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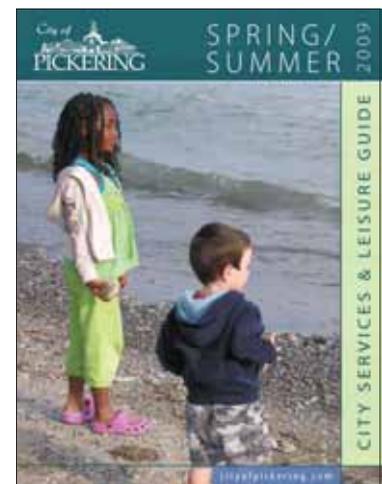
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PICKERING -- Pickering residents made a big stink and were successful in getting Durham Regional Council to unanimously support a motion to tell the Province to put an odour control facility in York instead of the Cherrywood area of Pickering. Cherrywood residents Robert and Griselda Verbancic, left, and Helen Gardner were among many who opposed the facility.

Has stink been stopped?

PICKERING CAMPAIGN SWAYS DURHAM COUNCIL

BY KEITH GILLIGAN
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DURHAM -- A sewage odour control facility should be in York Region, say Durham councillors.

Durham Regional Council voted unanimous-

ly Wednesday to tell the provincial environment minister to put the odour control facility (OCF) in York rather than just south of the Pickering hamlet of Cherrywood West, on Altona Road north of Finch Avenue.

The York-Durham Sewage System is being expanded to accommodate future growth in

York and the OCF is a needed component of the expansion.

Residents living near the proposed site have waged a campaign to have the facility moved elsewhere, preferably to somewhere in York.

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What your regional councillors cost you

DURHAM -- Politicians cost Durham Region taxpayers about \$1.7 million in salary and expenses in 2008.

That had one councillor, Don Mitchell of Whitby, proposing a wage freeze for Regional councillors "during any period of economic recession."

He made the request during a meeting of Regional council's

finance committee on Wednesday, when the annual report on councillor salary and expenses was discussed.

However, Marilyn Pearce, the Scugog mayor and finance committee chairwoman, said ruled Coun. Mitchell's request was out of order, as the report only dealt with what councillors were paid in 2008.

Later in the meeting, Coun. Mitchell again put forward the freeze.

"I appreciate the motion. I won't support it. We just did the budget 30 days ago. If you wanted to save money, you could have done it then," Regional Chairman Roger Anderson said.

"There's nothing stopping a Regional councillor from donating

money back to the Region, their local municipality or a charity. If you don't want one (pay hike), you don't have to take it," Mr. Anderson said.

It took the Region years to get councillor wages back in line with neighbouring municipalities because of a previous wage freeze for councillors, Mr. Anderson said.

Coun. Mitchell and Oshawa

Councillor John Henry voted for the freeze.

The salary of a Regional councillor is \$44,492.96. The heads of four Regional council committees are paid \$50,474.18.

Mr. Anderson received almost \$199,552.74 in salary, mileage and expenses. He also received just under \$6,000 for sitting on the Durham Region Police Services Board.

Regional Council members 2008 remuneration and expenses

Below is a chart showing how much regional councillors were paid and spent in doing their jobs last year. This does not include money they received from their local municipalities for salary and expenses.

Council members	Remuneration	Mileage	Conferences & meetings	Total
Jim Abernethy	\$44,492.96	\$492.07	\$875.63	\$45,860.66
Scott Crawford	\$44,492.96	\$0	\$3,146.65	\$47,639.61
April Cullen	\$50,472.18	\$565.47	\$4,460.84	\$55,498.49
Joe Drumm	\$44,492.96	\$0	\$4,078.87	\$48,571.83
Gerry Emm	\$44,492.96	\$0	\$875.63	\$45,368.59
John Grant	\$44,492.96	\$1,357.35	\$1,931.30	\$47,781.61
John Gray	\$50,472.18	\$0	\$0	\$50,472.18
John Henry	\$44,492.96	\$0	\$0	\$44,492.96
Howie Herrema	\$44,492.96	\$748.35	\$640.00	\$45,881.31
Rick Johnson	\$44,492.96	\$843.39	\$3,040.37	\$48,376.72
Colleen Jordan	\$44,492.96	\$542.98	\$5,830.13	\$50,866.07
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Bonnie Littley	\$44,492.96	\$986.36	\$2,930.56	\$48,409.88
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William McLean	\$44,492.96	\$548.81	\$2,211.47	\$47,253.24
Jim McMillen	\$44,492.96	\$2,702.04	\$1,102.55	\$48,297.55
Don Mitchell	\$44,492.96	\$84.98	\$2,127.52	\$46,705.46
John Neil	\$44,492.96	\$379.15	\$3,565.30	\$48,437.41
Bob Nicholson	\$44,492.96	\$192.85	\$0	\$44,685.81
Mary Novak	\$44,492.96	\$1,215.84	\$2,576.52	\$48,285.32
Larry O'Connor	\$44,492.96	\$2,923.40	\$594.68	\$48,011.04
Steve Parish	\$44,492.96	\$159.47	\$4,348.57	\$49,001.00
Marilyn Pearce	\$50,472.18	\$1,658.47	\$1,867.00	\$53,997.65
Pat Perkins	\$44,492.96	\$0	\$1,645.23	\$46,138.19
Nestor Pidwerbecki	\$44,492.96	\$394.46	\$1,326.23	\$46,213.65
Dave Ryan	\$44,492.96	\$638.16	\$1,697.75	\$46,828.87
Robert Shepherd	\$44,492.96	\$1,399.09	\$4,869.64	\$50,761.69
Charlie Trim	\$50,472.18	\$2,937.66	\$6,150.26	\$59,560.10
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Ajax stabbing victim recalls ordeal

Night with friends
'took sudden turn'

BY JEFF MITCHELL
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WHITBY -- A weekly gathering of friends at an Ajax night club took a violent turn after a confrontation on the dance floor, jurors of a murder trial heard Monday.

"I guess you could say the night took a sudden twist," 22-year-old Trevor Hunter testified in Superior Court in Whitby.

"I just remember some commotion -- some words being exchanged and a fight breaking out," Mr. Hunter told prosecutor Cindy Johnston.

Jurors have already heard that after that confrontation on the dance floor of the RimRock bar in the early morning hours of Sept. 1, 2006, combatants would clash again outside the Harwood Avenue club. Mr. Hunter was stabbed in the neck, sustaining a wound that severed an artery. A member of his group, 19-year-old Orin Felix of Whitby, was stabbed twice and died hours later in hospital.

Troy Johnson-Lee, 24, of Scarborough has pleaded not guilty to the second-degree murder of Mr. Felix and attempted murder in the stabbing of Mr. Hunter.

Taking the witness stand Monday, Mr. Hunter said he was with a group of friends who gathered at the now-defunct RimRock each Thursday night during the summer of 2006 when he saw a couple of his buddies exchanging words with some people he didn't know.

"It didn't look like a friendly conversation," he said.

Mr. Hunter, who went to the bar that night wearing a gold chain, sunglasses and a Blue Jays ball cap, learned from his friends the other group was planning to rob him, he said.

A scuffle ensued that was broken up by bouncers, but Mr. Hunter said he spent the rest of the evening expecting another confrontation. He recalled fighting with a man who wore a collared, striped shirt, the type of shirt the Crown contends Mr. Johnson-Lee wore the night of the stabbings.

Mr. Hunter testified he was watching one of his friends fight another man outside the bar after the

Ajax store robbed

AJAX -- An Ajax convenience store was robbed at knifepoint early Sunday morning and two cash registers were stolen.

At roughly 4 a.m., Durham police were called to Sam's Food Mart on Hunt Street in Ajax. They say three teenagers with their faces covered entered the store, brandishing a large knife. They threatened the clerk and took two cash registers before fleeing in different directions. Police say a fourth person stood as a lookout and also had his face covered.

Officers searched the area with the K-9 unit, but no arrests were made. The 35-year-old store clerk was not physically injured.

Police have released descriptions of the four male suspects, all described as 14 to 16 years old: suspect one is white, weighing 165 pounds and was wearing a black-hooded sweatshirt and black pants; suspect two is black, about six feet tall and 160 pounds with a slender build, wearing a black puffy jacket with a diagonal pattern, blue jeans, a black baseball cap with red trim and carrying a black backpack; suspect three had a thin build and was wearing a black-hooded sweatshirt with a zipper and a black baseball cap and carrying a black backpack; suspect four is white, wearing a black-hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Police are reviewing store video of the incident.

2:30 a.m. last call when he was struck from behind with "a sharp object."

Jurors heard a profusely-bleeding Mr. Hunter made a harrowing retreat from the bar, finding his way to a nearby residential area where he gained entry to a house. "I knew (residents of the house) would call the cops," Mr. Hunter said.

"I felt that was the only thing keeping me alive -- just to keep moving."

Mr. Hunter spent six days in hospital, during which he had two blood transfusions, jurors heard.

The trial, presided over by Justice Bruce Glass, continues.



LAURA STANLEY / METROLAND

AJAX -- A Durham Regional Police car outside of the bar once known as the RimRock. The nightclub was the site of a murder in September of 2006. That charge is now before the courts.

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Durham tells York to keep its stink

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They packed the council chamber as councillors debated the issue.

"The message to the minister (of environment) is 'Take it and move it.' It's very clear, move it," Pickering Councillor Bill McLean said.

For York Region, the message was, "If it costs you a few bucks to deal with your odour, so be it. The time for consultation is over. The time for action is now," Coun. McLean said. "The pipe has to go. What doesn't have to go is the odour control facility."

An environmental assessment (EA) found the Cherrywood site

“ If it costs you a few bucks to deal with your odour, so be it. Pickering Councillor Bill McLean

was the technically-preferred location, Cliff Curtis, the works commissioner, said.

The EA was filed in November, but the ministry has "literally called a time-out" so the OCF site could be dealt with, Mr. Curtis said.

Pickering Councillor Bonnie Lit-

tlely proposed having the OCF moved to a site in York, saying odour "isn't something you can escape. It should be re-evaluated and York Region made to deal with this."

Some Durham councillors toured a similar facility in Edmonton last

week and found "there's a problem there," Pickering Councillor Rick Johnson said. "We don't want an odour control facility that doesn't work."

More than two dozen residents

had wanted to speak, but councillors approved having the OCF in York prior to letting the people speak. "It shouldn't go there (the preferred site). It should go in York," Rhonda Mendes said.

COMMERCE

Big advice for small businesses

PICKERING -- Business Advisory Centre Durham is bringing small business advice to Pickering companies.

The centre will be at the Pickering Public Library soon to give infor-

mation and tips, including small business counselling, marketing support and a business plan review. Sessions are offered March 18, April 15 and May 20. They're 30 minutes long, offered between 10

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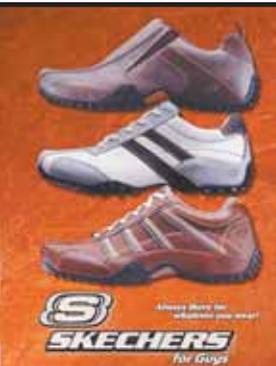


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Lots of Great Things Happening at Oshawa Centre

Spring is finally in the air and there are lots of great things happening at the Oshawa Centre. Several new stores have just opened and there are many fun, free events going on!

On Thursday, March 12th, H & M opened its doors at the Oshawa Centre and over 100 people lined up to be among the first inside.

As part of the grand opening celebration, the first 100 customers to walk through the door received a coupon worth 20 per cent off their purchase that day.

This is H & M's first store opening this year, and the Oshawa Centre location is the 24th store in Ontario.

"We are quite thrilled to have a store here," says Lucy van der Wal, president of H&M Canada. "Oshawa is a growing and vibrant city and we're excited to be a part of it."

"We are excited that H&M is here at the Oshawa Centre," says Maria Bevacqua, marketing director for Oshawa Centre. "They are a multi-faceted store with unique fashions at great prices, and are a great addition to the Oshawa Centre."

H&M carries fashions for women, men, teens, children and babies. The Oshawa Centre location also carries a maternity line. Their clothes come in a range of styles, including trendy, sporty, fancy and classic looks.

"At H & M you can dress your personality," says van der Wal. "From classic to funky, we have the style you're looking for."

March 12th also marked the grand opening of the new Shoppers Drugmart. The new store features an extensive beauty boutique, carrying many

high-end beauty products, and a food department with refrigerated items.

Jeweller Michael Hills also opened their doors in February.

During March Break, from March 15th to 22nd, Oshawa Centre will have a Rhythm Lounge set up with two Xbox and

one Wii. Kids are invited to come out and play popular games such as Guitar Hero and Dancing with the Stars. They will be

playing movies all week, with Kernels supplying popcorn, New York Fries providing free samples and other retailers giving out coupons. The Rhythm Crew will be at the mall all week directing kids to the

Rhythm Lounge and providing information on each day's activities.

In April, Oshawa Centre will be partnering with the Humane Society of Durham Region to host an Easter Maze. From April 6th to 11th, kids can enter the Bunny Hop

Trail and become "bunnified". They will have their faces painted, given bunny ears and have their picture taken and emailed to their parent's email account. The Humane Society will have kittens and bunnies available for

adoption for the children to see and pet. The event is free, and visitors are encouraged to donate to the Humane Society to help in their efforts to build a new shelter.

"We feel strongly about giving back to the community," says Bevacqua. "During these economic times, we want our customers to be able to come out and have an enjoyable time and a great shopping experience here at Oshawa Centre."

For more information on what's happening, retailers and hours of operation, please call

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JASON LIEBREGTS / METROLAND

OSHAWA -- Rick Hendrick, of Charlotte, North Carolina, steps out of his new Camaro in front of the GM car assembly plant in Oshawa. This Camaro is the first official car off the line, having serial number 001.

MANUFACTURING

First Camaro rolls off the line

Car enthusiasts gather to scope out new model

BY JILLIAN FOLLERT
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OSHAWA -- Dale Oldham is already the proud owner of seven Chevy Camaros -- but that doesn't mean he isn't in the market for another.

"The last one came out in 2002, so this new one has seven years of new technology," he said, speaking reverently of the new 2010 model. "I was afraid it wasn't going to keep up with the history and the attitude, but I'm really impressed with it."

The president of the Ontario Camaro Club was among a crowd of car enthusiasts who descended on the Oshawa General Motors plant Monday morning, to watch as the first 2010 Camaro rolled off the line.

A few test models have been spotted

“This one is light

years ahead of the other Camaro generations. Livio DiCenso,

Ontario Camaro Club member

”

Motor Sports, an American car buff who owns several NASCAR teams and a large automotive chain.

The North Carolina native stepped out of his new wheels to a burst of applause and told the crowd he wished he could drive the sleek black Camaro back home, but was opting to fly, joking that he didn't think he could get it through customs.

Many of the Camaro enthusiasts gathered for the event were itching to get behind the wheel of the new model, including Livio DiCenso, another Ontario Camaro Club member.

"This one is light years ahead of the other Camaro generations," he said. "All the flaws have been eliminated, the fuel economy is improved and the performance has increased."

Not to mention the eye candy aspect.

Mr. DiCenso said he'll definitely be picking one up to add to the 1992 and 1996 Camaros he already has at home, but said he'll have trouble choosing a colour from the rainbow of glossy options available, and is also torn between the coupe and convertible.

GM officials said there have already been about 14,000 orders for the 2010 Camaro and they expect the car to start appearing at dealerships in early April.

Until then, enthusiasts will have to make do with sneaking a peak at the handful already on the road.

"Anywhere you go in this car, you turn heads," said George Saraltic, who works in product communications for GM Canada. "You park outside a coffee shop and come back out and there's a crowd of people around the car."

across Durham in recent weeks, but the first "official" model -- complete with VIN number 001 -- was driven off the line by its new owner, Rick Hendrick, of Hendrick

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WE THINK... Region should make special exception for Dundurn

email responses to newsroom@durhamregion.com

Tough times can make the unimaginable all too real.

If someone six or eight months ago told you Finance Minister Jim Flaherty was going to inject billions into the economy, you'd have bet against it. But with the severe economic downturn hitting us all that's just what Ottawa is doing. Many would agree it's a necessary measure.

Closer to home, it seemingly made sense for a Regional council committee earlier this month to turn down a builder's request to defer paying development charges. Dundurn wants to build a \$27-million, 566-unit student housing apartment building near the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa. But with credit hard to come

by, the company's representative asked the finance committee if it could pay the roughly \$1.5 million in development charges over five years with interest.

Municipalities have done it before, Carlo Di Gioacchino told councillors, and if it doesn't happen in Oshawa, he says the company will delay the project. As expected, the committee turned down the request, citing a desire not to set a precedent.

"How do we do one without doing them all?" said Marilyn Pearce, finance committee chairwoman and Scugog mayor, of future requests to defer DCs.

The answer is simple: the committee and council have the power to say 'yes' or 'no'. What they say goes.

Besides, this isn't any other building project in Durham.

It's no secret in Durham and beyond that student housing is a thorny issue in Oshawa, one that has pitted students against homeowners for several years. The issue is students, many with a zest for partying, have been renting in established residential neighbourhoods and have not been welcome there. The City passed a bylaw roughly a year ago that has done virtually nothing to solve the problem as many landlords haven't bothered to comply with new requirements. A City task force has twice delayed a report on how to deal with the issue, prompting the student association president to say last week, "We've failed the students."

The answer is a large, student-only apartment near campus where homeowners won't be disturbed by students and the latter can, well, live it up from time to time without bothering neighbours.

Granting Dundurn's request would solve a huge problem in Oshawa, one that has so far stumped the City. And let's face it, in these economic times, especially in hard-hit Oshawa, the City needs to encourage any growth associated with the university and college as these institutions in many ways represent the future of the City and Region. Their success has beneficial spin-off effects across Durham.

An exception in such cases is certainly warranted.

LOTTERIES

Contest exclusion gives people their choice

To the editor:

Re: Contest should go local for auto prizes, Martin Inkpen letter, March 11.

I would like to point out to a recent correspondent that Rolls Royce cars are still built in Great Britain at their new plant in Goodwood, Sussex.

Regarding the use of domestic cars in competitions, the competition hosts are merely giving the public what they perceive, rightly or wrongly, as the most appealing cars currently on the market.

Sadly that does not include many of the cars made by the not quite so Big 3.

I suggest that had GM, Ford and Chrysler been making the sort of cars that motivate people to enter contests they would not be in the shape they are today.

James Gregory
Claremont

ENVIRONMENT

New pesticide ban will help health, economy

To the editor:

Re: Pesticide ban is a pest: Weed Man rep, March 10.

It's good to hear some lawn-care operators are already using non-toxic products to control lawn pests.

That means the transition to Ontario's new pesticide law -- the most health protective in North America -- will be smooth.

We also believe the new legislation

will be good for business. In the five years following a pesticide ban in Halifax, the number of lawn-care firms in the city grew 53 per cent -- from 118 to 180, according to Statistics Canada.

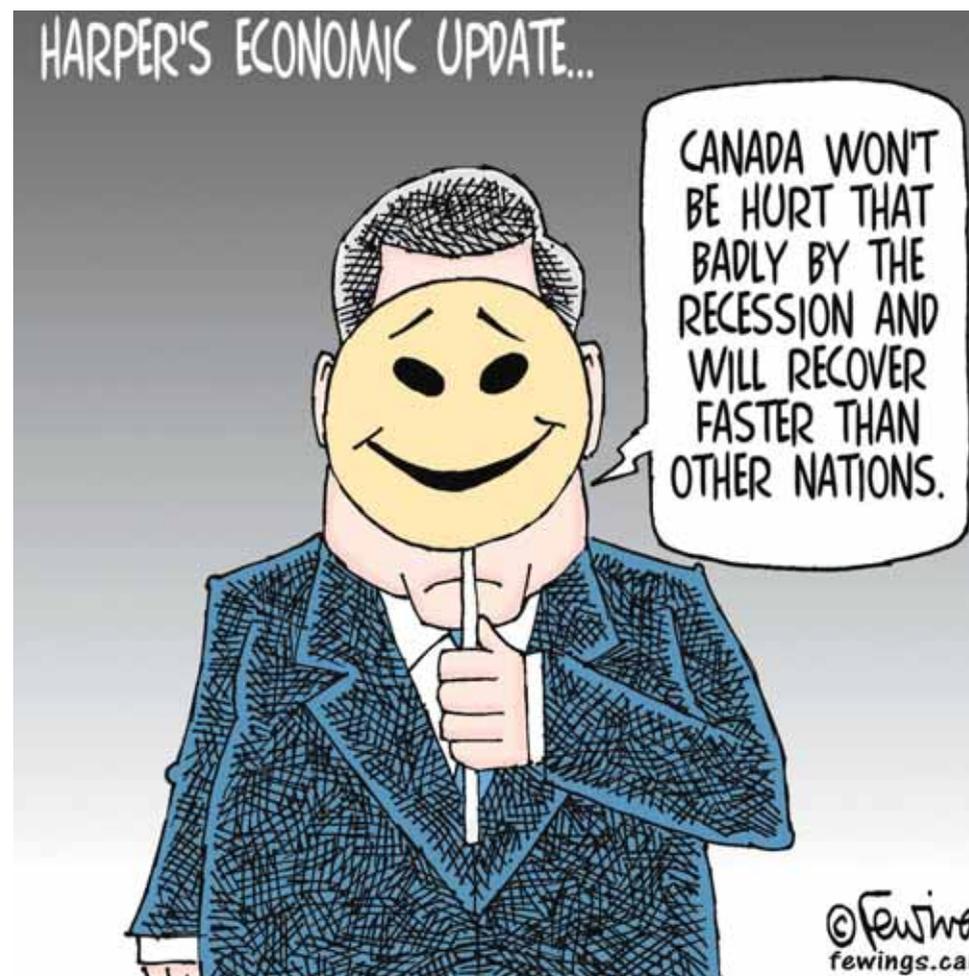
The number of employees in the sector grew as well.

Statistics Canada also found that the number of lawn-care companies in Toronto has grown every year since that

city brought in a pesticide bylaw.

The new provincial pesticide regulations will not only protect human health and the environment, they'll also be a boon to our economy.

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AUTO INDUSTRY

Camaro has its place in the market

To the editor:

Re: GM management tone deaf, James McGowan letter, March 13.

First, thank you for recognizing the workers as hard-working and quality-driven.

The assembly-line workers and their union have been taking a horrific beating in the media. The negativity and misdirected blame makes it difficult to go to work each day and put quality into every car -- but we do.

I take exception to your comments on the Camaro.

This is the most exciting car we have ever had the privilege to build in Oshawa. Although it is a niche car, it has its place on the road today.

Ford was resurrected with the re-design of the Mustang and the new Dodge Challenger is a tribute to the Dodge muscle cars of the '70s. There is a market for these vehicles and they are more efficient than their ancestors.

The Camaro is a well-designed and great performance car. This car is fun to drive and driving is supposed to be fun. That is one reason our economy was built up by this industry decades ago. People drove for fun, they didn't commute hours a day in stop-and-go traffic, they cruised.

Steve Conway

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WHITBY -- Above, Metroland reporter Crystal (Crimi) Evelyn lands a scoring blow to her opponent, Sandra Viselli, but, at bottom left, Ms. Crimi grimaces as Viselli lands a solid scoring shot of her own. At bottom right, Ms. Crimi's co-workers, from left, Reka Szekely, Kristen Calis, Mike Johnston, Judi Bobbitt and Erin Hatfield, react to the ring

display. Ms. Crimi made her boxing debut at the fight card entitled 'The Brawl at B's', at Johnny B's nightclub in Whitby on Saturday. Unfortunately, she lost a split decision to Ms. Viselli.

AJ GROEN AND RON PIETRONIRO/ METROLAND

THE COUNTERPUNCH



THE CROWD REACTION



Boxing debut 'kind of a blur'

What It's Like...

Reporter's first fight ends in split-decision loss

BY CRYSTAL CRIMI
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DURHAM -- And the winner by a split decision — well, it wasn't me.

But it will be next time.

In my debut boxing match at Johnny B's on Sunday, I lost the match in the final round. I just ran out of gas and my opponent, Sandra Viselli, had some in reserve.

But, wow, what a learning experience.

Boxing's a one-on-one sport, but it's impossible without the support of a team — from sparring partners, to trainers, and coaches.

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but there was lots to do: official weigh-ins, medical checks, getting into our trunks, tank tops, and protective equipment, and warming up for the fight. As I headed for my weigh-in, I met my opponent. She looks different than I thought she would - shorter. I introduced myself, happy she came. There's not a lot of girls in boxing, and I knew she travelled to participate in this match, her second. She won her weight class at the Brampton Cup.

In my boxing trunks, my weight was 123.4 pounds. I don't remember what hers was, but it was around five pounds heavier. About 15 minutes before the fight, my trainer/coach Richard Lewis warmed me up, taking me through combos, and blocks, and getting me loose and ready. He told me to relax.

When the time came, it was so surreal, climbing into the ring, listening to the announcer give our names, gyms, and weights.

Then the bell rang. I came out guns blazing. Thinking back, I don't even really remember what I threw, it's kind of a blur. I know I hurt her with my right — my corner coaches told me I did. There were times I had her against the rope and it looked like she turned her

“So Sandra Viselli, it was a good fight, but next time, the victory is mine. Crystal Crimi”

back to me so I backed off (back turning isn't allowed, but also isn't always caught — that being said, I could be remembering wrong). Next time, I won't back off.

The second round was more of a chess match, but I still took it, according to those I've spoken to. But, in between that second and third round, I just couldn't recover. I can blame it on the cold I caught, just a few weeks before, I can blame it on a number of things, but she found the gas to go that last round and I couldn't. I lost focus — I twirled around and received a warning from the referee, then took a hook that didn't hurt, but I guess the ref thought it did and he called an automatic eight-count. A couple of her right hooks

caught me, they didn't hurt, but I knew she'd get points for them. I haven't see the video, so I'm not sure if anything else got in at me.

I could hear my supporters shouting encouragement, but above all, I could hear Richard shouting to me: 2:1:2 (right straight, left jab, right straight). I shouldn't have thought; I should have just fired. I thought she was too far away. Next time, I won't think. When I didn't and just instinctively followed his direction, he didn't let me down. I would have won had I listened. And even though I lost, no one made me feel like a loser.

“I am so proud of you!” shouted Richard, his arms in the air to hug me as he entered the fighters' lounge area after the bout. My teammates were just as supportive. Even the ring announcer congratulated me. It's all very nice of everyone to say, but all that's going through my head is I had her, I was so close. All I needed was that 2:1:2.

So Sandra Viselli, it was a good fight, but next time, the victory is mine.

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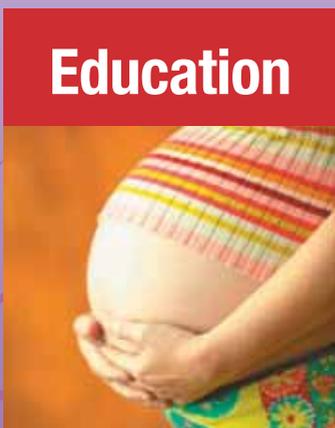
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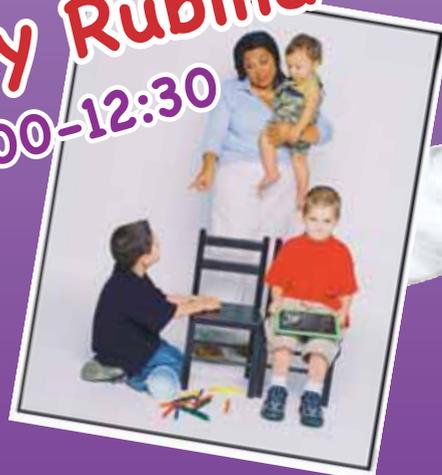


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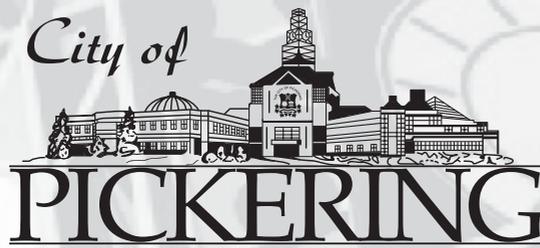
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DATE	MEETING	TIME
Mar. 19	Waterfront Coordinating Committee	7:00 pm
Mar. 23	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Mar. 25	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm
Mar. 25	Race Relations Forum	7:00 pm
Mar. 25	Accessibility Advisory Committee	7:00 pm
Mar. 26	Library Board - Central	7:00 pm
Mar. 30	Open House - Duffin Heights ESP Implementation Main Floor Lobby - Pickering Civic Complex	7:30 pm
Mar. 31	Heritage Pickering Advisory Committee	7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public.
 For meeting details call 905.420.2222
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Ward 1 - Town Hall Meeting

Speak with
Mayor Dave Ryan

Monday, March 30th at 7:00 pm
 Pickering Civic Complex, Council Chambers

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Notice of an Open House to be held

Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:30 pm
 Pickering Civic Complex – Main Floor Lobby
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 and

Notice of a Public Meeting to be held

Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm
 Pickering Civic Complex – Council Chambers
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for the following Planning Application

File Type & Number: Official Plan Amendment - File OPA 09-001/P
 (City initiated: Duffin Heights ESP Implementation)

Owner/Applicant: City of Pickering

Property Location: Duffin Heights Neighbourhood (see map below)

Proposal: To implement the Duffin Heights Environmental Servicing Plan, proposed changes to the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood schedules and policies include:

- 1) widening and reconfiguring the natural heritage system;
- 2) replacing the Type C arterial road network with a Collector road network;
- 3) reconfiguring Valley Farm Road (Type C arterial road) north of the Third Concession Road to connect with Brock Road;
- 4) changing the designation of lands located west of Tillings Road from Low Density Areas to Medium Density Areas;
- 5) replacing the Prestige Employment designation with the Natural Areas designation for lands north of Taunton Road;
- 6) recognizing the Pickering Golf Course within the Active Recreational Areas designation; and
- 7) adding new policies on building heights, monitoring, compensation and cost sharing arrangements.

Reports Submitted with the Application: No reports required.

Written Information Available: An Information Report relating to the proposed Amendment to the Pickering Official Plan will be available on March 20 or from:

- the office of the City Clerk,
- the Planning & Development Department, and
- on the City website at cityofpickering.com, go to Planning & Development Department, then to Official Plan Review Workplan, then Official Plan Amendment for complete applications and pre-consultation, and
- at the Open House and the Public Information Meeting.
- the revised Development Guidelines for the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood

will be available at the Open House on March 30.

Last Date for Comment: April 14, 2009

Planning Contact: Grant McGregor, MSc, MCIP, RPP

Principal Planner-Policy

Tel: 905.420.4660 ext. 2032 Fax: 905.420.7648

Email: gmcgregor@cityofpickering.com

Pickering Official Plan Designation: Mixed Corridors, Low Density Areas, Medium Density Areas, Prestige Employment, Natural Areas and Potential Multi-Use Areas

Existing Zoning: Not Applicable

To receive notice of future meetings on this matter: Write to, the City Clerk, Debi A. Wilcox, at the address above; OR Email: dwilcox@cityofpickering.com

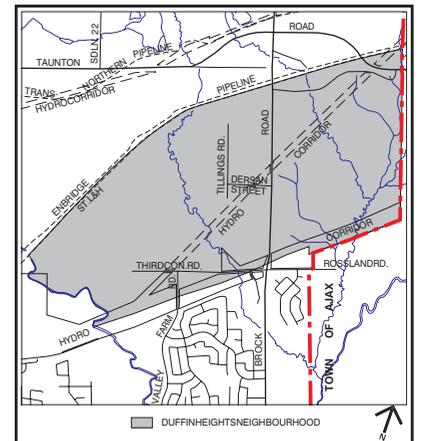
Planning Act Requirements: This application has been deemed complete in accordance with the Planning Act.

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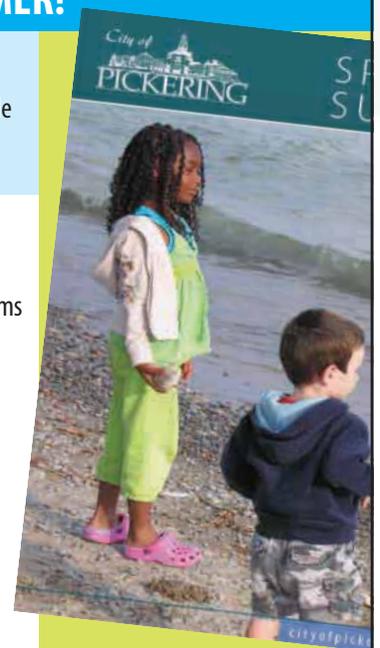
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Ajax thefts lead police to Samurai swords

DURHAM -- Two teens have been charged in connection with a series of robberies after police uncovered a stash of stolen goods, including bayonets and Samurai swords, at their home.

The 17-year-old suspects were caught during a robbery at a Macs convenience store on Ravenscroft Road in Ajax on Feb. 22.

Police said the suspects of that robbery matched the description of suspects behind two other robberies that occurred earlier that night -- one at a Hasty Market on Finch Avenue in Pickering and one at an Esso gas station on Kingston Road East in Ajax.

In all three cases, imitation weapons were used to threaten employees and cash and merchandise were taken.

On March 4, detectives from the DRPS robbery unit executed a search warrant at the home the two teens shared in Ajax and discovered 11 bayonets, nine Samurai swords and a deactivated Thompson submachine gun.

The items were stolen during a robbery at the

Hero Army Surplus store in Oshawa on Jan. 23, police say. The two Ajax men have been charged with four counts each of robbery with a firearm, disguise with intent, weapons dangerous and possession of stolen property and are currently in custody.

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Durham turns down help for developer

Company wanted financial aid for housing project

BY KEITH GILLIGAN
kgilligan@durhamregion.com

DURHAM -- A developer planning to construct a 566-bedroom student residence has been turned down for financial relief by Durham Region.

By a 16-9 vote, Regional councillors rejected a request from Dundurn Edge Developments to defer payment of development charges on the \$27-million project for five years. Following the vote, Carlo Di Gioacchino of Dundurn said his plan is to "go back to the City of Oshawa and see what we can do to get the project launched. We want to do something in Oshawa. Right now, we're looking for a way to get the project done in Oshawa. That's my focus.

"Unfortunately, the biggest benefactor doesn't want to find a way to put in the project," Mr. Di Gioacchino said.

The six-storey building would be in Oshawa on Simcoe Street, near Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. The City of Oshawa has already agreed to forgo property taxes of about \$2.7 million for about five years. That money would be used to clean contaminated soil on the site, he said.

“Unfortunately, the biggest benefactor

doesn't want to find a way to put in the project. Carlo Di Gioacchino, Dundurn Edge Developments

Dundurn would pay the development charges in five years, with interest, Mr. Di Gioacchino told councillors. It would total about \$1.5 million.

"The credit market has tightened up con-

siderably since we launched the program," Mr. Di Gioacchino said, in explaining why Dundurn wants the DCs deferred. "We've offered to repay the development charges within five years, with interest."

"We, as the Region, are not financiers," Clarington Mayor Jim Abernethy said. "That's the responsibility of the bank. The developer is asking us to finance this project. It's not what our business is."

"Things have changed. These are extraordinary times. In times of difficulty, we have

to invest in things that do good. A university does good," Oshawa Councillor John Henry said.

"What is the fallout if we do it for one. If we do it for one, we'll get request after request after request," said finance committee chairwoman and Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce.

"It's against everything we've done here," she said. "It's not the first time we've gone through a recession."

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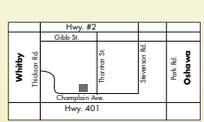
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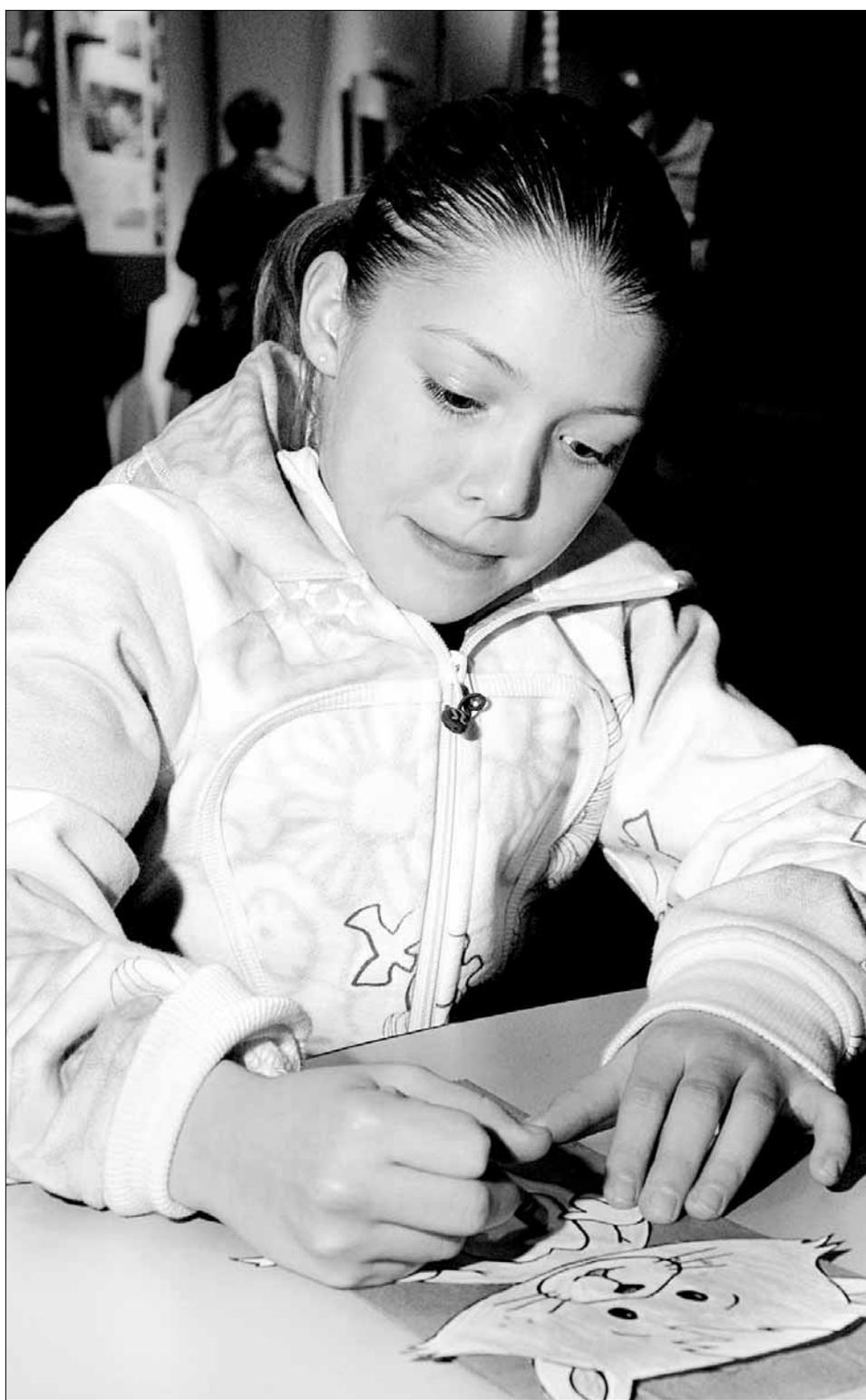


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DURHAM -- The Humane Society of Durham Region hosts its sixth annual golf tournament in June.

All funds raised at this year's event will go to help rebuild after a devastating fire in December.

The tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a ninth-hole snack, barbecue dinner and a

chance to win prizes.

The cost is \$100 per person.

About the event:

- 🕒 DATE Wednesday, June 17
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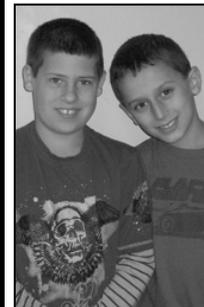
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Mould find means portables must go at Ajax school

St. James' port-a-pac to be knocked down this summer

AJAX -- A St. James Catholic School port-a-pac is coming down following a report on mould found inside.

St. James' principal brought forth the concern about mould to the Durham Catholic District School Board in late January, at which time the approximately 23-year-old port-a-pac was closed off.

The port-a-pac's six classrooms were relocated to inside the school.

The port-a-pac has 7,000 square feet and was constructed on-site in 1986.

The mould was inspected by consultant Pinchin Environmental, which provided options for dealing with it, said a report presented to the board.

Mould was found in several locations around the perimeter of the port-a-pac and in its linking corridor. Air sampling found the mould growth to have a slight impact on airborne spore concentrations inside.

In carefully examining current enrolment and future projections, staff recommended the unit's demolition this summer, said Tim Robins, assistant superintendent, facilities services.

Demolition is the cheapest solution at \$108,700. The estimated cost includes engineering, environmental, and demolition structure fees; demolition permits, and restoring the link from the main school building.

Other options discussed by the school board included rehabilitating the port-a-pac for an estimated \$113,000 to \$223,000; replacing it for \$600,000; and replacing it with a permanent structure for \$1.4 million.

Based on enrolment projections, all the students can fit inside the school, and a long-term port-a-pac isn't required, said the report.

NUTRITION

Healthy lifestyles promoted in Durham

DURHAM -- March is Nutrition Month, and Durham Region wants to help residents get on track.

The Durham Region Health Department and Dietitians of Canada are promoting the importance of healthy eating, physical activity and the benefits of both through this year's theme, Eating Well for an Active Lifestyle.

Research shows that low physical activity levels of adults and children are a large contributor to obesity. Also, a recent Health Department survey reveals that close to half of Durham residents are not physically active enough to benefit their health.

Good nutrition and an active lifestyle greatly affect having a healthy weight, which can reduce the risk of obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, certain types of cancer and osteoporosis. Canada's Physical Activity Guide states the health benefits of being physically active include better posture, balance, overall health and increased self-esteem. To promote the message of a healthy lifestyle, the health department will have a number of displays throughout the region.

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Listen to the music

AJAX -- Ashley Flis and her grandmother, Bonny Troop, listen to a performance while attending a fundraising concert organized by the Ontario Music Teachers' Association. The fundraiser, held recently at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ajax, was in aid of the Durham Humane Society. The afternoon included a number of performances by area music students.

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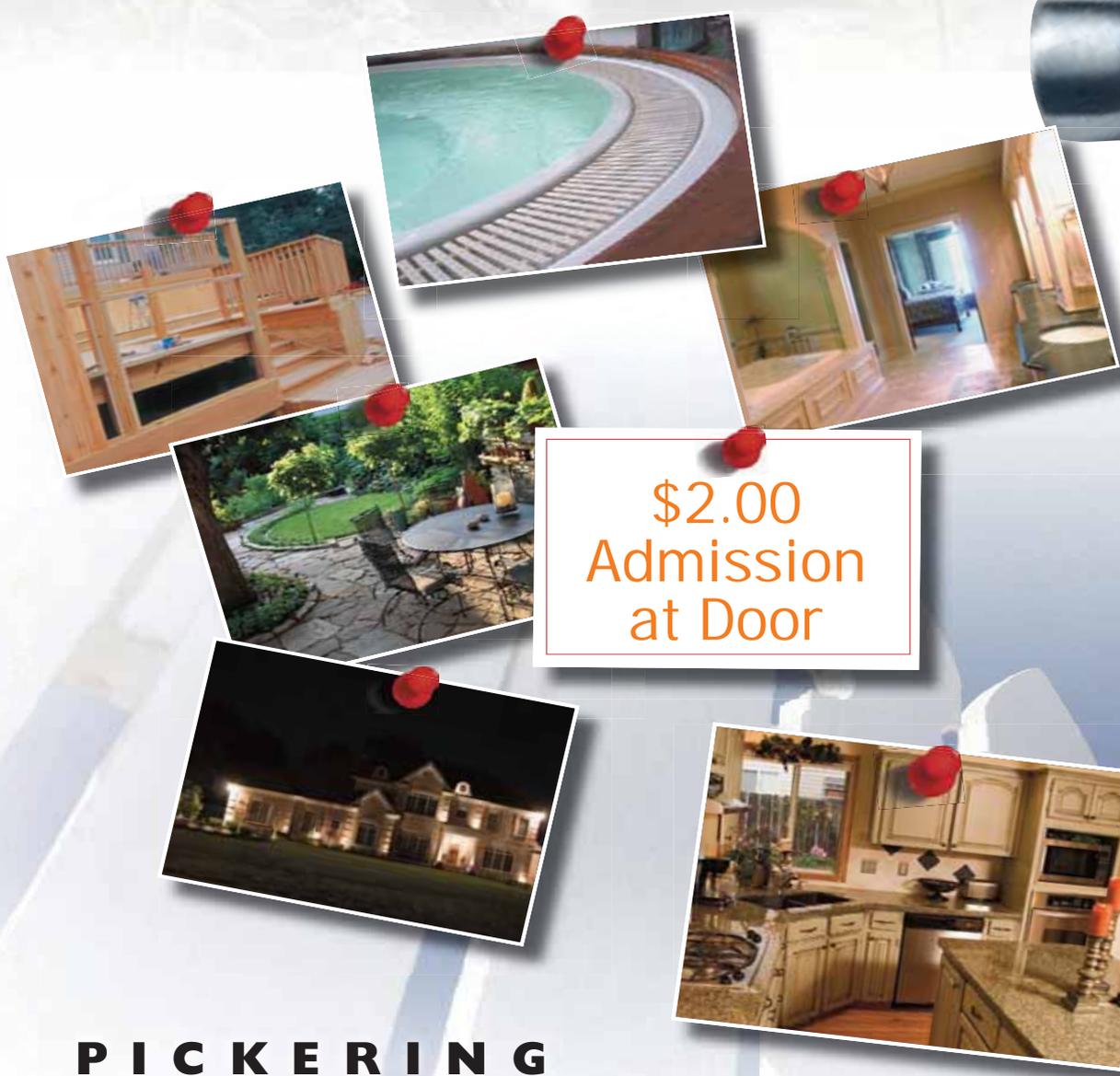
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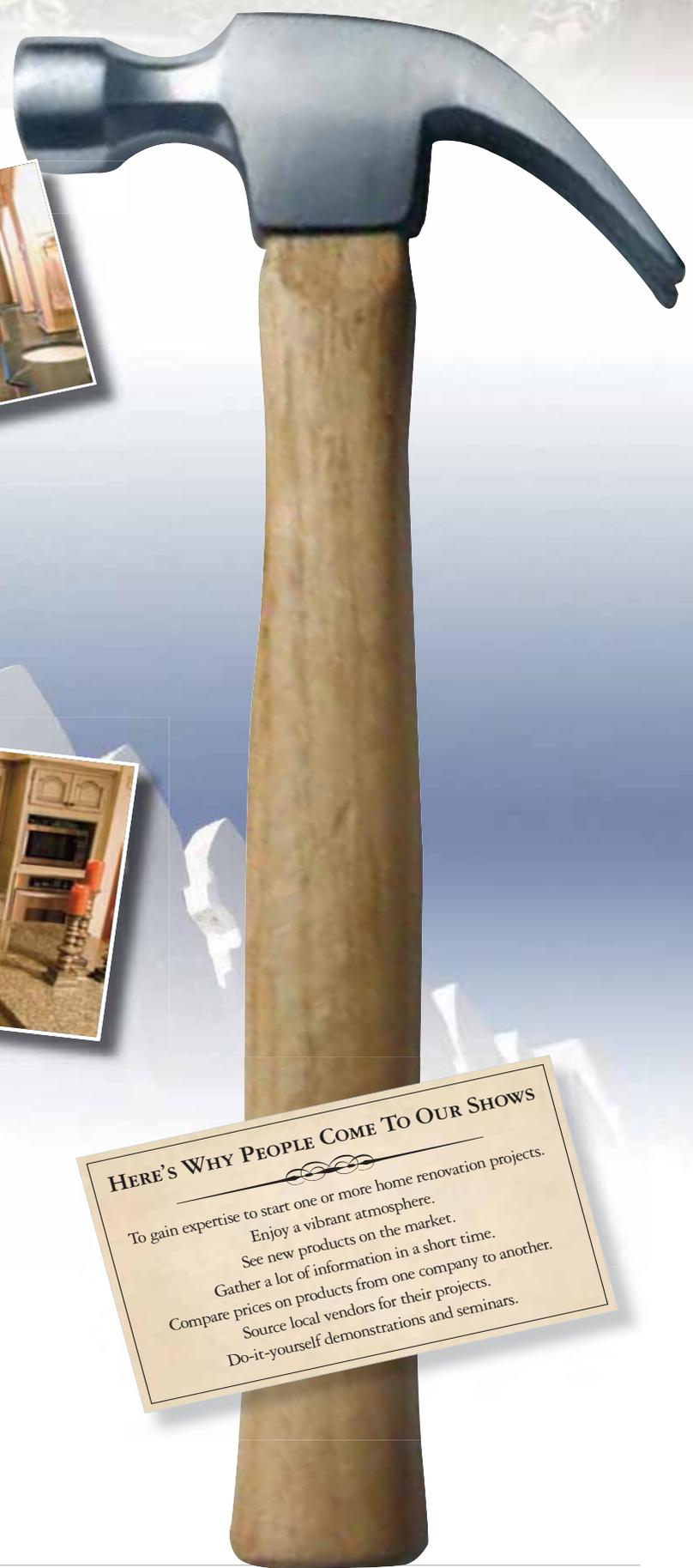
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INNOVATION

When the going gets tough

Smart business owners get diversifying

BY MELISSA MANCINI
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DURHAM -- News that the auto sector is in trouble is everywhere.

Multinational companies asking for government loans. Vehicle sales figures dropping every month. Possible bankruptcy. Buyouts, shifts cuts and layoffs.

While Jason Bowen has yet to feel the effects of the troubled industry -- in fact, most of the time his auto shop is booming -- he is preparing for the worst by applying his skills to less fragile sectors.

Mr. Bowen owns Trim Tech Interiors and Glass, an auto shop in north Oshawa. He calls his new business strategy "diversifying for survival." He doesn't want to wait for the worst to hit his business to look elsewhere for jobs. So when customers stop spending as much money customizing their cars, Mr. Bowen will be ready.

"You can't be in a General Motors town and have all your eggs in one basket," he said.

So he's created two spin-off businesses to make sure contracts keep rolling in. In addition to recovering and restoring car interiors, Mr. Bowen does restoration work on medical equipment and restaurant furniture.

He has refinished booths in local restaurants and medical chairs in doctor's offices.

"In clinical doctor's offices, chemical cleaners can rip the material on the examination tables," he said.

This is not only unsightly but can be a health hazard if germs get into the foam inside the chairs and table, Mr. Bowen said.

At Welcome to Wellness chiropractic clinic in Whitby, Mr. Bowen has recovered adjustment tables that had seen better days.

"This is an upscale place and we want the right image," chiropractor Philip Smith said.

And while he was refurbishing chiropractic adjustment tables at the clinic, Mr. Bowen had another idea.

He's teamed up with Dr. Smith to offer clients a new service that improves the comfort level for drivers who are in their cars for long periods.

Many people spend hours each day in their cars, whether commuting to work, chauffeuring children around or just running errands. That time spent sitting can really ruin good posture, Dr. Smith said.

So it was a natural fit to offer a service to correct posture while driving.



PHOTO BY WALTER PASSARELLA

WHITBY -- Car interiors expert Jason Bowen, right, is expanding and diversifying his business, Trimtech Interior and Glass, by recovering chairs and medical equipment such as those found in Dr. Phil Smith's, left, Welcome to Wellness Clinic. He's also working on restaurant and bar seating as well as autos.

“You can't be in a General Motors town and have all your eggs in one basket. Jason Bowen, owner, Trim Tech Interiors and Glass **”**

"We started talking about how to work together as two different businesses that could benefit both of us," Mr. Bowen said. "We re-pad the seats to fit the customer, so it's not a generic seat for the masses."

Dr. Smith will do an ergonomic assessment of the customer's needs while they sit in their car and Mr. Bowen fixes the seats.

A bad seat can cause tense muscles or push a driver too close to the wheel, which is dangerous, Mr. Bowen said.

And a newly-padded seat can offer better posture in the long term, he said.

"It's almost therapy while you are sitting, which is pretty cool."

Mr. Bowen said he is believer in the benefits of chiropractic care because he's seen the change treatments have made in his life.

"I haven't felt this good in years," he said.

TRENDset

Hiring climate looking grim for next quarter

DURHAM -- A recent survey shows Durham Region employers expect a flat hiring climate for the second quarter of 2009.

The data comes from an employment outlook survey from Manpower Inc., an employment services industry. Of the 10 surveyed industry sectors, employers in the services sector report the most hopeful results for the April to June period of 2009, with a projected net employment outlook of 11 per cent once seasonal variations are removed from the data.

Employers in the public administration and construction sectors expect a moderate quarter, both with net employment outlooks of 10 per cent.

Other survey findings:

13 %

of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June)

13 %

expect cutbacks

73 %

expect to maintain their current staffing levels

1 %

are unsure of their staffing intentions for the upcoming quarter.

Note:

"Durham Region's second quarter net employment outlook of zero per cent is a 13 percentage point decrease from the same time last year," said Kim Murray, Manpower, Pickering. "It is also a two percentage point decrease from the previous quarter, indicating a limited hiring climate for the second quarter of 2009."

Top three apprenticeship myths

Over the past several years, the message from stakeholders in the skilled trades has been consistent: We are facing a shortage of skilled workers in a variety of sectors.

If this is the situation, and there are statistics aplenty to indicate it is, then why are many young people scratching their heads when it comes to securing a first-year apprenticeship? I've compiled my top three apprenticeship myths, along with some tips to help those seeking an entry-level position.



DANIELLE MOSEY

Myth 1
There are two skilled trades: Electrician and plumber

Tip: Megan Orozco is a job developer at the John Howard Society's Whitby office. She recommends that youth seeking an entry-level apprenticeship research the variety of skilled labour careers out there. Individuals should also be aware of whether they have the skills needed to be successful in their trade of choice. If becoming an electrician is your goal, that's great. But if, like me, no amount of studying will ever prepare you to divide 120 amps by 15 volts -- then maybe it's time to look at one of the other 153 apprenticeship choices.

Eighty of those choices are profiled in an updated guide produced by tradeabil-

ity.ca. Available by contacting the Durham Region Local Training Board, *Your Guide to the Skilled Trades in Durham Region: The Apprenticeship Process* is a helpful tool in discovering the diversity of careers available..

Myth 2
I can easily pursue an apprenticeship in a field where I have no related experience

Tip: Experience related to your job interest is essential. This doesn't necessarily have to be paid experience either. Demolishing and re-building grandpa's garage counts. There are a lot of skills that can be drawn out from those tasks and pitched to an employer.

Now, want to be a general carpenter but never picked up a hammer? That's going to be harder.

Myth 3
Finding an employer shouldn't be as difficult as it is.

The skilled trades are no different from any other in field in that finding an entry-level job is not easy.

Tip: Tap every resource you can. Meet with an employment counsellor/job developer, take an aptitude test with a union, deliver resumes in person, post your resume on tradeability.ca, take a college course, continue to garner experience in jobs related to your ultimate goal.

Danielle Mosey is a board member of the Durham Region Local Training Board.

OBITUARY

Durham company says final farewell to founder

Leslie W. Drover was an Oshawa businessman

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OSHAWA -- Employees at En-Pro International Inc. had to say goodbye to their founder last month.

Leslie W. Drover started the company in the 1980s and was dedicated to his business as the chairman right up until his death in February, En-Pro's senior vice president John Kiemele said.



LES DROVER

Originally from the Maritimes, Mr. Drover was a "salt of the earth kind of guy," he said. "He was so positive, he never worried about anything," Mr. Kiemele said. "He had a great sense of humour."

Mr. Drover's career started in Montreal where he learned all he could about selling and customer service. He was so successful he was transferred to New York City. It was while he was in New York that he

gained his vast knowledge of the energy and commodities industry.

The company Mr. Drover started over two decades ago provides pricing solutions for industries including the transportation, industrial, medical, institutional and commercial sectors in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Its head office is in Oshawa.

"He was the ultimate sales professional and he was successful because he truly believed in his product," he said.

Mr. Kiemele worked for Mr. Drover for 20 years. When he started at the company he didn't have much experience. He said he will remember Mr. Drover as someone who worked hard to nurture new talent.

"He was absolutely the type of guy that believed in finding someone who may not have much experience but was hard working and diligent," Mr. Kiemele said.

His dedication to finding the right employees is evident in the family atmosphere at En-Pro and the low turnover rate in the office, he said.

When "the old fashioned business man" wasn't working to build his business he loved to spend his summers in Newcastle, on his boat, Mr. Kiemele said.

En-Pro was incorporated in 1985. It is a privately held corporation with approximately 10,000 North American client locations.

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PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Wrestler 'Test' found dead

Whitby's Andrew Martin
a former WWE champion

BY BRAD KELLY
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WHITBY -- Bob Martin is remembering his son as someone who absolutely loved the lifestyle associated with being a professional wrestler, but knew it was taking a toll on his body.

Martin spoke briefly by phone on Monday after learning his son, Andrew, had been found dead on Friday at his Florida apartment.

The Whitby native and graduate of Henry Street High School was known worldwide by his ring persona 'Test', a short form for Testosterone because of his aggressive style in the ring. He was just 33 years old.

"He always said, 'Dad, I will never live as long as you,'" said the elder Martin, who was trying to fight back the emotions of the past few days along with his wife, Margaret.

A statement from the Tampa Police Department says a neighbour called Friday evening to report she could see into Martin's apartment through a window, and that Martin appeared motionless for several hours. Police responded at about 8 p.m. to Martin's apartment to discover he was dead. At this time, there is no indication of foul play. An autopsy is expected to reveal the cause of death.

Martin had just returned from a tour of Japan, and was planning to leave on another earlier this week to Europe. He would have turned 34 on Tuesday.

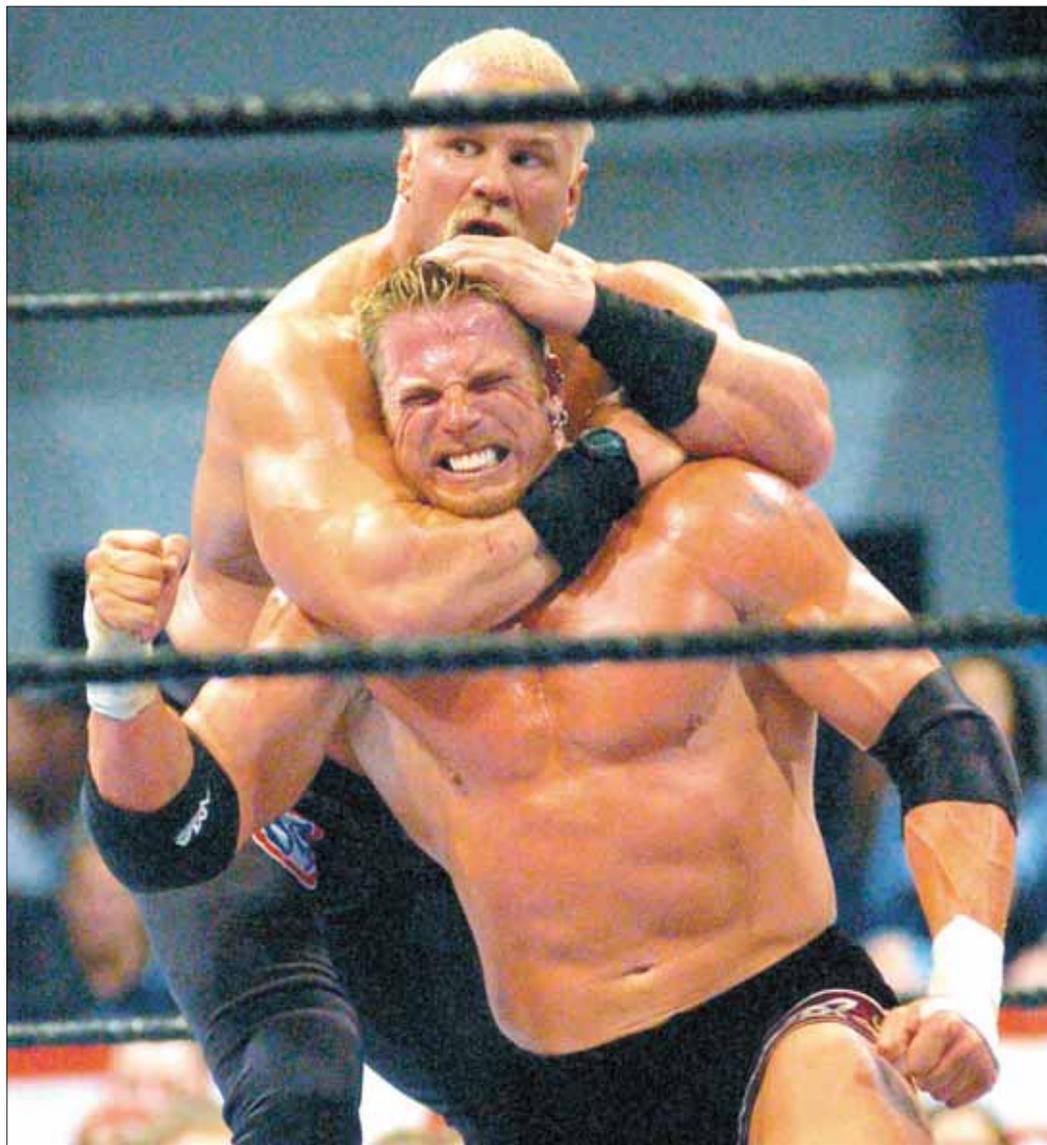
Martin was a former champion with World Wrestling Entertainment after debuting with the organization in 1998. Along the way he wore the belts of Intercontinental, Hardcore, European and tag team champion.

"He just loved the lifestyle, but he knew it was taking its toll on him," said his dad of the hectic schedule performers keep and the physical punishment their bodies are put through on a nightly basis.

A chance meeting with Bret 'The Hitman' Hart at a party following a wrestling show in Toronto helped launch Martin's career in pro wrestling.

Although he travelled the world, he always remembered where he roots were.

"Whenever I'm asked where my favourite



FILE PHOTO

WHITBY -- Andrew 'Test' Martin (bottom) was found dead in his Florida home on Friday night. The 33-year-old former Whitby resident headlined a 2003 show at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium when he wrestled Scott 'Big Poppa Pump' Steiner.

place in the world is I always say Oshawa," said Martin during a 2003 interview with This Week. "I love to come back home because it's the greatest place in the world. It's where all my friends and family are."

He was promoting a show at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium at the time that he would head-

line in a match against Scott 'Big Poppa Pump' Steiner, noting he had attended a number of shows at the arena with his dad while growing up, but he had never wrestled in his hometown.

A memorial service will be held at All Saints Anglican Church in Whitby at a later date.

RUGBY

Pickering's Warbuton named to Canada's U-17 team

DURHAM -- Five players from Durham Region are among the 26 recently named to Canada's national under-17 rugby team.

Ade Ojo, Cam Stones, Aaron Milton and Ben Thompson, students at Sinclair Secondary School in Whitby, as well as Geoff Warbuton from Pickering's Pine Ridge

Secondary School made the grade following a week-long camp on Vancouver Island.

The players will now have the opportunity to travel to England the first week of April to compete in the annual Millfield International tournament, where they will play in a pool against Wales,

the United States and Portugal. They are also strong candidates for Ontario's under-18 team that will compete at the Canada Games next summer.

For Mike Clayton, a rugby coach at Sinclair who also worked with these players in the Provincial under-16 program last summer, it's

a nice reward for all the hard work these players put into the sport.

"I think I can speak for all of the coaches in all of the sports. We provide the opportunity and it's up to the kids to take advantage of those opportunities," Clayton says. "We've just been fortunate with these kids."

HOCKEY

Junior clubs team up for camp

DURHAM -- With hockey season wrapping up, preparations for the 2009-10 season are already underway for some.

Metro East Junior Hockey Limited, run by Whitby Fury GM Frank Robinson, is holding a quartet of camp sessions April 6-9 at the Campus Ice Centre in Oshawa, and spots remain available.

Each session consists of one hour of skill development and conditioning drills, followed by 30 minutes of scrimmage time. Two sessions will be run each night with two teams, one from 8-9:30 p.m., the other from 9:30-11 p.m. The first day will be under the direction of Pickering Panthers head coach Bill Brady and his staff, while Curtis Hodgins, coach and GM of the Bowmanville Eagles, will put the kids through the motions for the second day of camp.

Ajax Attack head coach Carey Durant is slated to run the third day, while Fury coach John Winder will be charged with operating the fourth and final day.

The camp is designed for players entering their bantam, minor midget and junior A tryouts which will occur later in the month. For more information contact Frank Robinson at frobinson@rogers.com or 905-426-5824.

TRACK AND FIELD

Tingling first at provincials

DURHAM -- Dwayne Tingling hit the finish line first at the AO Ontario Indoor Junior Provincial Track and Field Championships, winning the U16/Midget 400m race.

He was clocked in a personal indoor best time of 53.13 seconds at the meet, held earlier this month at the Toronto Track and Field Centre.

Tingling has established himself as the athlete to beat heading into the outdoor high school track season, with a lot more to come from this very talented young athlete.

BOXING

Karatella wins in walkover

AJAX -- Ahmed Karatella has added a national championship title to his impressive resumé in the ring.

The 17-year-old boxer from Ajax won the 48kg Youth class at the national championships in Edmonton recently by walkover. Karatella fights out of the Tillers Boxing Gym in Scarborough.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Monarchs win it all

PICKERING -- The St. Mary Monarchs junior boys' hockey team finished the season as champions of LOSSA, winning the final series over Paul Dwyer. It was a great season of hockey at the school, as the senior boys' team is off to North Bay for the Quad-A OFSSA championships (March 25-28), while the girls' team just missed out on a trip to OFSSA after losing the deciding game of their semifinal series against Paul Dwyer in a shootout.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Begg not giving up on pro ball yet

Uxbridge pitcher still looking for contract

BY BRAD KELLY
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UXBRIDGE -- Chris Begg has seen it happen before during his professional playing career, and now he's hoping it doesn't happen to him.

The Uxbridge pitcher is at home now after Canada's surprising early exit from the World Baseball Classic following a pair of losses in pool play to the United States and Italy. What was supposed to be a long run in the tournament, turned into nothing more than an extended weekend.

While most of the ros-

ter packed up and vacated the clubhouse to return to spring training with their respective organizations, Begg returned home to ponder his future. He is a player without a team at the moment.

"You always feel unfortunate for the guys who get pushed out the door and aren't ready to quit and have to go a different way," he said. "I'm not looking forward to that happening."

The World Baseball Classic was to serve as an audition for Begg, without a pro contract after getting released from the San Francisco Giants organization last July by the Triple-A affiliate Fresno Grizzlies. The 29-year-old did make one appearance, tossing an inning and a third in the 6-5 loss to the United

States. He was touched up for two hits, one of them a home run, while striking out one and walking one.

The atmosphere was electric at Rogers Centre in Toronto, reminding Begg of the days when he sat in the stands as a fan, watching the Blue Jays win back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and '93.

"I always say that I could have a little nap in between innings on the bench. For me, it was trying to get that felling where I was really calm and relaxed," he said of trying to keep his emotions under control, but admitting it was tough to do. "It was an awesome game to be a part of. I didn't feel fantastic that game with my stuff, but I didn't feel awful."

The stunner was the 6-2 loss to Italy in the second

SWIMMING

Five golds for Pickering's Mayer

NEPEAN -- The Pickering Swim Club sent 22 athletes to the 2009 Jr. Provincials Championships (SC) in Nepean.

Leading the charge was Emily Mayer, who competed in the Female 12 year old age group, winning five gold medals, including 100 Back 1:08.01; 50 Free 27.87; 200 Free 2:13.89; 100 Free 1:00.05; 200 IM 2:29.88 and two bronze medals 200 Back 2:31.73; 400 Free 4:48.31.

A total of 50 teams from across Ontario competed at this short-course meet hosted by the Nepean Barracudas and sanctioned by Swim Ontario.

Other top-10 final finishes by Pickering Swim Club members included:

Jaime Baylon (13yr.) 100 Fly (1:06.22) 9th; 200 Fly (2:26.96) 8th

Jose Baylon (17 yr.) 400

IM (4:39.77) 5th; 200 Breast 2:23.25 3rd; 200 IM (2:11.89) 6th; 200 Fly (2:14.39) 8th; 100 Breast 1:07.95 8th

Ainsley Corkum (16 yr.) 1500 Free (17:38.68) 3rd
Alec Crawford (11 yr.) 50 Breast (42.97) 6th

Caroline Gomba (13 yr.) 1500 Free (17:45.83) 1st; 200 Free (2:10.37) 3rd; 800 Free (9:22.39) 2nd; 400 Free 4:34.81) 3rd

Emily Goodwin (11 yr.) 200 Fly (2:56.03) 5th

Shaun Hanycz (11 yr.) 50 Breast (42.01) 2nd

Alex Lee (11 yr.) 200 Breast (3:02.01) 7th; 100 Breast (1:25.92) 8th

Kent Leng (12 yr.) 200 Fly (2:43.28) 9th; 400 Free (4:47.35) 6th

Robert Masters (15 yr.) 200 Breast (2:35.18) 8th; 1500 Free (18:01.62) 9th

Alison Russell (15 yr.) 1500 Free (18:05.82) 5th; 800 Free (9:33.62) 9th; 400 Free

(4:39.14) 8th

Amy Smith (11 yr.) 200 Back (2:43.94) 8th; 100 Breast (1:27.48) 10th

Michelle Spencer (16 yr.) 1500 Free (18:02.29) 8th
Meghan Toswell (14 yr.) 1500 Free (18:18.29) 7th

Katie Webster (15 yr.) 1500 Free (17:51.84) 3rd; 200 fly (2:26.58) 8th; 400 Free (4:34.50) 6th

Other Pickering Swim Club members who swam in this meet displaying their best times and greatest improvement were: Reanna Corkum (11 yr.) 200 Fly 3:30.66, -14.17 improvement; Carleen Ginter (14 yr.) 800 Free 9:43.46, -4.14 improvement; Philip Kay (9 yr.) 400 Free 5:15.03, -9.74 improvement; Andrew Kay (13 yr.) 400 Free 4:41.24, -5.43 improvement; Warren Mayer (10 yr.) 400 Free 5:18.52, -14.28 improvement; Hollie Smith (14 yr.) 400 IM 5:34.27, -7.20 improvement.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Gens miss playoffs by one point

OSHAWA -- It wasn't the end the Oshawa Generals envisioned.

Though club brass had no illusions the club would contend for a Memorial Cup, they didn't foresee missing the Ontario Hockey League

playoffs. The Generals came up a point short of both Peterborough and Sudbury, who finished in seventh and eighth place respectively in the Eastern Conference.

"We knew we were going to have some growing pains,

but did I expect us not to make the playoffs? No," owner Rocco Tullio said on Monday, a day after the Generals were ousted from contention via a 5-4 shootout loss to Brampton, which left them 25-35-2-6 overall.

outing in a game Canada was a heavy favourite.

"After the game we were shocked to say the least," he said. "We really didn't expect to be out that early. Guys were just sitting there dumbfounded. Everyone in the clubhouse was pretty quiet.

"It wasn't a great feeling and unfortunately it's a feeling I've had too many times with the team."

As for his future, Begg has contacted Triple and Double-A teams, as well as teams in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Mexico, looking to land a spot on the mound. So far all the doors have been closed, as rosters are set. He is hoping that at some point soon, an organization needing an experienced pitcher will give him a call.

"Right now, it's tough," he admits. "I want to still play and I'm still looking for a job."

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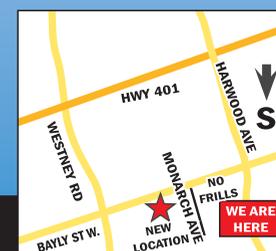
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