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PICKERING STUDENTS TAKE PLAY DAY BY DAY



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PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School theatrical group presents 'Godspell' from Nov. 27 to 29 at the Whites Road school. Part of the cast is, clockwise from bottom centre, Niki Somani as Jesus, Naniah Oppong as Mypsy, Brandyn Mascall as Judas, Taylor Scrymgeour as Inferno, Christina Demunda as Peggy, Jacob Myall as Light Ning and Laura Farrell as Lamar.

Clear division on Pickering bag project

Amberlea residents
to test clear bag pilot
project starting Jan. 12

By Kristen Calis
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PICKERING — Door-to-door education has begun in a Pickering neighbourhood, one of two in Durham testing out the Region's clear bag pilot project.

Regional Council approved the project that will go into the Amberlea neighbourhood in Pickering starting in January, along with one in Courtice. The pilot runs for three months and, in the last stage, garbage will be left at the curb if the clear bag contains compost or recyclables. The purpose is to increase recycling and composting, create awareness on diversion and reduce the amount of garbage and trucks going to landfill.

But not everyone thinks it'll run smoothly. Ward 1 City Councillor Jennifer O'Connell thinks the issue should have been discussed at Pickering Council.

"Specifically, I believe questions regarding the selection process, criteria, the monitoring program and community involvement in this process needs to be discussed by members of Council in an open forum," she said in a letter presented to Council.

She's also afraid of what will happen to the garbage that's left at the curb.

"Who's going to clean it up?" she said, answering her own question with "the taxpayers."

Perhaps the problem is not diversion, but education, she continued. Also, since the holiday season produces more garbage

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Crime pays

The UOIT Forensic Science program invited people in on Saturday to play Crime Scene Investigation officers, much like in the CSI television series. The fundraiser, called Crime Pays, raised \$1,390 for the United Way.

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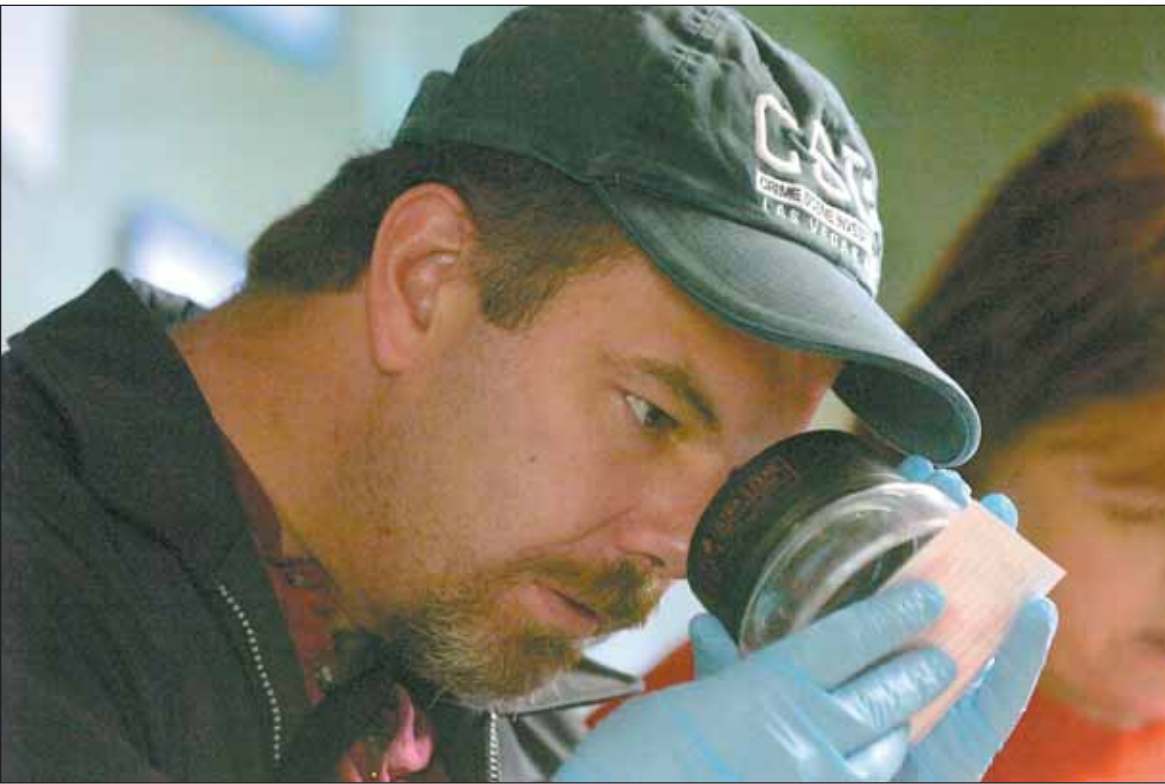
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Heather Hart lets the mallet, and the "blood," fly during the Crime Pays fundraiser. Participants learned about crime scene investigating.



A blood spatter simulation was part of the United Way fundraiser Crime Pays. Participants recreated different blood spatter effects using various implements.



Mike Aitchison checks out some fingerprint clues during the United Way fundraiser Crime Pays. Participants learned fingerprinting, crime-scene techniques and had the chance to solve a fictitious crime.



Mesha Thompson, a fourth-year student of the UOIT Forensic Science Program, displays her nest of maggots during the Crime Pays fundraiser.



Participants in the Crime Pays fundraiser for the United Way tried to figure out a mock crime scene and learned about real CSI techniques.

RIDE's back, 15 are charged

DURHAM — Fifteen people were charged with drunk driving as Durham police took to the streets for the first week of their annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

More than 1,260 vehicles were stopped at checkpoints throughout the region with 123 motorists being asked to provide breath samples; 28 drivers had their licences suspended for 12 hours after registering warning readings on breath-testing devices, police said.

In addition three motorists with G1 or G2 licences were charged for breaching their no-alcohol restrictions and a number of other charges were laid, police said.

Robbery report leads to grow-op

WHITBY — A report of a home invasion robbery led to the discovery of a marijuana grow operation in a Whitby home Thursday, police said. A 42-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman face drug charges in connection with the grow-op, which was found after Durham police responded to an incident in which four men forced their way into a Jermyn Street home, threatened those inside and then made off with property.

Officers saw evidence of the grow-op and contacted drug cops, who obtained a search warrant for the house. Police seized grow equipment and five pounds of marijuana remnants. Police continue to look for the suspects, described as two white men and two black men.

Bombshell dropped at biker trial

Trial hears accused worked with cops

By Jeff Mitchell
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WHITBY — The trial of two bikers accused by a police agent of plotting to commit murder has been rocked by the revelation that one of the men on trial is himself a police informant.

Witness Steven Gault reacted with disbelief when defence lawyer Glen Orr dropped the bombshell that Remond Akleh, one of the men on trial, had signed on to provide information to police -- about Mr. Gault.

"You've got to be kidding," said Mr. Gault, who admitted on the stand later the information had taken him totally by surprise.

The development is an astonishing twist in the case against Mr. Akleh and Mark Stephenson, two high-ranking Hells An-

gels accused of conspiring with Mr. Gault, a fellow Angel in the Oshawa chapter, to assassinate a rival biker with ties to the Bandidos gang.

Mr. Gault has testified he was a police agent gathering information on drug dealing among bikers when the two men approached him with the plot in June 2006.

Mr. Akleh and Mr. Gault have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and counselling to commit murder.

Defence lawyers Mr. Orr, representing Mr. Akleh, and Brian Gryr for Mr. Stephenson have subjected Mr. Gault to several days of withering cross-examination, putting before the jury Mr. Gault's criminal record of violence and fraud and suggesting his motive in implicating the two men now on trial was revenge for past differences.

Jurors have heard in detail about the events of 2003, when Mr. Akleh, armed with information provided by Mr. Gault's ex-wife, accused Mr. Gault of being a po-

lice informant. The matter was a source of animosity that led Mr. Gault to demand Mr. Akleh be thrown out of the Hells Angels.

The matter went to an arbitration tribunal -- at which Mr. Stephenson, president of the Oshawa Hells Angels, spoke on Mr. Gault's behalf -- and ended with Mr. Gault being exonerated.

Mr. Akleh, meantime, wound up with a gun to his head as a warning and soon left the Oshawa chapter for the Angels' elite Nomads wing, jurors heard.

It was after a number of run-ins with Mr. Gault that Mr. Akleh began providing information to a Durham cop in the biker enforcement branch, court heard. The officer with whom Mr. Akleh dealt was the same cop Mr. Gault was convicted of uttering threats toward in 2002, after a traffic stop in Oshawa.

The trial, presided over by Superior Court Justice Bruce Glass in Whitby, continues.

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Clear garbage bags a go

Pickering mayor opposes project

By Reka Szekely
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DURHAM — Despite opposition from the mayor of Pickering, the Region is moving forward with a clear garbage bag pilot project in Pickering and Courtice.

A route of about 750 homes will be selected in each community and the program will start in January. Durham wants to see if the clear bags will increase the use of green bins and blue boxes by those people still tossing kitchen waste and recyclables into the garbage.

The pilot runs for three months and, in the last stage, bags with blue and green bin material in them will be left at the curb and not picked up.

Council approved the project in a 22-6 vote. Among those voting for it were the councillors representing the two wards where the project will be piloted, Pickering Councillor Bonnie Littley and Clarington Coun. Mary Novak.

The communities were picked because they're homogeneous with single-detached houses and no high-rises, commercial or industrial properties, said Durham works commissioner Cliff Curtis.

Coun. Novak said she believes it makes the issue of sorting through waste more visible and some people learn that way.

"I also believe it worked in other communities and this is the opportunity to collect the data we need to find out if it works in our community," said Coun. Novak following the meeting.

If it does work, the program could be rolled out throughout Durham in 2010.

While supporting the project, Coun. Littley did question its timing. She doesn't think December is the best time to be conducting a public education campaign. As well, she wanted a tolerance level included in the project so that small amounts of recyclables or kitchen waste wouldn't mean the bag gets left behind.

"If someone accidentally scrapes a plate, do you



Clear bags will undergo a test in a Pickering neighbourhood starting in January.

have to chase the peas and corn to the bottom of the bag," she asked.

However, Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan and Pickering Regional Coun. Bill McLean were among those who disagreed. Both said they supported recycling and reducing waste, but voted against the clear bag program. All of Clarington's councillors supported the pilot.

"Quite frankly I see the clear bag project as nothing more than a placebo project," said Mayor Ryan.

He said he wants the focus to be on expanding the blue box program, including plastic clam shell take-out containers and pickup for household hazardous waste.

"I wish we would put as much energy into diverting waste as we do into programs that look like they're diverting waste," said the mayor.

The Region's works commissioner, as he's repeatedly said in the past, told council he didn't want to add material to the blue box until he was sure there was a stable market for it and it wasn't ending up in landfill or shipped to China.

Mr. Curtis said the Region would get more bang for its buck by getting materials it currently accepts out of the garbage and into the blue bin as opposed to adding new items.

Region to talk trash with Amberlea residents

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than usual, she thinks it's not the best time to run the project.

"Is this going to be a true reflection of the real waste in our community?" she said.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson said staff will go door-to-door to educate residents participating in the project.

"It's a very aggressive project, but education is a big part of it," he said.

In a letter sent to Amberlea residents, Cliff Curtis, the Region's commissioner of works, said there will be public information sessions on Tuesday, Dec. 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 10 at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in Pickering. Information packages will be delivered to residents on the week of Dec. 15, which will include a sufficient supply of clear bags to use during

the study, and on the weeks of Dec. 22, 29 and Jan. 5, residents will receive door hangers to remind them of the start date.

Timing is a concern since December isn't the best time for public education, said Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley, but she voted in support of the pilot at the Region.

"Do I think that they're pushing this too fast?" she said at Pickering Council. "Absolutely."

She would rather have had a pilot to work with residents in multi-residential housing without waste diversion and she thinks expanding the blue bin program to add more recyclables is needed. But, this will teach residents about diversion, she said. Also, Erin Shapero, a Markham councillor, recently informed her that the clear bag pilot in Markham was a success.

The phases

Phase 1: This will mostly be a learning phase that allows residents to become comfortable with the project. Regional staff will monitor the participation and diversion rates and will be speaking with residents who may need more information to assist them. All waste will be collected as normal.

Phase 2: This will be a continuation of learning. Waste will still be picked up as usual, but staff will leave notices at residents' doors highlighting what waste could have been recycled or composted.

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New energy programs for Durham College

By Reka Szekely
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DURHAM — Two, new, energy-focused programs at Durham College are set to take advantage of the expansion of the Whitby Skills Centre.

The college's board of governors recently approved the creation of an Energy Audit Techniques program and a Renewable Energy Technician program.

Students in both programs will take the same first-year courses. After one year, students can either finish with a certificate in the En-

ergy Audit Techniques program or continue to earn the Renewable Energy Technician diploma after completing the second year. That second year includes work with solar, wind and geothermal systems.

The development of the programs included consultation with the Durham Strategic Energy Alliance, the Region of Durham, Ontario Sustainable Energy Association and more, said Judy Robinson, Durham College's vice-president academic for the college.

"We have done focus groups and there is market demand," said

Ms. Robinson.

That's because programs such as the Home Energy Audit Program will pump \$24 million over four years into subsidized home energy audits in Ontario. Projections from the Ontario Power Authority show the market could sustain 150 graduates a year from energy audit programs. And, Durham will be the first to offer them.

The courses will be conducted at the Whitby Skill Centre and will utilize energy-related upgrades in the building. Many of the faculty will be part-time contract faculty.

"We want the experts from the

field to be teaching in this program," said Ms. Robinson.

Before approving the programs, college board chairwoman Aileen Fletcher, a guidance counselor, said Durham College might want to take a look at the math requirement as few schools offer the college technology math class because of a lack of interest. She doesn't want that to deter students

from applying.

"I can tell you any student in my school would go, don't have it (the math requirements), can't apply," she said. Ms. Robinson noted the concern and said a bridging course would be looked into.

Durham is aiming to enroll 40 first-year students in each of the programs in 2009-10 with the tuition fee set at \$2,750.

Durham blue after first flu case of the season

DURHAM — The first reported case of the flu in Durham Region was contracted by someone in their 30s who did not receive the flu shot, says the Region's Medical Officer of Health.

The Durham Region Health Department received confirmation of the first case of influenza A of the season on Tuesday and is reminding everyone there is still time to get the flu shot.

A few cases have been reported in Toronto since the beginning of the season. Since flu clinics were first set up in Durham on Nov. 1,

the health department says 9,250 people have received their shot, compared to 10,726 at this time last year.

"While our numbers for this year are encouraging, we hope that all area residents will take steps to protect themselves and others against the flu," Dr. Robert Kyle said in a press release. "Getting a flu shot is also especially important for households with a newborn or those expecting a new baby during the influenza season."

Durham Region flu clinics

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Don't drink and drive

'So many easy options for those who would choose to drink while out on the town this holiday season.'

The annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign is on and one week in, the numbers are not encouraging.

Fifteen people were charged with drunk driving by local RIDE officers this past week as more than 1,260 vehicles were stopped on Durham's roads. Of those stopped, 123 motorists were asked to provide breath samples and 28 drivers had their licences suspended for 12 hours after they registered a warning reading on breath-testing devices.

And even with the tremendous amount of publicity given to tough new legislation about to be introduced to young drivers who will be prohibited from having even one drink before driving, three motorists with G1 or G2 licences were charged for breaching their no-alcohol restrictions. It seems unbelievable.

There were other charges were laid as well.

Of course, RIDE patrols have long been a season staple and a constant part of the Christmas/New Year holiday schedule. There is often a fairly significant amount of publicity surrounding the launch of RIDE, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, among other groups, spends time and money getting the message out about the costs of driving drunk.

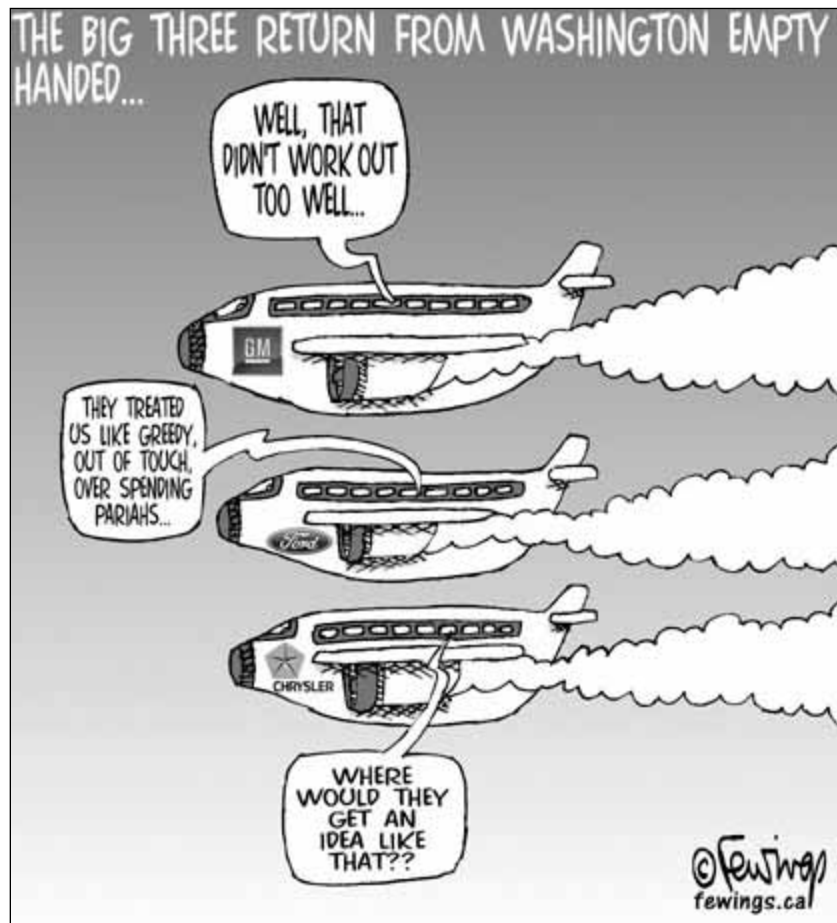
But still, it seems, too many people fail to heed the warnings and recklessly drive after drinking.

The penalties for doing so are severe. Beyond the automatic licence suspension there are fines and court fees to pay, increased insurance premiums, the possible loss of a job if driving is an integral part of your employment, and even the prospect of jail time for repeat offences.

And all of that pales in comparison to the horror of causing injury and death to innocents or loved ones on our highways.

There are so many easy options for those who would choose to drink while out on the town this holiday season. Take a cab. Catch a ride with a designated driver. Take public transportation. Arrange to stay over if you know you'll be staying late and won't be fit to drive. Do whatever it takes, but don't drink and drive.

It's not worth the risk.



Our readers think...

Portrayal of Pakistani educational system 'insulting'

To the editor:

Re: 'From Pakistan to Canada,' News Advertiser, Nov. 12, 2008.

I thought the article about the adjustment of a recent immigrant student in school shed light on Canada's wonderful educational system. But in the process her portrayal of the Pakistani school system came across as insulting and offensive.

I was a student in Pakistan for 13 years and studied in eight different schools. My experience in them was unique and enriching and not at all as grim as the article suggests. Private and public schools were available for people with different financial backgrounds, just like in Canada.

The article stressed the new immigrant was impressed by the number of windows in his new school. I am unsure about the kind of school the child attended, but I assure you all my schools had enough windows for us to breathe and study.

It is mentioned that the teachers were very strict. This might appear to be because the teacher is a figure of great authority and addressed as 'sir' or 'madam'. Students stand when addressing the teacher to show respect. You will agree that a similar

show of respect is lacking in many students here.

As far as the quality of education is concerned, I gained a solid background in math and science that helped me not only in my high school education but also in university.

Also please keep in mind that while students in elementary school might be welcoming of new arrivals, teenagers in high school are not as friendly.

No doubt Canada has one of the best educational systems in the world, but the article's portrayal of the Pakistani school system as one encompassing back-breaking homework, military-style barracks and tyrannical teachers is entirely baseless and insulting.

**Amen Alam
Pickering**

Parade a success despite bad weather

To the editor:

On behalf of the Kinsmen & Kinette Club of Pickering I wish to thank the participants and spectators who braved the miserable weather to participate in the 39th parade hosted by the club.

Out of 70 floats, we had only one no show as a result of the bad weather, so credit to the many people who were not deterred. I would like to thank the City of Pickering staff, Durham Regional police and the Pickering Town Centre for the tremendous support pro-

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**Andy O'Connor, Parade Chairman
Pickering Kinsmen & Kinette Club**

Column showed distinct lack of respect

To the editor:

Re: 'I didn't give at the grocery store,' Neil Crone column, Nov. 20.

I found myself very irritated by Neil Crone's column.

Retail outlets are not trying to embarrass people into giving to charity. It is simply an upfront and face-to-face way to request donations from people who wouldn't necessarily take the time to do so otherwise.

No one looks down on someone else at the check-out counter if the person being asked says "No."

Mr. Crone is acting like a diva drama queen when he says "treat potential donors with at least the respect you would give the recipients and who among us, possessing the shred of a soul, would not feel beholden to give ..." A shred of a soul? Are you kidding me? Most important, Mr. Crone's personification of retail clerk's being "hapless, bored looking and pimply-faced," is not only offensive but also shows what a hypocrite Mr. Crone is. Perhaps if he gave respect to others he just might get some in return.

**Lynn Cook
Whitby**

BULLYING: IN THE SCHOOLYARD

By Jennifer Stone
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DURHAM — Ellen's son was in Grade 4 or 5 when he started dealing with bullies.

"His friends actually turned on him and started picking on him," the Durham mom recalls.

It progressed to the point where they started breaking his belongings. But when Ellen (not her real name) attempted to step in, matters got worse.

"I had to phone (his school) a few times to intervene when his property was damaged but (he) asked me not to call anymore," she said of her son, now in university. "He said he just wanted to leave it alone or ignore it.

"I found out later the teacher at the time had commented in front of the class about a parent calling."

Dealing with bullying in schools has come a long way in the last several years, said Mel Barkwill of the Durham District School Board.

"We've been looking at how we deal with discipline in schools," said Mr. Barkwill, a member of the newly formed Coalition for Action Against Bullying In Durham (CAAB-D). "The strategy of detentions and suspensions is based on a punitive model. That's only successful with those who want to cooperate."

Instead, local schools are working with restorative practices -- methods aimed at "repairing the damage that's been done, repairing the relationships."

"We're putting interventions into place that, it's not just, 'Snap, you're out of here,'" Mr. Barkwill said.

Beyond that, educators have started putting emphasis on the role of bystanders to bullying.

"Bystanders don't understand how much power they have," said Debra Cockerton of the Red Cross. "Even if they aren't joining in, laughing."

Bullying happens at all stages through the school career, but there are a few times when it's even more likely to happen.

"Grade 10 girls can be the hardest on each other," Mr. Barkwill said. "The exclusion, excluding somebody from the group. How can they be so hard on each other?"

Kids need to be told there's a problem with that sort of behaviour, Ms. Cockerton said.

"You don't have to like everybody. However, you do have to respect them," she said. "If you've told someone not to like somebody, because you don't -- that's bullying."

Another stage at which bullying can become more of an issue is when students enter high school.

"That shift from the top to the bottom of the strata," Mr. Barkwill calls it. "There's considerable adjustment between grades 8 and 9. We have started to recognize we need to pay more attention to that transition."

Over the last 10 to 15 years, youth bullying has been more and more recognized as an issue and now kids may be able to avoid the situation Ellen and her son found themselves in.

"Reporting a bully used to make things worse," Mr. Barkwill said. "Kids would say, don't interfere, it'll only make things worse, and they were right."

Now, he said, there is growing recognition that reporting the situation can help end it.

Empowering bystanders has also made a difference, Ms. Cockerton said.

"If someone rats out a bully now, the bully doesn't know where it's coming from," she said. "It's perfectly acceptable and encouraged now to report bullying."

School boards are coming up with new ways to report bullying. Just weeks ago, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board began a program that allows online, anonymous reporting of bullying. Boards are mandated to have some way for students to report in an anonymous manner, but there had been some problems, KPR superintendent Rusty Hick said.

The online reporting tool is "just one more way for us to address a problem we know is there," Mr. Hick said.

Awareness of the problem has helped and will continue to improve the situation, Mr. Barkwill said. More educators are seeing it as their job to make sure of that.

"Educators often thought they were in the education business," Mr. Barkwill said. "They were going to teach math and science and English and that would make the difference.

"Now we know we're in the human-development business."

This is the second in a six-part series on bullying.



BULLYING

DURHAM — The Canadian Red Cross offers an array of tips for youth dealing with bullying, and for their parents.

Here are some of them:

YOUTH

- Remember that being bullied is not your fault and there's nothing wrong with you -- no one deserves to be bullied.
- Tell an adult you trust if you are being bullied or someone else is. Keep telling until you get help.
- Call the Kids Help Line at 1-800-668-6868 for support. It's free and confidential.
- Don't bully the bully. Using insults or fighting back will make the problem worse.
- Use humour: say something funny to take the sting out of teasing. Try not to take it personally, get upset or show hurt feelings.
- If the bullying is making you afraid or very upset, have a teacher or an adult help you with a safety plan. You may have to change your route home or avoid being where the bully is, until the problem is solved. Don't think of it as acting scared; think of it as acting smart.
- Refuse to go along with bullying. Bystanders who laugh, agree or cheer only encourage the bully's bad behaviour. Instead, take the victim's side and if you feel safe doing so, tell the bully to stop. Report what you see or hear to an adult.
- Ask your school to form an anti-bullying committee with representation from teachers, parents and students.
- Treat people the way you want to be treated.



BULLYING

PARENTS

- Teach your child to report bullying to a trusted adult and to be specific about what's happening. Saying, "She calls me names" is more effective than "She's bugging me."
- Let children know that you will take concerns seriously and take action to protect them. Often, kids feel powerless when bullied.
- Find out about the bullying and harassment policy in your children's school, clubs and sports teams. (The Red Cross RespectED offers workshops and consultation to help organizations and schools create effective policies.)
- Understand the difference between tattling and telling. Tattlers are trying to get someone else in trouble. Telling is when a child lets an adult know that something bad is happening and that help is needed to stop it.
- Bystanders usually encourage bullying, even when they dislike it. Teach your child to be a positive bystander. If they see someone being bullied, they should not watch, laugh or join in. Instead, they should make it clear they are on the side of the victim, not the bully -- and they should tell an adult what they saw and heard.
- Model respectful behaviour at home and in your daily interactions -- children often emulate the behaviours of adults close to them.
- If your child is being bullied:
 - Assure your child that bullying is not his or her fault and that everyone deserves respect.
 - Explain that using fists or insults as protection against bullying is not a good solution.
 - Remind children to ignore teasing by turning their heads or walking away. Humour can sometimes defuse the situation, too.
 - Teach assertiveness skills. Your child should know he or she has the right to stand up to the bully and say, "Stop it!" without being aggressive.
- If bullying is happening at school, let the school know. They may be unaware. Insist that they follow their policy.
 - Call the Parent Help Line at 1-888-603-9100 for ideas and support.

Bullying is abuse across ages and stages

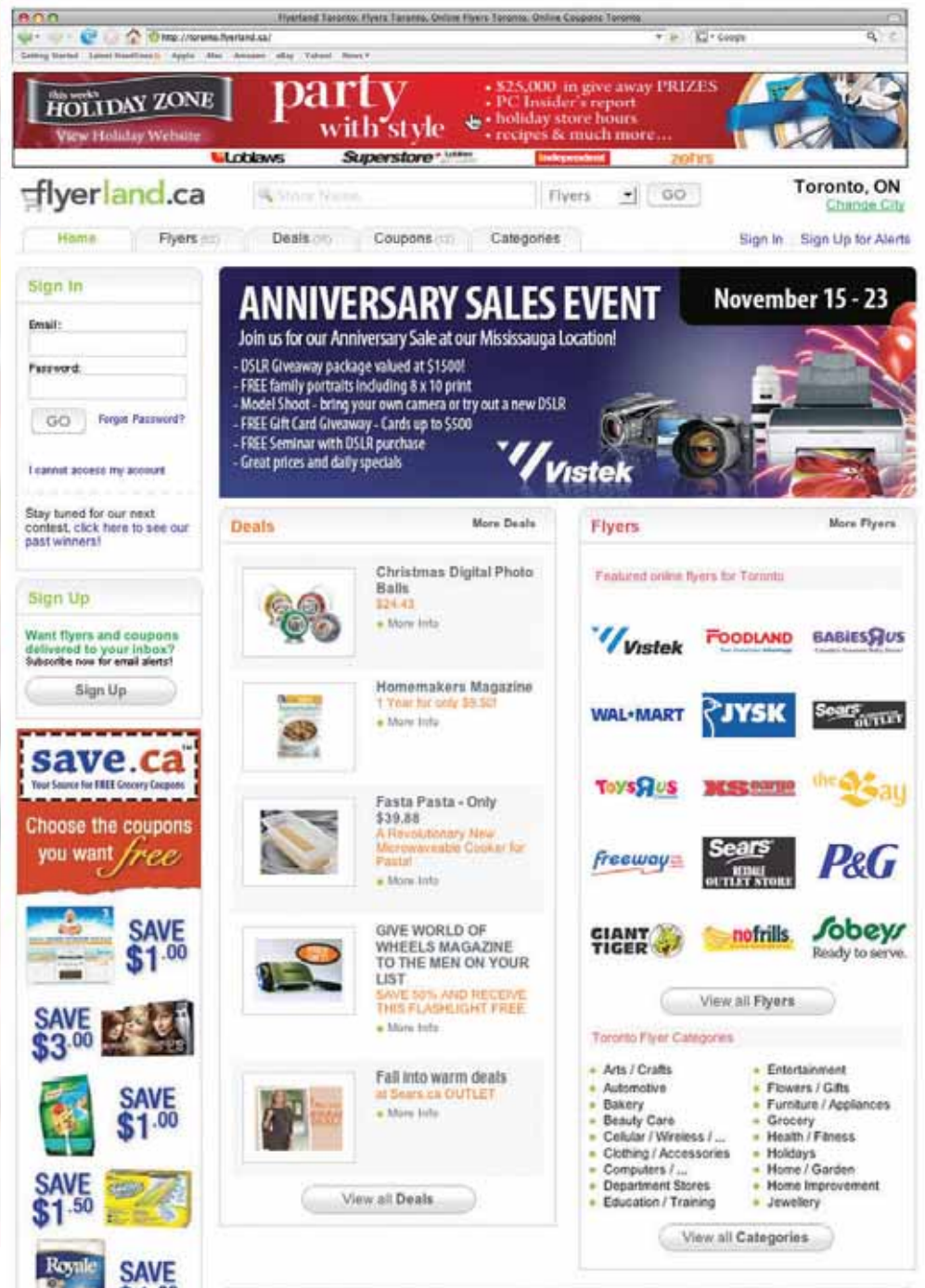
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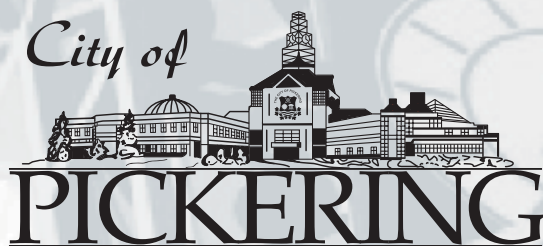
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Nov. 27	Library Board	7:00 pm
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Dec. 4	Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity	7:00 pm
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Empty streets for Pickering's winter nights

Vehicles must be off the streets between 2 and 5 a.m. for snow clearing

PICKERING — There will likely be no overnight street parking in Pickering this winter.

In order to ensure efficient winter maintenance, no one will be allowed to park on Pickering's streets between

2 and 5 a.m. from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year, the executive committee decided recently.

Staff found overnight vehicles make snow removal difficult, resulting in additional hours spent on winter maintenance and causing a disservice to residents living on the streets where cars impede winter maintenance.

Staff had suggested the hours of no street parking be set from 2 to 6 a.m., but Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dickerson felt setting it to 5 a.m. would be more ideal for drivers who carpool in

the mornings. The committee agreed and the change was made.

Staff is planning to put up 20 advisory signs at City limit entry points to inform drivers of the change, which is expected to cost about \$2,000. Ward 1 City Councillor Jennifer O'Connell said that could be a problem since most regular drivers that come in and out of the City limits each day don't usually read the signs.

But, City clerk Debi Wilcox said brochures will go to various facilities and ads will be placed in the newspaper.

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Police working to overcome tensions with youth: Blair

Toronto police chief discusses policing challenges with university students

By Crystal Crimi
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DURHAM — Women officers had to carry their guns in purses when Toronto's police chief, Bill Blair, started his career.

Now, more than 30 years later, the world of policing has changed significantly, but challenges still exist, third-year policing students heard Tuesday morning.

He discussed the challenges of policing in the 21st century with students at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Many people think police work is about crime fighting because that's what they see on television and in the news, he said. "And that's a significant part of what we do - it's about 15 per cent of what we do," Chief Blair said, standing before students in his police uniform.

They also take reports, provide information, settle disputes and deliver social justice to all races and religions. Police play a significant role in working with community partners to create a liveable city, he said.

"I spent the early part of my career in investigations," Chief Blair said. "I've bought drugs in just about every housing project in Toronto."

He then worked in Regent Park, a very poor neighbourhood. He had some preconceived notions about the area, but after

several months, he discovered a lot of nice people were being victimized and his responsibilities were bigger.

"Things started to change for me in that neighbourhood, things started changing for the neighbourhood," he said.

When he was later put in charge of the police division there, he was walking through the neighbourhood and kids ran away from him. It was one of the moments that made him realize how important it is to have uniformed police officers in neighbourhoods on a regular basis. Being visible allows them to create a respectful relationship with the community, make a connection with people there, provide a symbol of authority, and let bad guys know it's not a good place to conduct business.

"I don't sleep in (uniform) but everyone thinks I do," Chief Blair said. "What uniform police do is keep communities safe."

When he was in charge of 51 Division crime went down 40 per cent and so did arrests, but police didn't do it by themselves. People started coming out of their homes and using the community, using public spaces and creating safe neighbourhoods.

"A safe neighbourhood's where people interact," he said. Unsafe ones are where people don't come out at night or go to parks and want to move as soon as possible.

When he was appointed chief in April, 2005, 40 per cent of his staff were plainclothes investigators, jumping from the bushes to arrest people. Now 80 per cent of them wear uniforms and name tags.

Crime is down across the board in Toronto compared to last year, he said.

Other things have changed as well. The

police force is more diversified: 53 per cent of the 1,500 hired over the last few years are women and minorities. When he started, women officers had to carry their guns in purses, weren't allow to ride in patrol cars with men, and worked primarily with youth; now they are present in all elements of policing.



'We need to attract people who want to be police officers for the right reasons.'

-- CHIEF BILL BLAIR

Higher education wasn't promoted either, unlike today.

"We're looking for people engaged in their communities who are life-long learners," he said.

Police work together with other members of the community, such as mental health workers and, recently, have even been put in schools.

"Schools are important," he said.

Police are trying to make schools better and safer places, not just enforce the law and see how many people they can arrest, Chief Blair said.

Youth are the most difficult challenge for police, especially since there is a natural tension between them and authority.

Having a regular presence and working in schools allows police to establish relationships with youth so they'll trust them.

"The opportunity to build relationships with those young people can change the world," he said, and added it will certainly change their neighbourhoods.

Angela Heagle, a third-year police studies student, asked Chief Blair what he sees as the biggest challenge for Toronto.

"The reduction of violence is such a priority and it's not new... nothing else works until you can calm it down," Chief Blair said. There's a culture of violence emerging across the country and you can't arrest your way out of that, he said.

They need to learn how to prevent it and why it exists.

Diversity is also a challenge, but not a problem.

"We need to attract people who want to be police officers for the right reasons," he said, like making the community a better place, not endorsing corporal authority.

Officers aren't always perfect, he said, and added he has to recruit from the human race.

"Racism affects all of us so it would be unrealistic to think it doesn't affect police, because it does," he said. Officers are supervised and held accountable and the force also recruits a diverse range of people, he said.

Another challenge is the changing world of technology.

In an interview following his lecture, Chief Blair's biggest piece of advice to future police officers is, to be effective you have to be respectful of people in the community.

"They need to treat people with dignity and respect," he said. "That's a pretty important message."

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Pickering questions need for speed on growth plan

Residents not happy with plans for north end of the city

By **Kristen Galis**
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PICKERING — It's the headwaters or small streams that flow into a body of water that are the most important to protect, an environmental lawyer told Council Monday night.

Durham Region's draft recommended growth scenario, the fifth instalment of its Growth Plan Implementation Study, was passed by Council at the meeting, and a number of residents shared their views on how the plan shapes the future of Pickering. The plan is a requirement of the Province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Environmental lawyer Bryan Buttigreg had concerns with plans to designate the Carruthers Creek Watershed headwaters as part of the urban growth boundary.

Mr. Buttigreg represented the City of Pickering in the past on a task force plan for the Rouge River. He doesn't understand how land can be incorporated into development plans without proper understanding of its possible effects on the future.

"It's simply leaving it to chance to do that," he said.

There have been studies on the headwaters in the past, but on the basis they'd

remain in a natural state, Ward 1 Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley said.

It's premature to consider an urban expansion into the whitebelt lands (undeveloped land that can be developed in the future) without: having completed a watershed study to determine its sensitivity; information from a fiscal study to determine the costs of hard and soft infrastructure; or mitigation costs to protect the watershed, Coun. Littley said.

"The regional consultants have recommended a review of the growth plan every five years, providing plenty of time for councils to do their due diligence and make an informed decision," she said.

Coun. Littley asked for an amendment that the expansion into the whitebelt lands be put off until at least the first five-year review of Durham's growth plan

when information from watershed and fiscal studies can be used, but it didn't pass.

Resident Gordon Willson wasn't able to sign up to speak in time for Council, but sent a letter of objection to members.

"How does Pickering defend its dedication to the 'sustainability' principle if it votes in favour of an ill-informed designation/label prematurely?" he said.

Much thought has gone into these plans, said Lucy Stucco, executive vice president of Tribute Communities. Eighty-one per cent of Durham Region is protected by the Greenbelt and only four per cent of the lands are designated as whitebelt lands, which can be developed.

"If there's going to be urban boundary expansions it's going to be in the whitebelt," Ms. Stucco said.

The lands along the creek would be protected, but not left as is, she said.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean brought up Mr. Willson's letter, which asks "what is the hurry?"

The process is "painfully slow," Ms. Stucco said, and studies will take years to complete.

It's better to get the ball rolling now, despite the poor economy, so everything is set to go once the economy bounces back.

"The hurry is we have been at it since 2000," she said.

A proper employment marketing strategy has to be developed, Coun. Littley said. Ms. Stucco agrees with the need for one, and said the next step is to design public consultation on topics such as density and employment.

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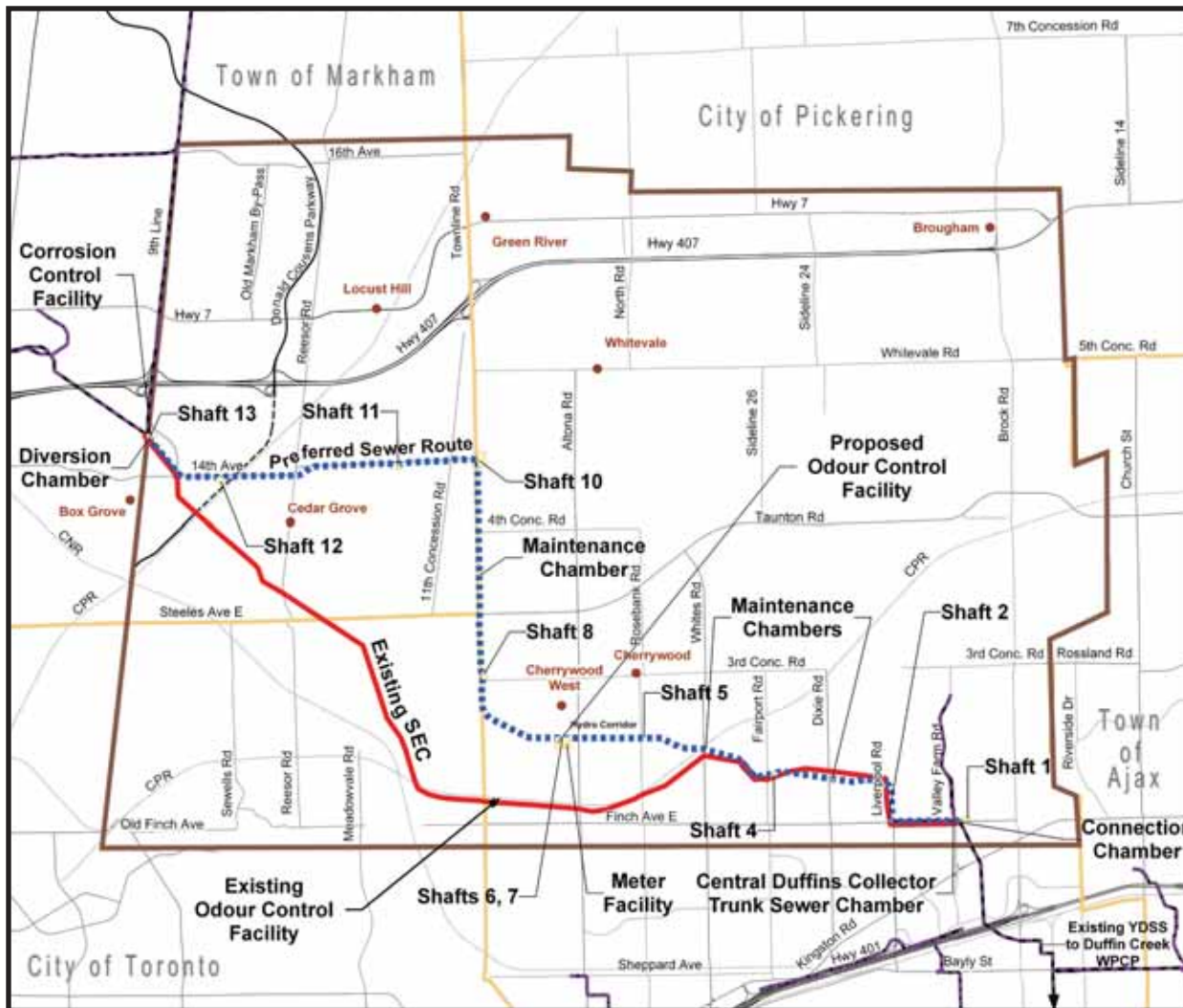
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OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**

SOUTHEAST COLLECTOR TRUNK SEWER INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Regarding lands in Markham, Toronto and Pickering

As required under section 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment (Minister) on February 21, 2006, the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham have submitted its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment for review and approval.

The existing Southeast Collector (SEC) Trunk Sewer is an integral component of the York Durham Sewage System (YDSS). The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham have completed the SEC Trunk Sewer Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) to address the additional sanitary sewer flows projected from future growth as allowed for in York Region's Official Plan in accordance with the provincial initiative for growth outlined in *Places to Grow Act* (2005). The Regions are co-proponents on the IEA, as a portion of the study area is within Durham Region and they co-own the existing Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer within Durham Region.

As part of the IEA process, the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham identified a Preferred Route for the new trunk sewer (see map). The Preferred Route begins just north of Box Grove in the Town of Markham and follows along 14th Avenue to Townline Road. It turns south and follows Townline Road to the Hydro corridor, travelling east along the Hydro corridor to Liverpool Road. The route proceeds south on Liverpool Road to Finch Avenue, continuing east on Finch Avenue and ending at Valley Farm Road in the City of Pickering. Essentially all of the new trunk sewer will be constructed by tunnel method, which creates little or no disturbance to the surface except at tunnel entry and exit shafts at planned intervals.



In addition to the new trunk sewer, the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham are proposing a number of related facilities as follows:

- Corrosion Control Facility – Located at Ninth Line in Box Grove, the facility will control corrosion within the new and existing SEC trunk sewer. The facility consists of an above ground building, access roads and landscaping features.
- Diversion Chamber – The chamber is a buried concrete structure, located at Ninth Line in Box Grove, the chamber will divert sewage flows between the new and existing SEC trunk sewer.
- Tunnel Access Shafts – Located at regular intervals along the entire length of the new SEC trunk sewer, these shafts allow access from the ground surface to the sewer elevation to facilitate construction of the sewer by tunnel.
- Odour Control Facility – Located on the west side of Altona Road, immediately south of the Hydro corridor, the facility collects and treats the airflow from the entire new SEC trunk sewer, prior to release to the atmosphere. The facility consists of an above ground building, access roads and landscaping features.
- Meter Facility - Located on the west side of Altona Road, immediately south of the Hydro corridor, the facility measures the sewage flow, to allow financial cost sharing between the two Regions.
- Maintenance Chambers – Located at selected intervals along the entire length of the new SEC trunk sewer, these chambers allow access from the ground surface to the sewer elevation for future operation and maintenance purposes. These chambers are not required for sewer construction by tunnel.
- Central Duffins Collector (CDC) Chamber - Located on the north west corner of Valley Farm Road and Finch Avenue, the chamber will allow for the connection of the CDC sewer to the new SEC trunk sewer or to the existing SEC trunk sewer as required by Regional operation and maintenance staff.
- Connection Chamber – Located at the south east corner of Valley Farm Road and Finch Avenue, the chamber will allow for the connection of the new SEC trunk sewer to the downstream YDSS trunk sewer.

The map identifies the locations of the various facilities as well as the proposed tunnel access shafts along the Preferred Sewer Route.

Following the identification of the Preferred Sewer Route, a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report documenting the SEC Trunk Sewer IEA process was prepared for agency and public review between July 21 and August 29, 2008.

York and Durham Regions have finalized the EA Report based on comments received on the draft EA Report. The final EA Report is being submitted to the Minister for approval of the Preferred Undertaking under the EAA. As required under the EAA, the EA will be available for public review and comment from **November 28, 2008 to January 23, 2009**. You may review the EA Report during normal hours of operation at the locations to the left.

The documentation is also available for review on line at <http://sec.cenet.ca>

Your written comments must be received by **January 23, 2009** and should be submitted to the following MOE Special Project Officer:

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham for their consideration.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.



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Tree Bee winners

PICKERING — The members of the Our Lady Of The Bay Catholic School Tree Bee team were the grand prize winners at the 2008 competition sponsored by the Ontario Forestry Association. Team members are in the front, Aaron Hase, Sarah Power, Molly White and Krista Power, middle row, Katie Myers, Adriana Valencia, Ethan Bryant, Marina Christie and Janice Patena. Team coach is Coral Benton. This is the second consecutive year the school has won the event.

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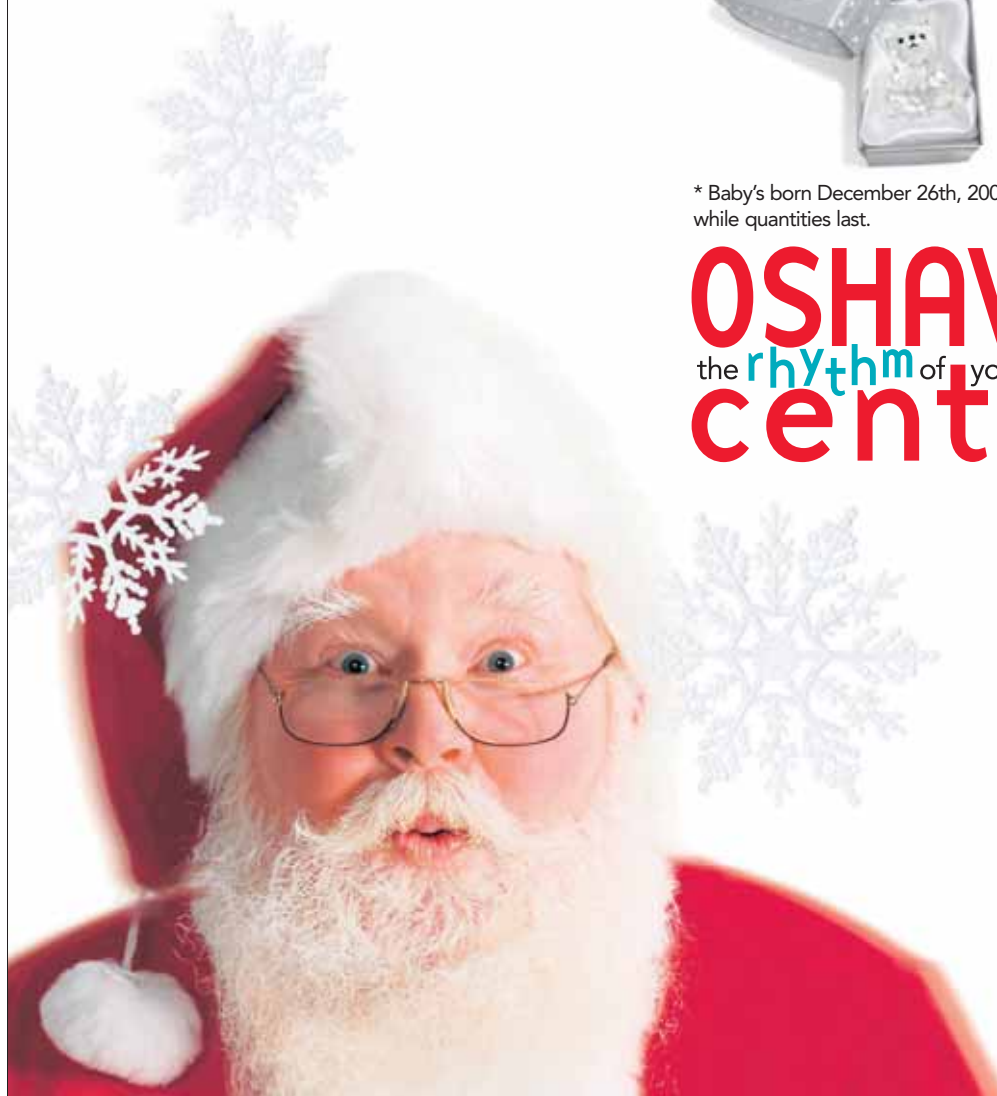
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More money in the works for student services personnel

Settlement reached with Catholic school board

ciation membership Nov. 5. It's effective until Aug. 31, 2012.

DURHAM — Catholic professional student services personnel are getting 12.5 per cent added to their salary over four years.

A renewed collective agreement was reached between the Durham Catholic District School Board and the Durham Local of the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel.

"This contract not only balances the needs and budget challenges of the board, but also recognizes and values the significant contributions of this employee group in terms of their great work, which positively contributes to the academic and educational experience of our students," said Pickering Trustee Jim McCafferty, board chairman.

"In addition to meeting expectations outlined in the provincial discussion table agreement, many local issues were also successfully addressed," said John Dougan, the association's president.

The agreement was ratified by the school board at its Nov. 10 meeting and by the asso-

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The first report card of the school year is like a check-up on how your child is adjusting to the new grade. It is not the final word on academic achievement for the school year as many kids need a couple of months to get back into the school groove.

The first report card is a tool to help you identify subjects and behaviors that may be trouble spots for the rest of the year. Pay attention to poor grades or weak learning skills now. Get your child any extra help that he may need while it's still early in the school year, and by the next report card he could be back on track!

How should we talk to our kids about their report cards? A Report Card discussion is a major step in becoming an active participant in your child's education. The first step is to review the report card without your child present. Now that you've read your child's report card, sit down together (with no distractions!) and discuss.

- Highlight the positives in the report card, no matter how small.
- Review learning strengths. "You are doing great in math, which is awesome."
- Ask how you can help. "What can I do to help you really succeed?"
- Be sure to tell them how pleased you are with their hard work!
- Listen to your child and include his or her thoughts, feelings, comments, and worries in the discussion.
- Stay optimistic. Now is the time to develop a plan to get on the right track.
- Ask your child for their goals – help make these clear and realistic.

- Now develop a plan, and write it down so your child can refer to it regularly to keep on track. Include your child's goals, your role and your child's role, and specific steps they will take to achieve their goals.

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Ajax hip-hop hopeful on Canadian tour



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Ajax native Michael Smith is currently touring Western Canada with fellow musicians, including Classified, one of his biggest musical influences.

By Lyra Pappin
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Unlike most rap artists, Ajax native and rising hip-hopper Michael Smith, aka Peter Jackson, didn't overcome tough times and a hard lifestyle - and he's the first to admit it. Instead of telling the well-worn tale of rising against turmoil and angst, Smith takes a refreshing tone by noting on his MySpace page that, "he grew up in a loving two-parent home and was given every opportunity in the world."

With the door open to pursue many avenues, Smith certainly didn't take a traditional or an easy road to success. Although he had little else but confidence and determination, Smith decided at just 14 he wanted to pursue hip-hop, a tough industry often characterized by rags-to-riches stories and controversial or stark social issues.

So, if the young teen from a comfy suburban lifestyle didn't battle against demons and pain, what exactly did inspire such an interest in Hip-Hop?

"I got into hip-hop because I was so passionate about it," explained Smith, who goes by the performing name of Peter Jackson.

"I loved hip-hop music and the feeling I got when I would write songs, and the feeling of other people taking so well to something I was doing. My family and friends definitely influence me, but so do rappers like Wu Tang, Mobb Deep, Classified, and a lot of others too."

While he admits his themes can get heavy at times, Smith generally uses his music to express his personality and interests, hoping to

'To be on the road with them is a learning experience you can't pay to get in any music school.'

-- MICHAEL SMITH

make a connection with others.

"I write about everyday things that everyone goes through and can relate to. I do a lot of party records, too, because I love to party! I also do a lot of emotional records that are very deep that I feel can touch anyone."

The positive attitude and a steadfast dedication to his burgeoning career have served Smith well.

His talent and ambitious attitude landed him an opening gig for a cross-Canada tour with industry heavy-hitters Royce da 5'9, D12, Joe Budden and Classified. He also recently put out an EP called 'The Introduction,' but the hard-working Smith is not interested in resting on his accomplishments, instead viewing the tour as an opportunity to gain further insight to his craft.

"I'm looking forward to sitting back and learning from all these guys out here. To be on the road with them is a learning experience you can't pay to get in any music school." It's not all business, he said, adding, "I also just love the shows every night."

With the support of friends and family behind him, and the wisdom to appreciate it, Smith seems ready and set for a path to success, which is exactly what is on his mind.

"My future goal is to progress and continue to be successful in this industry," he said.

His tenacious attitude is summed up with the confident statement from his website: "It's not a matter of whether he'll make it, it's a matter of when."

For more on Michael Smith, visit www.peterjacksonmusic.com.

Ajax's Mike Butler creates with pixels and bytes

Long-time Ajax resident Mike Butler can quite literally be called a digital art pioneer.

In the early 1980s, in the infancy of the personal computer, he saw the potential for art-making with pixels and bytes that began a fascination that continues to this day.

After graduating from the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto in 1980, where he had studied fine art, Butler got himself one of the first, rudimentary Radio Shack colour computers and immediately began experimenting with the creation of abstract designs. As this was prior to computer printers, he had to be content with his art being viewable only on his monitor - although he recalls that some artists from that era would take photographs of their screens and print them for display. In this pre-virtual reality world, however, Butler imagined himself as the creator of digital art for people in the Cyberspace envisaged by one his favourite science fiction writers. And, in a fascinating case of imagination realized, with the advent of the Internet, his work has now become available to a world-wide audience.

Butler drew constantly from the time he was a child, inspired by his



Allan's Artists

mother, who dabbled in oils and pastels. But the 63-year-old, Montreal-born artist spent most of the first half of his life -- after an early stint, in the late 1960s, in the Royal Canadian Air Force -- working at conventional jobs in sales throughout Canada. However, his love of math and science drew him to computers and computer programming and he eventually worked as a programmer for the City of Oshawa. At age 55, he took early retirement and ever since has devoted himself strictly to art-making.

Using various computer applications and tools, Butler typically begins his pieces by cropping and blowing up a photograph - many of which he shoots with a digital camera in his neighbourhood - then distorting and filtering the image and adding other previously cropped pictorial elements to end up with a

final result.

His art credo is simple: rather than making grand statements, he sees art - and especially non-conceptual abstract art - as "visual music" that he wishes to have touch the heart of the viewer, take them to a transcendental place and add aesthetic value to their lives. This dovetails very nicely with the tenets of his spiritual path, Tibetan Buddhism. Butler sums his philosophy up poetically and with Buddhist clarity: "Our perceptions tell us that the phenomena of everyday life are solid and permanent. Just like the clouds in the sky, though, they are fluid with only arbitrary boundaries and are constantly being blown apart by the wind of time. When we purify our perception of the habit of solidifying patterns, all the myriad things shine as luminous, pure appearance. Abstract art can help to break through the illusion of the solidity of everyday life. When the illusion of solidity melts, the frozen world of objects dissolves into a fluid dance of perceptions."

He socializes and keeps his drawing skills sharp as a member of Ajax Creative Arts. He most recently showed several of his digital

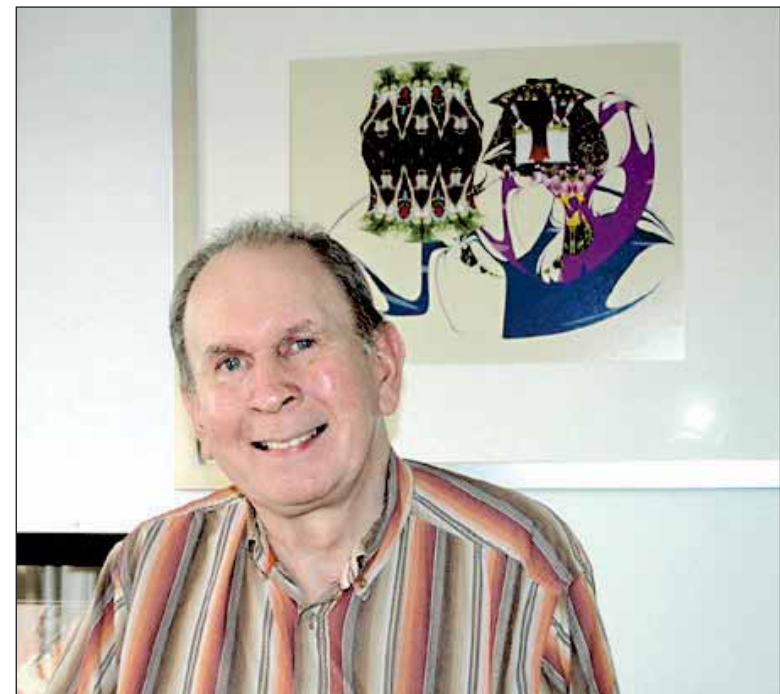


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Ajax artist Mike Butler is a digital art pioneer.

abstracts in a juried show at The Framing Dames art gallery in West Hill. His art is available through several international publishers.

See the work of this dedicated and accomplished artist on his web

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Allan O'Marra is a professional artist living and working in Ajax. Look for his monthly columns on local artists. For contact information, go to www.allanomarra.com.



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo

Remembering through art

PICKERING — Pat Tranquada, left, is shown around the Durham West Arts Centre by Liam McLaughlin. The Pickering Veterans Association ran an art contest for Fairport Beach Public School students and the results were on display at a reception earlier this month at the centre.

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Lady Cougars quarter-finalists at OFSAA in Sarnia

Notre Dame loses to provincial champion Eastern Commerce

By Al Rivett
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AJAX — A stellar season on the court for the Notre Dame Lady Cougars went awry in one eight-minute span at the provincial senior girls' basketball playdowns in Sarnia.

The eighth-downed Lady Cougars gave the top-seeded Eastern Commerce Saints of Toronto all they could handle for the majority of their quarter-final contest at the 16-team Ontario Federation

of School Athletic Association's (OFSAA) 'AAAA' senior girls' championship last Thursday.

But, a solid effort went for naught as the Saints seized control of the contest in the third quarter, outscoring Notre Dame 18-3 in the stanza en route to a 62-46 victory.

In that crucial eight minutes, the Lady Cougars' co-captain and leading scorer Nicholle McKenzie was on the bench after picking up her fourth foul. Moreover, Notre Dame went stone-cold on offense, which further put them in a hole against the high-flying Saints.

Lady Cougars' coach Rose Booker noted, however, that without McKenzie's presence on the floor in the critical quarter, it made a tough job even tougher for the Notre Dame players on the floor.

"Nicholle McKenzie's last game in an ND uniform was one of her strongest and who knows what could have happened had she not been in foul trouble," she said.

Even after absorbing a body blow

by the Saints in the third quarter, however, there was no quit in the Notre Dame side, as they regrouped and outplayed Eastern Commerce in the final stanza, outscoring the Torontonians 15-13 in the fourth quarter.

"We battled hard in the fourth, we never gave up and I am proud of the team for this," she said.

McKenzie led the way for Notre Dame with 16 points. She was followed by point guard and co-captain Catherine Bougoulas, who had 12 points, and Lindsay Panchan with eight.

Jenea Barret led Eastern Commerce with 22; Jody Brown added 13.

Eastern Commerce won OFSAA gold with a 44-35 victory over the St. Thomas More Knights of Hamilton.

Notre Dame started its OFSAA journey with a 44-37 victory over Toronto's Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Rams. Lindsay Panchan connected for a game-high 16 points for the Lady Cougars. Nicholle

McKenzie had eight and Monique Johnston had six.

In their second-round game, the Lady Cougars dominated the St. Joan of Arc Knights from Barrie en route to a 70-28 victory. McKenzie led the way with a 27-point performance, followed by a 22-point effort from Bougoulas.

The Lady Cougars finished the 2008 season with an overall record of 34-5, including an undefeated 14-0 record in Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics play. Notre Dame also recorded two tournament wins, winning its own Notre Dame/News Advertiser Classic crown, as well as a championship at a Kingston event.



Nicholle McKenzie



AJ Groen/ News Advertiser photo

Hustling past a Hawk

PICKERING — Henry Street Hawks' Kyle Rennie, left, and St. Mary Monarchs' Corrado Gianfriddo battle for a loose puck in the Hawks' zone during Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics senior boys' hockey action at Iroquois Park arena in Whitby on Monday. Hat tricks by Richard Abbott and Ryan Serville helped the Monarchs ground the Hawks 12-1. Brennan Serville had two goals, Gianfriddo, Daniel Renouf, Corey Helliwell and Jordan Bean all added single markers.

Pickering Panthers KO'd in OT by Predators to end winless weekend

Juniors also clobbered by Kingston, Whitby

By Al Rivett
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PICKERING — For a struggling junior hockey club, sometimes no matter how hard you play, or how many shots you take, it somehow

isn't enough.

A case in point was the Panthers' road game in Port Hope against the Predators in Ontario Junior Hockey League action at the Jack Burger Sports Complex on Sunday afternoon.

The Panthers (5-17, with two OT wins and an OT loss) took their best shot to regain some respectability after

being blown out in their previous two weekend games -- a 9-0 whitewash by the Kingston Voyageurs in Kingston last Thursday, followed by a 10-3 drubbing at the hands of the Whitby Fury at the Pickering Recreation Complex last Friday.

It all could and should

have worked out in the form of a rare victory for the Panthers, except that Port Hope goaltender Spencer Finney stole the show, and also the two points, for his teammates as the Panthers absorbed a 4-3 overtime

loss.

Mitch Moffat scored the OT winner for the Predators 1:27 into the five-minute extra frame.

In the course of the contest, Finney turned back at least six point-blank shots by the goal-starved Panthers, which, despite a solid enough effort, came up empty again, although they

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AJAX AZZURRI SOCCER CLUB 2008 AGM
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SAT., NOV. 29, 10:30 am
• Antique Waterbury Ginger Bread Wind Up Clock • Walnut Chair "Eastern Furniture Co." • Spinning Wheel Circa 1910 • Hand Painted Coal Skuttle • 1890s Settee • Milk Bottles • 1933 Royal Bank Calendar • 1950-60 Boat Manuals • 1950s Firestone Boat Motor • Old Coal Oil Lamps • Fruit Sealers • Gem, Ruther Ford, Beaver, Wallaceburg, Jars • Pepsi Cola Wash Tub • Old Tin Toys.
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12931 County Road #2, west of Colborne
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Auctions

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Sun. November 30 Start: 11 AM
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Some art pieces are for the benefit of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery as provided by the legacy of the artist!
Randy Potter Estate Auction 15 Cavan St. downtown Port Hope is holding a sports card & sports collectible auction. Some items to include: rookie cards; cards from 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s; Jerseys; sports prints; pennants; graded cards; too many items to list!
For info & pics go to:
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CORNEIL'S AUCTION BARN

Friday, November 28th at 4:30pm
located 3 miles East of Little Britain on Kawartha Lakes Rd. 4.
9 pc. oak dining room set, oak McCaskey account register, wind up tin Marx truck, Sherwin Williams paint sign (dbl sided porcelain), Atlantic Gasoline sign (porcelain), Lladro eagle, 4 Norma Knott prints, stepback cupboard, milk can stools, 4 pb chairs, 3pc Eastlake settee set, Aqua Rite water board, cedar stripboat bookshelf, oak office chair, parlor tables, 8 captains chairs, pine table, qty of Christmas decorations, mod oak hutch with leaded glass doors, 2 door ent unit, pine bunkbeds, kitchen table and chairs, Peg Perego pedal tractor, child's ball-pit, children's carnival games, qty of office chairs, new French doors and solid wood doors, qty of door knobs, qty of grey vinyl tile, Rigid 12" mitre saw, Rigid 10" table saw, Ryobi 10" planer, Ryobi 16" scroll saw, 5Hp Mastercraft snowblower, Woods chest freezer, Frigidaire washer, 98 GMC 1500 truck, Gypsy Caravan (6x12, on rubber wheels, very unique), Qty of china, glass household and collectible items. Selling at 7pm for the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP, approx 15 bikes, 2 Honda water pumps, Honda push mower, Coleman air compressor, hand tools, BMW rims, Generac 5500 watt generator, Poulan chainsaw etc.
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Death Notices

TICHELOVEN, Benno - Peacefully, at home on Tuesday November 25, 2008. Benno Ticheloven in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Renate. Loving father of Christian and father-in-law of Tracy. Cherished Opi to Aiden and Tristan. Dear brother of Elisabeth (Fidel) Mattes of Heidelberg, Germany, and the late Karl. Brother-in-law of Uwe Steinke (Barbel), Bernd Steinke (Margaret), Karin (George) Wanders, and Brigitte Tichelovan, all of Germany. Uncle to Guido, Anja, Beate, Roland, and Siegrid. The family will receive friends at the **McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) (905)428-8488 on Friday November 28, 2008 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am in the chapel. Should family and friends so desire donations to the Frontiers Foundation Inc or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family. A book of condolences may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

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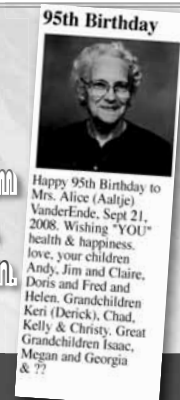


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Pickering plays two-gamer against Ajax on weekend



Whitby Fury's Derek Foote prepares to bury one past Pickering Panthers' goaltender Chris Seiler during Ontario Junior Hockey League action at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Friday night. Foote was one of many Fury shooters to find the net in a 10-3 drubbing of the Panthers.

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did earn a point for the OT loss.

Panthers' head coach Bill Brady could only offer kudos to Finney.

"We had six or seven bang-bang plays that he stopped. He stole them the two points -- absolutely stole it. The game should have never gone to overtime," said Brady. "Our goaltender was good, but theirs was phenomenal. You have to give him full marks for that."

For their part, the Panthers received strong goaltending of their own in the form of newly acquired Sean Malony, who was brought over from the Ajax Attack in a deal for future considerations. Malony turned aside 27 of 31 shots he faced against Port Hope.

Malony's steady goaltending was a welcome respite for the Panthers whose netminders Chris Seiler and Jared Cowley were shelled for 19 goals in the previous two contests.

Brady says Malony will get a shot to become the team's No. 1 puck-stopper, although he insists Seiler or Cowley are still in the mix where playing time is concerned.

"He'll get an opportunity to play and we'll see what he does with it," offered Brady. "We'll see where it goes."

Greg Riggs and Andrew Howes scored power-play goals for Pickering against Port Hope. Tyler von Engelbrechten scored the tying goal with

1:53 remaining in the third period to send the game into overtime.

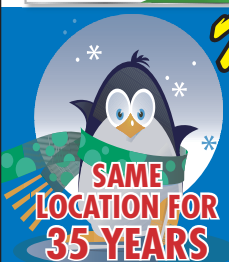
The bottom-dwelling Panthers have a real chance to make up some ground on eighth-place Whitby (four points ahead of Pickering) in the standings with a home-and-home series with the suddenly struggling Ajax Attack. The Pickering-Ajax series starts in Pickering at the complex on Friday at 7:30 p.m. It reverts to the Ajax Community Centre for the finale on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Panthers' Postscript

Panthers' defenceman Tyler Hauer remains out with a concussion...Penalty woes, including a seven-minute major assessed to Kyle Puiras, took the Panthers out of an otherwise close game against Whitby. After the Fury scored the first three goals, the Panthers rebounded with two by Andrew Howes and Aaron Pierce to close out the first trailing 3-2. The Panthers then gave up five unanswered Whitby goals in the second...The Panthers started off well against Kingston. Each team recorded 14 shots on net in the first, but the Voyaguers beat Pickering goalie Chris Seiler three times in the frame. Kingston added two more goals in the second period and four more in the third...

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