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The Optimist Club of Pickering is picking up the tab for ski and snowboard lessons at Lakeridge Ski Resort in south Uxbridge. Pickering youths between the ages of eight and 13, who have little or no experience in the sports, are eligible to apply. Lessons run from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28 on Saturdays from 5 to 9:30 p.m. The sign up deadline is Nov. 15. Application forms can be picked up at 849 Bem Ave. in Pickering (near Sandy Beach Road and Bayly Street).

For more information call Mary Anne at 905-839-8578.

AJAX — PRYDE Learning Centre Inc. is a non-profit organization with eight child-care centres in Durham Region. PRYDE is seeking donations of gifts or door prizes for their annual staff and volunteer Christmas Party.

The donations would need to be received on or before Nov. 21. For more information, contact Jodi MacLean at PRYDE in Maple Ridge at 905-831-4513.

What's On...

AJAX — Business people can promote themselves and their business at an upcoming networking evening and mini trade show.

Durham Rotary will present the evening, Thursday, Nov. 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Annandale Country Club, Church St. and Bayly, Ajax.

Donna Messer, author of 'Effective Networking Strategies,' will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$35 for a ticket with a copy of Donna Messer's book, \$75 for a networking table and admission or \$85 for a networking table with a copy of Donna Messer's book. Proceeds go to the United Way of Ajax Pickering Uxbridge.

To reserve a table or buy a ticket call the United Way office at 905-686-0606.

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Charges laid in dog attack

Pickering girl remains in hospital

By Crystal Crimi and Stephen Shaw
Staff Writers

DURHAM — The 53-year-old grandmother of dog-mauling victim Jynnie Kent has been

charged with operating an illegal kennel and allegedly coaching the 11-year-old Pickering girl to mislead police about the attack.

Uxbridge Town officials, meanwhile, were expected to be in court today seeking an order to have the dogs, Warrior and Traveller, destroyed.

Police arrested the Good-

wood dog breeder Monday, one week after little Jynnie was savagely mauled by two of her grandmother's Dogue De Bordeaux, a rare type of mastiff, while visiting her Hwy. 47 property.

Jynnie, who received more than 150 bite wounds during the attack and suffered life-threatening injuries, under-

went eight hours of emergency surgery and will require further operations and therapy. She remains at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Durham Regional Police were originally told Jynnie was attempting to separate two dogs that were fighting, when they turned on her and attacked.

After weekend interviews with Jynnie and her 12-year-old sister Jessie, another story emerged, police say.

"Further investigation revealed that the 11-year-old victim went out to the dog pens on her own initiative to put the female dogs in their

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Girls hit with frying pan, mom charged

CAS removes children from home

By Stephen Shaw
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Police have charged a Pickering mother for allegedly attacking her daughters with a metal frying pan as they were getting ready for school.

The woman's three daughters - ages 13, 10 and eight - were not seriously harmed during the attack, which caused the handle of the frying pan to break, Durham Regional Police said.

Sergeant Paul Malik said an investigation began after the oldest sister contacted the Durham Children's Aid Society following the Oct. 25 incident.

A CAS worker removed all three children from their home for their safety, he said, and alerted detectives from Durham police's sexual assault and child abuse unit.

He said the sisters were getting ready for school Oct. 25 when their mother allegedly got upset at the 10-year-old for "not doing what she was told."

"The mother allegedly hit her with a frying pan on her arms and legs." The eight-year-old girl ran and hid, he said.

"The mother then assaulted the 13-year-old with the frying pan and during this attack the handle broke." She also allegedly threatened to kill all three girls.

The investigation revealed the girls, on prior occasions, were allegedly punched, kicked and struck with objects including a stick, a rolling pin and kitchen pans, Sgt. Malik said.

Their mother, whose name was withheld to protect the identities of her daughters, surrendered Friday to detectives at police headquarters in Oshawa.

The 44-year-old woman has been charged with three counts each of assault and threatening death, and two counts of assault with a weapon.

She was released on an undertaking to appear in Oshawa court Dec. 11.



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Pickering mayoral hopefuls Doug Dickerson, left, and Dave Ryan listen to a question asked at the Ajax Pickering Board of Trade candidates debate held Tuesday morning.

A final push for mayor

By Lesley Bowie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — There were no fireworks like the week before, just two very business-like mayoralty candidates discussing local issues.

While last week's Pickering East Shore Community Association candidate forum was peppered with lively points and counterpoints between Dave Ryan

and Doug Dickerson, there were less sparks at Tuesday's debate hosted by the Ajax Pickering Board of Trade.

The brightest spot in an otherwise lacklustre exchange came when Hume Martin took the floor at Tuesday's debate hosted by the Ajax Pickering Board of Trade.

President and chief executive officer of Rouge Valley

Health System, Mr. Martin started by refuting rumours the Ajax hospital may close.

"Rouge Valley is committed to continuing to operate the Rouge Valley, Ajax and Pickering hospital, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with an emergency department and services to support that," he said.

"But we won't be able to do that without the support of the communities of Ajax

and Pickering," Mr. Martin said, asking candidates what they would do to ensure the future health of residents.

"The last time I looked at the constitution, health care was a federal and provincial responsibility," answered Doug Dickerson.

The former regional councillor pointed out the federal

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Fund-raiser boldly goes...

Trekkie helps Sick Kids hospital

By Lesley Bowie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Engage.

That's what a Trekkie from Pickering hopes his draw next month will do for the next generation of science fiction lovers.

"It's about raising awareness not only about science fiction, but space aviation as well. It's also the 100th anniversary this year of man in flight," says Paul Williams, an executive officer of Shut-

tle Commonwealth.

Shuttle Commonwealth is a correspondence chapter of Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. At more than 5,000 members, Starfleet is the largest science fiction fan club in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Mr. Williams joined the chapter, which conducts its business on-line and through the mail, 14 months ago. But he has been a fan of Star Trek since the launch of Star Trek: The Next Generation television show in the early

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Paul Williams, local Trekkie and executive officer of Shuttle Commonwealth is holding a fund-raiser later this month.



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Nuclear stations shore up security

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Local politicians say they feel more secure knowing nuclear safety officials have been strengthening their defence against a waterborne attack at Canada's nuclear plants since Sept. 11.

Physical barriers, surveillance equipment, fences and grates are just some of the measures that have been put in place or are soon to be in place at nuclear plants across the country, said Michel Cleroux, a spokesman for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

The federal safety regulator is in the middle of amending its nuclear safety regulations to make permanent the security measures required of Canada's nuclear stations since terrorists destroyed the World Trade Centre two years ago.

Among those measures is warding off a waterborne attack, Mr. Cleroux said.

"Most of Canada's nuclear stations are located on the water. We've always been concerned about attacks from the water, but with everything due to security, we've focused more on it since 9/11," said Mr. Cleroux.

Each plant's security needs are different because surrounding landscapes vary, he said. Protective measures range from large concrete arms to keep incoming vessels at bay, to detection devices and surveillance equipment.

For security reasons, Mr. Cleroux wouldn't discuss specific sites, only that much of those measures are already in place or in the works, including both the Darlington and Pickering nuclear stations.

And that's good news to Clarington Mayor John Mutton, who earlier this year wrote the CNSC inquiring about a no-fly zone for the Darlington plant and a non-navigational zone around nuclear stations for boats.

While he would have preferred to hear it from the CNSC itself, Mayor Mutton said he was pleased to hear through news reports the issue is being addressed.

"It never made sense to me the idea that you could float up to the back door of a nuclear station," he said.

Mayor Mutton recalled a news report after Sept. 11 of fishermen, who had become stranded near the Bruce nuclear plant and managed to get in through a back door to the plant from the water.

"That was a real incident," he added.

Pickering Councillor Mark Holland, another strong advocate for a no-fly zone around the Pickering nuclear plant, agreed more security enhancements are always welcome.

"You have to take every available precaution because we live in such a dangerous time," he said.

While a no-fly zone is impossible in Pickering, Coun. Holland said his focus now is on ensuring flight-training paths are directed away from the station and students are given adequate security clearance before getting in a plane.

The CNSC regulates the safety of Canada's 22 reactors, with permanent staff stationed at each facility.

Other measures put in place since Sept. 11 include a permanent armed nuclear response force at each station, enhanced security clearances for employees, enhanced screening equipment, and vehicle barriers.

"If you look at everything brought in for the level of protection against a terrorist attack at all our licensees, security has gone up significantly over the last two years," Mr. Cleroux said.

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Medical equipment wasn't sterilized



JANICE DUSEK
Risk 'extremely low.'

Lakeridge Oshawa testing for HIV, Hepatitis

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Almost 150 patients at Lakeridge Health Oshawa are undergoing testing to determine if they have been exposed to HIV and hepatitis after unsterilized equipment was used during medical procedures.

The equipment, used during colonoscopies and gastrointestinal scopes, was used on 146 patients between Monday Oct. 27 and Thursday Oct. 30, said Francoise Guenette, corporate director of communications for Lakeridge Health Corporation.

Equipment is normally washed then sterilized in an automated machine, but in this case the sterilization procedure was not done, said Janice Dusek, chief operating officer of Lakeridge Health Oshawa, adding she does not know how or why it

happened. The news has left patients and their families disgusted, worried and furious.

"I will have to live with this nightmare for how many years?" asked an angry Sandra Amaral, whose husband had a colonoscopy last Monday. "I want to make a noise. This is not fair, the way they're doing it, keeping it quiet."

The hospital called Mr. Amaral on Sunday and told him to come in to be tested for blood-borne pathogens like HIV and hepatitis. He'll now receive a vaccination against hepatitis A and B and be continuously tested for HIV and Hepatitis C.

Susan McLean had a colonoscopy last Thursday and was told yesterday that she must now be tested for six months to a year and must use condoms to have sex with her husband. As well, she cannot share objects like nail clippers and scissors with her family and if she spills her blood anywhere it must be cleaned up with bleach.

"I'm very scared, very upset," she said. "And I'm very nervous about hospitals right now... after this

whole SARS scare, you'd think they (the hospital) would be really careful."

Mrs. McLean was told the machine that flushes fluid in and out during a procedure was not sterilized.

"They said 85 per cent of the germs are killed by the detergent, but what about the other 15 per cent?" she asked.

Ms. Dusek said the risk of transmission is "extremely low," but that patients are being warned, tested and vaccinated at Lakeridge Health Whitby to "follow protocol and that

if there is an issue, to ensure that no one else gets infected."

Patients currently scheduled for the procedures are assured the equipment is clean and has been sterilized properly, Ms. Dusek said.

"We're making sure we're taking every single precaution for safety, we're making sure everything is correct," she said.

At press time, Ms. Dusek said a report on what happened was expected within 24 to 48 hours.

For more information, contact Lakeridge Health Corporation at 905-576-8711 ext. 4884.

Woman wants to hear from victims

DURHAM — Sandra Amaral wants to talk to other victims who may have been infected by unsterilized equipment at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

"We need help," she said. "Together we will have more power than individually."

Mrs. Amaral's husband had a colonoscopy last Monday and is being tested for HIV and hepatitis.

She's looking for emotional support and answers and feels the affected patients can learn from one another. Call her at 905-432-2040 or 416-428-0630.

First lawsuit in the works

Class action suit launched against hospital

DURHAM — A class-action lawsuit is set to be launched against Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

At press time Tuesday, prominent Durham lawyer Bernie

O'Brien was preparing a statement of claim for several patients who may have been infected with HIV or hepatitis after unsterilized equipment was used on them last week at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Mr. O'Brien said the claim would be filed first thing this morning. Lakeridge Health Oshawa is to be the main defendant, while others will be added as those responsible

are revealed.

"It's more than a modest problem for them," he said of the victims, calling the experience harrowing. "In effect, their lives are on hold for the next year or so."

The individuals who contacted him did not know each other, Mr. O'Brien said, adding he was "reluctant" to reveal how many had come forward.

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Hospital, transportation hot issues in mayoral campaign



HUME MARTIN
Asks candidates about commitment to Rouge Valley, Ajax and Pickering hospital

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government pledged this week to dedicate up to \$2 billion of its budget surplus to health care. Under his leadership, Pickering council would work hard to make sure those promises and that of the new Liberal government are kept, he said.

"We'll look after our business if they look after theirs," Mr. Dickerson added.

Dave Ryan, his rival, also committed to working with the hospital in the future, and with other levels of government to ensure those "new deals" promised are realized.

Transportation was also a hot issue, with both candidates agreeing the widening of 401 and the extension of the 407 through Durham are crucial. Mr. Ryan said he'd like to see the Ajax Pickering Transit Authority link to Toronto and York Region routes, as well as an improved north-south transit corridor

in Pickering.

Mr. Dickerson suggested roundabouts, which are widely used in Europe, could help ease gridlock. Bus routes should also be re-examined with the help of local businesses, who know what their employees need to get around the City, he said.

On the issue of taxes, the two agreed to disagree. While Mr. Dickerson said he felt a zero per cent tax increase is achievable, Mr. Ryan said he was being unrealistic.

"I'm not going to debunk numbers. You're business people. You know the numbers," he said. "We have an obligation to live within our means and I'll do that to the best of my ability. But I don't know how you improve transit corridors and deliver no tax increase."

As for future growth, Mr. Ryan said he would like to see Pickering use its leverage as a gateway to Toronto to increase its commercial and industrial tax base. He would

establish a business advisory council to better address the needs of the local business community and help facilitate entrepreneurs relocating to Pickering.

Mr. Dickerson pledged to work with Pickering's economic development department to attract newcomers. He said he would be willing

to go into boardrooms himself to seal the deal and promised to push for infrastructure funding for the development of Seaton.

Both candidates also said they would fully support Herizon House, and other programs for abused women and children in west Durham.

Trekkie holds hospital fund-raiser

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90s, or TNG in Trekkie talk.

Shuttle Commonwealth raffles off a bundle of Star Trek collectibles Nov. 30, including autographed pictures of Patrick Stewart (a.k.a. Captain Jean Luc Picard of TNG), and Babylon 5's Claudia Christian (a.k.a. Commander Susan Ivanova).

Other Star Trek items include models, children's toys, patches, posters, card games and a glass chess set, all donated from stores in Pickering and Toronto.

Half of the money will go towards chapter events, while the other half will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children, where Mr. Williams once spent a week with his leg in traction as a child.

"We have 1,000 tickets made up and so far 100 sold," he says. "We're selling them for \$1 a piece or five for \$3."

Mr. Williams also hopes the draw will help raise awareness about the club and help recruit new members. So far his chapter is made up of six members from as far away as Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina. It costs only \$16 US to join.

He is also a member of the marine strike group, a military offshoot of Starfleet and through the club, has completed officer training school, officers command college, and fleet officer school.

"The courses deal mainly with the organizational structure of the club. It's an interesting way to get involved and a get a feel for how things run," says the 36-year-old bachelor.

Earlier this month marked his first Star Trek summit in Brampton, hosted by the USS Hadfield chapter based in Georgetown. It was a regional event and much smaller than the annual international conference Mr. Williams watched on a live Web cast this summer and held in the United States.

"It's not all about Star Trek," he says, of the conferences. "It's just about a group of people with similar interests going out and socializing, or going to the show or bowling."

Uniforms can be purchased through the club and some members do take it to the extra level, wearing extensive makeup at the conferences, says Mr. Williams.

"We're not as bad as the Klingons,"

he says, pointing out there is a Klingon assault group in nearby Oshawa. There are also Romulan groups within Starfleet.

Asked if he's ever criticized for his obsession, Mr. Williams says, "The idea behind Star Trek is to put all that stuff aside."

"We're not big on age, size, or what planet you come from. We try not to form opinions about people before we get to know them."

But Mr. Williams does have some opinions when it comes to his most memorable Star Trek moments. The best Star Trek movies were No. 2 and No. 4, The Wrath of Khan and The Voyage Home. The most charismatic captain: William Shatner's James T. Kirk, from the original Star Trek series.

As for his favourite character of all the series and movies, Mr. Williams opts for Lieutenant Commander Worf, played by Michael Dorn in TNG.

"Worf is always struggling to maintain his temper, something the entire planet needs to learn," he adds.

Tickets for the Nov. 30 draw are available at Smokers' World in the

Pickering Town Centre, by emailing Mr. Williams at ACHILLIES102001@rogers.com, or by setting up a Pay Pal account on the chapter's Web site at www.jegiftsmore.com/emnwealth.

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Grandmother charged in dog mauling

◆ Grandmother from page A1

own pen, away from the male dogs.

While doing this one dog turned on her, tearing her coat and knocking her to the ground," said Sergeant Paul Malik, police spokesman.

With Jynnie down, "several other dogs" started mauling her, he said.

"It was an attack on a little girl by three or four dogs for no apparent reason," said Detective Constable Bruce Kelly of 26 Division.

Det. Const. Kelly said Jynnie's grandparents came out of the residence, pulled her from the pen, wrapped her in a blanket and drove her to hospital.

Det. Const. Kelly alleged Jynnie's grandmother "instructed the grandchildren not to divulge the whole story of how the incident took place.

"That (dog fight) didn't happen. It came to light that what the grandmother was saying wasn't the truth. She was omitting facts," he said.

Although Jynnie is improving and has been removed from the intensive care unit, she has a long road to recovery ahead of her, said Det. Const. Kelly, who



Jynnie Kent is in 'feisty spirits.'

interviewed the child Sunday at her hospital bedside.

"She's in feisty spirits and doctors are happy with her progress. However, she'll need further surgeries, extensive therapy and treatment," he said. "But she sure is lucky she survived."

Heather Laverdiere, 53, of Hwy. 47 in Goodwood, has been charged with obstruct police and attempting to obstruct justice. She was released to ap-

pear Dec. 22 in the Ontario Court of Justice on King Street West, Oshawa.

Each offence carries a maximum jail sentence of two years, if convicted.

Mrs. Laverdiere and her husband Denis are also charged under local bylaws with illegal operation of a kennel, having more than three dogs and having dogs that are unregistered and unlicensed, said Township of Uxbridge solicitor Quinto Annibale. Each charge carries a maximum fine of \$5,000.

The couple is to appear today in Provincial Offences Act court in Whitby, where the Township of Uxbridge will seek an order to have Warrior and Traveller destroyed.

The dogs, weighing 110 and 120 pounds, are currently in quarantine at Uxbridge Scugog Animal Shelter.

Following an in-camera meeting Monday, Uxbridge council passed the motion to apply for the court-ordered destruction of the French mastiffs. The Township has taken five of nine dogs owned by Jynnie's grandparents into its shelter in Scugog, including Warrior and Traveller. The last three seized are being investi-

gated to determine if they too were involved in Jynnie's attack.

"Because of the viciousness, the severity of the injuries caused the concern is it might occur again in the future," said Mr. Annibale.

Council also took the extra step of amending its bylaw to allow animal control to hold the dogs until the application for destruction is heard, which could take one to three months.

Dogs placed in quarantine by the Region's Health Department are typically released to the owner after 10 days, if there are no signs of rabies.

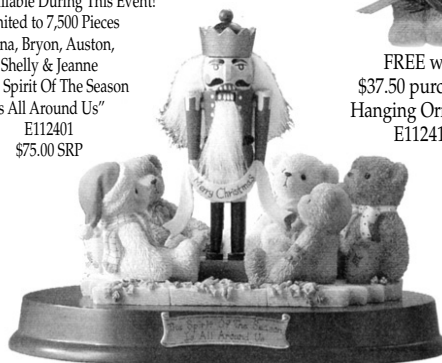
"We've gone a step farther," said Mr. Annibale. "We don't want the dogs released until the destruction application is heard."

According to Township officials, Ms. Laverdiere is a tenant of the Goodwood property and was ordered in early October to have six of the nine dogs removed, since Uxbridge bylaws only permit three per property.

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Pickering Ward 3 debate Nov. 6

PICKERING — Residents in Ward 3 will have the chance to see where the candidates stand on some very specific issues this week.

A town hall meeting quizzing municipal hopefuls on the airport and the Greater Toronto

Airport Authority, and Seaton and the agricultural preserve, takes place Thursday, Nov. 6 at Claremont Community Centre.

The meeting kicks off at 7 p.m. and features Ward 3 candidates: Dave Pickles and Bon-

nie Littley for local Ward 3, Rick Johnson and Sally Miller for the regional position, as well as mayoral candidates, Dave Ryan and Doug Dickerson. It is hosted by Voters Organized to Cancel the Airport Lands (VOCAL), the Green-

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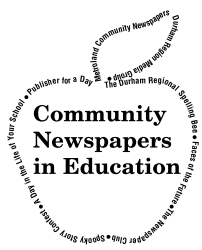
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Editorial

Ryan's ready for the job

Councillor would lead a productive council

Less than a week from today you will decide the fate of Pickering for the next three years; how your money is spent, your city developed and your kids educated, with possible ramifications for years to come.

It's been a race with little controversy or confusion. Unfortunately it's also been a quiet campaign due to lack of debate forums through the community, leaving it hard to really get a feel for the new faces on the ballot.

In the mayor's race however, that's less of an issue since both candidates have served on council in the past, with Dave Ryan sitting as local councillor for the past nine years.

Doug Dickerson served on council 1978 to 1980, 1988 to 1991 and 1996 to 2000 as regional councillor.

Clearly both men understand the process and the issues. But Mr. Ryan, with his consistent and recent experience, serving alongside long-time Mayor Wayne Arthurs, has garnered strong respect amongst his peers and has shown he understands the complexity of issues that often have no easy answers. He is honest when he says a zero tax increase would not best serve the community although it would be politically-expedient to promise one. Together with the other members of Pickering council he has accomplished much for the city in recent years and he has a vision for the future with an eye to development tempered by environmental responsibility. Mr. Ryan's strong working relationship with former mayor, now MPP, Arthurs, will help him work with the province to the benefit of Pickering.

For the regional Ward 1 seat, there is no question the City would lose a great asset if Maurice Brenner was not returned to council. He has 18 years of experience and has never lost the passion that makes a great representative. Paul White has his merits too and in a different race may have received the nod however, we just can't imagine Pickering without Coun. Brenner.

In Ward 1 local, we like Kevin Ashe's sincerity. The former Catholic school board trustee and police board director has a healthy amount of experience and could jump into the job running. He is far and away the best communicator and most well-rounded candidate. David Steele also deserves a look for his strong knowledge of the environment, although his work has met with mixed reactions within the environmental community.

In Ward 2 local, Bill McLean gets the nod for his service to the community over the past term. He has been responsive to community needs. His rival, Brian Evelyn seems to have some drive but we'd like to see him bring some strategies rather than just promises to listen.

In Ward 2, Regional Councillor Mark Holland was acclaimed and will most certainly continue to earn the reputation that got him there.

For Ward 3, at the regional level it is tough to decide between the bright, intelligent enthusiasm of Sally Miller and the long-time experience and connections of Rick Johnson. We haven't seen a lot of fresh ideas from the veteran for a while though and think it may be time to bring in a new recruit.

At the local level in Ward 3 we think David Pickles deserves another term. He has the knowledge on a variety of issues affecting the ward and is able to bring them to the table and communicate his constituents' needs. Bonnie Littlely has passion for the environment and her voice is a valuable contribution to Pickering. It would be nice to see her stay involved, however we don't think she is quite ready for the council floor.

All candidates for the Catholic board were acclaimed. At the public school board, Pickering has a nine-candidate slate vying for two positions. Eight are newcomers while incumbent Paul Crawford has put in a dismal performance in the past term. Blair Young appears to have done his homework and is by far the superior communicator in the group. Our second choice is Richard Fleming for his experience as a teacher, and emphasis on and commitment to accountability, while Michael Orser's experience as a school council chairman does distinguish him from the rest.

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Letters to the Editor

Thoughts on the Pickering election...

To the editor:

As a long-time Pickering resident, I am somewhat concerned about the lack of enthusiasm in the current municipal election campaign. No major, contentious issues have emerged and the candidates are campaigning in a businesslike fashion. Perhaps the electorate is experiencing a letdown after the recent exciting provincial election with its burning issues! But our community life is also affected by local issues and decisions relating to them and our leaders who make those decisions merit our thoughtful consideration and action on Nov. 10.

I well remember former days when Pickering council was often an unproductive body. But in the fifteen years when Wayne Arthurs was mayor, Pickering became a well run city and council members worked together to serve their constituents. Probably this is really a tribute to Mr. Arthurs leadership. Now, as we begin to plan Pickering's future, I for one, think that we need a continuation of his positive approach.

Doug Dickerson, candidate for mayor, has been promising zero tax increases. In my opinion, our tax increases have been reasonable given the new services and facilities we now have: a new library branch and community centre, expanded recreational facilities, enhanced senior facilities, a superb waterfront area and a vibrant city centre to name but a few.

Dave Ryan has been a member of Council for nine years and is recognized as a quiet voice of reason, a hard worker, a clear thinker, a man of integrity and a skilled negotiator and consensus builder. We need his leadership as we move into the future. Surely Dave Ryan is the right choice for Mayor of Pickering. I encourage our residents to support Dave on Nov. 10.

Rod Mason, Pickering

To the editor:

On Nov. 10 please exercise your right to vote, remembering solemnly those men and women who fought in previous wars. Don't spoil or omit your ballot in all fairness to them.

Every election seems to be a popularity contest. I'm not disturbed at Mr. Holland's tactics - take it for what it is, puerile nonsense. I've known Doug Dickerson since the 1980s and each time he runs somebody

smears his name. I don't always agree with his decisions. He views issues from a pragmatic perspective. Twice now he's been castigated wrongfully and frankly I'm tired of his peers sandbagging him. Who cares if he uses City logos; he's proud to be a part of the city. He still displays the Millennium banner over his business on Bayly St. He's always responded to my calls.

Doug worked behind the scenes and I later learned that he helped me get hired at Miller Waste Systems here in Pickering. I was 53 with no job, down and depressed; my family life was suffering. Two men assisted me - Doug Dickerson and Dave Steele. Both are running and both get my vote. Such are the vicissitudes of life in my city!

Frank Threlkeld Jr., Pickering

To the editor:

Re: election campaign material of Mr. Doug Dickerson

I recently received a copy of Mr. Dickerson's campaign material in his quest to become the Mayor of Pickering.

In this flyer, he states "I will bring sound character, responsible government, practical policies and new energy to the mayor's office." Is it an example of "sound character" and "being responsible" to have used the City of Pickering logo on his campaign material in a blatant violation of the federal copyright legislation and without the permission of the City of Pickering?

This material has been distributed to residents throughout the city and was also readily available at Mr. Dickerson's table at the all-candidates meeting hosted by PESCA on Wednesday, Oct. 29. At the meeting the words honesty and integrity were used several times to describe the qualities required in the role of mayor. Is this the example of how he would fulfil this role? Mr. Dickerson has strongly indicated to me by his illegal use of this logo, that he does certainly not share my values of what honesty and integrity really are. Mr. Dickerson, you are just not up to the job!

Margaret Reaney, Pickering

To the editor:

I read with interest the statements in your paper made by the mayoral contestants at a debate the other night on the state of Pickering's finances.

The remark made by Dave Ryan concerning the ratio of

industrial revenue which is far too low in relation to residential revenue, is very much to the point.

This is a subject that I have raised with council on past occasions. Pickering will not have the right ratio until it actively pursues a policy of encouraging industry to locate here.

In my opinion Pickering and the surrounding region lost out when they came out against the airport. The airport would have brought in the necessary industrial base needed here for continuing development.

The specious arguments made by the opponents of the airport, one of which was saving farm lands has not worked out as most of the land is not now fully worked and a sizable portion will eventually be built on for residential purposes which will impose a greater burden on the city's infrastructure.

Also had the airport been developed Pickering would have been in a much better position to weather problems now caused by the late unlamented Harris/Eves government's downloading of fiscal responsibilities.

My feeling is that until Pickering changes its outlook on industry, it will always be just a dormitory city with the problems caused by being one.

I would like to know more from the candidates on what their policies are concerning industrial development for the area.

Ray Sinclair, Pickering

To the editor:

With election day not too far off, it's interesting to read the views of Pickering residents including that of Mr. Haug in Oct. 29's publication.

I am a long-time Pickering resident (since WWII), a senior citizen and a WWII vet, I am concerned about who is in charge of our municipality. I will be comfortable to know that the person holding the reins is someone that has high respect for seniors and veterans and all the things that we are associated with on an ongoing basis. This includes the selling of Poppies each year in as many places as possible. I do support Mr. Dickerson whom I have known for quite a few years. He has always shown respect for seniors and veterans in every way and I think it would now be respectful if we, and our families, would now show respect for him on election day. He would be a mayor of honesty and integrity.

Cec Turner, Pickering

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A list of the agencies, boards and committees that Council will be making appointments to is set out below along with a general description of the mandate and other pertinent information of the agency, board or committee. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to one or more of the listed agencies, boards or committees, please submit a letter of interest to the undersigned setting out a brief description of any job or community-related experience. The deadline for submitting your application for appointment to an agency, board or committee is Friday, November 28, 2003.

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MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee advises Council on matters of the establishment, management and maintenance of the Pickering Museum. This Committee is comprised of 10 citizens members and a Member of Council and it meets approximately five times per year in the evening at the Pickering Civic Complex. There is no remuneration paid to the members of this Committee. For more information, contact Marisa Carpino at 905.420.4620.



PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The Public Library Board is responsible for the overall management of the Pickering Public Library system. The Board is comprised of three Members of Council and six citizen members and it meets every month except during July and August in the evening. The meetings are usually held at the Main Central Library, however, sometimes they are held at one of the branches. There is no remuneration paid to the members of this Board. For more information, contact Cynthia Means, CEO at 905.831.6265.

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This Committee is to provide a forum for on-going discussion amongst the various groups, agencies, interests and individuals involved in projects and initiatives along the waterfront, to help coordinate the implementation of approved waterfront projects, to provide technical advice and assistance on waterfront issues, to provide assistance in waterfront funding sources and fundraising efforts and to make recommendations to Council respecting the waterfront. The Waterfront Coordinating Committee is comprised of three Members of Council, eight persons appointed from the community and representatives from relevant agencies and landowners. This Committee meets approximately six times per year in the evening at the Pickering Civic Complex and no remuneration is paid to members. For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, City Clerk at 905.420.4611.

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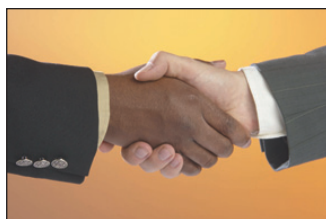
This Committee plans and coordinates various events that are held throughout December and the Christmas/New Years holiday season. The Winterfest Committee is comprised of representatives of various local agencies, commercial interests and service clubs. In addition, three residents of Pickering are being invited to sit on this Committee. The Winterfest Committee meets approximately eight times per year at the Civic Complex and no remuneration is paid to members. Meetings are generally held on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, City Clerk at 905.420.4611.

HERITAGE PICKERING

This Committee was established under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act and its mandate is to advise Council on means of conserving heritage properties and areas and to advise Council on programs to increase public awareness of heritage conservation issues. This Committee is comprised of eight persons and meets every other month except in the summer at the Pickering Civic Complex. There is no remuneration paid to the members of this Committee. For more information about this Committee, contact Bruce Taylor at 905.420.4611.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND EQUITY

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VERIDIAN CORPORATION

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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Council shall seek advice from the Committee on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a building, structure or premises and shall review site plans. This Committee is comprised of twelve members of which at least 50% of the members must be representative of the disabled community. The Accessibility Advisory Committee meets monthly at the Pickering Civic Complex and no remuneration is paid to members. For more information about this Committee, contact Prem Noronha-Waldriff at 905.831.1711.



FENCEVIEWERS AND PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

No answers yet on new courthouse for Durham

Liberals to review plan

DURHAM — The jury is still out on when the region will get its new courthouse.

The construction of the 33-courtroom facility - promised to Durham by the Province nearly a decade ago - will now be reviewed by Dalton McGuinty's Liberal government.

In Durham, fingers are crossed. The new courthouse has become expected. Proof of this is the new regional headquarters, currently under construction on Rossland Road in Whitby, which has been designed without courtrooms. The current headquarters, which houses several of the Region's courtrooms, is slated to be torn down in 2005.

Peter LeBel, Whitby's director of marketing and economic services, has spent a lot of time pursuing the project for his municipality. A total of six sites have been short-listed in Whitby, Oshawa and Ajax.

"There is still a need... Hopefully the project will go on," says Mr. LeBel. "We haven't heard anything different."

Since the project is designed to be funded by a private consortium, and then leased to the Province, he says it should pose no financial burden on the new government.

The former government, which had reviewed the competing proposals, was to announce its decision this fall. But officials at the Region are still awaiting word.

"We haven't heard a clue," says Pat Olive, eco-

nomie development commissioner. "They said they would be announcing something this fall."

He says plans are to go ahead with the demolition of the current site.

"They (the Province) didn't believe we were going to tear it down," he

says.

Durham officials speculate the Province is negotiating a lease at a separate location, to house the services until the new courthouse is built.

The Office of the Attorney General did not return phone calls by press time.



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commerce will be invited to attend.

The meeting are: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1 to 3 p.m. at Scucog council chambers, 181 Perry St.; Thursday, Nov. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Orono Town Hall, 5315 Main St.; Monday, Nov. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Durham College - north campus, 2 Campbell Dr., Suite 201 in Uxbridge; and Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Pickering municipal office, 1 The Esplanade.



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Pickering belles ring up two ringette wins

PICKERING — The Pickering belle 'A' ringette team rang in the new ice campaign by taking two games from Etobicoke in a season-opening home-and-home series.

In their second game of the season on the road in Etobicoke, the Pickering belles stretched their unbeaten record to 2-0 with a convincing 8-1 victory.

Etobicoke scored the first goal of the first period, a game in which neither team dominated. The Pickering squad was unable to find the back of the net for most of the period, but Mikayla Abel broke through for Pickering's first goal in the late going.

Abel's goal provided the spark the Pickering belles needed as they proceeded to score the next seven goals in a row en route to the solid victory.

All told, Abel scored a hat trick to lead the way. Krystal Jones notched a pair of goals; Lisa Flatman, Jessie Dunn and Martina Cawker each had singles. Assists went to Jovette McDonald and Erin Welsh each with two, Melissa Dart, Monica Pozzan, Cawker and Jones, all with one.

Nicole Arnott was outstanding in net in the second period as she left no opportunities for Etobicoke to score. Vanessa Bastos stood tall in the net in the first frame, allowing only one goal at the seven-minute mark.

The Pickering belles played its home opener against Etobicoke, posting a solid 11-4 victory.

A quick goal by Jones less than a minute into the game set the tone. Pickering dominated most of the game, cruising to a 9-3 lead after the first period. Jones and Abel each chalked up a hat trick in the frame.

A quick goal in the second by Martina Cawker would give her a three-goal game, too. Pozzan scored once in the second, while Abel fired another to bring her total to four. Earning assists were Abel and Jones each with four, McDonald, Dart and Natasha Gray each with two, Dunn and Pozzan with one apiece.

Pickering's defence of Shawna Silver, Danielle O'Brien, Gray and Megan King kept the ring out of their zone consistently.

Goaltenders Bastos and Arnott split the duties, with each contributing stellar play.

Pickering midgets slip to .500 mark

PICKERING — After a successful launch to the 2003-04 season, the Pickering Panthers little rep 'A' hockey team has been a midget flat against division rivals, falling to the .500 mark.

The Peterborough Nationals got the best of the Panthers when the game was hosted on their home ice. The Nationals skated to a 3-1 win. Matthew Evans scored the lone Pickering goal, with Kyle Fredericks and Andrew Dowdell assisting. Mike Olsen turned away 24 shots in the contest.

In a one-sided affair against league-leading Lindsay the Panthers were set down 10-2. Scott Waters and Justin Papizewski scored, with Matthew Perrault and Kyle Gemon adding helpers.

Re-establishing their game presence, the Panthers rolled over Oshawa 6-4. Goaltender Dave McElroy was solid before a late-game injury put him on the sidelines. Perrault suited up with less than five minutes remaining in the game to preserve the win. Lighting the lamp for Pickering was Evans with two, Andrew Dudley, Papizewski, Perrault, and Chris Lauder with one apiece. Chipping in assists were Andrew Goldsmith with three, Gemon with two, Gvsm, Fredericks and Cory Lyver each with one.

Contributing to the team's success were Chris Butler, Leland Street, Nick Hobson and Chris Pasternack.

Larry Dowdell and Herb Goldsmith coach the team. The manager is Paul Waters.

Another court gem by Scotiabank

AJAX — Scotiabank continued to cash in on the court in Ajax Ladies' Basketball League action Wednesday.

Scotiabank's undefeated streak looked to be in jeopardy during a seesaw first-half battle. The bankers, however, found the key to unlock the backcourt pressure vault in the second half to cruise to an easy 31-24 victory over Donlands Jewellers.

Engrid Carmichael-Johnson led Scotiabank with 14 points. Krystall Green replied with 11 for the jewellers.

The second game of the night saw East Side Mario's best half of basketball this season.

Displaying a solid team effort, East Side's led Select Food Products 18-15 at the half. East Side's continued to play well until Nadine Kruss fouled out mid-way through the second. Select's Julie Hughes took advantage of more room on the court to lead the way netting 10 of her 12 points in helping Select post a 42-28 victory.

On defence, Select focused on shutting down East Side's top scorer Lori Lomborg. Lomborg led East Side shooting 75 per cent from the line and scoring 13 points.

Players in the league live in Ajax and Pickering.

Monarchs counting on defence to stuff Sinclair

St. Mary prepared for Celtics' running attack in today's football semifinal

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Keep a lid on the Sinclair Secondary School Celtics' running attack.

That's the key for the St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs in today's (Wednesday) Durham Region senior football semifinal, according to Monarchs' head coach Gordon Judges.

"My understanding is they like to run the football," says Judges. "We're preparing for a team that will come out in the wishbone offence and try to pound the football against us. They also throw the ball, so we have to be prepared for that as well."

The East Division Celtics (6-1 league record) are all that stands in the way of a fifth consecutive appearance for the Monarchs (7-0 in league) in the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) senior final.

The other semifinal (also played Wednesday afternoon) pits the Pine Ridge Secondary School Pumas of Pickering and the Monsignor Paul Dwyer Saints of Oshawa. The winners play for the LOSSA championship at the Oshawa Civic Stadium Saturday at 2 p.m.

Judges notes his defence, which has allowed only 21 points in the course of seven games this season, will have to rise to the occasion yet again Wednesday. The defence comes off a solid, shutout effort against the Pickering High School Trojans, who were beaten 35-0 last Friday afternoon.

"In high school football, you have to show that you can stop the run; that's your primary objective. Most teams run the ball a whole lot more than they pass. It's something we work on. Our team is disciplined defensively to execute their assignments," says Judges.

In fact, Judges says Monarchs' undefeated season to date has been due largely to the solid, consistent contribution of the defence.

"I honestly think our defence has been the play of our defence," says Judges. "Our defensive coach, Bert Smith, has taken first-year guys and has made them into football players really quickly."

But, the Monarchs' offence is not



St. Mary Monarchs defensive end Erik Glavic calls a play during LOSSA action this year. Glavic will lead his team against the Sinclair Celtics of Whitby in today's Durham senior football semifinal at St. Mary.

exactly chopped liver either. The offence -- led by senior quarterback Erik Glavic -- can move the ball in the variety of ways, using a veteran running back and a solid receiving corps.

"Basically, our offence takes whatever the defence presents us," says Judges. "We can run inside or outside and throw the ball for possession or to go deep. We have great speed at wide receiver, not only from Aaron Racioppa, but also from Jesse Daniels and slotback Jason Bulgin. He's a first-year player who has played well and made big catches. Our offensive line gives Glavic time to throw the ball."

Sinclair head coach Bill Walters says his Celtics were schooled by the Monarchs in last year's senior semifinal; he believes his team has learned from the experience and is better prepared for another run at St. Mary this year.

"We got a good lesson in football

then. I think we're a better football team now than a year ago," says Walters. "We're an athletic team, so we'll continue to do what we do."

And, what they do is run the football. In the Celtics' 21-0 East Division semifinal win over the Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers, the Sinclair backfield combined for more than 300 yards.

Despite owning a vaunted running game, Walters says he's under no illusions -- the Monarchs pose a supreme task for his Celtics.

"It's (Monarchs' quarterback) Glavic, keeping him under control. They're very well coached, no doubt about it. Their kids are polished and they play well. We know Glavic is there and their coach (Judges) is always well prepared. They were one step ahead of us last year."

Walters believes his Celtics will need all hands on deck in order to dethrone the Monarchs in the semifi-

nal.

"If we're looking for one or two players to carry us, we won't be in the game. The whole package has to be working. Everything has to click if we're to have any success against them."

GAME NOTES: Both teams in Saturday's LOSSA senior football final will be moving on to the **Golden Horsehoe Bowl-East** semifinals, also to be played at Oshawa Civic Stadium on Nov. 14. In addition to the two Durham teams, the independent school conference champion **St. Andrew's Saints** of Aurora and the York Region champion (either **Woodbridge** or **Markham District Secondary School**) will also play. Durham gets two teams as LOSSA is hosting the event. The semifinal winners will play in the **Golden Horsehoe Bowl-East** final at Toronto's SkyDome on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 4:45 p.m.

Panthers allow Terriers to bite back for draw

Pickering juniors lose to St. Michael's

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — There was something familiar and something completely foreign in the Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers' play last weekend.

What was familiar was the Panthers' inability to hold a lead, a trait that's becoming a regular part of the team's hockey landscape this season. The Panthers had leads against the visiting Couchiching Terriers at the Pickering Recreation Complex Sunday night. They did, however, allow Couchiching to regroup on each occasion and tie the game, which ended in a 3-3 draw.

On Friday night, they did something completely out of character. They gave the South Conference powerhouse St. Michael's Buzzers (15-4-1-1, first in South Conference) all they could handle in the game at the Pickering Recreation Complex, but came up short in a 2-0 loss.

A couple of weeks ago, the Panthers (5-8-6-0, seventh in South Conference) stunk the joint in a particularly awful 12-1 loss to the first-place Buzzers. This time, the Pickering juniors did an about-face, putting forth a solid, albeit losing effort.

Panthers' head coach John Winder says holding leads has been particularly problematic for his young team this year. But, he prefers this dilemma to its polar opposite -- an inability to score goals and playing from behind.

"I'd rather be having a lead and learn how to hold one than having to come back in every game we play," he says.

As for the loss to St. Mike's, he was impressed with the level of play from his charges in atoning for its previous loss to the Buzzers.

"We played with a lot more commitment to the game. We wanted to win and the boys showed it on the ice. They wanted to do something more than the 12-1 loss a couple of weeks ago. They went out there and played hard," he says.

Against Couchiching, the Panthers followed up a 1-0 first-period lead by increasing their advantage to 2-0 early in the second period. The Terriers, however, scored two goals to tie the game at 2-2 with just more than five minutes to play in the second. Less than a minute later, Pickering regained the lead, with Couchiching tying the game once again with 58 seconds remaining in the frame.

♦ Please see Panthers, B3



Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers' Phil McIlhone slams a St. Michael's Buzzers player into the boards during junior 'A' hockey action in Pickering Friday. St. Mike's won 2-0.

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A silver lining for Notre Dame athlete in cross-country

DURHAM — Michael Anderson is a teen who's true to his word.

The long-distance runner from Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School noted a medal was a definite possibility going into Saturday's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Cross-Country Championships in Renfrew, Ontario.

Now, it's more than a possibility -- it's reality.

Anderson, 15, a Grade 10 student at Notre Dame, finished with the silver medal in the 6.06-kilometre junior boys' event in a time of 22 minutes 23.7 seconds. He finished just behind race-winner Kyle Boorsma of Guelph's Centennial CVI whose winning time was 22:05.15. A total of 217 competitors were in the race.

Anderson's silver-medal effort went a long way to helping Notre Dame's junior boys' cross-country team to fifth-place overall in the province. Robert Bentley finished 34th (24:20.9), Daniel Barker was 46th (24:40.6), Ryan Davey was 148th (26:47.8) and Jamie Zancai was 177th (27:44.1), giving Notre Dame an overall score of 230 points. Catholic Central High School of London won the junior boys' title with 163.

Other local cross-country athletes also had strong ef-



The Notre Dame junior boys' cross-country team finished fifth in the province at the OFSAA championships in Renfrew on Saturday.

forts at OFSAA, hosted at Renfrew's Ma-te-way Park.

Pine Ridge's Amber Cushnie finished ninth in the junior girls' division in a time of 15:54.1 over the 4.03-kilometre course. Cushnie's Durham Region rival Geneva Winterink of Oshawa's Paul Dwyer won the event in a time of 15:21.4. Cushnie finished first ahead of Winterink at the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) Cross-Country Championships in Pickering last month.

Pine Ridge's midget girls' cross-country team finished out of the medals at OFSAA, after its first-place showing at the LOSSA event. The best Pine Ridge runner on the day was Emma Young who finished 62nd. She was followed by teammates Nicole Love (70th), Julie Gardner (79th),

Carolyn Gardner (88th) and Maia Kirk (164th).

Pickering High School's Ryan Finn placed 14th in the senior boys' category. He finished the 7.03-kilometre course in 24:07.7. Finn captured top spot at the LOSSA meet.

Dunbarton High's Sabrina Benzinger was 80th in the mid-level girls event in 13:12.3.

Dunbarton's High's Katie Toomsalu finished 81st in the senior girls' category in 24:05.1.

Pine Ridge's Justin Jorken finished 104th in the senior boys' division in 26:32.7.

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School's Paige and Savannah Heathcote finished 199th and 120th, respectively, in the senior girls' bracket. Gillian Daues, Cristen Allen and Rachel Chung, also of St. Mary, finished 191st, 211th and 220th, respectively.

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Panthers tied up by Couchiching

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The visiting Terriers were all over the Panthers in the third period, outshooting the hosts 17-3 in the frame. Goalie Devin Ramasawmy replaced starter Jonathan Keating in the third, after Keating took a hard shot at the end of the second frame. Ramasawmy stopped 17 shots to preserve the tie in the scoreless third period.

Ryan Annesley, John Scrymgeour and Phil McIlhorne scored the Panthers goals. Assisting were Jeremy Whelan, Richard Schofield, Justin Teakle, Andrew Dis-sanayake, Cory York and Paul

Rivest.

On Halloween night, the Panthers threw a scare into the visiting St. Mike's Buzzers. And, if not for a couple of bad breaks that ended up in the net, the Pickering juniors deserved a better fate.

Of special note was the goal-tending of Keating, who stopped 26 shots, including several of the sensational variety.

Winder says the addition of forward Clay Costoff and defenceman Blake Allen has been a boon to the club. They were acquired in a two-for-one deal with North Bay of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League that sent Pan-

thers' captain and defenceman Bryan Hampton the other way.

"We're really happy with them," says Winder. "They're experienced players; they've added a lot of character to our dressing room. We're happy to have them."

The Panthers play three games in three nights this weekend, starting Friday when they host the North York Rangers at the complex at 7:30 p.m. The Pickering juniors then take to the road, playing in Stouffville against the Spirit Saturday night and in Toronto against the Wexford Raiders on Sunday evening.

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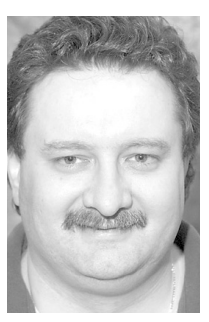
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DURHAM — The fall concert of the Durham Youth Orchestra will feature works by Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Glinka.

The concert will be held Nov. 8 and

will include Mozart's 'Magic Flute Overture,' Beethoven's 'Symphony No. 5,' Bach's 'Concerto for Two Violins,' and Glinka's 'Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture.'

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Temple, 570 Thornton Rd. N., Oshawa.

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Ajax's juried art show opens Friday

Fifth year for PineRidge Arts Council exhibition

AJAX -- The anticipation will come to a conclusion with the unveiling of the winners of the Ajax / PineRidge Arts Council 5th annual juried art show, Friday, Nov. 7.

The exhibition begins with an opening reception and awards presentation from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 7th in the Atri-

um of the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr., Ajax.

The show gives local artists a great opportunity to get their work into the public arena and even to sell some of it, says April Polak, the show's organizer. She says visitors to the centre will find works by professional and amateur artists in a variety of media take part.

Last year, there were about 200 entries and about 60 were selected for display during the show, she says.

For those whose work does make it to the walls, there is the glory and, of course, the potential for prizes. Best in show will receive \$750 from the PineRidge Arts Council, while the recipient of the Ontario Power Generation Award will win \$500.

There is also a Mayor's Award and the Pickering Rotary Club Award. There are also two awards specifically for youth.

The show continues until Monday, Dec. 8.



PICKERING — The Durham Youth Orchestra performs this Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Salvation Army Temple, 570 Thornton Rd. N., Oshawa. Above, Pickering resident Maiko Hiraki practices on her French horn.

Local resident joins symphony board

DURHAM — Two new members have joined the board of directors of the Oshawa-Durham Symphony Orchestra.

Peter Lennox, of Ajax, comes to the board to head a committee on volunteer recruitment. David Sorichetti, of Whitby, will be involved in marketing and promotion.

The two join the list of 13 other volunteers who have taken the Oshawa-Durham Symphony through a growth phase the like of which the orchestra has never seen.

"The ODSO under conductor Marco Parisotto has doubled its audience in the past two years," said board chairman Sherry Bassin. "This is impressive expansion, and these two new board members will add tremendously to the mix of talented people we have on the board now. I am excited about the value they will add to this dynamic group."

Bassin has indicated he will seek re-election for a third term as chairman of the board of the ODSO at the board's annual general meeting Oct. 14.

Lennox has been a resident of Ajax for the past 16 years. He has been a member of the Toronto Police Service for the past 21 years.

Sorichetti, who has lived in Whitby for over 45 years, is an investment adviser for TD Waterhouse in Durham Region. He has owned and operated many businesses over the past 25 years with his family and has also been very active within the community.

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Rev. Carol Kilby
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It's been said we live in a great community for kids. There's sports, guiding, cubs, recreation and more. Its also been said it takes a village, which these days means a global village, to raise a child. We're disturbed even anxious when we hear of children being abducted in Canada. We're shocked but elated when we hear hundreds of children are rescued from child labour camps in an African quarry. We say children matter.

Their health, education and safety all matters. We care more about nutrition, know more about learning disorders and new educational approaches than earlier generations. When we're not working to give them every possible advantage we're driving, coaching and cheering for them. But what if we've missed something? What if we've missed the essence of our children, the very core of their identity, their spirituality? In the midst of all that we do for them so they can do as much as they can, how much does it matter that children are first and foremost what psychologists call, spiritual beings?

Do you believe it? That your kids or your neighbours' kids are spiritual beings? That's the claim in a most practical book called 10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting. Too often when we talk of things spiritual we may get confused with the important and hopefully life-long religious beliefs and practice we try to teach them or with the meaningful short-term magical things like Santa and Tooth Fairy. Spirituality however is not something we grow out of or even something we learn. Though religion provides us the all important channels or paths by which to live spiritual lives our kids are already spiritual.

Spirituality is a child's awareness of Mystery, their awe and wonder at and sacred connection to creation. It's their trust in a non-physical power greater than their own. It's their absolute confidence that they have a purpose and place in the world. Spirituality "is the base from which grows self-esteem, values, morals and a sense of belonging. It's what gives life direction and meaning." It's a consciousness that relates them directly to what we call God. When my I asked my 3 year old niece why she so frequently used the phrase, Oh my God, I expected her to tell me from which parent she'd heard it. She replied: "God is everywhere so I can talk to God anytime."

With spiritual parenting and as communities that acknowledge the spiritual we can foster children's innate sense of wonder, unbounded creativity, vivid imaginations celebration of and joyful open-ended approach to life. If and when they are hurt or disappointed by the larger world, they will something bigger and longer lasting to hold on to and to sustain them. If we have acknowledged and affirmed the sacred in ourselves and in them, then we will truly live in a great community for kids, a community where children matter.

FAITHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Greg Baker
Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service



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* TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
* WOMENS SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB
* COUPLE ENRICHMENT
* PARENTING
* THE ART OF FAITH
* SPIRIT CONNECTION
* DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIMS
* AUTISM PROJECT
* BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Services
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The Meeting Place
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A Somewhat more traditional service

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Dunbarton Fairport United Church	
November 4	8:00 Parenting - study group (4th Tuesday November - March)
November 6	7:30 Women's Spiritual Book Club (1st Wednesday of month)
November 14	8:00 Couple Enrichment with Gary & Cheryl Pennington
November 18	7:30 Movie Study "Dragonfly" with Densel Washington
Spirit Connection	5 week study of Corinthians - Discover your Spiritual Gifts Mondays 7:00 pm
November 22	"Deck Your Halls" Annual Bazaar & Craft Show 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

- Durham Christian Fellowship**
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 - Ladies meeting • Youth Program • Biker Church
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November at Faithway Baptist Church
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class Series

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