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## School boards on budget

**DURHAM** — Both the Durham and Durham Catholic district school boards were on budget for the 2006-2007 school year, according to reports on recent board meeting agendas.

The public school board was within \$34,000 of meeting its \$600-million budget. A transfer from the Reserve for Working Funds made up the slight difference.

The Catholic board posted a \$230,000 operating surplus. That's over and above the projected year-end \$3.75 million surplus on the board's \$200-million budget. Trustees at the board voted to transfer the surplus to the board's reserves, which have been depleted in recent years as funds were used to balance budgets. According to the revised budget estimates, the Catholic board will have only \$1.3 million left in its Reserve for Working Funds at end of August 2008.

## A CRAFTY EVENT



**PICKERING** — Paul Kivlahan and her daughter Kait, along with Ms. Kivlahan's niece, Nicole Wright, took part in a Celebrate Winter event hosted by Ontario Power Generation. Participants were able to take in a movie and make holiday crafts.

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**PICKERING** — Despite a 200-

person limit on the Seniors Snow Removal Program in past years, the City of Pickering has removed the cap this year, says the division head of municipal property and engineering.

"Those that end up phoning, being number 201 and up, seem to be disappointed that the program is filled because it fills very

quickly," Richard Holborn said. "But right now for this year we're up to 264, so the demand is definitely there."

The free program is open to seniors (65 and above). They must not have anyone in the house that can perform the removal for them.

"We want it to be people that re-

ally don't have any other alternatives," Mr. Holborn said.

The job is contracted out since City staff are usually busy clearing roads and sidewalks they're responsible for. When five centimetres of snow hits the ground, the contractors will clear the apron

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(driveway between the sidewalk and curb), the sidewalk, and create a walkway to the door for those who have signed up for the program.

If seniors don't qualify for the contractor, they'll be pointed to the Youth Snow Removal Program.

Marisa Carpino, supervisor of culture and recreation, said more seniors usually sign up for the youth program than young people that volunteer.

"Sometimes it is a challenge to get students who are interested in performing that kind of work and to match them up with a senior that lives in their area," she said. She added the City likes to match youth up with

'Sometimes it is a challenge to get students who are interested...'

MARISA CARPINO

seniors within walking distance so it's easier to get there and perform the job.

Ms. Carpino said any type of cost is between the senior and the young person.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Little encourages youth involvement in the program "because there's a need and it's a good, neighbourly thing to do." Plus, she said they can accumulate their community volunteer requirements for school. She

added even if someone sees a senior or person with a medical condition shoveling the snow, "give them a hand."

Young people aged 13 to 19 who would like to get involved in the program can call 905-420-2370. Seniors wishing to use the program the City provides are asked to call 905-420-4630.

## Clarification

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Little had Pickering's new pesticide bylaw divided into two parts when it came time for a vote. She supported the ban but had concerns about setting a definite date before a public process could take place.

# Six taxis taken off road during safety blitz

PICKERING — A safety blitz of taxis operating in Pickering resulted in six vehicles being pulled off the road and 22 tickets issued.

Durham cops joined inspectors from the Ministry of Transportation during the effort Wednesday, sending 42 cabs to an inspection station at the 19 Division headquarters on Kingston Road. Inspectors found safety concerns such as faulty brakes, rusted undercarriages and loose body parts.

Four cabs with City of Pickering licences were immediately pulled off the road; two vehicles from other jurisdictions were also taken out of service for safety infractions, police said.

Officers issued 15 Highway Traffic Act tickets and seven bylaw infraction notices during the blitz.

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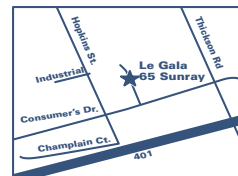


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# Landfill contingency plan includes Clarington

By Erin Hatfield  
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**DURHAM** — An off-handed answer to an impromptu question revealed a Clarington landfill is included in a contingency plan for Durham's garbage.

At the Dec. 5 meeting of the Region's finance and administration committee, Regional Chairman Roger Anderson veered from the agenda to ask Cliff Curtis, commissioner of works, where staff is in developing a plan for Durham's waste should the Michigan boarder close early or if a planned incineration facility gets held up or doesn't happen at all.

"I know staff has been working on it and I wanted to make sure it hadn't slipped through the cracks," Mr. Anderson said. "If the energy-from-waste process doesn't work out we have no spot to put our garbage at the end of 2010. We need something in place to deal with it until we come up with a long-term, permanent solution."

Mr. Curtis said for the past six months talks have been under way with the operators of three landfill sites in Ontario.

"We don't want to landfill, but it has to have somewhere to go," he said. "The stuff doesn't stop coming; people still put out garbage."

The sites being considered are: the Hale site, just outside Newtonville in Clarington; the Toronto-owned Green Lane Landfill; and, a Waste Management Inc. facility in the Sarnia area.

The details of the contingency plan will be before the works committee on Jan. 9.

The mayor of the community at the heart of Durham's waste plans, Jim Abernethy, said he will never support landfilling in Clarington.

"I will not be supporting any motion to landfill in Clarington," he said. "I know that Regional Council had given direction to works months ago to investigate what landfill sites were available, but this is news to me."

Mayor Abernethy isn't the only one who says he hadn't heard of Hale being in the running. Jimmy Hale, the owner of the 500-acre landfill, officially called Clarington Waste Processing Centre Limited, said he hasn't spoken to anyone at the Region.

"Yes, I have a licenced landfill site. It is all current with the Ministry of the Environment," he said. "We could solve the Region of Durham's problem - no problem, but no one has approached me."

Not only does Mr. Hale say he would be willing to take Durham's garbage, but he also has the capacity to do so for 25 to 30 years.

"We have all the leachate system in. (We) spent over \$10 million putting it in and it's all monitored by the ministry," he said.

The Hale site does have an exist-

ing certificate of approval for landfill, according to Clarington planning director David Crome.

However, it's not as simple as negotiating a deal. Should Durham wish to deposit trash at the site, it would be considered "a significant update" and therefore, the "modern conditions" of a certificate of approval would apply, said Mr. Crome. As well, an Ontario regulation is in place requiring a Provincial environmental assessment for any deposit of waste or increase in waste being dumped at the site.

Beyond that, the Court of Appeal recently upheld a decision by the Superior Court that the "legal non-conforming" status of the site has "ceased to exist," said Mr. Crome.

As a result, before any waste could be taken there, the municipality would have to approve a zoning bylaw and an environmental assessment would have to be completed. After that, a provisional certificate of approval would need to be granted by the Province.

With files from Jennifer Stone

## Giving Doesn't Have a Season

**Tis the season** for some, but not all. At this time of year people from every walk of life engage in honouring their own traditions and while not everyone celebrates Christmas, most are involved in some kind of holiday gift giving.

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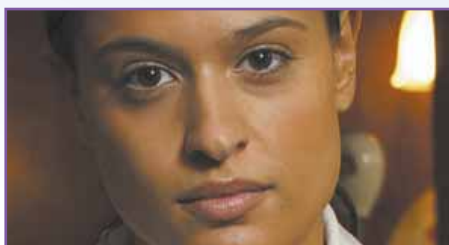
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**Birth of the BAB**

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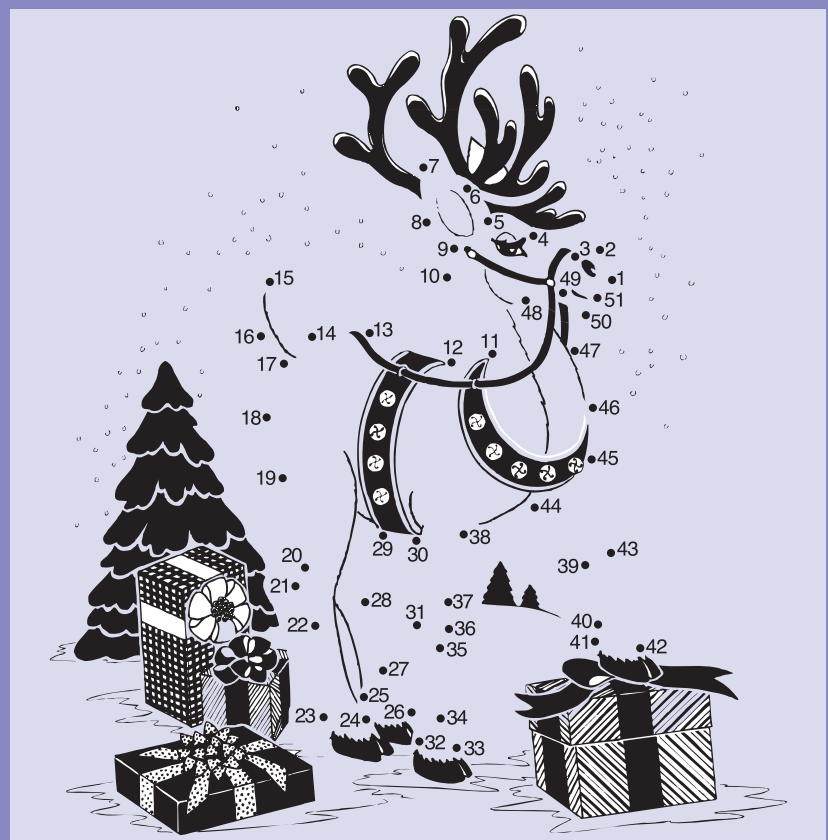
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# Raid on Pickering home yields huge pot crop ... again

By Jeff Mitchell  
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PICKERING — Police have busted a huge marijuana grow operation in a north Pickering home, marking the second time a substantial crop has been seized at the address.

Officers with Durham's Drug Enforcement Unit served a warrant at the house, at 304 Sheppard Avenue, Nov. 29 seizing more than \$1 million worth of dope and arresting a man and a woman.

The home had been converted to be a virtually impregnable bunker, Sergeant Paul McCurbin said.

"Although it was a residential property it was more like a marijuana factory," he said. "The front door had been barricaded and fortified," Sgt. McCurbin said.

Inside the house cops found more than 1,100 marijuana plants in various stages of growth and an estimated \$21,000 worth of growing equipment. The street value of the dope, police said, is more than \$1.1 million.

Charged with production of a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking and theft of hydro are Van Duc Nguyen, 53, and 50-year-old Thi Mac Nguyen, both of Richard Avenue in Toronto. Last week's raid marks the second time a substantial grow op has been located there. In 2002 drug cops dismantled an operation that included more than 660 plants. No charges were laid in that incident.

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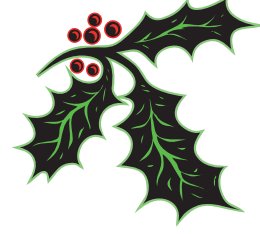


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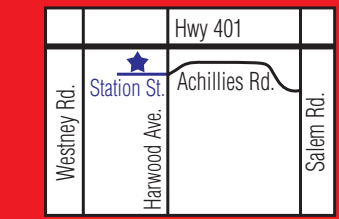


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### Domestic violence bill needs to pass

Dec. 6 marked a dark day in Canadian history. It was on that day in 1989 that 14 women were shot and killed at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal by a man who then turned the gun on himself.

While sensationally tragic, the Montreal Massacre was but one episode of violence against women. The sad reality is women become victims of violence on a daily basis, something that isn't reported by most media outlets and in many cases isn't even reported to the police by the victims themselves.

Make no mistake, there are still plenty of women who do complain to police, especially when it involves violence at the hands of their partners. That is why shelters such as Herizon House and Bethesda House are kept operating at full capacity.

It's with this in mind that Durham MPP John O'Toole has put forward a private member's bill that calls for better access to court protection for women attempting to flee abusive situations. The proposed law, if passed, would allow a victim of domestic violence to obtain an Emergency Intervention Order using a simplified method. This would allow the victim to apply to a Justice of the Peace if the courts are closed to allow for faster access.

We would encourage MPPs of every political stripe across Ontario to help make this bill law because women need access to support quickly when they find themselves victims of violence.

This law makes good sense because the quicker a woman can get a court order in place the sooner she can get help from the law when these orders are breached.

Mr. O'Toole said he is not proposing something that hasn't been before Queen's Park before. A similar law, Bill 117, was allowed to die a decade ago before it could pass third reading and become law. We're hopeful that, given the new government just began sitting Thursday, Mr. O'Toole's private member's bill won't be allowed to languish and will be passed into law.

This bill will not stop violence against women but it will enable women going through this type of hell to get help fast. It's a good first step worth taking.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Failure to invest in cities will cost us all

**To the editor:**  
Re: 'Government missed chance to invest in cities,' editorial, Nov. 14.

Your editorial missed an opportunity to expose what is gradually appearing as the hidden agenda of the Harper Administration.

Briefly, the cutting of taxes reduces the government's ability to invest in cities and results in a failure to invest in maintaining the physical infrastructure and addition to that infrastructure as our population and economy grows.

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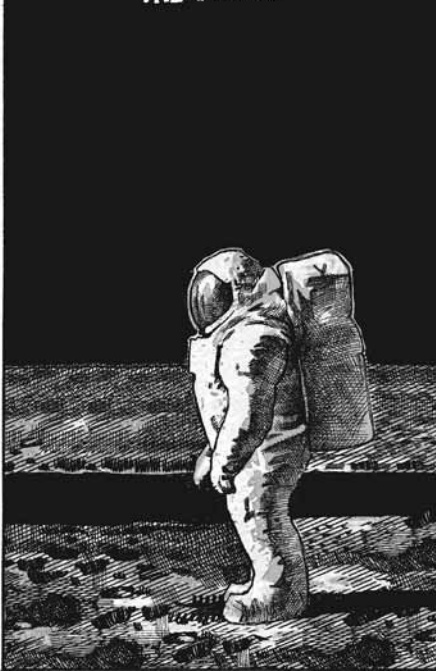
With the excessive tax burden on the real estate or property tax, taxpayers will eventually welcome the sale of the infrastructure (read electricity, read sewers, read water supply, read 407 etc.) that we cannot afford to maintain or build.

By turning over (privatizing) the country's existing and new infrastructure to the private and purportedly competitive sector, we would be giving mega-corporations a direct pipeline to taxpayers' pockets.

**Ed Goertzen  
Oshawa**

### SURVIVAL SUITS:

#### THE MOON



#### CANADA



### Potential dangers and risks of facebook

The highly addictive and popular social networking site, facebook, is starting to pose some real risks to its young users, who are failing to realize its true dangers.

Facebook, created in February of 2004, was initially restricted to the students of Harvard University and two months later to all Ivy League universities. It was a way for students to efficiently and maturely communicate with one another.

Soon facebook began to gradually accept other universities and now even high schools. By Sept. 11, 2007 it was made available to any e-mail address user.

Now young high school students are starting to rely on facebook as a way to gain social respect. They post pictures of themselves and supply valuable information including their e-mail, phone number, hometown, birthday and more. This gives anyone a chance to easily find out all they need to know about them, which may lead to true danger.

People do say, 'you have the ability to set your profile to private.' This is true, but as you look through all the members of facebook, you are able to access more than half of their pages. This raises the question, 'are people taking facebook too lightly?'

Even the people who have set their profiles to private are still at risk to online predators. Their 'friends' list' contains the only people who can view their page, but which friends are the ones you can truly trust? How about the friends that are really minor acquaintances? Who's to say you can trust them?

Not only do people have access to your personal information, but they also are able to follow your every step by looking at your "wall," which is a way for people to post messages for everyone to see. Friends will post things on walls saying their plans



**Nicole Sylvester**  
guest columnist

for the night, like what movie they are seeing at what time. This gives predators a chance to find out a person's every move.

Police are now trying to take action. They insist that parents have the shared responsibility about the dangers of Internet luring. In the past five years they have been hosting information sessions for parents, but parents don't seem to be getting the message. Parents need to realize that their children could be at risk.

The scary thing is that students are oblivious and naive when it comes to facebook and posting their information. Seventy per cent of students say they believe the information they put online is private. Yet they fail to realize there are ways to get around it. People go as far as hacking other people's accounts.

Young students are just not aware of the dangers and the exposure, and heavily seek out facebook as something that will benefit them. Facebook is a serious issue that needs to be fully addressed before it's too late.

*Nicole Sylvester is a Grade 12 student at Dunbarton High School in Pickering.*

*Read Part 3 of our facebook feature series on page 16. The entire series is available online at newsdurhamregion.com.*

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# Shortage of radioactive isotope affects cancer patients

By Fran Zingone  
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**DURHAM** — A Canadian nuclear reactor problem in Chalk River has many cancer patients very worried.  
Affecting 10,000 Ontario patients and extending to 90,000 Canadians per month, doctors are now scrambling for this impor-

tant radioactive material that is used for cancer detection and treatments.  
The high demand isotope, Molybdenum, is a chemical injected into patients before they have a nuclear imaging test. Lakeridge Health Oshawa patients affected by this shortage are those receiving bone scanning for cancer work as well as cardiac imaging for the investigation of coronary artery

disease. The isotope used most in nuclear medicine is called 99mTechnetium and is produced daily at the hospital by a Molybdenum generator, which is supplied from the problematic reactor in Chalk River.  
The reactor has stopped supplying its Molybdenum to two thirds of the world due to regulatory upgrades to the electrical system at the site. Expected to be shut down from

Nov. 18 to 23, the reactor is still not running. The shortage is expected to be back on track by early to mid-January, but until then, doctors and patients have no choice but to sit tight and hope the reactor's upgrades are completed quickly.  
Lakeridge Health Oshawa has been using their residual supply from last week, but does not expect it to last past this weekend.



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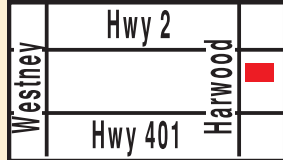
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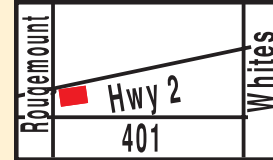


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# Lights tour on, but no free buses

By Erin Hatfield  
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DURHAM — A Christmas lights tour for the women and children of Denise House may have been saved for this year, but Regional staff says free, chartered buses are out.

The tour for the residents of the emergency shelter in Oshawa for abused women and their children has been a Christmas tradition for eight years.

In the past, Oshawa Transit provided a bus and an operator volunteered to drive. McDonald's restaurant came on board, providing free snacks, and in recent years Wal-Mart began donating gifts to add to those purchased from the Oshawa Transit drivers' social fund.

But, when local tran-

sit systems amalgamated to create Durham Region Transit (DRT) in Jan. 2006, free charters were out.

"We had more flexibility within our local systems," said DRT deputy manager Phil Meagher. "Now we answer to the Region and we have to be very cognizant of the funds we have available."

Jim Mullins, the president of DRT's social committee, said when he called to make arrangements for the tour this year he was told there would be no free bus.

He ended up speaking to Oshawa Regional Councillor John Henry, who told Mr. Mullins to book the charter and send the bill directly to him. "When I found out about this it was my pleasure to help," Coun. Henry said. "I can't make the changes, but I can help."

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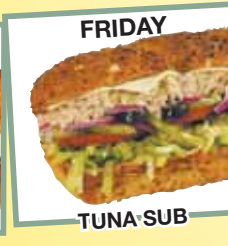
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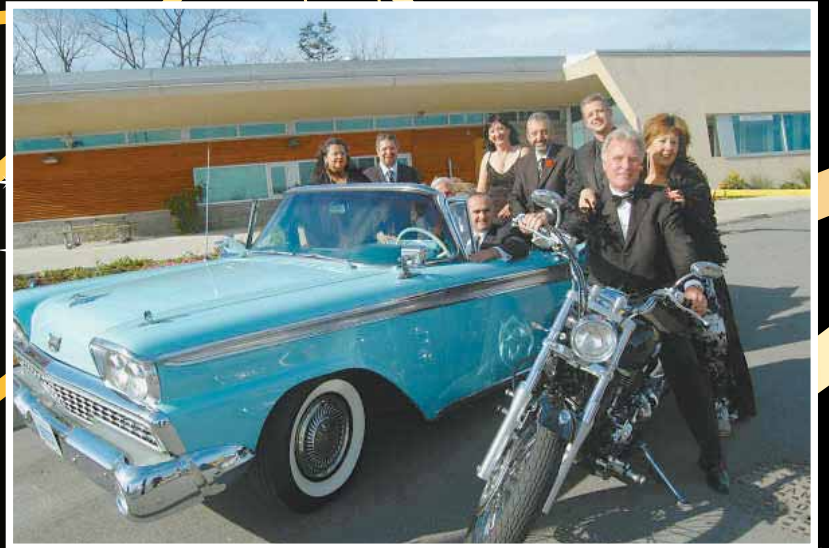
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The Pickering Panthers OHA junior 'A' hockey team hosts the St. Michael's Buzzers at the Pickering Recreation Complex tonight (Sunday) at 6:30 p.m.

# Dunbarton High girls' rugby team readies for Northern Ireland tour

*Sport continues to enjoy a high profile among females at the Pickering school: Blair*

By Al Rivett  
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**PICKERING** — Dunbarton High School Spartans rugby teams have made it a tradition to travel overseas on tours over the years.

But, next year, the distaff side of the school's rugby program gets its first opportunity to play on international fields.

The Dunbarton Spartans girls' rugby team will embark on a 10-day tour of Northern Ireland from April 17 to 27, where they will play against several Irish teams and have sightseeing opportunities to such places as The Giants Causeway.

For Dunbarton girls' rugby coach and tour co-ordinator James Blair, the international tour is like a coming of age of the female sport at the school, which has experienced solid growth. Last year, the school introduced junior and senior girls' rugby teams, with between 25 and 30 players per team.

And, this year's interest in the sport, he says, should put the school in a position to field three teams (midget, junior and senior) in Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) girls' rugby.

At an initial meeting in September to gauge interest in girls' rugby at the school, Blair says there were more than 60 girls from Grade 9 and 10 alone at the meeting.

"The interest in rugby is not a new thing," says Blair of the girls' game. "Dunbarton has had a long and prosperous history with many players continuing to play at the university level and many have represented Ontario and Canada."

Perhaps one reason for the upsurge in rugby interest among females at the school, says Blair, is it's a sport that's inclusive.

"No matter what shape or size you are, there's a place for you in rugby," he says.

The tour of Ireland, he says, is a first for a Dunbarton girls' team. Most of the Dunbarton boys' tours over the past 25 years have centred on England and Wales. He'll take between 20 to 22



Dunbarton High School Spartans rugby coach James Blair stands with part of his girls' rugby team that will travel to Northern Ireland for a playing tour in April. The overseas tour is a first for the girls' rugby program at the Pickering secondary school.

players on the Irish tour, with the players billeted at the homes of Northern Ireland players during their stay. After initially landing in Belfast, the tour will encompass the towns of Enniskillen, Magherafelt and Cookstown in the Cavan County area of Northern Ireland.

The Spartans are slated to play games against the three main county teams -- the Rainy River Cheetahs, Enniskillen Rugby Club and the Virginia Rugby Club -- during the tour. Also in the works, says Blair, is an exhibition game against the Ulster Selects, con-

taining the best female players in the Ulster Rugby Union of Belfast, although that game is still to be confirmed on the tour's itinerary.

One of the 22 players who'll be making the trip to Northern Ireland is Kristen Poirier, who'll enter her third season of playing rugby at Dunbarton this year.

Poirier, 17, is looking forward to taking part in the first-ever girls' rugby tour of Ireland.

"Oh yeah, I've never been to Ireland, so it should be exciting," says the Grade 12 student. "We'll be billeting there and we're going to play some teams that are prob-

ably really good."

Blair hopes the girls' tour, like the boys' tours, will result in reciprocal trips being planned in the future, with the Northern Ireland teams being hosted by Dunbarton players.

"We've been in communication with clubs from Ireland and Texas interested in travelling here in the fall of 2008 or the spring of 2009," he says.

To help with fundraising for the trip, the team will attempt to sell Christmas trees at the school through this weekend. Their goal is to sell 150 trees.

## Simmonds named to national camp, traded in same week

*Pickering junior hockey player goes from Owen Sound to the Soo via Calgary*

**PICKERING** — It's been a topsy-turvy week for Ontario Hockey League player Wayne Simmonds.

The Pickering resident was named to the Canadian junior national training camp roster and, soon after, learned he was traded from the Owen Sound Attack of the Ontario Hockey League to the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The 6-foot, 2-inch, 175-pound right winger was one of 21 forwards from junior squads across the country to be named to the 37-player camp roster, including such star players as Oshawa Generals' John Tavares and Sarnia Sting's Steve Stamkos.

It's the first time Simmonds has been named to a national junior training camp.



Wayne Simmonds

The selection camp is at the Father David Bauer Olympic Arena in Calgary, from Dec. 10 to 14. The 2008 World Junior Hockey Championships are in the Czech Republic, starting on Boxing Day and going to Jan. 5.

Simmonds was recently part of a Canadian Hockey League all-star squad that played against a Russian all-star team in the recent ADT CHL Canada/Russia Challenge.

Meanwhile, Simmonds joins the Greyhounds in exchange for Hounds' left winger Chris Mackinnon, the Soo's second-round pick 2008 and the Soo's second-round pick in 2010.

Simmonds was in his second season with the Attack where, through 29 games this season, he led Owen Sound with 17 goals and 22 assists.

Simmonds was drafted in the second round (61st overall) by the Los Angeles Kings in last summer's National Hockey League draft.

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# Dealing with issues case by case

Facebook is a highly popular online social network boasting more than 33 million users worldwide. In this three-part series we take a look at how local companies and educators are using the technology and the problems it can cause.

By Crystal Crimi  
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## facebook Part Three

**DURHAM** — Featuring a rainbow box with a circle and slash through it, a Pickering High School Facebook group was clear with its message.

"This is a all those against having a gay-straight alliance at Pickering high or even any school in Durham," states a description posted by the PHS against PGC student social group on Facebook. "Why do we need it? Why do they need to show the world how flamboyant and unpleasant they are lol (ya watch my words man dem r goin off zn)."

The group, discovered this spring, also posted numerous offensive comments about homosexuals.

Although the incident is one of several Durham schools have dealt with since facebook's popularity soared, controversy surrounding Internet social networks seems to be quieting.

"It popped its head up and then in a couple of days it was gone," says Anne Taylor, Pickering High School's principal.

The gay/straight opposition group came to her attention after members of the alliance noticed the Facebook group and alerted staff. In response, Ms. Taylor approached some of the students who contributed comments, explained what the gay/straight alliance was, and invited them to attend one of the meetings to see for themselves.

"My understanding is they didn't go," she says. Ms. Taylor wasn't surprised the students used Facebook to share their discontent.

"I guess you have to understand, that's their way of communicating," she says.

The students involved seemed a bit embarrassed when she approached them about their comments, probably because they didn't think what they wrote would get out and hurt people, she says.

"It pretty much died down as soon as I spoke to them about it," she says, and added she hasn't heard any Facebook complaints since.

"It was a good education piece," says Ms. Taylor.

Those opposed were very strong in their religious beliefs and she doesn't think they knew the school also has Christian, Muslim, world religion, and other groups.

The more students talk to their friends and discover they're not anonymous on Facebook, the more they seem to be learning they can't get away with using it to be disrespectful, she says.

"I often say the Internet can be good, bad and ugly," says Joe Hircock, the Durham District School Board's superintendent of education and school safety.

"We certainly had to look at some of the ill intent of some of the students in some of the information that has been put on Facebook," says Mr. Hircock. "On the other hand, Facebook has done some wonderful things."

He referred to communication for tutoring, note sharing and projects through the network.

Non-academically, the site can help build self-esteem by providing students with others with whom to share.

"Before long they start to realize they're not islands... sometimes kids feel so alone, they feel there's no place to turn for advice," Mr. Hircock says. The school board sees more good than bad coming out of the site, he added. In the Durham Catholic District School Board, things have been pretty calm with Facebook.

"We really haven't had a lot of issues that have surfaced from it; we had a few last year," says Paul Pulla, director of education. "Like any chat network, it only becomes an issue when it comes into the school setting."

Mr. Pulla says there have been incidents in the past where derogatory comments were made about other students, adding such

incidents are handled on a case-by-case basis.

"Sometimes if it's a serious issue (such as threats) you involve the police," says Mr. Pulla.

Under the new provincial Safe Schools Act, incidents don't have to occur on school property to receive discipline at the school level, they just have to impact school life.

"Just because it's done off site doesn't give someone a license to libel," says Mr. Pulla.

He added parents have an obligation to know what kids are doing online.

"And I believe most parents want to know," says Mr. Pulla. He advises parents to sit down and set parameters on use. To help educate parents and encourage them to get involved with their child's Internet activities, the public board holds cyber-bullying night meetings. It also encourages schools to have information sessions on what students should do if they are bullied and what types of bullying exist.

They ask cyber or hallway bully victims to come forward and talk about issues with administration; there's a provincial bullying hotline they can also contact, 1-800-668-6868.

"If we know about an incident, we will deal with it," says Mr. Hircock. The board depends on the community to tell them about the bullying, he adds. Any disrespectful issues that arise on Facebook are dealt with through a progressive discipline manner and any comments, as though they were made in person. At both boards, social networks are not accessible through school computers because they don't fit into the curriculum in any way.

## What do you use facebook for?

Stephanie Bacon,  
Grade 12

"It's convenient, but it's going to get a lot of people in a lot of trouble because they misuse it and it's easy to find people. If you have friends you don't get to see much, it's a good way to catch up for people who live far away and stuff."



Tommy Barna, Grade 11

"I use it for talking to my fellow peers, finding people I haven't talked to since elementary school and researching bands and stuff."



Brandan Persaud, Grade 9

"I use Facebook for communicating with friends, upcoming events, parties, jams, meeting new people."



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## Students bash teachers online

Union president says it's like a "little technology cult"

**DURHAM** — The social network Facebook has had "mostly a destructive impact," from Shelley Page's perspective.

As president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Durham District 13, Ms. Page says cyber bullying of educators through the popular internet social network is an ever increasing problem.

"Death threats, slander, it's happening through social networks like Facebook," says Ms. Page. "It's like a feeding frenzy."

One student will make a remark about someone on the site and others join in, turning it into a creative writing session. She added no teacher is immune - it happens at the secondary and elementary level.

"It's slander in a public way," says Ms. Page. "You can't just defame people with immunity. "Imagine someone making a horrendous, offensive statement about you and putting it in the newspaper, that's the equivalent," says Ms. Page.

"It's one thing to gossip, it's another to publish defamatory remarks," says Ms. Page.

She's trying to find out how to address the issue and educate parents so they recognize the seriousness of the situation. Her feeling is that school administration isn't treating the situation with the seriousness it deserves. She added it can have dire consequences for the people involved, both emotionally and physically. "When we were kids, you didn't have this, you had to gossip in the bathroom," says Ms. Page, and added there's a difference. She says it invokes a mob mentality and is very empowering; there's a lot of anonymity as well. As teachers become more accountability, students become less. "It's like a little cult really, a little technology cult," says Ms. Page.

Teachers tend to find out almost by accident, she says.

The teachers' union has asked its members to let them know about such incidences so they can be brought to management's attention.

It's using its grievance procedure in an attempt to get the board to increase the level of discipline for the online attacks. They are a violation of the safe schools, education, and health and safety acts, as well as collective agreements, says Ms. Page. They have been dealing with this for one and a half years.

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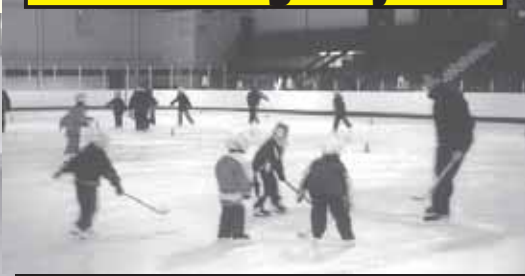
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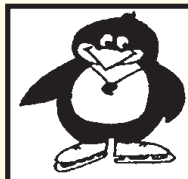


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