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OSHAWA -- Students walk across the campus at Durham College/UOIT.

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**DURHAM --** If a Canadian think tank's suggestion becomes reality and post-secondary tuition increases by up to 25 per cent, students say they'd still pay.

The suggestion, part of a recent report by the Education Policy Institute, says drastic tuition

**THE RISING COST**  
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hikes must be part of a recession survival plan to avoid diluting the quality of education. It

predicts fee hikes of up to 25 per cent in the next couple of years, which is similar to what occurred during the last recession.

Although students of Durham's college and university Oshawa campus didn't like the idea of such increases, they don't think it would deter students.

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# Ajax park hot spot for crime: citizens

Residents sit down with Town officials to find solutions to problem-plagued Hermitage Park

BY REKA SZEKELY

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**AJAX** -- More than 100 fed-up residents gathered Thursday to discuss what they consider a problem park, where a scuffle among youths led to two teens dying after being hit by a car on Griffiths Drive in February.

At issue is Hermitage Park, located near Church Street and Hwy. 2. The park is located behind Lincoln Alexander Public School, where the meeting was held, and many people from the local subdivision use it to access the school and Pickering High School on Church Street.

Hosted by the Town of Ajax, the meeting kicked off with a presentation about the Town's community safety strategy, but some residents wanted to get to the crux of the problem.

They complained about a slew of crimes they've seen during recent years including street-level robberies, vandalism, drug dealing, fights and more. Many said they no longer use the park.

"I have teenage boys and I don't want them to go through there, I fear for their lives," said a Pollard Crescent resident and mother of three.

Several residents had suggestions including more of a police presence at the park, better communication between the Town and police and the residents, and cleaning up the garbage and vandalism in the park.

Pamela Cooper said the community should take back the park and they can start by helping clean up the trash. She said she knows one woman who takes rubber gloves along when she walks her child to school and picks up the trash along the way.

"We can say they should do it and they should do it and the police should do it, but we as a community should do it and pick it up," she said.

Some residents complained that the criminals disperse by the time police arrive, but Durham Regional Police Services Staff Sergeant Dean Bertrim said residents should continue to report crimes. That will allow them to look for trends on when or where crimes are occurring and better target resources.

Right now, Sgt. Bertrim said, police statistics show the Hermitage Park area is no



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**AJAX** -- Gail Craigen makes a suggestion to improve area safety at Hermitage Park, which has been plagued by youth violence and drugs. Ms. Craigen was one of more than 100 concerned residents who attended a neighbourhood meeting at Lincoln Alexander Public School in Ajax last Friday.

more dangerous than other areas of Durham.

"It does happen throughout our communities, I'm not saying the deaths, I'm saying the loitering and the drugs."

Overall, police say they have seen a problem with street-level robberies in Ajax and Pickering -- the vast majority of them com-

mitted by teens -- since 2007, but police have been targeting the issue and there's been a 30 per cent drop.

Sgt. Bertrim suggested a Neighbourhood Watch group as one way of better working with police in reporting crime. As well, the Town of Ajax has said it will create a community committee.

**"I have teenage boys** and I don't want them to go through there, I fear for their lives. Colette, Pollard Crescent resident

The Town's chief administrative officer, Brian Skinner, made a commitment to residents to clean up the park.

"We will, as a Town, do everything we can to make that park a safe place," he said.

Leah Crescent resident Ruth Sinnott said she drives her kids to school at Pickering High and Lincoln Alexander, even though it would be faster for them to walk, because she's concerned for their safety. She plans to get involved with the Town's committee and was impressed with the turnout at the meeting.

"I was proud of our community and the commitment of the neighbourhood to do whatever we can do to improve the situation," she said, adding she hopes this means the lines of communication have been opened with the Town and police.

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**AJAX** -- Residents listen to a police spokesman at a public meeting last Friday to discuss the problems at the Pickering Village park.

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# Pickering well-positioned economically: Mayor

## Sidewalks, garbage discussed at open house

BY KRISTEN CALIS  
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**PICKERING** -- No one is immune to the effects of a recession, but Pickering is home to a variety of different businesses that will help it survive, says Mayor Dave Ryan.

A recent Pickering resident who moved from Toronto, Vrej Keoshkerian, was one of about 30 people who attended a Ward 1 open meeting to grill the mayor Monday. He asked what will happen to Pickering if General Motors halts its operations in Oshawa.

Pickering is home to diverse business, Mayor Ryan said, and



DAVE RYAN

most are energy-related, not automotive. Many are small, so it's easy for them to adapt to changes if need be. Five new businesses in Pickering have opened this year, while others are expanding and one company from the United States is currently negotiating business space in the city, he said.

"Although it's hard to plan for a recession, I will say the City of Pickering has planned to build the job force," he said.

Lisa Appelbohm asked when Kingston Road will finally get a sidewalk. That's been a long-time concern, Mayor Ryan said, but plans for one are finally coming to fruition. It was originally constructed as a "rural profile" but as development ensues along the regional road within the next few years - the area is considered part of Pickering's downtown core

-- sidewalks will be built on both the north and south sides.

Long-time opponent of Seaton, John Newell, reinforced his distaste for the development, expected to accommodate 70,000 new residents. Mayor Ryan reminded him the City and Durham Region have no authority over Seaton, since it's a provincial project. Pickering now has to ensure the best planning takes place, he said, and has begun to with demands such as requiring 35,000 new jobs to accommodate the new residents and pushing for green technologies to be used for housing.

Resident Joe Pacione asked when the budget will be released, to which Mayor Ryan replied probably in early May.

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# CAW digs in its heels over GM restructuring

Union will not reopen contract talks: Lewenza

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**OSHAWA** -- The Canadian government has rejected General Motors' restructuring plan but the Canadian Auto Workers will not reopen contract talks to ensure the company's viability, president Ken Lewenza said.

He said the union has clearly done its job to keep the labour costs competitive for GM.

"We are not going to open our collective agreement with General Motors which determines those active costs one more time, we did once 10 months ago and we did it again less than a month ago," he said. "Opening up bargaining won't resolve this problem."

Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement said the government was at a fork in the road with GM and Chrysler because their restructuring plans don't go far enough to ensure the long-term viability of the two companies. GM has 60 days to restructure further.

Mr. Clement said the companies might have to consider the possibility of court-supervised restructuring.

The government has continuing concerns about the legacy costs from pensions in Canada, Mr. Clement said. Ontario Industry Minister Michael Bryant echoed the concerns of

the federal government. "We've said all along: no profitable plan, no money."

Mr. Lewenza said legacy costs cannot be addressed in collective bargaining, which is why the union won't go back into contract talks with the automaker. The union is willing to discuss changes in the way pension benefits are funded with the governments and the companies involved, he said.

"We're prepared to have a tripartite discussion with the companies, the government and, of course, our union in that particular area," he said. "There are ways to address these issues going forward but it can't be done at the bargaining table."

U.S. President Barack Obama had a similar message for GM. The President announced that the U.S. government would also reject GM and Chrysler's plans.

In a news conference, President Obama said the U.S. government will be backing warranties on cars from the two companies and he outlined measures to stimulate auto sales, including a tax benefit on new cars.

GM CEO and Chairman Rick Wagoner stepped down from the helm of the international operation.

The word from replacement GM CEO Fritz Henderson in the U.S. was optimistic.

"The U.S. Treasury has said that it strongly believes that a substantial restructuring will lead to a viable GM," Mr. Henderson said in a news release. "Over the next 60 days, we will work around the clock, with all parties, to



METROLAND FILE PHOTO

**OSHAWA** -- CAW president Ken Lewenza says the union won't reopen its contract with General Motors, although governments are already demanding further cuts from the car company.

meet the aggressive requirements that have been set by the task force, and to make the fundamental and lasting changes necessary to reinvent GM for the long-term."

On Tuesday Mr. Henderson said it was likely that the company would offer more buy-outs to members and there could be more plant closings.

The Canadian contingent of the company would only concede that the governments

had made statements. "GM Canada acknowledges today's statements from the governments of Canada and Ontario," a news release from the company said Monday. "While GM Canada has made significant progress on its restructuring, it has not drawn financing support in Canada. The company expects further discussions will take place with the governments in the days ahead. The company has no further comment at this time."

CAW national representative for GM Canada workers, Keith Osborne, said the union gave up a lot during the last round of bargaining, including adding deductibles to health care plans.

"The company wouldn't have signed it if they didn't think it was enough," he said.

Mr. Henderson said the company is working to understand what the governments in Canada want and is trying to move forward. The company has had great support from Mr. Lewenza and the CAW, he said.

The recently-bargained contract puts the CAW in the position to be competitive with the United Auto Workers in labour costs, Mr. Henderson said.

For at least one local auto worker, it was just more of the same.

"The way things are going, it seems to never end and they always want more from us," GM Oshawa plant worker Rick Stacey said.

--with files from Stefanie Swinson

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# Mistrial called in Ajax shooting incident

**Jurors heard 'speculation, hearsay,' judge says**

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**DURHAM** -- A mistrial was called Monday in a shooting trial involving a young offender.

Justice Alexander Sosna called the mistrial, saying the jury heard evidence it shouldn't have in the case of a young

offender identified only as J.

Justice Sosna met with Crown counsel Isabel Pargana and defence counsel Kevin Mitchell-Gill Monday morning, prior to the court session starting. In court, he said the proceeding was tainted after jurors saw a video statement on Friday given by Dwight Geary to Durham Regional Police.

Mr. Geary was the first witness called Thursday in the Superior Court trial.

"There are a whole host of evidence in the (video) transcript that is questionable," Justice Sosna said. "This entire transcript is

replete with things like that. The transcript is replete with speculation and hearsay."

Mr. Mitchell-Gill had requested the mistrial, saying, "The jury heard a great deal of evidence. We strenuously wish we can to move forward on this. We like our chance."

"It's not one or two things. It's such a number of items," Mr. Mitchell-Gill said. "I can't think of any way to remedy it. There's so much damage done to the jury, the defence asks for mistrial."

The teenager has been charged with

aggravated assault and weapons offences stemming from the shooting of a youth on Shoal Point Road in Ajax on Sept. 16, 2007.

Justice Sosna said some comments in the video transcript can't be instructed away. He called in the jury and announced his decision.

J. remains in custody and June 22 has been tentatively selected for a retrial.

Two adults arrested in the incident are to go on trial on June 8.

## Durham police 'In the Zone' with school-area traffic blitz

**DURHAM** -- As kids returned back to school after March break, police laid almost 3,000 charges against motorists.

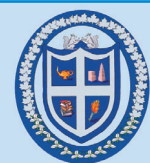
The March 23-27 In the Zone traffic blitz netted 2,892 charges against drivers in Durham school safety zones, compared to 1,381 during the same initiative last year.

Among those charged is a 23-year-old who, under the influence of alcohol, was recorded driving at 121 km/h in a 50 km/h safety zone near Pickering's Dunbarton High School. He was pulled over around 1 p.m., while southbound on Whites Road.

He was arrested and his vehicle seized.

Edward Brown, of Parkside Drive in Pickering, is charged with impaired operation; exceed .08; dangerous driving; fail to comply with probation; and drive motor vehicle with no licence. He was later released on an officer-in-charge undertaking.

A detailed breakdown of the charges is still being tabulated by police, but the majority were for speeding. Oshawa was the most active division, where 1,562 charges were laid over the five days.



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## Union must come to the table to deal with legacy costs

Caught at the crossroads, General Motors has been given a multibillion-dollar lifeline by the Canadian and U.S. federal governments. But whether that's enough to save the auto giant will apparently be largely up to union leaders, who have so far played ball -- up to a point -- with management.

The complex issues surrounding massive loans to GM and Chrysler in the United States and Canada took a dramatic turn when GM CEO Rick Wagoner was fired by U.S. President Barack Obama on Monday. That sets the stage for more aggressive restructuring and a 60-day window for a dramatic turnaround in the U.S. for GM. The President has made it crystal clear he

wants dramatic changes in the way the company does business. It must be much more competitive, with concessions from the UAW and other changes that will make GM more competitive. That is the price the President and U.S. lawmakers want for GM to receive tens of billions of taxpayers' dollars in loans to keep the company afloat.

What does that mean for Canada?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has vowed to meet the 20-per cent threshold of Canadian investment and GM is asking for an additional \$3 billion in funding. But that will require CAW leader Ken Lewenza to sit down with GM management and tackle the difficult issue of legacy costs. Forget

the problem of contract talks and future bargaining, which will be child's play compared to dealing with already-established pension funds and established benefit plans.

It can't be an easy thing to look into the eyes of long-retired members and tell them they'll have to take a major hit on their pensions to keep the company viable. These are members who spent long years on the line and also took their lumps when times were tough to earn the retirement and pensions and benefits they have today. And now, through no fault of their own, at the end of their lives, they could face a nasty hit to their standard of living.

But this is what it has come to for General Motors. It is adapt to the new reality or fail. While the CAW deserves credit for making adjustments to its existing contract to save the company money, it will not be enough to make General Motors viable long-term. The automobile business is incredibly competitive and under Mr. Wagoner's eight-year stewardship, GM fell far behind. It has a long way to go and it will need all the help it can get. Unfortunately for those now retired, that will include a cut to the massive legacy costs which keep the automaker out of the game when it comes to being profitable. And the union has to be a part of that solution by being at the table.

### EYE POLLUTION

*Street spam  
just an eyesore*

**To the editor:**

Street spam should stop! Spring is here again and not only are the flowers beginning to pop up, so are the ugly junk signs on streets, telephone poles and traffic signs. This is littering our communities and last time I checked, littering was illegal, so why is nothing being done to stop this practice?

I don't just mean paying City workers to go around and take down these eyesores, because another sign will be put back in its place. These companies should be contacted by the City and/or the authorities and told they will be charged for littering if they continue to use this form of advertising. It shouldn't be hard to track down these people, as they post their phone numbers and websites on these signs! Call your mayor or City council member and tell them "Enough is enough." We have pride in our community and we are sick of this practice going on right in front of our eyes. It's decaying our city, region and our environment.

**Jeff Hamilton  
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**Michael Fearon  
Pickering**

### HERITAGE

*Church is heart of community*

**To the editor:**

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From land cleared of the surrounding pine forest, boulders were hauled for the foundations and logs were sawn in the water-powered mills on the Duffin Creek. Bricks were made at a local brickworks. Hard work, dedication and a strong community spirit achieved this solid and well-designed building. Whitevale has seen many earlier challenges, but probably the most profound came on March 2, 1972, with the announcement of a proposed Pickering Airport and an adjoining city of 200,000. With expropriation of thousands of acres of farms and numerous homes, many residents left but there remained enough community will and widespread support to confront the federal and provincial governments head-on to carefully reconsider those original schemes.

Resuscitation of a grievously-mauled community has been helped with the arrival of new concerned residents to help protect and enhance our village's unique quality. It is vitally important that the church remain the focus for religious and other activities.

**Charles and Georgina Neville  
Whitevale**

### MUNICIPAL POLITICS

*Proper planning needed to  
keep preservation in place*

**To the editor:**

Regarding Durham Region's Growth Plan Report, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has deemed the headwaters of Carruthers Creek in North Pickering as environmentally sensitive and requiring

preservation. Even though the TRCA is a conservation authority, Durham area councillors have seen in it in their wisdom to ignore the recommendations of this authority and vote for the future paving of this environmentally delicate part of Pickering.

What part of authority do these people not understand? Do they not know we cannot continue to pave over our valuable farmlands and pollute our waterways? That age-old business plan must stop!

Pickering planning staff said they didn't have time to bring their report to a planning committee meeting first and thus, it went directly to Pickering council for approval.

If this is the case, why is there a planning department? Are they not here to give us their professional opinions on responsible planning?

Durham's Official Plan states opposition to leapfrogging (infrastructure expanding beyond urban borders, passing through

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2007	90.7%
2006	90.2%
2005	93.1%
2004	89.7%
2003	87.5%

GRADUATION RATE:

YEAR	GRADUATES
2006-2007	67.4 %
2005-2006	68.1 %
2004-2005	67.9 %
2003-2004	64.4 %
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PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SATISFIED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION:

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2007	81.5 %
2006	81.4 %
2005	79.0 %
2004	77.7 %
2003	76.8 %

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YEAR	SATISFACTION
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2003	91.5 %

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YEAR	SATISFACTION
2007	86.9 %
2006	86.0 %
2005	87.2 %
2004	85.2 %
2003	84.2 %

STUDENTS SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN THEIR PROGRAM:

YEAR	SATISFACTION
2007	80.0 %
2006	79.7 %
2005	79.5 %
2004	80.3 %
2003	79.0 %

STUDENTS SATISFIED WITH THE COLLEGE'S FACILITIES AND RESOURCES:

YEAR	SATISFACTION
2007	71.9 %
2006	69.5 %
2005	73.8 %
2004	69.1 %
2003	70.3 %

STUDENTS SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF SERVICES IN THE COLLEGE:

YEAR	SATISFACTION
2007	70.8 %
2006	67.8 %
2005	71.0 %
2004	67.3 %
2003	69.1 %

SOURCE: Durham College

# Higher cost of education a price many students are willing to pay

From page 1

"I don't think it's fair -- the thing's already expensive enough as it is," said Kyle Payne, who is in his final year of law and security studies at Durham College. "I don't think it would deter people, it would just make people's stress level go up."

Higher tuition would mean more loans, more job hours and more pressure on families, he said.

Imran Siddiqui, a third-year operations management student, pays about \$3,000.

"College is fairly cheap -- it's expensive, but cheap compared to what everyone else is taking next door," Mr. Siddiqui said, referring to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

"Raising the tuition prices, it's bad, but I expect it," said Jini Rajeev, a third-year UOIT criminology student. "Every year it goes up."

When she started, it was \$5,000 or \$6,000, and now it's a bit more than \$7,000, she said.

"It's pretty obvious they're going to go up or stay the same," said Aman Johal, a third-year UOIT health sciences student. "They're not going to go down."

At \$7,000, tuition equals about \$500 a course, she added.

"I need my education, I have to go to school," Ms. Johal said.

These days, the job market is so competitive, you need a degree, she added.

Ms. Rajeev's parents help her with tuition, but some students might struggle if post-secondary education sees the big increase predicted, she added.

But if people really want to go to school, loans and bursaries are available, Ms. Johal said. She applied for and received \$4,500 in bursaries this year.

If tuition had to increase, there are other fees the schools could reduce to help lower costs to stu-



MICHELLE GAUDET / METROLAND

OSHAWA -- I owe, I owe, it's off to school I go. A recent report by the Education Policy Institute, says drastic tuition hikes must be part of a recession survival plan to avoid diluting the quality of education. It predicts fee hikes of up to 25 per cent in the next couple of years, which is similar to what occurred during the last recession.

dents, such as making access to the athletic centre optional, said Crystal Richardson, a Durham College first-year biotech student. She currently pays about \$3,000 a year.

She hasn't noticed any areas where the school is overspending, but added she hasn't really been paying attention.

"Overall, I've never been like

'that's a complete waste of my money,' Mr. Siddiqui said.

He's happy with the service he's received from Durham College.

"I'd give it an eight out of 10 if I had to give (Durham College) a rating," Mr. Siddiqui said.

To Mr. Payne, the college is pretty good with its spending. It has new labs and buildings on campus, he said.

“

I don't mind paying for that

(ancillary fees), but I think maybe students should have an option, maybe it could help some of the students out. Jini Rajeev

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The laptop fee is one the students suggested reducing or eliminating. One third of Mr. Siddiqui's tuition is for the laptop lease required by the school.

"I know I could have done without it because I have a laptop," he said.

Ms. Johal spends about \$1,500 a year for the mandatory laptop lease and still has to pay for some of its repairs. The plus side of the laptops is they come fully loaded with programs, she added.

Overall though, both Ms. Rajeev and Ms. Johal are very satisfied with their programs and don't have any suggestions as to where the school could cut back spending.

It could save students money by reducing the books required. They can spend up to \$500 on them right now, Ms. Rajeev said.

"And some of the professors don't even use the material," Ms. Rajeev said. "I don't have too much problems with the tuition cost, it's just the books."

She also has no problem with the ancillary fees.

"I don't mind paying for that, but I think maybe students should have an option, maybe it could help some of the students out," Ms. Rajeev said.

## WE ASKED

Would you pay a 25 per cent tuition increase if you had to?

(from left)  
KYLE PAYNE --'I don't think it would deter people. It would just make people's stress level go up.'  
AMAN JOHAL --'I need my education, I have to go to school.'  
JINI RAJEEV --'Raising the tuition prices, it's bad, but I expect it.'  
IMRAN SIDDIQUI --'College is fairly cheap -- it's expensive, but cheap compared to what everyone else is taking next door (UOIT).'

ASKED AT DURHAM COLLEGE/UOIT





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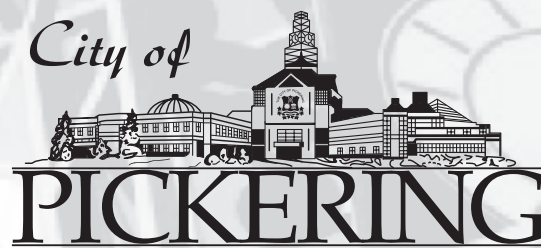
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## ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS AT CITY HALL

DATE	MEETING	TIME
Apr. 2	Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity	7:00 pm
Apr. 6	Planning & Development Committee	7:30 pm
Apr. 14	Executive Committee	7:30 pm
Apr. 15	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm
Apr. 22	Accessibility Advisory Committee	7:00 pm
Apr. 23	Library Board	7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public.  
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## Notice

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting**  
on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm  
**and Pickering City Council Meeting**  
on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm  
Pickering Civic Complex - Council Chambers,  
One The Esplanade, Pickering, ON L1V 6K7

**File Type & Number:** Official Plan Amendment - File # OPA08-002P  
(Official Plan Review)

**Applicant:** City of Pickering

**Proposal:** New Policies to require applicants to consult with the City prior to submitting planning applications and set out requirements for 'complete' applications.

**Written Information Available:** Planning & Development Report PD 16-09, with the proposed Amendment, will be available on March 27, 2009 at:

- the office of the City Clerk,
- the Planning & Development Department, and
- the City website at cityofpickering.com, and,
- the Planning & Development Committee and Council meetings

**Planning Contact:** Steve Gaunt, Principal Planner  
Tel: 905.420.4660 extension 2033, TTY: 905.420.1739  
Toll Free: 1.866.683.2760, Fax: 905.420.7648

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**Date of this Notice:** March 25, 2009

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### Spring Programs at Pickering Museum Village

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### Saturday, April 18 Walk on the Wild Side!

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**Meet at the Forest Parking lot - information kiosk, on the east side of Altona Road, 1 km north of Strouds Lane.**

**9:30 am - 12:00 pm (dress appropriately, rain or shine)**

### Test Your Eco-Knowledge

Learn about ways you can help the environment and make an earth-friendly craft to take home. For ages 9 to 12.

**Call 905.831.6265 to register**

**Pickering Public Library, One The Esplanade, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Petticoat Creek Library, 470 Kingston Road, 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

### Monday, April 20 Organic Magic "Wormshop"

Cathy, from Cathy's Crawly Composters and her red wriggler worms will join local children at the Pickering Public Library to show how vermicomposting works. Learn how worms can benefit the environment. Worm eggs, castings and worm bins in various stages will be displayed and can even be held!

**Call 905.831.6265 ext. 6252 for information**

**Pickering Public Library, One The Esplanade, Auditorium (2nd floor)**

**10:00 am - 11:00 am**

### Thursday, April 23 Lush Lawns & Gorgeous Gardens Workshop

Learn eco tips and what's new for 2009 from: HGTV's Dennis Flanagan; Ken Pavely a turf specialist; Paul Heydon of Grow Wild! and Certified Landscape Designer Beth Edney. Visit displays, speak with experts, receive a special kit and a chance to win prizes. Also April 30, & May 2. For details visit [sustainablepickering.com/ea](http://sustainablepickering.com/ea)

**Call 905.683.7575 to reserve your space**

**Pickering Recreation Complex - Rear Arena Entrance (O'Brien Rooms) 1867 Valley Farm Road**

**6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

### Friday, April 24 20-Minute Pickering Makeover

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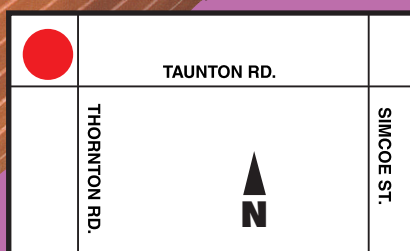
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# Cop job action means drivers catch a break

**Fifty per cent drop in tickets; Region may be hard-pressed to meet revenue targets**

BY KEITH GILLIGAN  
kgilligan@durhamregion.com

DURHAM -- Drivers seemed to benefit from a five-month job action by Durham Regional Police officers.

More than 9,000 fewer tickets were handed out by officers during the job action than over the same period the year before.

The police association job action ran from Oct. 6, 2008, to Feb. 26, 2009, and was held to protest contract negotiations.

Fines collected from the Provincial Offences Act violations go to Durham Region.

During the action, police issued 9,870

Part I and Part III tickets, down from 18,894 during the same time a year earlier.

A Part I ticket comes with a set fine and is handled out of court. A Part III ticket, called an information, is a summons and is dealt with in court.

Inez Diamond-Gleeson, the manager of provincial offences court services for the Region, used speeding to describe the difference between a Part I and a Part III ticket. A motorist driving less than 50 kilometres over the speed limit would be given a Part I ticket, while someone exceeding 50 km an hour would have to go to court.

The biggest drop in Part I tickets issued came in November, when 924 were written. That was a 74 per cent decrease from November 2007, when 3,516 tickets were issued.

A report to the Regional finance committee stated, "Due to the time lag between (the) date of ticket filing and revenue being received, the full impact of the job action will not be known for

**“Notwithstanding other things, we do expect to achieve this revenue estimate.**

Inez Diamond-Gleeson

some time.”

Durham has budgeted \$6.5 million in

POA revenue this year, Ms. Diamond-Gleeson said, adding last year, \$6.1 million was budgeted and \$6.2 million was collected.

This year's total was based on what was collected last year, she said.

“Notwithstanding other things, we do expect to achieve this revenue estimate,” Ms. Diamond-Gleeson said. “There are many enforcement agencies who file charges through the POA court. All of those will have an impact on what the revenue will be.”

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## SUCCESS STORY

# Surviving business for 87 years

How two brothers have kept their doors open through trying times

BY MELISSA MANCINI  
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OSHAWA -- One of Frank Burnett's experiences shopping at Wilson and Lee, a music store downtown, had the potential for disaster.

Mr. Burnett, who runs Frank's Music and Repair, took one of his music students to the shop to buy a guitar. The sale went without a hitch. Mr. Burnett's student chose an instrument and the pair went on their way.

Everything was going well with the purchase until a few weeks later, when Mr. Burnett realized the neck of the guitar was twisted. He braced himself to take it back and try to recoup the cost for his student.

"I thought, 'Here we go, I'm going to get ready for this battle,'" Mr. Burnett said, thinking of the customer service he'd received elsewhere.

What he got instead was fantastic assistance he is still raving about years later.

David Wilson, who owns the store with his brother Bill, didn't fight with Mr. Burnett at all. He just handed the music teacher a new six-string.

Mr. Burnett said he has nothing but kind words and lots of respect for the Wilson brothers and their store.



OSHAWA -- Bill Wilson Jr., left, and David Wilson in their family-run Wilson and Lee music store on Simcoe Street, below left. The store has been in Oshawa since 1922 and the Wilsons have no intention of leaving or closing their doors.

"They are just honest and they have integrity, they still dress in suits and ties, they make you feel welcome when you come in there," he said. "Whereas I go to other establishments and I feel like I'm a bother."

It's that sort of praise, and some slick business savvy, that has kept Wilson and Lee open through the Great Depression of the 1930s, a few recessions and countless music industry changes that brought other record retailers to their knees.

"Over the years what you do is look at what's happening and adjust to it," David Wilson said.

The store was opened by William George Wilson, the pair's grandfather, and Mary Lee, William George's sister-in-law, in 1922. The brothers started working at the store when they were teens. In 1953, around the time they began learning the family business, the store opened at its current location on Simcoe

Street.

They bought into the music emporium in 1989.

Now they are often questioned about whether they are leaving when a hotel planned for the property abutting theirs moves in.

No way, the Wilsons say.

“Everything in the store is

paid for, we owe no money, we have an A-plus credit rating. Bill Wilson

ologue stores opened, establishments where customers could order various products from a retailer, then pick them up when they came in. It quickly became obvious to David (and consumers) that the shopping experience was not a friendly one.

"The old school route seems to work for us," David said.

They offer quality product, are willing to find and special-order rarities in for their clients and maintain a stock of niche products along

with the new and popular, he said.

Smart business decisions and good money management have helped too.

"Everything in the store is paid for, we owe no money, we have an A-plus credit rating," Bill Wilson said. "From the time we were born we were taught to save money. We make sure we have the cash to buy stock, we own the building."

TRENDset

## Employees working more might actually be a drain

If your employees are working unpaid overtime, they might be paying themselves for the time they are owed, according to a recent survey.

A poll by ADP Canada reveals that 62 per cent of employees who are working longer hours without compensation will find ways to reward themselves at the employer's expense.

20 %

of those polled say they are changing their work habits, doing things like taking work home more often, working through lunch or avoiding sick days as a result of the slowing economy

53 %

of those working more time will leave work early to compensate

27 %

say they work at a slower pace

27 %

take sick days when they are not sick

However, more than 35 per cent of those working longer hours say they receive extra pay for overtime and 17 per cent get time off in lieu of extra time worked.

NOTE:

"If you don't compensate people who are working extra hard, many will reward themselves -- at your expense," ADP Canada vice-president of marketing Heather Nairn-Rand said. "Working longer doesn't always mean working smarter."





# Outback closes nine Ontario restaurants

DURHAM -- Outback Steakhouse Canada has closed its Ontario locations, including its restaurant in Whitby as of March 23.

"The decision to exit Ontario was a difficult one and it was made only after considerable reflection and analysis," a statement on the company website said. "We have enjoyed the privilege of a loyal customer base in Ontario since we first opened in 1996. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our guests for their patronage throughout the years."

The statement said the company is looking for ways to honor active gift cards. Patrons holding gift cards should check the website at [www.outback.ca](http://www.outback.ca). Details of the arrangements will be posted on the website, the statement said.

## Province pledges \$8M to promote Ontario food

DURHAM -- The agriculture sector is getting a funding boost as part of the 2009 provincial budget.

Farmers can expect \$8 million annually, starting in 2009, to promote Ontario food products to the broader public sector.

The financial plan also earmarked \$1.5 million for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to plan the development of new agri-food research centres focused on livestock and crop production, renewable energy, nutrition and health.

The government is also undertaking a project to make food grown in the province easier to identify.

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M/F 3yrs-adult can see Jarosz during area meetings, so she can get to know them and highlight areas of potential. There are no fees for meeting. For those

who continue to May 3 finals in Whitby to meet agents & industry professionals, there is a \$25.00 tshirt/seminar fee.

Jarosz was honoured with Make a Difference Today's Award of Recognition for mentoring & assisting Ontario residents in the modelling and acting industries.

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**AJAX** -- Local teens can get healthy this spring with The Youth Centre's weight smart group.

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Participants will set realistic goals and achieve them through learning about

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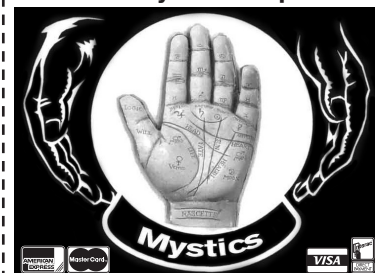
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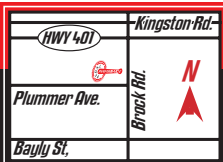






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## Keep away

AJAX -- St. Anthony's David Hoggar tries to strip St. Hedwig's Bradley McElligott of the ball during the small Catholic Elementary Schools basketball finals. St. Anthony went on to beat St. Hedwig.

### MINOR HOCKEY

## Ajax-Pickering hosts OMHA's

### Top novice triple-A teams in town for big tournament

**AJAX** -- The Ajax Pickering Novice triple-A Raiders will host the OMHA Championship tournament this weekend at the Ajax Community Centre.

They were chosen as hosts based on the Ajax Pickering Midget triple-A Raiders' winning the OMHA Championship last season.

This tournament brings together five teams from across Ontario to play in a head-to-

head format for the championship.

The four other teams joining the host Ajax-Pickering squad in the tournament are the York Simcoe Express, Clarington Toros, Hamilton Bulldogs and Welland Tigers.

The round-robin games will commence Friday 10 a.m. and run through to Saturday at 7 p.m., with the bronze medal game scheduled for Sunday at 10 a.m. and the gold medal game at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament's opening ceremonies will take place at the Ajax Community Centre Friday at 6 p.m. on Pad 1.

The guest emcee will be Lance Brown of CTV, who will follow the ceremonies with his sports-cast live from inside the Ajax rink.

Also, Pyrotek Special Effects will be in attendance to help kick the tournament off with a bang.

The Raiders' team is scheduled to play a pair of Friday games, one at 2:30 p.m. against York Simcoe, the other at 7:30 p.m. against Welland. Saturday they get going at 11 a.m. with a game versus Hamilton and will draw Clarington for a Saturday night affair, a 7 p.m. drop of the puck.

### HIGH SCHOOL

## Monarchs tripped up at OFSAA

### Successful year as a whole, says coach Dion

BY SHAWN CAYLEY  
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**PICKERING** -- The St. Mary Monarchs had trouble finding the net at the most inopportune time.

And it cost them a shot at gold, and then bronze, at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations quad-A boys' hockey championships.

After ploughing through the round-robin portion of the tournament with a perfect 4-0 record, the No. 1-seeded Monarchs jumped straight into the semifinals against St. Marcellinus, the tournament's fifth-ranked club.

That's where the fun ended as the Monarchs were blanked 3-0, relegating them to the bronze medal game. It was the first time since being shut out 1-0 by Dunbarton in November that St. Mary was held without a goal.

"We just picked the wrong day to have a bad day," Monarchs' coach Mike Dion said Monday, attempting to explain the loss. "We couldn't score on the final day. It just seemed like the kids ran out of legs."

Dion felt the quality of play, or lack of, during the round robin was a factor against a tougher St. Marcellinus team.

"We could have used a couple of tougher games in there to prepare us for the later rounds, because in the round robin, we sort of coasted

through it," he admitted. "You don't want to do that in a major competition."

The boys still played hard, he said, noting they outshot St. Marcellinus, but couldn't buy a goal and also had the upper hand on the shot chart against Upper Canada College in the bronze medal game, but still lost 4-1.

"It wasn't like the other teams were any more impressive. It was just that they buried their chances and we just couldn't buy a goal," he said.

Though it was a disappointing end to the campaign, Dion wasn't about to take anything away from his LOSSA-championship squad, as they finished the year with a 45-5 mark, scored well over 200 goals and captured victories in three of four tournaments they played in.

"We did everything we set out to do with the exception of OFSAA gold," Dion said, noting the club's success came with a relatively young roster, including a pair of Grade 9 and four Grade 10 students.

"If you reflect on the year as a whole, it was a really successful year. We brought the school the furthest it's ever been at a provincial championship."

With 13 players eligible to return next season, according to Dion, who was crunching the numbers Monday, they should be right back in the thick of the championship hunt next season.

In the double-A boys' tournament played in Peterborough, Denis O'Connor of Ajax went 2-2 in round-robin play, but it wasn't good enough to earn one of the top two spots in their pool, meaning they missed the playoff round.

### OCAA

## Indoor soccer team falls at championships

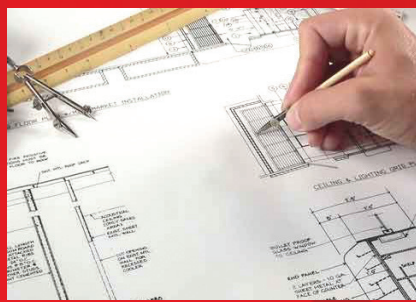
**VAUGHAN** -- Despite carrying an unblemished 7-0-0 record into the final day of the OCAA Women's Indoor Soccer Championship, the Durham Lords were shutout of the medals, losing a pair of games Friday to finish in fourth place.

The first loss came 3-0 in a shootout in the semifinals to the defending champion Fanshawe Falcons, while in the bronze medal game, the Lords were again blanked, this time by the Cones-

toga Condors in a 2-0 final. The Condors scored goals in the 17th and 30th minutes to win their first indoor soccer medal in 13 years.

Ajax's Kylie Bracken was forced into goal for the semifinal game, replacing Ashley Visser who missed the contest due to illness. In that game Bracken held Fanshawe scoreless through regulation and overtime, before suffering the loss in the shoot-out.





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**BROWN, William (Bill) Andrew** - On March 26th, 2009. Son of the late William and Gladys Brown. Beloved husband of Anne Baun of Salem Road, BrownSalem Acres. Dear Brother of Mildred Brown Eastwood, and the Late Fred N. Brown. Uncle to several Nieces, Nephews, many cousins and friends. Bill has lead a wonderful life, he was born on his family farm, where he not only farmed , but raised Purebred Herford Cattle. He was a life long member of the Greenwood United Church, and with his interest in music he was a tenor soloist of his church, and sang with many choirs and churches throughout Ontario. Bill was the longtime Caretaker and grave digger of Salem Cemetery. After the passing of his parents, Bill took over the farm and he was the founder and creator of Staxton Glen Community. Friends will be received at the **ACCETTONE FUNERAL HOME** 384 Finley Avenue, Ajax (905-428-9090) on Thursday April 2nd, 2009 from 1 pm until the time of service in the chapel at 3pm.

Bill was respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed

**CLUMPUS, Ellen Emily (nee: Ellis)** - Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Lakeridge Health Centre, Oshawa on Saturday, March 28, 2009 in her 90th year. She is predeceased by her husband, John. Loving Mom of Ronald, and Robert (Sandra). Cherished grandma of Robin, Lauren, Lisa, Stacey and Sharen, & great-grandma of Melissa and Silas. Dear sister of Stella, Bernice, Leonard (Peggy) and the late Gladys, Isabel, Norm and Buddy. Sister-in-law of Betty, Fred, Audrey, Frank, and Kitty. Dear friend of the Taylor and Mills Families. Ellen will be sadly missed by her many friends especially those at the Carriage House, Oshawa, and the Ajax Friendship Club. Visitation will be held at the **PINE HILLS VISITATION, CHAPEL AND RECEPTION CENTRE** - 625 Birchmount Road (N of St. Clair) 416-267-8229, Friday, April 03, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will take place in the chapel on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation will take place at a later date.

**GROH, Joan Isobel** (nee MacAskill) - On Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the age of 80. Beloved wife of Louis Groh. Loving mother of Richard Groh and his wife Jennifer. Proud grandmother of Daniel and Jonathan. Dear sister of William "Bill" MacAskill and Barbara Heathcote. Predeceased by sister Jean Specht. Godmother of Doug Specht. Joan will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbours. Joan was a long time resident of Pickering, and spent many summers with friends and family in Bracebridge. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In memoriam, donation to the United Way would be appreciated by her family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **MORLEY BEDFORD FUNERAL SERVICES**, Toronto 416-489-8733.

**REYNOLDS, Brian** - On March 28th, 2009 Brian, loving and devoted husband of Julie. Cherished father of Victoria Nicole. Son of the late James and Joan. Brother of Anne DeBrau, Gerard Reynolds, Rose Marie Cavalier, and Mary Frances Reynolds. Son-in-Law of Dan and Ann Ruess, and brother-in-law of Peter Ruess, Catherine Richardson, and the Late Daniel Ruess III. Brian will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews and his life long friend Elvis Wiseman. Friends will be received at the **ACCETTONE FUNERAL HOME** 384 Finley Avenue, Ajax (905-428-9090) on Saturday April 4th, 2009 from 1 pm until the time of service in the chapel at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



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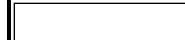
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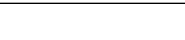


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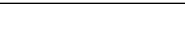


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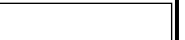


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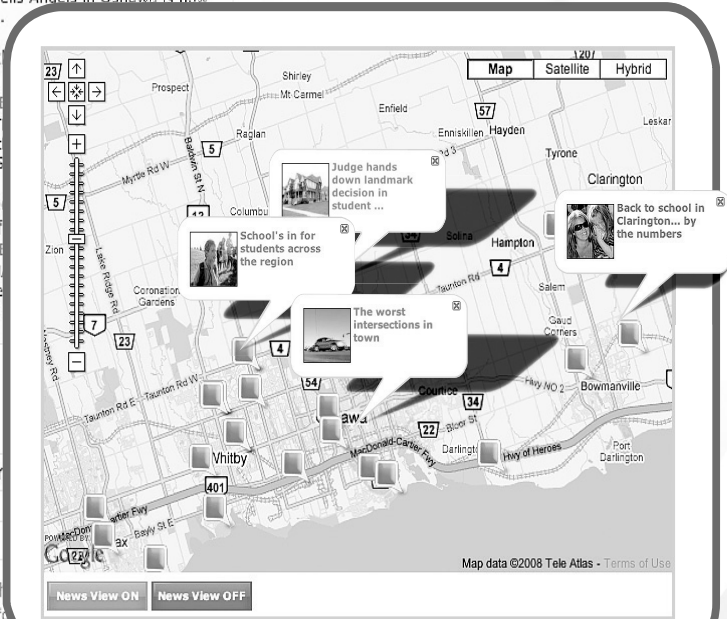
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# Panthers claw their way to tournament championship

**LONDON --** The Pickering Panthers Minor Pee wee AE team came out on top at the London Thunder Classic.

Making the victory all the more sweeter was a win over rival Whitby in the final game, 2-1. The Panthers never stopped skating to keep the Wildcats at bay and Johnathan Landsberg was outstanding in net.

Whitby scored first, but it didn't take long for Austin Vandersluis to tie it up, assisted by Daniel Kalichman and Connor Guneyler. In the second period Mandela Muiruri scored the game winner assisted by defenceman Mark Power.

The weekend began against the New Tecumseth Tornados, a club they had met earlier in the season and tied. This time Pickering came out on top with a 1-0 victory, with Landsberg notching the shutout and the lone goal being scored by Muiruri assisted by Power.

Game 2 pitted the Panthers against the St. Catharines Hurricanes and on goals from Kalichman, Muiruri, Power and Vandersluis they won 4-2.



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**LONDON --** The Pickering Panthers Minor Pee wee AE team celebrates a tournament win.

The final round-robin game saw the Panthers come up against the Waterloo Wolves who they had lost to in another tournament.

Guneyler put the boys on the board in the first period, with the second goal coming from Gary Bissett. The game ended 2-2, putting the Panthers into the semis where they faced West London.

Goals came from Muiruri, Currie, and Jacob Godfrey stood up in a 3-0 win to gain entry to the final.

The Panthers defence was stellar thanks to the hard work of Kurt Schaefer, Connor Carroll and Alex Dafopoulos. Other team members Cameron Eno and RJ Shorter were unable to attend. Daniel Kalichman was named tournament MVP.

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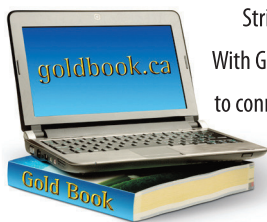
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<b>Novice B</b>	Monday @ 6:30 pm April 6, 2009	Wednesday @ 6:30 pm April 8, 2009
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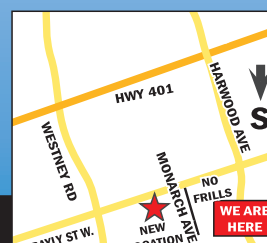
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