

The win moved Canada into a tie for third place in Group 'A'.

Canada played powerhouse France on Tuesday, with the result unavailable at press time.

Canada started the tournament against a more experienced and taller host Russian team, losing 83-56 on June 29.

Keane was the lone Canadian to score in double figures against Russia with 10 points.

They did, however, bounce back in Game 2 to beat China 78-54 on June 30.

Keane finished with nine points, shooting 4-of-10 from the field and going 1-for-1 from the free throw line.

Canada is playing in Group 'A' with France, China, Russia, Mali and Belgium.

The preliminary round for Canada ends today, Wednesday, July 4 with a game against Belgium.

The top four teams in each group will move onto the medal rounds, which will begin on July 6.

[Soccer]

Ajax Arsenal boys solid at Mini Robbie Festival

AJAX — The Ajax Arsenal under-nine boys' soccer team posted a 2-1 record at the annual Mini Robbie Festival in Scarborough last weekend.

The mini event is the lead-up to the 41st Robbie International Soccer Tournament that gets under way this Canada Day long weekend.

After being blanked 1-0 by the Scarborough Blizzard, Ajax Arsenal responded with two victories at the tournament.

In Game 2, the Ajax under-nines blanked the East York Blues 8-0. Ajeth Srikanthan and Simon Feig each scored twice; Arnaud Vachon, Kyle Gentles, Matthew Appleby and Josh Persaud added one apiece.

Next, Ajax Arsenal posted a 5-0 shutout victory over Scarborough Malvern.

Patrick Mahoney and Vachon each scored twice, with Gentles adding a single marker.

Ajax United Bolts claim Whitby Iroquois title

AJAX — The Ajax United Bolts U12 girls' rep soccer club defeated the host club to capture the 2007 Whitby Iroquois Cup tournament title last weekend.

In the final, the Bolts played Whitby to a scoreless tie in regulation time.

In the shootout, Ajax shooters scored on three of its four shots to post the victory.

Meanwhile, Ajax keeper Michelle Blakeley provided key stops to preserve the win.

The Ajax United under-12s faced the Ajax Storm in the semifinal, winning 3-1.

The Bolts posted a 2-1 record during round-robin play.

The Bolts defeated the Kanata Lightning 1-0, dropped a 3-0 decision to Whitby, but bounced back to defeat Belleville 5-0.

The Bolts' team members are Lea Gozdziwski, Mikayla Dias, Karena Evans, Shannon Brooks, Tori Longbottom, Taylor Correia, Marissa Graham-Singh, Shevya Stewart, Breanna Sharpe, Stephanie Rampino, Michelle Blakeley, Lateisha Grant, Brittney Lawrence, Samantha Smart, Beth Coke, Tatiana Ambursley and Lauren Duggan. Marcel Longbottom, Kevon Stewart and Ian Evans coach the team. Clancy Grant is the manager.

Rock drop regular-season finale to Norwood

Loss gives Ajax-Pickering seniors a tougher draw in opening playoff round

By Al Rivett
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DURHAM — Despite a strong run to the finish line, the Ajax-Pickering Rock couldn't get the one they needed most.

Riding a four-game winning streak entering Saturday night's senior 'B' lacrosse regular-season finale against the Norwood Nitro, the Rock were poised to roll into the post-season on a roll, not to mention staying within the East Division for the round-robin opening playoff round.

All that, however, went for naught with a disappointing 9-7 loss to the Nitro at the Pickering Recreation Complex.

The loss means the Rock (5-9) finish last in the three-team East Division behind the Nitro and the Brooklin Merchants, which also owned an identical 5-9 record, but finish second due to a better head-to-head record against the Rock. The Rock will therefore cross into the West Division to play a home-and-home round-robin playoff series against the defending league champion Wellington Aces and the Mohawk Stars.

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Jennifer Roberts photo

A Lynx under attack

PICKERING — Jenessa Banwell, left, of the Pickering U21 Provincial team, tries to steal the ball from Brooke McCalla of the Toronto Lady Lynx during an exhibition game between the two women's soccer teams. The 'friendly' celebrated 'Durham Women in Soccer' at Pickering's Diana, Princess of Wales Park soccer field on Saturday afternoon. Following the games, the players signed autographs for fans. All proceeds from the event go to YWCA Durham.

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The Bruce Gorrie Trio recently entertained at the media launch of the Oshawa Jazz and Blues Festival from August 6 to 12. The Trio is made up of Rob Bulger on guitar, Doug Matthews on bass and Bruce on the sax.

Oshawa Jazz and blues festival expands this year

By Christy Chase
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DURHAM — This year's Oshawa Jazz and Blues Festival features something new, something old, plenty of blues and lots of green, as well as seven days of great music in August.

The festival is reaching out beyond Oshawa with two new events, a jazz dinner cruise on Lake Scugog and a tour of new home developments featuring live music and free refreshments. These events open and close the Aug. 6 to 12 festival respectively.

Along with the new are popular events from the past festivals -- Swing Night at Parkwood, the Jazz Divas Showcase, an educational and entertaining lecture and the Main Event, the free, all-day of music in Memorial Park. Blues and jazz will echo in the venues, along with the addition of some world music this year.

As for the green, the festival will be using organic cotton for volunteers' T-shirts, will use recycled paper for its promotional materials and equip all venues with recycling receptacles, thanks to the City of Oshawa and Clintar Groundskeeping Services.

It all adds up to a great week of music. "We've got a full week of events," said Eclipse Concert's Kerri King, the festival organizer.

She expects thousands of people to attend the festival, the work of Eclipse, the Downtown Action Committee and the City of Oshawa.

The Main Event this year will be headlined by not one but three musicians, Jack de Keyser, Big Daddy G, both Durham residents, and Danny Marks. Their blues revue will get underway at 9 p.m.

"I am ecstatic to be part of the festival this year," said David Glover, aka Big Daddy G. "Big Daddy G was part of it four summers ago."

That was the year of the big August blackout but the festival went on, despite that, Glover said.

"I live in Durham Region and love the chance to be part of such a great event in my community. Festivals like this give the community a chance to hear a variety of great music, including some very talented acts that live right in their own backyard. It also allows entire families to get out and enjoy live music."

Glover said he's busy working on a new Big Daddy G CD this summer, the first studio recording in seven years.

"As with my other recordings, there are a bunch of world-class Canadian artists as special guests. I'll be doing some new songs during my set at the festival."

Blues guitarist de Keyser is releasing a new CD, Blues Things, this summer. He'll be playing some of its 14 songs at the festival, he said.

"It's a great day there," he said. "I've always really enjoyed it. It's a fun festival. What I like about Kerri's program is she has a good mix of jazz and blues. They set each other off nicely. My music kind

of straddles the two."

His new CD is his first studio album since his Juno-winning Six String Lover. He's spent six months mixing it, in between playing gigs, including a festival just outside Paris, France in December.

He's looking forward to the Oshawa festival in August.

The festival schedule is as follows:

Aug. 6 -- festival kickoff at Parkwood Estate, 270 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, noon to 3 p.m., as Oshawa celebrates McLaughlin Day. Admission free.

-- Jazz Dinner Cruise, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., on the Woodman cruise ship, Scugog Cruise Lines, out of Palmer Park, Port Perry. Tickets are the Jazzophones -- Lynn Tremblay and Roger Clown -- with 40s' jazz music. Cost is \$65 and space is limited.

Aug. 7 -- Lecture, wine and cheese reception, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, 72 Queen St., Oshawa, 7 p.m. lecture followed by 8:30 p.m. reception. Lecture with visual artist, percussionist, instrument building and composer Jesse Stewart, born in Oshawa, with live music by Brownman Electryc Trio, featuring Nick Ali, in reception. Admission \$20 in advance, \$25 at door.

Aug. 8 -- Jazz Divas Showcase, Jubilee Pavilion, Lakeview Park, Oshawa, 7:30 p.m. Heather Bambrick hosts vocalists June Garber, Shakura S'Aida, Liberty Silver, Emilie-Claire Barlow and Lori Cullen. Admission \$40.

Aug. 9 -- Swing Night at Parkwood Estate, Dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Music by Swing Rosie. Tickets \$20 in advance for show only. Dinner tickets/reservations \$20 by calling 905-433-4311.

Aug. 10 -- Jazz and Blues Crawl, through various venues in Oshawa, including Le Skcratch, Prospects, Thirsty Monk and The Hare and the Hound, with more to be announced. \$10.

Aug. 11 -- The Main Event, Memorial Park, Simcoe and John streets, Oshawa. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission. Main stage features Classic Swing, Laura Gauthier and Paul Grecco, Andy Earle, Sultans of String, Kollage, Johannes Linstead, Blues Revue. There's also a side stage with children's performance and local artists. Followed by after party at Johnny B's, 75 Consumers Dr., Whitby.

Aug. 12 -- Green Notes New Homes Tour, noon to 3 p.m. Free admission. Locations in Whitby and Oshawa. Music by Johnny Max Blues Band, Swing Shift Big Band, Bruce Gorrie Trio, Soul Heart (contemporary flamenco and Latin jazz.)

For tickets, call the ticket office at 905-438-8811. To charge tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at 905-433-9494. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.ca.

For more information on the festival, call the hotline at 1-800-576-1086 or go to www.oshawajazzandbluesfestival.com.

Murderous dinner theatre

PICKERING — Have you ever been invited to attend one of those family gatherings that you felt obligated to go to, just because it was expected of you?

Backwoods Players invites you to attend a family reunion with a twist that promises to be anything but boring.

The Players' annual murder mystery, 'Whodunit?: It's All Relative' is an outdoor, interactive, dinner theatre experience with murderous results.

Set in the 1870s in the rustic hamlet of Connells Corners, members of the McConnell family have gathered for their reunion. What should be a joyous occasion is marred by the untimely death of the patriarch of the McConnell family, Abner. But was it a natural death, or was it murder? Audience members will journey through the Pickering Museum Village grounds with the family members and have opportunities to speak with and question the characters to see if you can uncover the murderer.

"It has been a pleasure to work with this production because of the seasoned crew, our very creative director, Catherine Hodge, and an extremely talented cast in which there are no divas," states producer Julie Oakes. "Instead we have a group of actors who can work hard, enjoy the historic aspects of the play and laugh a lot at rehearsals."

Hodge is certainly not new to the whodunit? scene. She performed in Backwoods' 'Whodunit?: Sounds Like Murder', 'Whodunit?: Murder Under the Big Top', 'Whodunit?: The Silver Chalice of



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Lauren Gilhooly and Michael Khashmanian are featured in the Backwoods Players' production of 'Whodunit?: It's All Relative', running July 7, 8, 14 and 15 at Pickering Museum Village.

Taeonostae' and in the first production of 'Whodunit?: Lights! Camera! Murder!'

Aside from her considerable expertise in improv, she brings, from her years of working and volunteering at Pickering Museum Village, a comprehensive knowledge of the decorum of the nineteenth century.

The Brougham Central Hotel, PMV Foundation's current conservation project, benefits from this annual outdoor production.

"We look forward to restoring the 1850s temperance hotel and expanding

learning opportunities for Durham students," says Pat Dunnill, PMVF Chair, in a press release.

'Whodunit?: It's All Relative' is on July 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each (a tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost).

Call the Pickering Museum Village at 905-683-8401 to reserve tickets. To avoid disappointment call early, as all of last years' shows were sold out. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. For more information visit us at: cityofpickering.com/museum.

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WindReach Farm

Nestled in the rolling countryside near the slopes of the Great Pine Ridge in Ashburn, WindReach Farm is a 109-acre working farm and nature interpretation centre specifically designed for people with disabilities.

Founded in 1989 by Alexander (Sandy) J. Mitchell, WindReach Farm is a unique place which allows visitors to experience fully wheelchair accessible recreational activities and explore the entire property — from fields and ponds to barns to playgrounds.

"Sandy has spent his life proving to people that with vision, perseverance and community, nothing is insurmountable. The establishment of WindReach is a testament to this man's determination to help others live their lives to the fullest. Despite being diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Sandy developed a keen interest in farming during his teen years and set about pursuing his dream of one day opening a fully accessible farm."

The farm has five program areas to choose from, including: the visitors program (where anyone is welcome to contact the farm to set up a visit and enjoy a wagon ride, petting zoo, museum, boardwalk, pond-to-pond trail and other activities); therapeutic riding program where over 130 riders with special needs participate in therapeutic riding lessons; overnight accommodations which include two accessible apartments available; a work experience program where over 60 individuals with special needs come with support to help out with farm chores on a regular basis; and a volunteer program, where individuals 16 years of age or older assist in the many areas on the farm and at the stables.

Whether you're on their fully accessible hay wagon ride, rolling along the paved pond-to-pond trail, feeding and interacting with the animals or picking apples from our dwarf apple trees, Taylor says they can accommodate anyone, and give them an experience they will never forget.

"Our friendly staff and volunteers treat each visitor as if this is their

only trip they may take this year and we aim to make it a memorable one," she says, adding WindReach Farm continues to influence the community Sandy first sought, drawing people to a place where the barriers of the world are left behind. "Enthusiastic visitors come for a variety of reasons. Some to take part in our many programs designed specifically for the mentally and physically challenged: others just to enjoy the allure of wide-open countryside."

Located in Ashburn (north of Whitby) at 312 Townline Road, WindReach Farm has been operating as a charity for 18 years, and sees more than 22,000 visitors in all of their programs. They also host several special events throughout the year, including the upcoming Olde Time Farm

Fair taking place Saturday, July 21 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Activities include: wagon rides, petting zoo, crafts and games for kids, and farmers market.

All visits to the Farm are by appointment and there is a recommended donation for a visit to the Farm. To see what's happening at WindReach Farm call (905) 655-5827, e-mail thefarm@windreach.org or visit www.windreach.org.



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Underdog Durham City Bulldogs show bite at basketball provincials

Midgets bring back Ontario Division III title from Kingston

DURHAM — Despite possessing a sub-.500 record entering the recent Ontario Provincial Division III Midget Basketball Championships in Kingston, the Durham City Bulldogs No. 2 team showed its mettle when it mattered most.

The underdogs Bulldogs midgets soared above expectations to put together a sterling 6-0 record and outlasted a strong CKATT squad in the final, 72-66 in overtime to earn the gold medal.

Kiran Boochoon earned the Olympia Sport Camp most valuable player award. Playing the Mississauga Wolverines in the semifinal, the Bulldogs trailed by five points in the final two minutes, but simply refused to lose, gutting out a one-point victory to secure a berth in the final. No score was reported.



The Durham City Bulldogs midget boys' basketball team celebrates its victory after the final of the Ontario Basketball Association Division III Championships in Kingston recently.

In quarter-final action, the Bulldogs matched up against a feisty Oakville Vytis

team. The Vytis, however, couldn't stop the Bulldog's offence as Durham City

scored a big 56-40 win.

In pool play, the Durham City midgets earned a close 62-55 victory over London Orion in Game 1. Facing a tough Mississauga Wolverines squad in Game 2, the 'dogs responded with a narrow 62-59 win to keep their undefeated string rolling.

The final pool game was no contest for Durham City, as they rolled past Team Motion 79-49.

The Bulldogs experienced a rough season up until the provincials. Their season featured many heartbreaking losses in the final minutes of some competitive games. Having a below .500 record, however, didn't deter the Durham City midgets from approaching the championships with the focus and confidence needed to succeed.

Team members are Sam Petridis, Jonathon Harvey, Jamal Thomas, Jeremy Adiken, Kevin Wilson, Kiran Boochoon, Wayne Chung, Malcolm McGowan and Adrian Guaio. Raphael Harris coaches the team. Managers are Parmala and Vish Boochoon.

Peters glad to be home for World Cup

♦ Peters, from Page B1

be good," he explains. "We have to come out hard against every team. We have to put up our best performance."

Peters grew up in Pickering, playing his minor soccer with the North Scarborough and CS Azzurri organizations. At age 16, he played in Germany with the Kaiserslautern for a year before moving on to Ipswich Town in 2005. He began playing with the national team at age 17. In total, he's played 12 times for Canada.

He notes he's relieved to have signed his three-year contract to remain at Ipswich Town. Fears that it might be derailed due to British government red tape involved with getting a work permit were unfounded. However, he says that's secondary to his current focus.

"I'm happy to have signed for three years, but I'm not really thinking about it. I'm just thinking about this (the World Cup) and hoping we'll do well."

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Rock to start senior 'B' playoffs on weekend

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The opening playoff round is expected to begin this weekend, but there's yet been no confirmation of game dates.

Rock head coach Paul St. John was disappointed in his team's inability to finish up the regular season strongly.

"We didn't play well. We struggled with the ball and our defence wasn't as strong as they had to be," says St. John, who wouldn't use the excuse of back-to-back weekend games (a 5-4 win over Brooklin at the complex Friday) as an excuse, as Norwood also played a back-to-back weekend set.

He's also not sweating having to move out of the East Division for the opening playoff round, citing his team's much improved play over the last three weeks.

"It would have been nice to stay in the East, especially for travel reasons, but I'm not worried about it," says St. John. "Wellington and Mohawk are good lacrosse teams, but so is the Ajax-Pickering Rock. We're a scary team right now. We have a good team with two great goaltenders. I'm sure we're going to get into goaltending battles the rest of the way."

St. John noted the Rock added another goaltender before the July 1 roster deadline, getting Steve 'Chugger' Dietrich for the playoff run. Dietrich, who played last season for the Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League, has won at the senior 'B' level with Owen Sound and Kitchener in past seasons. His rights were owned by the Brooklin Redmen of Major Series lacrosse.

The Rock's goaltending tandem of Mike Miron and Dietrich is arguably the best in the league.

"With Steve Dietrich and Mike we have two great goalies," he says. "But we have to get back to playing hard defensively."

In Saturday's loss to Norwood, the game was tied 7-7 heading into the final



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Ajax-Pickering Rock's Bill McLean (22) attempts to knock the ball away from Norwood Nitros' Josh Stahls (88) during OLA senior 'B' lacrosse action at the Pickering Recreation Complex Saturday. The Rock dropped its final regular-season game, 9-7, to the Nitro.

minute of regulation play. A long shot, however, trickled past Miron to give the Nitro a one-goal lead with 1:14 remaining. An empty-net marker with 33.3 seconds sealed the deal.

St. John was seething following the game at the officiating, noting the empty-net marker was scored in the final minute after what he described as a blatant interference call was missed by the officials.

"It would have been a 6-on-4 advan-

tage for us and would have given us more of an opportunity to score," says St. John.

The loss also negated an outstanding offensive effort by returning captain Jim Veltman, who rejoined the Rock three weeks ago. Veltman notched a hat trick and added a pair of assists Saturday to lead all scorers.

Sean Felstead, Bill McLean, Josh Black, and Pavel Dosly also scored for the Rock.

Pebbles

Record: 5-9
third place, East Division

Jaime Lumsden was cut for stitches after a high stick to the head against Norwood... veteran Rock player **Bill McLean** was named as a co-winner as the league's **most gentlemanly player** during its regular-season awards announced recently. **Brady Campbell** of the **Owen Sound Woodmen** was also named for the award... Rock newcomer **Wayne Burke** didn't dress for the Rock Saturday due to another

commitment. **Burke's** scored four goals in only three games played this season... Veteran **Mark Craig** was the Rock's leading scorer during the regular season with 31 points (19 goals, 12 assists) in 13 games... **John Rosa, Burke, Tyler Phillips, Black and Mike Daley** scored for the Rock in Friday's 5-4 win over the **Brooklin Merchants**. It was the **Rock's** only win in four regular-season meetings with the **Merchants** this season...



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Both Jack and Muriel were involved for many
years with the Ajax Lions Club.

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will be held on July 7th
at Woodbine Racetrack.**
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Stephen and Loraine, David and Jim
and all the family.

256 deaths

HODDENBAGH, John (Hans). Went home to be
with the Lord peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital on
Monday July 2, 2007, in his 81st year. Beloved
husband and best friend to Wilma. Loving and
devoted Dad to Paul (Bev), Hester (Ranjit McLe-
land), Mark (Kym), Luke (Brenda), Edward and
Chris (Jodi). Will be fondly remembered by 25
grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Caring
brother to Wim (Paula), Emmy (Dick Groeneveld),
Guus (Toni), pre-deceased by Henk (Rie) and Ger-
ard. John will be fondly remembered by his ex-
tended family - brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nie-
ces and nephews, cousins and many friends. The
family will receive friends at the **McEACHNIE
FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pick-
ering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488, from 2-4 & 7-9
p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. A funeral ser-
vice will be held at **Caruthers Creek Community
Church** on Thursday, July 5, 2007, at 11 a.m. In-
terment - Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens Ceme-
tery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Beacon Bible
Camp, Grace & Truth Retirement Homes or Rouge
Valley Health System (Ajax Site) would be greatly
appreciated by the family.
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KALMER, Ryan Thomas (Kali) - Suddenly on
Sunday July 1, 2007, in his 25th year. Much loved
son of Janet Morgan and Thomas Kalmar. Caring
step-son to Sean Morgan, Annette Goodfellow and
Sharon Kalmar. Proud grandson to John and
Verna Gibson, and Irene and Ted Kalmar. Brother
to Kayla and Tanya. Dear friend and soul mate to
Steph. Will be sadly missed by aunts, uncles,
cousins, extended family, and a multitude of
friends. The family will receive friends at the
McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME, 28 Old Kingston
Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488, from
2-4 & 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2007. A
funeral service will be held in the Chapel on Friday,
July 6, 2007, at 11 a.m. Cremation to follow. In
lieu of flowers, donations to Variety Village, 3701
Danforth Ave., Toronto, would be greatly
appreciated by the family. A Book of Condolence
may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca, or at
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FIELD, JAMES ERNEST ELWOOD Passed
away on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the age of 92.
Dearly beloved husband of Elsie Warren. Prede-
ceased by his wife Nellie in 1977. Will be lovingly
remembered by his children, Judy, Dennis (Judy)
and Ernest (Debbie). Grandfather of Tim (Lisa),
Adrienne (Mark), Valerie (Mike), Catherine and Mi-
chael. Dear brother of Hazel Kennedy, and prede-
ceased by brother, Murray Holmes, sister, Dora
Dane and brother-in-law Jim Kennedy. Brother-in-
law of Jean Holmes. He will be missed by his
many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.
A memorial service will be held on **Friday, July
6, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Le-
gion, 111 Hunt Street, 2nd Floor, Ajax, Onta-
rio**, (located off Harwood Avenue just north of Bay-
ly Street). Phone: 905-683-2927. Donations to a
charity of your choice would be appreciated by the
family.

NEWELL, John On June 26, 2007 John beloved
father of Donald and his wife Mylida. Cherished
Poppy of Chantal. Friends will be received at **THE
ACCETONE FUNERAL HOME** 384 Finley Ave.,
Ajax (905-428-9090) on Wednesday July 4th, 2007
from 2-4 and 6-8 pm and Thursday July 5th, 2007
from 10 am until the time of service in the chapel at
11 am.

GILDERSON, Florence E. (Betty) Peacefully
passed away on July 2, 2007 at home in her 79th
year. Beloved wife of Patrick. Loving mother of Pa-
tricia, Michael (Jan), Moira, and James (Darlene).
Cherished grandmother to Colin. Loving sister of
Teresa (Tony) from Somerset, England, Mary
(Reg) from Somerset, England and Margaret (Col-
in) from Somerset England. Long time volunteer at
4477 Shop Ajax Hospital Auxiliary. The family will
receive friends at the **McEACHNIE FUNERAL
HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village
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