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PICKERING -- Dr. Walter Rosser, chairman of the board, spoke during the grand opening of the Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board's new offices in Pickering on Dec. 13. JASON LIEBREGTS / METROLAND

# Ajax's loss is Pickering's gain

## AFTER PLANS FALL THROUGH, GROUP OPENS NEW PICKERING OFFICE

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**PICKERING** -- After plans to build a new headquarters in Ajax fell through, employees at the Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board celebrated the opening of their

new offices in Pickering on Dec. 13. PAAB is a non-profit organization endorsed by the government. On a voluntary basis, pharmaceutical companies work with PAAB to ensure their advertising directed at physicians complies with government rules and regulations,

explained PAAB commissioner Ray Chepe-siuk. The organization is a way for the industry to self-regulate as opposed to working with Health Canada directly.

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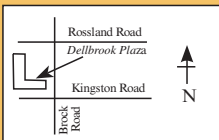
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**DURHAM** -- Residents speaking to regional council will have to choose their words carefully after politicians voted Dec. 14 to drop the delegation time limit from 10 minutes to five.

"I don't think it will be much of a hardship," said chairman Roger Anderson, noting Ajax, Brock, Oshawa and Scugog already impose a five-minute limit for council delegations. "Members of council are only given five minutes as well, it's not too restrictive. It's not going to inhibit anyone from speaking to council on any issue that's up before council for a decision."

Linda Gasser, a frequent speaker at regional council meetings, doesn't see it that way.

"It's limiting public access to raise concerns or provide information they feel their elected officials should know," she said. "This is primarily to serve the needs of council and the chair, who is frequently criticized. They want to limit negative feedback on their actions and that's not right in a democracy."

Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster was in support of the decrease, noting if a resident needs more than five minutes there are ways to achieve that, including through the question-and-answer period that follows delegations.

Whitby Councillor Don Mitchell opposed the changes, noting it's his experience that a 10-minute limit works well in Whitby.

He added the real time-wasting typically comes from members of council voicing their opinions under the guise of asking questions to a delegation.

The new time limit was one of several revisions to the rules for delegations approved in a 16-10 vote on Wednesday.

For example, delegations now have a hard deadline of 9:30 a.m. the Monday before a meeting to submit written notice of their intent to speak -- anything received after that time will be pushed to the next meeting.

Delegations are now only allowed to speak once on a matter in a six-month period, unless a recommendation on the matter appears on the agenda within the six months.

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PICKERING -- Christmas carolers sang traditional songs during the recent Pickering Museum Village's Christmas in the Past event.

## HERITAGE

### Pickering residents experience Christmas past

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PICKERING -- Stepping back in time, Pickering residents discovered what Christmas was like between 1810 and 1910. There were no iPads, Xboxes or digital cameras under Christmas trees when children woke up Christmas morning.

Instead residents attending Pickering Museum Village's Christmas in the Village event learned that like today, not everyone celebrated Christmas and they certainly didn't celebrate it in the same way.

As residents roamed the village they discovered the English were celebrating with parlour games and plum pudding, while the Welsh families were celebrating with song,

good luck charms, food and wassail punch. The Scottish were more concerned with completing chores in time for Hogmanay, a celebration of the new year. "I really like the actors and how they're really playing the parts and getting you in the moment of how it used to be," said Susan Conrad, who brought her daughters.

Hundreds of residents came out to experience the old-fashioned traditions.

"I think it's fun," said 11-year-old Emilee Barnes. "I like the traditions and how they're a bit different."

"They're definitely in the holiday spirit when they leave," said Mandy Smiles, event programmer. "It just makes you appreciate some of the less commercial aspects of the holiday season."

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# Pickering to turn Frenchman's Bay into tourist destination

## Planned upgrades of harbour entrance catches attention at Queen's Park

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PICKERING -- Plans to transform Pickering's Frenchman's Bay into a tourist destination has attracted attention at Queen's Park.

Proposals for improvements to the Frenchman's Bay Harbour entrance have been in the works since 2005, when the area was first identified as a priority for the city. Improvements would include constructing a new

breakwater and implementing a dredging program to reduce navigational difficulties caused by heavy siltation. The project would also develop the area as a tourist destination by improving public amenities, waterfront access and trails.

"It's a long-standing desire of the City to complete this project," said Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan. "It's essentially shovel-ready and there's been a lot of work already. A breakwater would make this a destination, it would be fully accessible for people who want to go out and enjoy it as a viewpoint or for fishing."

A suggestion that the Ministry of Infrastructure look at financially supporting the long-gestating project was brought up by Pickering-Scarborough East MPP Tracy MacCharles in the legislature on Dec. 8.

While the motion does not equal a promise for funding, it invites the ministry to review the project. Mayor Ryan said it is welcome because it will help to raise awareness of the plan for the bay. "We're well aware this does not translate directly to funding but we think it's a good first step," he explained.

The motion was passed unanimously, with MPPs from across Durham, and from differing parties, voicing support. Among those voices stating support were Liberal MPP Joe Dickson and Conservative MPP Christine Elliot, both of Durham Region. Ms. MacCharles, who tabled the private member's motion stating that the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure should explore the feasibility of supporting the project, called it a win for the area.

"This project is appealing because, one, it's

ready to go, but there's also so many potential benefits not just for Pickering but for all of the region and even the province," Ms. MacCharles said. "I call it a win-win-win because it addresses safety, there are economic benefits through job creation and it will also increase tourism and boost commercial interests. There's so many benefits."

The harbour entrance improvements are part of a larger waterfront plan. An environmental assessment was completed in 2007 and in 2008 Pickering partnered with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to undertake the work. The City is currently seeking a funding commitment from upper levels of government in order to proceed with the project, which would head directly into the construction once funding is secured.

## PHARMACEUTICAL ADVERTISING ADVISORY BOARD

# Organization celebrates grand opening of new Pickering office

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On Dec. 13, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new PAAB offices, located at the corner of Pickering Parkway and Liverpool Road in the building formerly occupied by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

The third floor of the building has been upgraded to suit PAAB's needs.

"Now we're in the heart of Pickering. I think we're in a very good spot," said Mr. Chepesiuk.

The organization's head offices have been in Pickering since 1977 and three years ago staff began searching for a new home that would accommodate growth.

In 2009, the organization purchased a 0.46 acre piece of Ajax land at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Kingston Road for \$500,000 from the Town of Ajax. The plan was to build a new headquarters at the site and the building was to include rented-out retail space in the bottom floor

and a public square.

However, that project was cancelled because of the poor soil conditions at the site. To make up for the poor soil condition, the building would have needed a reinforced foundation, perhaps something like piers, said Ajax officials. The project was cost prohibitive.

Instead, PAAB re-sodded and restored the site and the land is currently up for sale.

Meanwhile, Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan and councillors said they were happy the organization remained in Pickering.

"This is class A office space and you are part of building the next step in our future," said the mayor.

The area of Pickering includes a new office building for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and a pedestrian bridge over Hwy. 401 connecting to the GO station, giving the site a public transportation link to Toronto.

"We deal with advertising agencies that

are in downtown Toronto and it allows them another means to visit us," said Mr. Chepesiuk.

Most of the offices have large windows with lots of natural light and the walls are hung with artwork purchased from local artists through the Cultural Expressions gallery in Pickering Village.

"We local source as much as possible, we've always done that," said Mr. Chep-

esiuk. "I've known Esther (Forde) from Cultural Expressions for a few years and we needed to decorate the place and I thought it would be great to use real works of art."

He also added he appreciated the fact that the mayor and councillors attended the ribbon cutting.

"We feel welcome and we look to a prosperous future in Pickering."

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WE THINK...

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## Progress on waste diversion in Durham, work still to be done

Durham Region's waste diversion programs -- and the vast majority of residents who support them -- received well-deserved accolades from a provincial agency last week.

The Recycling Council of Ontario bestowed the Region with a Platinum Municipal Diversion Award for its long-term efforts in reducing the amount of waste generated by Durham Region residents that goes to landfill. It's a reflection of both the leadership of Durham Region officials in promoting environmental alternatives and citizen awareness and engagement in the many initiatives in place to

encourage waste diversion.

The magic diversion number for most municipalities is 70 per cent; Durham is one of only a few municipalities in Canada that has surpassed the 50-per cent threshold.

It has been a long process to convert us from our generations-long tradition of throwing everything away, and while great progress has been made -- 50-per cent diversion rates represent thousands of tonnes of waste -- there is still a long way to go.

And, as with every waste initiative conceived, planned and implemented by Dur-

ham officials, they are only as good as the people who support them. Residents from Pickering in the west to Bowmanville in the east and north to Port Perry have readily adopted waste collection and recycling changes, participated in e-waste programs to divert electronic items from landfill, and cheerfully retrieved the rich compost created from the organic waste dropped in their green bins at the Region's numerous free giveaways. They've begun taking their hazardous wastes to appropriate regional depots for responsible disposal, and ensured that new materials deemed acceptable for recycling are properly placed

in their blue boxes.

All of it adds up to Durham's impressive diversion rate.

But, there is still work to be done if that magic number of 70-per cent diversion is to be reached. To that end, we urge Regional officials to continue showing leadership in introducing innovative programs and with robust financial support. Residents have demonstrated they are willing to do their part, and will continue to do so as new initiatives are introduced.

A new year looms, giving us a chance to review and reassess as we continue our collective effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

### WATER RATES

#### Penalized for conserving

**To the editor:**

Looks to me that we are about to be punished for our successful attempts at reduced water consumption.

So much for the "greening of the planet". Perhaps we would be better off going back to the old ways, using all the water we want and at least getting something for our hard-earned money.

Is this one of those situations where we are damned if we do and damned if we don't? Looks like there is a no-win against the people running the country these days, businessmen or politicians. I guess if we don't say anything, we will get what we get. It's way past time for the silent majority to stand up and speak up.

**Barry Wootten  
Oshawa**

### BORN SERIES

#### Poverty is no excuse

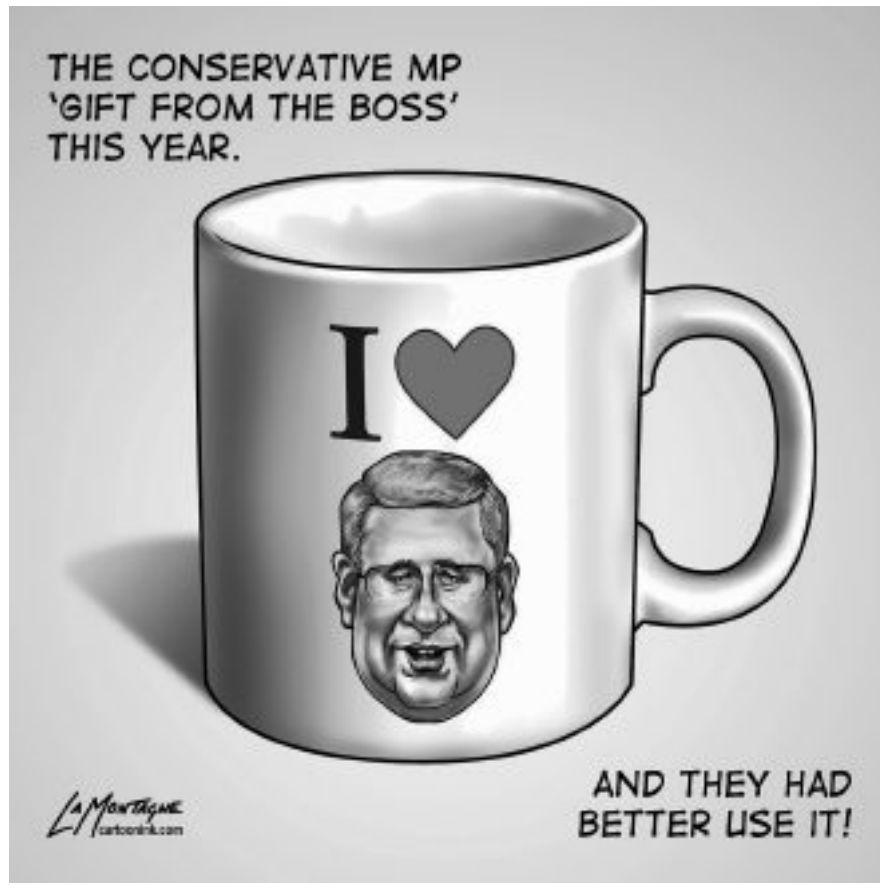
**To the editor:**

Re: *Born Series on teen motherhood, durhamregion.com.*

There is so much education and information along with free birth control available, why are these young women still getting pregnant?

What about a young woman who gets pregnant and has a baby but then gets pregnant again and again, sometimes with different fathers? Why do I, as a hard-working taxpayer, who raised a child on my own, have to pay for them to stay at home with their children? How do they have the nerve to think they should have this privilege?

Why are these women allowed to have their boyfriends living with them? Are the fathers of these babies paying support? In



the article you had a picture of a mother with her two children at the Rose of Durham. Does she work to support her children?

I am all for supporting a young woman who needs help during a difficult time as this, but I am not in favour of encouraging these young women to get pregnant again by giving them monetary support.

I know of two cases where each young woman had three children each from different fathers. They don't work; they drink

and do drugs and yet we keep supporting their lifestyles.

The provincial government has cut back on daycare subsidiaries for working mothers. I don't see any articles on the young mothers who are up at the crack of dawn, getting their children ready to take to daycare and are stressed to the limit trying to work and take care of children. Talk to these women and see how they feel.

Explain to me why teen pregnancies are on the rise and don't use the excuse of

low income. I grew up in housing and my parents struggled to keep a roof over our heads. Poverty is no excuse.

**Marjorie Seymour  
Pickering**

### INCINERATOR

#### Taxpayers deserve a full accounting of party

**To the editor:**

Re: *'Anderson apologizes for incinerator groundbreaking party cost,' news, durhamregion.com, Nov. 25, 2011.*

Apologies are very important, but only if they're sincere. I was there, and I seriously question Roger Anderson's sincerity. The apology just doesn't ring true. Especially after he was so rude and dismissive with the citizen delegations present. Citizens who, I might add, do their work on their own time and their own dime.

Our politicians (even the unelected Mr. Anderson), work on our dime -- the taxpayers' dime.

Time to move on and sweep this party under the carpet? Doesn't work for me, or for a number of our elected representatives who also see the need to get to the bottom of this \$75,000 "high end," "only the best of the best" party.

Mr. Anderson did not act alone.

We paying citizens are entitled to a full accounting of how and where and why the spending for this little shindig went so far off the rails. One suspects it's symptomatic of how the entire project is off the rails.

**Janet McNeill  
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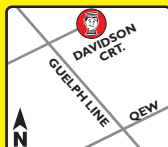
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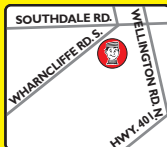
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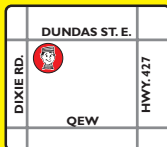
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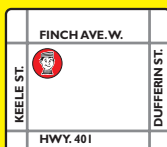
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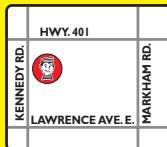
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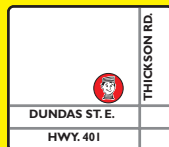
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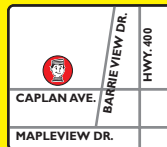
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# Pen term for career criminal busted in Durham upheld

## Traffic stop led to seizure of stolen credit cards

JEFF MITCHELL  
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**DURHAM** -- A career criminal busted in Durham Region on fraud charges has lost in his bid to have his conviction and sentence overturned.

In a ruling released Wednesday, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the 2010 conviction of Gary Persaud, and the five-year sentence imposed by a Durham judge.

Counsel for Mr. Persaud had argued the judge made unreasonable findings based on the case before him. But Ontario Court Justice Michael Block arrived at the proper findings of fact and imposed an appropriate sentence on Mr. Persaud, the panel found.

"On each count the trial judge carefully reviewed the relevant evidence and reached entirely reasonable conclusions," the court said in a written ruling. "The reality is that the circumstantial evidence relating to the credit cards found by police was overwhelming."

Mr. Persaud was found guilty after a trial in May 2010 on dozens of charges related to the possession and use of fraudulent credit cards.

The charges stemmed from what began as a routine traffic stop in late 2009 on Hwy. 401 in Oshawa.

When two men in a rented Jeep were evasive about providing their identities, a Durham cop became suspicious; a search of the vehicle turned up several fake credit cards and a counterfeit driver's licence.

Search warrants executed in Oshawa, Mississauga and Ottawa led to the seizure of more bogus credit cards, equipment related to credit card fraud and

thousands of dollars of merchandise purchased with the phoney cards.

At the time of his arrest, Mr. Persaud, 42, was on probation relating to a prior conviction for

fraud.

Justice Block sentenced Mr. Persaud to five years on conspiracy and fraud charges and an additional four months for the probation breach and a

charge of obstructing police. He was given two-for-one credit for the more than six months he spent in custody awaiting trial.

At the time of sentencing the judge said a penitentiary

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## **DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD KINDERGARTEN AND FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATIONS 2012-2013**

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Kindergarten registration will be taking place at all Catholic Schools during the week of **January 16-20, 2012**. For more information, contact your local Catholic School or visit our Board website at [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca).

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The Oshawa Generals hockey team is currently celebrating its 75th anniversary in Durham Region, being founded in 1937. Young and old delight during the Gens' action-packed hockey games, which take place at the General Motors Centre.

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Region's unique annual sporting events -- the Cannington Dog Sled Races. Jan. 28 and 29 will be a fun-filled weekend, made up of pancake breakfasts, ice sculptures and outdoor activities as top teams from across North America take to the field. More than 70 dog sled teams -- including a Jamaican dog sled team -- will be competing for a \$10,000 purse

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The Canadian Lacrosse League is a professional indoor lacrosse

league set to begin play in January.

Two Durham Region teams will play out of the General Motors Centre -- the Oshawa Machine and the Durham Turfdogs. I can't wait for the action to start. For more information, visit [www.canadianlacrosseleague.com](http://www.canadianlacrosseleague.com).

For more sport tourism ideas, visit [www.durhamtourism.ca](http://www.durhamtourism.ca) or connect with @DurhamTourism on Twitter. See you at the game.

Kerri King is manager of Durham Tourism

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During this time, the board's education centre, located at 400 Taunton Rd. E., will be open Jan. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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## FILM

## Pickering filmmaker shooting in the city next year

**Blood Mist**  
is Garret Henry's  
first horror feature

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**PICKERING** -- A demon evicted from hell who wants to be a king on earth is the premise of *Blood Mist*, the first feature film by a Pickering horror filmmaker.

"It's a strange and creepy story about a demon who gets cast out of hell and is now walking on earth," says Garret Henry.

The creature's goal is to become a ruler, a king on earth. Played by Alexander Woods, it can ingest blood and release it as a blood mist, which wakes the dead, who become his earthly army.

Henry says he's always loved Halloween and is into "dark subject matter." A Catholic, he's especially fascinated by the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelations, which describes the apocalyptic events to befall the earth before the second coming of Christ.

On a recent weekend, with the help of friends and people he's met in the industry, Henry was



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**PICKERING** -- Banished from hell, a demon, at right, seeks to be a king on earth in *Blood Mist*, Pickering resident Garret Henry's horror film. At left, the dead come to life in the movie.

shooting a trailer for the film in his Pickering driveway, using wood, tarps, paper and paint to transform the space.

Henry's first time on a film set was enough for him to get the bug. He got into the film industry in 2009 and is largely self-taught after reading lots of books and taking courses in Toronto. Not plagued by paralysis, Henry dove right in,

writing and filming and learning as much as he could.

"Half the battle is just getting out there and doing it," he says.

He has written, directed and/or produced a number of short films. *Sleep Clinic* was shot in Oshawa's Memorial Park in 2010. This year, *The Clown* was an official selection at film festivals in El Paso, Texas and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Henry's hopes for *Blood Mist* are to pitch it to distributors with the hope of having it appear on DVD and possibly on Rogers On Demand. Shooting is to take place early next year in Durham, Peterborough and Windsor. And while it will be fairly low budget, Henry says that doesn't mean poorly done.

"You don't always need a mas-

sive crew and lots of money to get great results," he says. "It's all about the vision of who's controlling the camera and telling the story."

Learn more about him and his work at [www.garrethhenry.ca](http://www.garrethhenry.ca), where you can see a number of trailers.

Watch a *Blood Mist* teaser at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUB7-xFj\\_dE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUB7-xFj_dE).

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

## 'Awesome' author born and raised in Durham

Neil Pasricha was  
in Durham recently

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**DURHAM** -- When Neil Pasricha started his blog of '1,000 awesome things' in 2008, he never could have imagined he would now be a bestselling author.

While he may travel the world, speak to thousands of interested listeners at a time and sell countless copies of his *Awesome* books, this success story was born and raised in Durham Region and Pasricha was signing books in Oshawa recently.

"My world was really opened up by Oshawa, Whitby and the magic of Durham Region," said Pasricha. "Home is where the 'awesome' is."

In the late 1960s Pasricha's parents immigrated to Canada and settled in Oshawa. His mother is

from Nairobi, Kenya and his father is from India, and life in Oshawa was an entirely new experience.

"I owe them everything," he said. "They did all the hard work."

Pasricha's first published story landed in *Oshawa Whitby This Week* when he was around eight years old. The publication was offering a contest for the best scary Halloween story, and he won first place. His first job was delivering *Whitby This Week* and he eventually claimed the title of Newspaper Carrier of the Month.

He was chauffeured in a limousine to have his photo taken for the paper and the experience was topped off with a free Dairy Queen Blizzard.

"*Whitby This Week* provided me with my first 'awesome' ice cream experience," laughed Pasricha. "It was revolutionary."

As a teen he took on various writing projects and became active with various school papers. Upon graduating high school, Pasricha moved on to Queen's University and eventually made his way to Harvard to study business.



NEIL PASRICHA

In 2008, after years of studying and working, Pasricha's world started to crumble. Between the loss of a close friend and the end of his marriage, life seemed to be on a downward spiral.

"I was feeling negative, down and lonely," he said.

So on June 20, 2008, Pasricha decided to make a change and appreciate the good and 'awesome' things in life while sharing them with anybody who was interested.

And so, 1000awesomethings.com was born, a daily update of

the simple things in life that are awesome. Soon his blog exploded with popularity with more than 35 million hits. It was then named the best blog in the world and Pasricha was awarded with the prestigious Webby Award. After being flown to New York City to accept the award, he returned home to find e-mails from 10 different literary agents offering book deals.

In the spring of 2010, *The Book of Awesome* was published and has spent more than 70 weeks on *The Globe and Mail's* bestsellers list and more than 50 weeks in the No. 1 spot. The paperback then hit *The New York Times* bestsellers list with his second book, *The Book Of (Even More) Awesome*, released earlier this year, and named the No. 1 national bestseller.

"The real pleasure is getting letters and e-mails from my readers," said Pasricha. "I don't feel special; millions of people are doing amazing things."

After reaching this level of suc-

cess, Pasricha is not even close to slowing down. On Nov. 19 *The Book of (Holiday) Awesome* hit shelves to celebrate all things 'awesome' during the holiday season.

"Plugging in the Christmas lights from last year and having them all work," "When the in-laws leave," "Successfully re-gifting a present to someone who actually wants it," "Drinking with Grandma" and "Knowing Kwanzaa is worth more Scrabble points than Hanukkah or Christmas," are just a few of the 'awesome things' featured in *The Book Of Holiday Awesome*.

"The news is crazy bad and crazy sad, (my books) give us a reminder that we are all capable of these awesome things," said Pasricha.

"There is so much beauty in the world to enjoy."

For more information on Pasricha, his books and blog, visit [www.1000awesomethings.com](http://www.1000awesomethings.com) or follow him on Twitter at @1000Awesome.

# A little Christmas magic from Whitby songwriter

**I Heard the Bells At Christmas helps Grandview**

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**WHITBY** -- A hungry homeless man meets a stranger in the street who offers him a meal. Is it Santa Claus? Jesus?

The question is suggested in *I Heard the Bells at Christmas*, a fundraising song written by Whitby artist and musician Jeff Morrison and his partner in song, Tim Hawkes.

"It's a little bit of magic in there, which is what Christmas is all about," Morrison says.

"We're very proud of it and it seems to be getting a good reception when it's heard."

Morrison says he was puttering around his apartment one day in the summer when the line, the song title, "just popped into my head." He had Christmas on his mind at the time as he creates Christmas cards every

year that help charities.

Morrison and Hawkes worked on the song, recorded it and decided to make it a fundraiser for the Grandview Children's Foundation and the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Literacy Campaign.

"(Oshawa's) my hometown and Grandview's been around since I was a teenager, probably longer," he says of why they chose it as a recipient. "And obviously, because of my own physical challenges, I can really relate to the challenges the kids at Grandview are facing."

Morrison uses a wheelchair as he broke his neck when he was 19.

Learn more about his Christmas cards at [www.veryspecialcards.com](http://www.veryspecialcards.com). Twenty-five per cent of the card sales benefit various charities and the buyer can choose which one to assist.

*I Heard the Bells at Christmas* is available for secure download at [morrisonhawkes.com/christmassingle](http://morrisonhawkes.com/christmassingle) for \$1.25, with 25 cents going to Grandview. A hard copy is available for \$3.



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DURHAM -- Jeff Morrison, left, and Tim Hawkes have created an original song for the holidays, with partial proceeds from sales benefiting The Grandview Children's Foundation.

**LIVE MUSIC**

## Release party Dec. 22 for new Standstills single

**OSHAWA** -- Rockers The Standstills, who divide their time between Oshawa and London, are having a party to celebrate their new record.

Get Bent Records presents the release party for the band's 45 rpm vinyl single, featuring the songs *Jesus* and *The Wolf*, at The Bombshell in Oshawa on Dec. 22.

"The Standstills are a boy/girl rock duo featuring Jonny Fox on guitar/vocals and

Renee Couture on drums," states a Get Bent press release. "In four years they have successfully released an independent EP (2009), and their first full-length album, *The Human Element*, earlier this year."

The Micronite Filters and The DGB are also performing.

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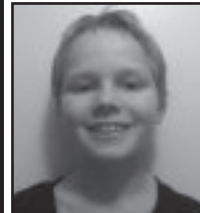
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## BASKETBALL

# Whyte a Badger

Notre Dame student  
commits to Wisconsin

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**AJAX** -- When Dakota Whyte put together a list of criteria that would help her decide which NCAA university to commit to, the success of the basketball program wasn't at the top.

"Definitely academics. It had to be a great academic school," says the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School student, who has signed a letter of intent to attend Wisconsin and play basketball for the Badgers for the next four years.

"The business program had to be really good too because I want to pursue business. That was one of the things I really looked for.

"(Wisconsin) was a great fit for me. The business school is top 10 in the nation. It's a Big 10 network and it was my dream to play there ever since I started to play basketball."

Whyte had a long list of suitors, shortening her list down to marquee schools such as Iowa St., Purdue, Minnesota, Memphis, Dayton and Duquesne, with Wisconsin getting her commitment in the end.

In addition to leading her Notre Dame team to the LOSSA final the past two seasons, Whyte has gained a wealth of international experience the past couple of years. She represented Canada at the 2011 FIBA 3-on-3 world championships in Italy, as well as the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010. She also led Ontario to the gold medal at the 2011 17U national championships in Winnipeg, named the tournament's most valuable player.

Wisconsin head coach Bobbie Kelsey used to be at Stanford, and Whyte remembered her from a meeting back in Grade 8. Kelsey is looking forward to having Whyte join her program.

"Dakota Whyte is a point guard, pure and simple," says Kelsey on the school's website. "She makes things happen on the floor whether she has the ball or not. Her ability to affect the game so significantly on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball makes her a perfect addition to what we are building here at Wisconsin.

"Dakota is also a playmaker due to her high basketball IQ and passing skills," adds Kelsey. "Dakota will add depth to our point guard position. She is a leader in every sense of the word, which is why we will expect great things from her as a Badger. She is ready for the challenge of leading our team."

Whyte's memories of her time on the court at Notre Dame will be remembered fondly when she graduates.

"We've always had great seasons. There was



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**AJAX** -- Dakota Whyte has accepted a scholarship to play NCAA basketball at Wisconsin.

never a downfall season for us. I'm going to really miss winning a lot."

As for expectations when she gets to Wisconsin, Whyte says that coach Kelsey assured that if she works hard and they like what they see, she will play as a freshman, adding they wouldn't waste their time bringing her all the way down there to sit on the bench.

As for making the transition to university life,

Whyte says she is looking forward to the challenge, despite admitting to being a bit nervous about being so far from home.

"I'm ready to go. High school has been great for me, but it's time," she says. "I'm nervous. The biggest thing for me is leaving home. I'm a homebody. I love my family. That's going to be the hardest part. Other than that it will help me grow and it will be a great experience."

## SOCCER

### Kristen Orrett named NCAA All-American

**CALIFORNIA** -- Pickering resident Kristen Orrett had an NCAA accolade come her way recently.

The senior at California University of Pennsylvania became one of the first two Capital One Academic All-Americans in program history, as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Orrett, along with teammate Paula Jackson, were First-Team Academic All-America selections, making Cal U the only program in NCAA Division II with two first-team honorees. The pair helped the Vulcans win their first-ever Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Tournament championship and advance to the quarter-finals of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years.

Orrett, a three-time academic all-district selection, posted a banner year in 2011. She finished fourth on the team with seven goals after entering the year with three career goals. The five-foot-six senior also added an assist to finish the year with a career-high 15 points and helped anchor a defence that allowed only 10 goals all season.

A four-year starter, she holds a 3.98 GPA while pursuing a degree in secondary education with a concentration in social studies.

## HOCKEY

### Pickering Panthers fall in North York

**NORTH YORK** -- Winning for the Pickering Panthers didn't last long enough to call it a streak.

After ending an 11-game losing streak with a win over Mississauga on Sunday, the Panthers didn't get to build the winning streak to two, falling 7-3 in North York on Wednesday.

The Panthers actually had the upper hand early, as Aidan Wallace and Taylor Pryce staked them to a two-goal lead, but North York closed out the opening period with three goals in a row and added two more in the second for a 5-2 lead. Dylan Hutton closed it to two with a power-play goal in the third, but again North York responded with two of their own to close out the scoring.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 4-25-1 on the season as they remain seven points back of Mississauga for the final playoff spot in the South Division. This weekend they have a home-and-home with Toronto Lakeshore, hosting the first game Friday at 7:30 p.m. then heading to Toronto on Saturday. On Sunday they head back to Toronto for a game against the Jr. Canadiens.

# Annandale teams successful in zone playdowns

Lesley Pyne with Stacey Hogan, Suzanne Miller and Bridget Arnold competed in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts women's zone playdown in Sutton Dec. 12.

There were only two teams in the draw, so Uxbridge took the A side, and Annandale's Pyne came out of the B side. Both teams now advance to the regional slated for Gananoque Jan. 6-8.

The Ontario men's Dominion Tankard zone playdown also ran in Sutton on Dec. 10-12. Annandale had three teams entered in the nine-team double knockout draw, and two of the Annandale teams won. Sean Aune with Sandy Martin, Graham Carr and Ian Dickie won the A side. Mark Kean with Andrew Clayton, Patrick Janssen and Tim March won the B side. Both teams will advance to the regional at the Granite Club Jan. 7-8. That event leads to the provincial final to determine a team to represent Ontario for the Sas-



**Jim Eason** curling

katoon Brier March 3-11.

The Annandale bantam team of Matthew Hall with Mitchell Vance, Charlie Sheehan and Cody McGhee won the Tam Heather bantam/junior bonspiel Saturday, Dec. 10. They were presented with the trophy recognizing the 1998 Olympic silver medalists by Pickering resident Richard Hart who was a member of that team.

The Annandale junior men's team of Ben Bevan, Tyler Sagan, Carter Adair, Derreck Veitch and coach Jennifer McGhee are getting ready to advance to the

Ontario junior men's provincial championship to be held at the Russell Curling Club Jan. 4-8.

Annandale was host to the Best Western Women's Challenge and Fairfield Marriott Men's Challenge zone 6 playdowns at the club on Dec. 9-11. The draws, which are eight ends long, lead directly to a provincial final Jan. 20-22. Christine Pierce of Unionville was the only team in the women's draw. Two winning teams from the 10-team men's double knockout zone will advance, but there were no Annandale entries.

Four previous Canadian world curling champions will play in the TSN Curling Skins Game to take place January 7-8 at Casino Rama. Jeff Stoughton, Kevin Martin, Kevin Koe and Glenn Howard were skips of the last four Canadian teams to win world championships. TSN will carry the games live when the teams compete for the greatest share of the \$75,000 prize purse.



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AJAX -- Pickering's Richard Hart, far right, was on hand to present the Annadale team the trophy after it won the Tam Heather bantam/junior bonspiel. Team members include, from left, Cody McGhee, Charlie Sheehan, Mitchell Vance and Matthew Hall.

## HOCKEY

### John Tavares teams up with Generals

OSHAWA -- The Oshawa Generals announced the launch of a new community program, JT's Junior Generals.

The program will allow minor hockey teams in the Durham Region to attend Generals home games courtesy of former General and current New York Islander John Tavares. For each home game, the program will award one minor hockey team a ticket, T-shirt and gift for each player and coach.

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## LACROSSE

### Ward trying to catch on with CLax

#### NHL career put lacrosse on hold

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MISSISSAUGA -- Jason Ward hasn't played a full-out competitive game of lacrosse in nearly 15 years.

That will all change Saturday as the one-time Whitby Warrior suits up for the Brampton Inferno against the Oshawa Machine in the final game of a Canadian Lacrosse League triple-header at the General Motors Centre.

Of course there is a pretty good reason that the now 32-year-old Oshawa native has gone so long in between.

Ward won a Minto Cup with the Warriors in 1997, the same year he was selected by the Montreal Canadiens, 11th overall, in the first round of the National Hockey League draft. He then spent the next 13 seasons between the OHL, AHL and NHL, playing 336 games at the sport's highest level for the Canadiens, New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings

and Tampa Bay Lightning.

His playing days now in the rear view, Ward, who coaches in the OHL as an assistant with the Brampton Battalion, said his desire to compete at a high level once again prompted his decision to go for a run with the Inferno.

"Lacrosse was always one of those games I had a lot of passion for. I've always enjoyed it," he said. "I've always been a competitive guy and been in competitive sports. Coaching lacrosse and coaching the hockey, I definitely still get to be around the game, but I lose that part of being in the game. I use my voice as the tool rather than my feet and my hands and I've always preferred to be a hands-on kind of guy."

Despite the long layoff between his junior days and this shot with CLax, Ward isn't completely rusty. He picked up the stick last year and played in one masters tournament with a couple of friends and did the same again this summer, even playing in the provincial championships held in Whitby.

While Ward isn't sure of his chances of cracking the Inferno lineup, he insists the opportunity itself is something to cherish. So too is a chance to play the game here on Saturday in a place where, really, it all began for him many years ago.

"It's always nice to go back where your roots are and stuff like that. It's definitely exciting," said Ward, who played all his minor hockey in Oshawa and still brings his kids through old neighbourhoods that he remembers as a youngster when he comes through town.

"Worst-case scenario I go out to a couple of practices and find out the game is too fast or I just can't adapt. But you know what? This is fun, so why not try it for a little bit," he added.

Saturday's game between the Inferno and Machine is slated for a 7 p.m. face off. It will be the third CLax game of the day, with the Iroquois Ironman taking on the Peel Avengers at 1 p.m. and the Durham Turfdogs facing the Oshweken Demons at 4 p.m.

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The competition attracted 240 athletes from 21 different clubs across Ontario. The local athletes are coached by Debbie Siemon, Sarah Moore, Angela Collins and Andrew Taylor who is also the head coach.

Results were as follows:

### Level 5 age 9

Jordana Polera 2nd vault, 3rd bars, 9th beam, 4th floor

### Level 5 age 10

Megan Edwards 2nd vault, 2nd bars, 4th beam, 6th floor, 3rd overall

Katie DeSousa 4th vault, 7th bars, 2nd beam, 6th floor, 5th overall

Alexis Graham 8th vault, 9th bars, 6th beam, 8th floor, 8th overall

### Level 5 age 11

Marielle Santos 1st vault, 1st bars, 2nd beam, 1st floor, 1st overall

Kimora Richards 3rd vault, 2nd bars, 5th beam, 2nd floor, 4th overall

### Level 5 age 12

Amy DeSousa 4th vault, 2nd bars, 3rd beam, 3rd floor, 2nd overall

### Level 5 age 13

Katie Graham 5th vault, 3rd bars, 3rd beam, 3rd floor, 4th overall

### Level 6 age 12

Paige Simpson 1st vault, 1st bars, 4th beam, 1st floor, 1st overall

### Level 6 age 14+

Joanna Yousif 1st vault, 4th bars, 1st beam, 4th floor, 1st overall

Victoria Sparks 5th vault, 3rd bars, 2nd beam, 3rd floor, 3rd overall

Alexandra Sagat 7th vault, 3rd bars, 9th beam, 6th floor, 8th overall

### Level 7 age 12

Claire Platner 3rd vault,

3rd bars, 4th beam, 2nd floor, 2nd overall

Sydney Mohamed 2nd vault, 5th bars, 7th beam, 3rd floor, 4th overall

Jordan Kondo 5th vault, 4th bars, 5th beam, 5th floor, 5th overall

Sarita Campbell 6th vault, 6th bars, 3rd beam, 4th floor, 6th overall

### Level 7 age 13

Grace Woolgar 1st vault, 5th bars, 4th beam, 3rd floor, 3rd overall

### Level 7 age 14+

Katie Towers 1st vault, 2nd bars, 7th beam, 9th floor, 3rd overall

Adanna Copeland 8th vault, 4th bars, 3rd beam, 1st floor, 4th overall

Rebecca Brown 7th vault, 1st bars, 9th beam, 6th floor, 5th overall

Danielle LeBrun 5th vault, 14th bars, 4th beam, 10th floor, 11th overall

Madison Kondo is an event specialist in this category, competing on vault and beam this year. She finished 6th on vault, and 4th on beam

### Level 8 age 12/13

Anna Taverna 1st vault, 10th bars, 2nd beam, 1st floor, 2nd overall

Savanna Ma 3rd vault,

9th bars, 7th beam, 3rd floor, 5th overall


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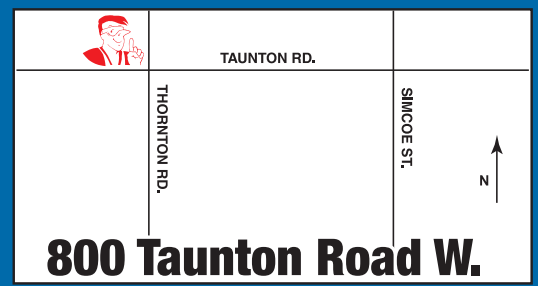
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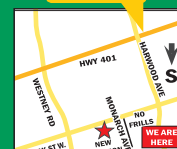
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