

United Way campaign 'the best ever'

Ajax-Pickering effort falls short of goal, but local agencies won't be hurt

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DENNIS GOULIN
'Helping to build the community.'

BY LINDA WHITE
Staff Writer
Last year's United Way fund-raising campaign was "the best ever" for your local agency, which credits "the generosity of the community" with helping it help people in need. The campaign collected \$1,083,855, a 7.2-per cent increase over the previous year's

total of \$1.01 million. And though it fell short of its goal of \$1.3 million, United Way of Ajax-Pickering executive director Dennis Goulin is pleased with the results. "Thousands of people have shown their support for the United Way," says Mr. Goulin, who believes the United Way's message about helping those in

need through 22 agencies, such as Big Brothers and Denise House for abused women and their children, "is getting through. "As the community grows, the needs grow," he explains. "The United Way has to grow with it. We like to think of ourselves as helping to build the community. And people are

building their own community through their donations to the United Way." Because the money raised in the 1998 campaign under drive chairman Bob Pizer is an increase over the previous year, "there will be more funds available for agencies," notes Mr. Goulin. At the same time, the United

Way will be able to set aside money for its Community Project Grants Program, which funds local projects that "enhance the community by impacting positively and directly on the lives of citizens in Ajax and Pickering," a news release notes. Racing Against Drugs, a See UNITED page A2

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Up for a spring cleaning in Pickering? Programs in place for bay, neighbourhoods

PICKERING — Residents can help improve the environment around Frenchman's Bay and throughout Pickering by getting involved in clean-up programs being offered by the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project (FBWRP).

People are being invited to pledge to pick up one bag of garbage per month in a public place in their community.

The FBWRP will even supply a bag and a pair of gloves.

As well, for people who enjoy getting involved in a team effort, the organization is hosting a "clean-up hour" at a designated site within the Frenchman's Bay watershed from 7 to 8 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month from April to September.

Residents should call the FBWRP office at 420-4660, ext. 2155 to register themselves or their families to participate.

The first clean-up hour of the year will be held April 6 at 7 p.m.

Volunteers will meet at Kitley Avenue, south of Finch Avenue off Dixie Road.

Every little bit helps, note project organizers. Anyone who knows of a public area in their neighbourhood that needs cleaning up is invited to contact the FBWRP.

The organization is a community partnership funded by the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government and designed to educate through hands-on environmental programs.

Call the number above for more information on programs or to book a one-hour environmental workshop for your school or community group.



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A lick and a promise

Emily Jenkins shares a special moment with Rosie, a six-month-old basset hound, at the Trillium Dog Show last weekend at the Metro East Trade Centre in Pickering. Rosie was on hand with her owners to take part in the Best of Show class.

Support grows for MP's police pursuit bill

McTeague's call for stiff penalties for evaders gains momentum

BY MARIANNE TAKACS
Staff Writer

The recent killing of a Pickering priest and two other innocent citizens by cars fleeing police is apparently helping to build support for a private member's bill calling for stiffer punishment for drivers trying to evade cops.

Bill C-440, introduced last fall by Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague, is expected to go before Parliament for debate and a second reading vote during the week of April 20. If it's approved, C-440 will then be referred to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration.

"The bill now has to be taken very seriously by legislators," says Mr. McTeague. "I'm confident the vote will pass. Most Members of Parliament

are keenly aware of the tragedy that is taking place on our streets."

Approximately 300 private member's bills have been submitted to the current Parliament and a lottery process has been used to bring about 50 of them forward for further consideration. That process recently gave Mr. McTeague the opportunity to argue, successfully, before a subcommittee of MPs from all parties to have C-440 debated in the House.

"I'm amazed we've been able to get this far this quickly," says Mr. McTeague of the bill's progress. "It suggests the seriousness with which this issue is being treated in Ottawa."

Under C-440, anyone who operates a motor vehicle to evade a peace officer would be guilty of an indictable offence



DAN McTEAGUE
'Amazed we've been able to get this far this quickly.'

under the Criminal Code and could be imprisoned for up to two years.

In addition, individuals who tried to evade police in a vehi-

cle and injured another person in the process could go to prison for a maximum of 10 years. Any driver causing death while evading police could be imprisoned for life.

There is currently no special provision in the Criminal Code for using a car to evade police.

Mr. McTeague notes that while some have suggested the legislation he's calling for would be focused on retribution, he believes it could act as a valuable deterrent.

"A lot of people are evading (police) because they are intoxicated or have committed a far less serious offence," he explains.

"For many, fleeing police is worth the risk. Three deaths in Ontario in the past week-and-a-half are testimony to the fact people believe they can actually

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Pickering councillor calls for policy on projects and programs

Show us cost data: Ryan

BY MARIANNE TAKACS
Staff Writer

PICKERING — A councillor's proposal to require that every project or program brought before Council be accompanied by detailed information about its costs and financing has received a lukewarm reception from some of his colleagues.

Council voted last week to refer the proposal from Ward 1 local Councillor Dave Ryan to the Town's audit committee for four weeks for further study.

If approved, Coun. Ryan's motion would require that whenever a new project or program was introduced, information would have to be provided along with it detailing its estimated actual cost, including financing, and, if applicable, the annual operating costs associated with the project or program



DAVE RYAN
'Council has an obligation to know.'

in each of its first five years of operation.

As well:

- Both Town and other sources of funding would have to be identified and expressed in actual dollar amounts.
- Money coming from the municipal tax base would have to be confirmed as available within existing budgets and reserves.
- Any proposed tax increases, special levies or financing costs required would have to be expressed as an annual cost for as long as required.
- Cost estimates would have to be supported by a staff report, including comments from department heads, and verified by the signatures of the Town treasurer and chief administrative officer.

Coun. Ryan maintained the information he was asking for is only what "the public has a right to know and council has an obligation to know on behalf of the public."

However, some Council members suggested the kind of information Coun. Ryan's proposal was describing is already provided.

"Let me assure you this is exactly what we do," said Ward

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Pickering church's Easter food drive falling short



The Sav-A-Centre supermarket in Pickering is a regular donor of baked goods to St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank, which is currently holding its annual Easter food drive. Gathering some of goodies together here are (left to right) Silvana Harth of the food bank, store bakery manager Pauline Peacocke, and food bank volunteer Michelle Harth.

There may be bare shelves at St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank this spring and summer if there isn't a significant increase in donations from the community to its annual Easter food drive.

"We're off to a bit of a slow start," says drive co-ordinator Brenda Romeo. "We're hoping things will pick up this Easter weekend."

The drive started Friday but St. Paul's volunteers checking the donation bins at local supermarkets after the first weekend found less in them than a previous years, reports Ms. Romeo.

"It's not as much as we had hoped for."

The volunteers will be doing their best to revive the drive by

going to participating supermarkets this Thursday and Saturday to hand out flyers and collect cash donations. Ms. Romeo is hopeful Pickering and Ajax residents will "open their hearts during the Easter season."

In 1998, St. Paul's distributed 1,918 packs of food, each providing about four to five days of nourishment for an individual or family. Those supplies helped an estimated 5,866 people, about half of them children.

The food drive will continue through this weekend to April 9. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off in Pickering at LOEB Glendale.

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bolt from a police officer with impunity." Father Ilec Miovski of Pickering, 50, was walking to his car in Scarborough on the night of March 21 when he was hit and killed by someone fleeing from police in a stolen vehicle. Valeri (Larry) Kovaliv, 41, died shortly after the vehicle he was driving in Toronto was hit March 26 by someone trying to escape in a car from police.

And Bernard Todd Brant, 27, was struck and killed by a vehicle fleeing from police March 28 as he changed a tire at the side of a highway in Trenton.

The MP says he's also approaching the federal Minister of Justice to have the government adopt the bill and move it forward itself to give it a better chance of being made into law quickly.

The bill has already received the endorsement of the Canadian Automobile Association and the Canadian Police Association.

United Way effort leaves agency officials 'very pleased'

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drug awareness program that targets Grade 6 students across Durham Region, and Rainbows, a peer support program for children experiencing grief because of a significant loss, are among the projects that have received funding.

"We're very pleased," adds Mr. Goulin, who already has his eyes set on this year's campaign.

"Our job now is to get ready for the 1999 campaign. It really is a year-round job."

A chairman for that campaign hasn't yet been named, but should be in place by the end of April.

Meanwhile, the United Way is looking for volunteers to sit on its Citizen Review Panels, which help determine how money raised will be allocated.

Call 686-0606 for more information.

Correction

A story about a local dancer in the Friday, March 26 edition of the News Advertiser contained an error.

Canada's Wonderland Tropicale dancer Shannon Bruce is a student with the Denise Lester Dance Academy of Pickering.

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Teen crash victim popular, determined

'Hold them close when you've got them,' grieving councillor urges parents

PICKERING — A young Pickering man who was a hard worker determined "to make something of his life" was killed in a crash early Sunday morning.

Russell David Johnson, 18, was driving a pick-up truck south on Brock Road just outside Claremont around 3:05 a.m. when the vehicle left the road and struck a hydro pole. Durham Regional Police report. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No other vehicle was involved. Mr. Johnson lived all his life in the hamlet of Brougham and was the son of Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson and his wife, Susan.

"These things happen," says the grieving father. "You have to hold them close when you've got them."

As news of the tragedy spread through the community, Russell Johnson's young friends and neighbours brought flowers to the scene of the crash.

"Russell was pretty popular," says Coun. Johnson, noting his son had been out with friends shortly before the accident that took his life. According to his father, Mr. Johnson had struggled with great determination all his life to overcome the obstacles he was faced with. He was born with a cleft lip and palate and spent much of his early life at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and underwent several surgeries. He also

coped with a hearing impairment.

"He was very independent," recalls his father. "He understood right and wrong. When he was wrong he'd admit it. When he was right he'd stand by his convictions."

As a youngster, Mr. Johnson was in a special education class at Valley View Public School in Greenwood, but later chose to attend Pickering High School where no special education program was available.

"He wanted to be there, where all his friends he grew up with were," says Coun. Johnson.

He had most recently been attending Samuel Borden High School in Scarborough, where he was completing Grades 11 and 12.

Mr. Johnson was "quite a guitar player" and also an avid and excellent skier, says his father.

"He could ski the moguls and do the 360 on one ski. Skiing was his love in the winter."

The young man had worked at the Lakeridge Links golf course and the Pickering Playing Fields as well as taking on timekeeping duties for the Pickering Oldtimers Hockey League. His father notes he was a hard worker and known as someone ready to take on and complete any job.

"Russell was determined. He was going to make something of his life." In addition to his parents, Mr. Russell is survived by his



Funeral services were to be held today for 18-year-old Russell Johnson, son of Pickering Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, following a fatal car crash near his home Sunday. At right, memorial bouquets were left by friends who visited the crash scene on Monday.

brother Chris, and grandparents Florence Mennie and Ivan and Lorene Johnson.

A funeral service was to be held today at 2 p.m. at the Claremont Community Centre. A private interment, with family and friends, was to take place at the Brougham Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family

would appreciate donations made in Russell Johnson's memory to the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf or the Children's Wish Foundation, two charities the family has been involved with as volunteers.

The Durham police traffic management unit is investigating the crash. Police say alcohol appears to have been a factor.

Durham College gets \$700,000 for new technology spaces

Durham College is getting more than \$700,000 to create 105 new student spaces in high-tech programs.

"This is a really significant amount of money," says Bruce Bunker, director of technology for Durham College. "These programs will grow. The government wants more students in them and they're encouraging that by giving us this funding for equipment."

Through the Province's Access to Opportunities program, the college will get \$703,000 this year for new capital purchases to open up space in engineering and technology programs. "At Durham the money will be used for electronics, computer science and computer programming," Mr. Bunker says.

Access to Opportunities will provide \$150 million over three years to Ontario universities and colleges in areas such as computer and software engineering.

The college must raise funds from the private sector to help offset startup costs and the Province matches those funds. The amount

Durham College received was based on the partnerships it forged within the community, says Mr. Bunker, who noted in-kind donations from corporate sponsors combined with money allocated to the technology programs from the capital fund-raising campaign made it possible to receive the \$700,000 grant.

Fraud case won't be heard until May

The case of a volunteer charged with stealing \$118,000 from the York Durham Heritage Railway Association and the Pickering Softball Association has been adjourned until May.

Clifford Roy Smith, of Little Britain Road, who volunteered as treasurer of both associations, is accused in the theft of \$37,947 from the local softball association and \$80,957 from the heritage railway association.

An investigation was launched by the Durham Regional Police Service following an audit of the associations' records.

Mr. Smith, 51, a former accountant, was arrested March 10 and charged with two counts each of fraud over \$5,000, theft over \$5,000 and fraudulent concealment.

He is scheduled to appear in Oshawa provincial court May 7.

The Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario has suspended Mr.

Smith's membership and he is no longer permitted to practice.

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Durham Catholic teachers win reduced load, hard work bonus

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

Catholic high school teachers here will see their current workload decrease this fall but they'll still instruct more classes than they used to under a revised contract that grants educators a bonus for their extra work this year, reports board chairman Mary Ann Martin.

But local teachers' union leader Tony White reports teachers don't view the board's concessions as "much of an improvement" over an arbitrator's ruling made in January.

The Durham Catholic District School Board released details of a modified two-year collective agreement with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) Thursday. As of September, separate high school teachers in the region will be required to in-

struct 6.5 of eight classes a year, down from 6.7 of eight mandated by January's arbitration ruling. And, all full-time educators will get a \$700 lump-sum payment in recognition of their increased workload during the current school year.

"I want our teachers to know they are being recognized for their work with our students and their contribution to education," says Ms. Martin. "I look forward to a return to a more settled, complete and happy secondary school environment. This agreement will be beneficial to everyone in our secondary schools."

An arbitrator's ruling handed down Jan. 27 awarded teachers a two-per cent

pay hike, effective Jan. 1 of this year, and another one-per cent increase effective Jan. 1, 2000. The arbitrator also gave the board and local OECTA members 45 days to iron out details of the department head structure in secondary schools for this coming September.

The two parties also re-negotiated several other aspects of the two-year deal, which covers September 1998 to August 2000, Ms. Martin reports.

"We went back in and offered the teachers 6.5 out of eight which is less than the arbitrator offered them," she says. That means teachers will only have to instruct four of four classes in one of

four semesters over a two-year cycle.

But, Durham OECTA Secondary president Mr. White notes the second year of that two-year cycle falls outside of the current collective agreement, which means some teachers who are instructing seven of eight classes this year will have the same workload next year.

"Teachers did not see this as much of an improvement," Mr. White says. The two groups also worked out details of a new "curriculum chair" model to replace the current department head structure in high schools and made some improvements to the employee benefits package, she says.

Reducing teachers' workload to 6.5 periods means the board will have to hire an additional 12 secondary school teachers for the fall, says Ms. Martin, who notes that will cost approximately \$672,000. And, giving each of the board's 425 high school teachers a \$700 bonus will cost \$297,500. The money will come from the board's current operating budget, the Whitby trustee adds.

Meanwhile, Ms. Martin says she's hopeful extra-curricular activities will soon resume in high schools.

"Hopefully making (teachers') workload a little easier will give them more time at the end of the day," she says.

Easter food drive off to a slow start

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1900 Dixie Rd; the SuperCentre on Liverpool Road just south of Kingston Road; Sav-A-Centre in the Amberlea Plaza on Whites Road north of Strouds Lane; and Pickering firehalls at Kingston and Rosbank Road; Finch Avenue and Dixie; and Bayly Street west of Brock Road.

Among the food items most needed are: canned fruit, canned stew, canned meat, sugar, flour, powdered milk, canned fish, cold cereal, canned pasta, meal helpers, peanut butter and school snacks such as pudding cups, fruit cups and juice boxes.

St. Paul's volunteers will also be accepting cash donations at the supermarket during busy shopping hours. The money is used to buy items such as fresh milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables, baby food and baby formula as needed.

Cash donations may also be made at St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church weekday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon or any time on weekends (ring the bell at the main entrance). Donations by cheque (made out to St. Paul's Food Bank) can also be mailed to St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church, 882 Kingston Rd., Pickering, L1V 1A8.

Pickering councillor wants new policy on project data

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2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson.

"What's here is not out of line with what staff already provide," said Mayor Wayne Arthur.

In an interview after the meeting, Coun. Ryan agreed the information is provided when staff make recommendations to Council, but added it's not necessarily there when councillors bring forward proposals.

He explained he was prompted to propose the policy by two recent projects he maintains were brought before council with insufficient supporting information — the construction of a Millennium Trail on the waterfront with the aid of federal and provincial funding, and Town funding for land purchases in Pickering together with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

While the councillor said he isn't necessarily opposed to Town participation in either project, councillors were simply not given enough facts on which to base a decision. If he and others had not demanded more information at the time and deferral of a final decision on the issues, he added, Council could have ended up committing the Town to "several millions of dollars" in expenditures.

Coun. Ryan contends the reason the proposal was referred to the audit committee was to "minimize debate" and postpone a decision on it.

The audit committee which will examine his proposal is scheduled to meet April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Town hall.

"I'm hoping anyone who has a concern about public access to information and democracy will attend and make their feelings known," says Coun. Ryan.

Wiseman wins NDP nod

Former MPP Jim Wiseman has thrown his hat back into the electoral ring.

Mr. Wiseman will represent the New Democratic Party in Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge Riding when the next provincial election is called. Mr. Wiseman, a teacher at Ajax High School, was Durham West MPP from 1990 to 1995. He was nominated at a riding association meeting March 24.

Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge Riding includes all of Pickering and Uxbridge, and Ajax north of Hwy. 2.



JIM WISEMAN
Former MPP wins NDP nomination.

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Agencies join forces to help locate jobs

Pickering, Ajax residents can take advantage of services

Looking for a job? The YMCA and Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) are there to help.

They have paired up for the third year to provide job search services for the community. The YMCA/HRDC Resource Centre offers career and employment information and resources for self-directed job searching.

Among the services offered are computer use for writing résumés and cover letters, access to the Internet, information on the labour market, a resource library, job bank kiosk, newspapers, information on post-secondary education and other training institutions, information on job search and interview skills, and local telephone access.

"We pride ourselves in our professional and very friendly approach in helping everyone within the community in finding employment," resource centre co-ordinator Cheryl MacDonald notes in a press release.

"We have had many people come through the doors of the resource centre over the last couple of years and look forward to helping more in the future."

The resource centre is at 1400 Bayly St., Suite 16B (beside the GO Train station), Pickering. It's open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The centre is closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



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Counsellor Julie Mehrad shows client Keith Goebel how to improve his resume as part of a joint venture between the YMCA and Human Resources Development Canada. The two agencies have joined forces for the third year to provide job search tips and career counselling.

Teacher targeted in crack cocaine probe, trial told

BY STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Writer

Crack cocaine was found scattered under the bed of a Whitby school teacher who was sitting on when police raided his Oshawa apartment, a judge heard yesterday.

Martin Hungerford is charged with possession of a crack cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of proceeds of crime and breach of recognizance.

A former teacher at Dr. Robert Thornton Public School, the 50-year-old man was reassigned to E.A. Fairman and was on sick leave at the time of his arrest. The nine-year Durham District School Board employee, currently suspended with pay, pleaded not guilty as his trial began in provincial court.

On July 25, 1997, a team of Durham Regional Police drug unit officers, acting on a search warrant, stormed Mr. Hungerford's fifth-floor apartment at 525 St. Lawrence St.

Police seized 4.3 grams of crack, a small quantity of what was believed to be hallucinogenic mushrooms, four crack pipes and \$875 cash during the search, court heard.

Constable Adam Kelly, the first officer to enter the apartment, told court he was attacked by a vicious pit bull which bit him on the buttocks before being called off.

He said the warrant was obtained based on an investigation that included surveillance of the building and information provided by a drug informant.

"Did you view Mr. Hungerford as a target in this investigation?" federal prosecutor Paul Greenway asked. "Yes I did," the officer replied.

Court heard police were also targeting the teacher's roommate, Darren Anderson, a known drug trafficker who pleaded guilty in the case and received nine months in jail.

The apartment door was

forced open with a battering ram at 8:40 p.m., at which time four people were found in the living room, said Constable Kevin Calhoun.

Police found Mr. Hungerford in the master bedroom, sitting on a bed, and Mr. Anderson standing near him.

Const. Kelly collected 14 small pieces of individually-wrapped crack he found "scattered" on the floor below the bed. Another piece of crack was found near the bed, he added. During a search of a second bedroom, Const. Calhoun said he seized four crack pipes from a dresser and a small piece of crack on the floor.

Const. Calhoun also seized \$325 and a driver's licence belonging to Mr. Hungerford, found inside a black fanny pack sitting on top of a window sill.

Of the four people in the apartment, not including Mr. Hungerford and Mr. Anderson, two were known to be associated with the "drug subculture," said the officer,

identifying the pair as Robert Corner and Dorothy Hamre.

Five hundred dollars was seized from the purse of Candice Gaudet, Mr. Anderson's girlfriend, court heard.

Defence lawyer John Oliver asked whether the officers had prior knowledge of Mr. Hungerford before the raid.

"I believe I knew of him," replied Constable Tim Pukulok, a drug unit member, adding he had no direct police involvement with Mr. Hungerford.

Before obtaining the warrant, police observed Mr. Anderson "hanging out" in front of the building and meeting numerous individuals, including a "high-level trafficker of cocaine," testified Const. Calhoun.

Sgt. Jack Dancy, head of the drug unit, said the quantity of drugs and the form of packaging were "textbook" signs the crack was intended for sale.

The trial continues.

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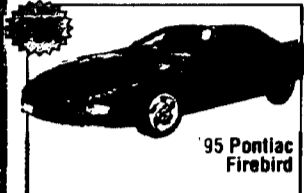
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2. ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION
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3. PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
A Public Information Centre has been arranged to allow the public an opportunity to review the preferred alternative and provide comments. The Public Information Centre has been arranged for:

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4. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
If you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre and have any comments or questions or require any further information about the study or the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment please contact:
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EDITORIAL

This land is our land

Our true north's strength about to be tested again

Nunavut is a word found in the Inuktitut language of the Inuit people that means "our land." The name also represents the largest land-claims settlement in Canadian history. How remarkable a day Thursday will be for these Canadians who have lived in the central and eastern Arctic for millennia.

If Norwegian explorer and writer Thor Heyerdahl's theory is accurate, the Inuit people first came to what is now Canada's Arctic more than 10,000 years ago from Asia. Heyerdahl surmised that the Inuit walked across the Bering Strait in the North Pacific when Alaska and Russia were joined by a land bridge. (The strait is still only 90 km wide).

However they got here, they certainly were the first Canadians. Adapting to the harshest environment on the planet, the Nunavut people established time-honoured traditions and lived a healthy if not an easy existence for thousands of years. The coexistence of the people with the land over the centuries was simple yet efficient. Then, beginning with Martin Frobisher in 1576, European explorers brought change.

The last 400 years have not always been kind to our brothers and sisters to the north.

When Frobisher set out to discover a Northwest Passage, his encounters with the Inuit were not friendly; he seized four Inuit and took them to England where they soon died. But despite the ravages of disease, changes in the whaling and fur businesses, the forceful relocation of the Inuit themselves, the wresting away of children from their parents to abusive residential schools, major shifts in caribou migration patterns and a loss of a traditional way of life, the people have persevered.

Poverty and social ills are realities in the land that is still so vast. But with little education and few job prospects, the indomitable spirit of our northernmost citizens is about to be tested once more. We can dream the dream with them for now and at least for tomorrow, know that our true north is a little bit truer.

Press Hydro

Utility must make nuclear plant safe within two years

Ontario Hydro must make station safe within two years. So the Atomic Energy Control Board, in its wisdom, has granted Ontario Hydro a two-year operating licence for the Pickering nuclear plant.

In doing so, the federal nuclear regulatory agency caved in to the request of the powerful provincial utility, which asked for the two-year permit, and turned a deaf ear to the Town of Pickering and groups like Durham Nuclear Awareness, Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment, the Liverpool West Community Association and the Pickering East Shore Community Association, which wanted a shorter one-year licence, with conditions attached.

Apparently, the AECB was convinced by the arguments of its own staff that significant progress has been made with improvements at the problem-plagued Pickering nuclear station and Hydro must be given time to complete them. We must put a certain degree of faith in AECB staff; after all, they are the experts when it comes to issues pertaining to nuclear power and nuclear plants. We have much less faith in the AECB itself as it has proven in the past to be a less-than-vigilant watchdog over nuclear operators like Ontario Hydro. Some would go so far as to argue the board has been more willing to capitulate to the giant utility than to confront it.

That's not the case with Durham Nuclear Awareness, which is more than willing to confront Hydro and the nuclear industry. One of few true watchdogs over that industry, DNA made a compelling argument to the AECB to permanently mothball the Pickering 'A' station reactors, which are currently shut down, and to immediately take the four 'B' side reactors off-line until maintenance backlogs are eliminated and key safety issues are resolved. DNA suggested a one-year licence for the power plant with strict safety conditions, only because a licence is required even if no reactors are operating.

But, it couldn't convince the AECB, even though the board has reportedly admitted it would not allow a new nuclear plant to be built today on the site of the Pickering station; even though no other nuclear plant in the world is surrounded by as large a population as Pickering, which has more than 1.5 million people living within 30 kilometres.

It's for those 1.5 million people who reside in this town, live within the power plant's shadow, or work at the Pickering nuclear station that the AECB must now put strict conditions on Hydro's operating licence. Those conditions must force Hydro to clear up its backlog of maintenance tasks at the nuclear station, address fire safety issues, conduct a review of the plant's impact on the environment, and take steps to ensure the facility isn't posing a threat to the ecosystem or the people who live nearby. And, the AECB has to put the pressure on the utility to do it sooner rather than later - within two years at the latest.

YOU SAID IT

The question was:

What do you think of NATO's actions in Yugoslavia?



Stephen Smit says, "I am confused. I don't know who is fighting who."



Sandy McIntosh says, "I agree with it. I think it is up to NATO to protect human rights."



Tara Autwal says, "It's sad. Something has to be done about it. Innocent people are dying. NATO will have to hit the right targets."

Ottawa to fight homelessness...



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forget new Pickering dump, Durham Region; push 3Rs instead

To the editor:

Re your excellent article March 17 headlined "Garbage in, garbage out...The bottom line says recycle as much as you can".

Make no mistake about it, you people who run the show at Durham Region headquarters. If anyone there thinks this area will remain quiescent if it's targeted for a dump site, forget it.

First of all, Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment is still in business. So don't you dare consider waving a "red flag" in our faces. There are 20 million tonnes of garbage rotting in dumps here and each one is a valid reason for not opening any more landfill sites here.

Secondly, as long as the feds keep an airport proposal on Pickering territory, a dump ain't going to fly for the simple reason that birds such as gulls pose a serious hazard in the flight paths. It's as simple as that. You cannot have your cake and eat it as well!

Keep paving the way for the three Rs!

Frank Threlkeld Jr.,
Founding PACT member,
Pickering

Parks aren't doggy toilets so stoop and scoop after your pooch

To the editor:

In response to the recent letters from people urging dog owners to stoop and scoop, I must add my own comments.

I live in the Glendale area of Pickering with a very high concentration of dogs. (In fact, I have two of my own.)

Since moving to this area three years ago, the amount of non-scooped dog doo has risen dramatically, to the point that it is absolutely disgusting.

Not only are the droppings in the park, which some pet owners must think is their own doggy's toilet, and on the boulevards, they're left as a trail on the sidewalk as well.

Try manoeuvring two dogs around that!

I always pick up after my own two dogs and find it repulsive to pick up after other dogs which leave presents on our side yard.

For those of you who do not understand stoop and scoop, I will spell it out for you: Pick up the poop!

Carolyn White,
Pickering

Kids go awry as too many parents see Ten Commandments as Suggestions

To the editor:

Most parents appreciate the value of "higher education" but, tragically, they often neglect their children's moral and ethical education.

Violent teen gangs, drug abuse, date rape and additional manifestations of moral decay are daily news items.

Headlines across our country assure us that more police officers are required, but a police officer on every corner is not the answer.

Surely, many irresponsible individuals should do a better job of policing themselves, but too many people with underdeveloped consciences refuse to accept the task.

Unfortunately, the Ten Commandments are viewed as the Ten Suggestions by people who refuse to adopt the values and codes of behaviour that once were accepted by almost everyone.

William E. Rae,
Scarborough

Tense times for terse Tories

Pre-election jitters perhaps?

Ontario's Progressive Conservatives have a bad case of the jitters as they are about to seek re-election, despite many forecasts they will win in a walk.

Since Premier Mike Harris has a lead in polls which has been sufficient to assure majorities in past elections and a reputation as a strong campaigner, many in the media have predicted he will win.

But one sign the Tories are nervous was a bitter attack by two of their ministers on Liberal health critic Gerard Kennedy, unprecedented in that it was in a nursing home watched by 200 elderly residents.

Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer had gone to the home's foyer to announce more money to hire nurses for homes. After waiting until she finished, Mr. Kennedy told reporters in the foyer he doubts the Tories will hire as many nurses as they claim and suggested the seniors' home was being misused.

Long-Term Care Minister Cam Jackson, followed by Economic Development Minister Al Palladini, barged over and repeatedly told Mr. Kennedy he is a liar and has no health policy. They stood inches away shouting and jabbing their fingers in his face while the seniors watched



Eric Dowd
At Queen's Park

disbelieving, and several were shaken and had to be counselled.

All the combatants later apologized and Mr. Harris was forced to say he would not tolerate such outbursts again.

The incident showed some Tories are becoming overwrought. Their government makes almost all its announcements in homes, schools and stores and on street corners and even boats, so it is a surprise when it makes any around the legislature. As a result, opposition MPPs, who cannot attract media as easily, have taken to following where reporters are gathered to make their responses.

The Tories have even interrupted critics' press conferences. When Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty held one on the legislature steps and accused the Tories of establishing funding that would close many schools, Education Minister Dave Johnson butted in to say his information

was wrong, while a bemused Mr. McGuinty protested, "you are gatecrashing my press conference."

Mr. Harris also sent Dan Newman, parliamentary assistant to the health minister, and two aides to lobby reporters outside the federal Liberal caucus in Ottawa and tell them the government there should pay more toward health care and Liberal MPs from Ontario were not standing up for their province.

The Tories' campaign chairman, Tom Long, also has suddenly sounded off, calling Mr. McGuinty uncertain, indecisive, vague, unsteady, vacillating, lacking ideas, wishy-washy and just plain weak, as if he had just bought a thesaurus.

This departs from tradition, because those who ran election campaigns in the past in all parties usually preferred to work in anonymity, leaving elected politicians to do the talking, and suggests another top Tory has frustrations with the way his cause is going.

These outbursts also do not help Mr. Harris attain the image he is seeking. He has been putting a lot of effort into appearing humane and non-confrontational, and his colleagues are letting him down.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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HARD OF HEARING: The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Pickering/Ajax/Whitby Branch holds its monthly support/social meeting at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Durham Regional Police Station at the northeast corner of Hwy. 2 and Brock Rd., Pickering. Speaker Patrick Gibson from Investors Group will discuss Basic Financial Planning. New members welcome. 839-6854 (voice) or 839-0122 (TTY).

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

BRAIN TUMOUR: The Adult Brain Tumor Support Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cres., Ajax. The group meets the first Thursday of each month. 1-800-265-5106.

NATURALISTS: The Pickering Naturalists meet from 8 to 10 p.m. in the library at St. Elizabeth Seton School, 480 Strouds Lane (north of Sheppard off Rosebank), Pickering. Speaker Phil Gibhardt will give a presentation on Radio Astronomy. 831-1639.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

ADDICTION: The Serenity Group holds a 12-Step Recovery Meeting at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. This weekly group deals with addictions of all types, including co-dependency. 428-9431 (1st. evenings).

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Nunavut

Canada's landscape will change April 1 when Nunavut officially becomes Canada's third territory.

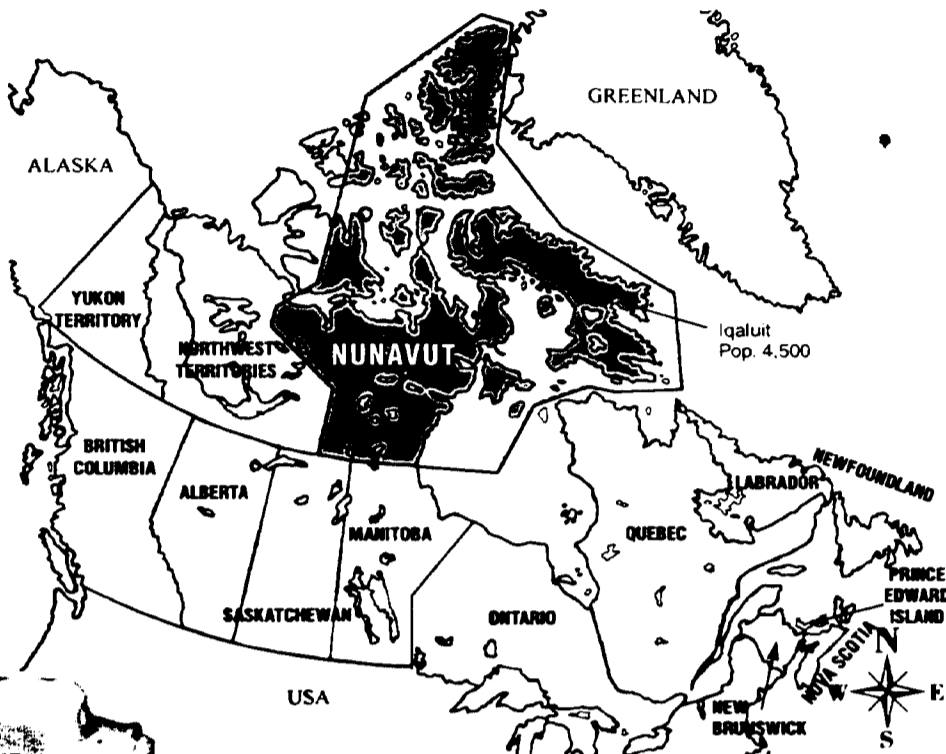
BY JANE MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The map of Canada will be redrawn tomorrow for the first time in 50 years. With the April 1, 1999 establishment of the new territory Nunavut, national boundaries will reflect the most significant changes since Newfoundland and Labrador joined confederation on this day in 1949.

Canada's Northwest Territories will officially divide into two territories tomorrow. The western territory will remain the Northwest Territories, and the central and eastern portion of the vast land will become Nunavut, an Inuktitut word meaning "our land." Nunavut is a massive 2 million square kilometres, about one-fifth the size of Canada, yet it has just 25,000 inhabitants. Iqaluit, on Baffin Island, is the new territory's icy capital and, along with Rankin Inlet, is perhaps the best known town.

But what is most important for the people of Nunavut, 85 per cent of whom are Inuit, is that starting tomorrow, they will once again enjoy self rule as they did thousands of years ago. The creation of the new territory is the result of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement in 1993. The populace went to the polls in February to elect 19 members to its legislature from a field of 71. Six of them are veterans of the current Northwest Territories Assembly, 15 are Inuit and one is a woman. They will be sworn in April 1.

"I think it is very exciting and important



that the people of the area are governing themselves," says Joyce Marshall, past board chairman of Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology, who has worked with the Innu of Davis Inlet, Labrador where reports of high rates of suicide and substance abuse caught the attention of the country a few years ago. Although Davis Inlet is in Labrador and south of the new Nunavut Territory, many of the goals of the people remain the same.

"I know these people have really worked hard to accomplish this (self rule) and are keen to have their people educated," she adds. (Ms. Marshall's involvement is with Inushare, a charitable group that includes members from Durham Region, and which has helped to establish a play school in Davis Inlet. Currently, she is working to support a women's shelter in Hopedale, Labrador, through the Durham Business and Professional Women's Organization.)

Though the Canadians who inhabit the vast land of Nunavut — people who literally sit on top of what the United Nations calls the best country in the world — have won the right to govern themselves and determine their future, daunting challenges lie ahead. The reality going into this brave new experiment is harsh. The cost of liv-

ing in Nunavut, according to Statistics Canada, is 65 per cent higher than the rest of Canada.

The income of the new territory's citizens is, on average, 50 per cent lower. A loaf of bread costs \$2.59 in Iqaluit, two litres of milk is \$5.35, and a dozen eggs \$2.95.

But even if there were more than 20 kilometres of formal roads to get people from one place to another in Nunavut, where would they go? To work?

The unemployment rate is at least 22 per cent and about a third of the population receive welfare payments; less than half of the population over the age of 15 have completed Grade 9. Almost half of the population is under 20 as compared to 25 per cent in the rest of the country.

With few skills or jobs available, social ills in the far north paint a grim picture. The infant mortality rate is twice the national average, suicides are about six times higher, and the percentage of the population in jail is nearly three times that of Canada as a whole.

Mary Wood has worked with aboriginal people in the north, also with the Innu of Davis Inlet. The Whitty resident says she is "watching with great hope," as April 1 approaches.

"The trouble with self government is that the aboriginal people haven't had much experience running (their own) government," she says.

Respectful of the traditional way of life the Inuit people have managed to retain, "It's in town where they, especially the young people, can run into trouble with gas sniffing, alcohol and vandalism.

"It's terribly hard for them," she says. "Financial accountability is very difficult for people who haven't had the responsibility before."

"Nuna, the land, was seen as a nurturing mother that supported the animals, the spirits and the Inuit. Income from government programs has been a very poor substitute. The founding of Nunavut is changing the outlook of many people who now want to take charge of their lives again. This hope is reflected in the upturned face at the top of the sculpture."

— Inuit artist David Ruben Piqtoukun, whose sculpture, 'Nuna' was recently on exhibit at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. This photo of his work is published by kind permission of the artist, David Ruben Piqtoukun.

Nunavut At A Glance

CAPITAL CITY: Iqaluit (population 4,500)

POPULATION: 25,000 of whom 85 per cent are Inuit. (Canada has a population of 30 million and Durham Region has a population of 470,000.)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER 100 SQUARE KILOMETRES: 1 (Compared to 29 for Canada as a whole, 11 in Ontario, 220 in Germany, 120.4 in China and 188.75 in Durham Region.)

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION UNDER 25: 56 per cent (3 per cent of residents in Durham Region are under 20).

BIRTH RATE: More than twice the national average (29 per 1,000, compared to 12 per 1,000 in Canada as a whole).

NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES: 28 (Iqaluit is the largest).

MOST NORTHERN COMMUNITY: Grise Fiord (population 130), which has 24 hours of daylight every day in June, and round-the-clock darkness in December. The distance from the north shore of Lake Ontario to Nunavut's northernmost community is 4,000 km.

AREA: 2,120,947 square kilometres (about one fifth of Canada's land mass), including seven of Canada's 12 largest islands and two-thirds of the country's coastline. (Compared to Durham Region at 2,490 square kilometres).

LAND: rocky tundra with stunted vegetation located above the tree-line, snow-covered most of the year.

LENGTH OF WINTER: Nine months.

Average January temperature: -30C (Compared to -1.4C in Durham Region).

AVERAGE JULY TEMPERATURE: 15C (Compared to 25.2C in Durham Region).

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$31,471 (compared to \$45,251 for Canada as a whole and \$64,940 in Durham Region).

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES: mining, tourism, shrimp and scallop fishing, hunting and trapping, arts and crafts production.

TRANSPORTATION: One 21-kilometre government-maintained road between Arctic Bay and Narsivik; air connection between communities; daily air connection between Iqaluit and Montreal/Ottawa; and annual summer sea-lift by ship and barge for transport of construction materials, dry goods, non-perishable food, trucks and cars, etc.

NUMBER OF HOSPITALS: One (in Iqaluit), and 26 health centres with nursing care to serve communities.

POLICING: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

GOVERNMENT: A Legislative Assembly of 19 elected members, who choose a government leader and ministers by consensus; highly decentralized government structure, with 10 departments in 11 different communities.

LANGUAGES: Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and English.

Newfoundland was the last province to join confederation in 1949.

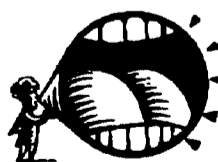
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TOWN OF PICKERING
Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. — Executive Committee, council chamber, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade.

TOWN OF AJAX
Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m. — Ajax Council, council chamber, Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

Monday, April 12, 7 p.m. — Standing Committee of the Whole, council chamber, Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

DURHAM REGION
Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. — Health and Social Services Committee, Planning Department Boardroom, 4th Floor, Lang Tower, Whitty Mall, 1615 Dundas St. E., Whitty.



WORDS FROM THE WISE

Politics, Points of View and Parodies

Wednesday, April 7, 10 a.m. — Durham Region Council, Council Chambers, Durham Region Headquarters, 605 Rossland Rd. E., in Whitby.

Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. — Health and Social Services Committee, Planning Department Boardroom, 4th Floor, Lang Tower, Whitty Mall, 1615 Dundas St. E., Whitty.

DURHAM REGION SCHOOL BOARDS
Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m. — Durham District School Board Standing Committee, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitty.

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Viagra's Durham debut lukewarm

Little blue pills not roaring out of region's pharmacies

BY JANE McDONALD
Staff Writer

Come spring time, a young man's thoughts turn to love. And with the arrival of Viagra on local drug store shelves Friday, men of all ages and their partners can think about enjoying the physical aspects of love again.

The prescription drug was approved by Health Canada March 9, and is prescribed as oral therapy for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED), caused by a variety of illnesses. Not inexpensive, the cost for four Viagra tablets runs at about \$60.

Pharmacist Jerry Belz of Jerry's Drug Warehouse in Whitby had "about nine or 10 prescriptions waiting to be filled" when the drug arrived at his Brock Street pharmacy last Thursday. By early afternoon, he'd already "put in a second order" to suppliers.

"It's going very well," says Mr. Belz. "Of course, we're cutting the price to \$51.99 for four tablets. It's (priced) up to \$60 to \$62 at some pharmacies."

According to the manufacturer of the drug, Pfizer Canada, seven million Viagra prescriptions have been filled in the U.S. where it has been available for the last year.

Douglas Brown's Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacy in Port Perry has not noticed too much interest in the drug.

"It just came in," says Mr. Brown, "and there have been a few prescriptions filled, but we have definitely not seen the explosion they did in the U.S. when it first came out."

'Some drug plans are sitting on the fence because it's about lifestyle. It doesn't have health implications if you don't take it.'

— DOUGLAS BROWN

The chances of Viagra being covered by a drug plan are unlikely because it's considered to be a "lifestyle drug," according to the pharmacy department at Pharma Plus in Ajax's Cloverdale Mall. "We filled one (prescription) yesterday (Thursday) and nothing yet today," says Elana Li, pharmacist.

Pharmacist Kathy Henry at Shoppers Drug Mart at the Five Points Mall in Oshawa says, "There are 80 to 100 drug plans and most don't cover Viagra prescriptions."

"Some drug plans are sitting on the fence because it's about lifestyle," agrees Mr. Brown. "It doesn't have health implications if you don't take it."

The Port Perry pharmacist adds that Viagra comes in three sizes: 50 mg which is the most "usual dosage", 100 mg and 25 mg. He says there is no difference in price for the 100 mg and 50 mg dosage and that the 25 mg is "a little bit cheaper."

He confirms that the cost averages around \$15 per pill.

The drug is most often prescribed due to consequences arising from ED such as low self-esteem and the weakening of intimate relationships as well as impacting on the quality of life of men and their partners.

Viagra is, according to Pfizer, in a new class of medications known as phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors that improve blood flow to the penis.

Viagra is taken as a single tablet 30 minutes to one hour before anticipated sexual activity.

Men taking the drug still need sexual stimulation to achieve an erection.

ED is associated with a broad range of medical conditions, including diabetes, prostate cancer surgery, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular diseases and depression.

ED increases with age due to age-related illnesses such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

There can be serious consequences (there have been deaths in the U.S.) if Viagra is taken in combination with other medications, warn the pharmacists.

"It's important to make sure your doctor knows what other medications you are on," Ms. Henry advises. "We're always willing to answer any questions."

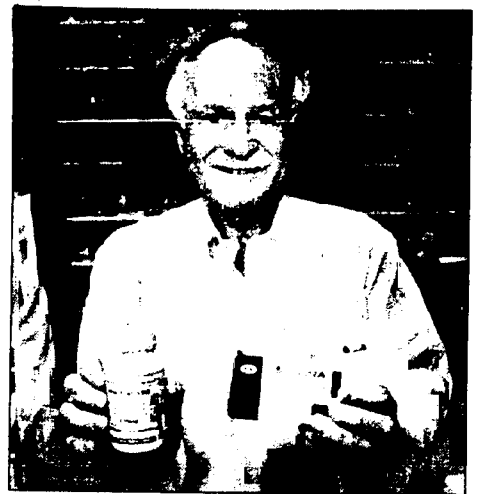
"This drug is not for everyone," cautions Mr. Brown. "If a doctor won't prescribe it, there's a good reason like the patient is on nitrate medication."

"This (taking Viagra when on nitrate medication) has caused some deaths in the U.S."

Mr. Belz says an herbal product exists that is supposed to contain many of the same benefits as Viagra.

"There is a herbal product called Puncture Vine," he says. "Supposedly it raises the testosterone levels in the male."

At \$10.39 for 60 tablets, it might be an alternative for the less affluent or for those whose medications might not allow them to take Viagra. But even with herbal remedies, it is advisable to check with a doctor first.



Pharmacist Jerry Belz displays new Viagra pill and herbal medicine with similar pharmaceutical goal.

Durham building activity slowed in '98

But construction likely to pick up this year

Building activity in Durham was down last year, partly because of labour disputes in the housing and automotive sectors.

But, the head of Regional Council's planning committee expects a better year in 1999.

"All the indications I've seen are positive for building permit activity," says Ajax Mayor Steve Parish. "The economy is still strong. As long as the automotive industry stays strong and labour isn't disrupted, and there's good weather, it could be a very strong

year for residential and non-residential development."

A planning department report indicates the value of building permits issued in Durham in 1998 dropped 13 per cent to \$582 million from the 1997 total of \$668.6 million. On the housing front, 3,043 permits were issued in 1998, a drop from the '97 figure of 3,734. However, the value of non-residential permits rose by \$2 million last year, to \$174.1 million.

The report notes the number of

housing permits issued last year was below the 20-year average of almost 3,900 a year, but the 1998 total was above 1992, 1993 and 1995. From 1986 to '89, permit totals were above 6,000 each year.

The planning department report says the slowdown in building permit activity "was primarily the result of strikes in the building trades, as well as negative impacts experienced by the local manufacturing sector due to major labour disputes in the U.S. auto industry."

Arts showcase spotlights local talent in Pickering

PICKERING — The PineRidge Arts Council is holding its annual general meeting and a talent showcase Wednesday, April 14 at the Waterfront Dining Bistro & Bar, 590 Liverpool Rd. S., Pickering.

It begins at 7 p.m. with an exhibition of artwork in various media, a musical interlude, a display of silent auction items and a bar.

The business meeting, featuring guest speaker Allan Arsenault, general

manager of the Pickering Town Centre, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Then there'll be a presentation by Claremont sculptor Edward Falkenberg, performances by instrumental and vocal artists spotlighting youth, and the announcement of silent auction winners.

All are welcome to attend and admission is free.

For more information call 509-3855.

Hard of hearing group meets tonight

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Pickering/Ajax/Whitby Branch is holding its next monthly support/social meeting Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Durham Regional Police Station at the northeast corner of Hwy. 2 and Brock Road, Pickering.

Guest speaker Patrick Gibson from Investors Group will provide information on basic financial planning.

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Pickering Panthers singing the Blues

Coach blames 'disappointing' officiating for team's fate

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — The Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers are suffering a bad case of the Blues.

The OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League team is either dead or barely alive following last night's semi-final game against the Bramalea Blues which the Panthers entered down three games to none in the best-of-seven series. The contest was played at the Pickering Recreation Complex after our deadline.

The Panthers dug themselves a deep hole after dropping a heartbreaking 4-3 double-overtime loss to the Blues in game three in Bramalea Monday night. Pickering's fate was sealed at the

13:04 mark of the second overtime frame when Bramalea's Anthony Aquino converted a three-on-two break for the winning marker which put the Blues into a commanding lead. Aquino's goal came after the Panthers broke in three-on-two on Blues' goalie T.T. Aceti, but a shot by George Trifon just missed the mark.

In fact, the Panthers held a 3-2 lead in the third period and appeared to be on their way to their first win of the series. However, with 2:36 left in regulation time, a poor Pickering clearing attempt was kept in at the blueline by Anthony Dynak, whose shot rebounded to Roberto Orofianni who buried it past Pickering goaltender Joel Cameron to tie the game and send it into overtime.

Panthers' head coach Rod McGillis says his charges dominated the West Conference champs in all aspects of game three, especially in the second period when Pickering scored all three of its goals and limited Bramalea to only two shots on net.

"I was tremendously pleased with their effort. I'm just disappointed with the result," laments McGillis. "We took it to Bramalea, we played as well as we felt we could play, but we came up a little short. Certainly we outworked and outchanced them. Unfortunately we didn't outscore them."

The Panthers got goals from Jeff Milroy, Trifon with a shorthanded marker, and Steve Farquharson on the powerplay. Assisting were T.J. Kemp with

two, Trifon, Luc Chiasson, Milroy and Bill Duncan.

The semi-final series got under way last Friday night in Bramalea where the Blues earned a 6-2 win. Sunday night in Pickering, Bramalea took a 2-0 lead in the series by hanging a 9-4 defeat on the host Panthers.

The officiating in this series has been "disappointing", says McGillis.

In each of the first two games of the series, the Panthers were hit with 20 penalties. Bramalea's vaunted powerplay struck for two goals in the first game and five in the second.

McGillis contends his charges didn't suddenly lose their discipline, but rather the officials have been a little overzealous.

"I don't think we've been getting away from our disciplined play," says McGillis. "We had three penalties called on us, very questionable penalties, in the first four minutes of play in the first game. They score the first two goals on powerplays and we're kind of on our heels and we're behind 3-0 before we can blink our eyes."

been very frustrated with the officiating. You expect to get decent refereeing in the fourth round of the playoffs."

In game two in Pickering Sunday night, the Panthers trailed 3-0 after the first period, allowing the Blues to get two powerplay goals and a shorthanded marker. The teams traded two goals apiece in the middle frame. Bramalea put the game out of reach with four third-period markers, two coming with the man advantage.

The Panthers scored three of their four goals on the powerplay Sunday night. T.J. Kemp, Doug Carr, Jason Lange and Trifon tallied for Pickering. Adding assists were Trifon and Toza Crnilovic with two each, Chiasson, Marcel Rodman, Joel Johnston and Milroy with singles.

In the opener in Bramalea, the Panthers were scorched by the Bramalea powerplay for two goals in the opening frame which ended 3-1 in favour of the Blues. Bramalea led 5-2 after 40 minutes, then added a shorthanded marker in the final stanza for good measure.

Milroy and Lange scored for Pickering in the final stanza of the game.



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Pickering Panthers' Joel Johnston (16) skates by Bramalea Blues' David Peca (22) during OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League semi-final play-off action at the Pickering Recreation Complex Sunday night. The Panthers lost 9-4. Pickering's in a three-games-to-none hole in the best-of-seven series, having lost game three 4-3 in double overtime in Bramalea Monday night.

Super 2 goalies lead Super 7s to tourney win

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Himelfarb Prozanski-Del Zotto Fence Co. Super 7 select hockey team emerged victorious from the Pickering Select Hockey Tournament at Don Beer Arena recently.

In the championship game, the Panthers blanked Vaughan 5-0. Andy Andreoff led the attack with a natural hat trick. Brody Caggiula and Lynch chipped in with one goal apiece. Assists went to Callum Lynch with two, Colin Campbell, Jason Armstrong, Mike Purcell and Andreoff with one apiece. Goalies Jared Cowley and Marc

Levesque shared the shutout.

In the semi-final contest, the Panthers defeated Brampton East 5-0. Campbell netted a pair of goals, Andreoff, Lynch and McNeil notched singles. Adding assists were Campbell, Ian Waters, McNeil, Armstrong and Andreoff.

Pickering also shut out Peterborough 2-0 in the first game. Adam McNeil and Andreoff scored with an assist to Taylor Permerowski.

The Panthers' Super 7s edged Cambridge 2-1 in the second contest. Purcell and Andreoff scored for Pickering. Campbell, Caggiula, McNeil and Permerowski

drew assists.

Pickering lost the third game to the Brampton 'A' team 1-0.

Evan Haga, Chris Underhill and Shane Del Zotto contributed to the tournament win.

The team is coached by Sal Caggiula and Bob Purcell and managed by Kathy Andreoff. The trainer is Lorne McNeil.

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Bantam Panthers Breakaway to league final

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Breakaway Business Systems minor bantam 'AA' hockey team has reached the York-Simcoe league final after outlasting the Aurora Tigers three games to two in the semi-finals.

Paul Ruta led Pickering to a 5-0 victory in game five with a two-goal performance. Brad Binns, Derek Polowyk and Keith Rhodes found the net once each. Assists went to Jed Johnston, Kevin Krasnowski, Sean McKeigue, Craig Wilcox, Rhodes and Ruta. Goaltender Robert Follett played his best game, stopping every shot with great composure.

In game four, Aurora beat the Panthers 2-1 with Ryan Donnan scoring the lone Pickering goal from Krasnowski.

In game one, the Panthers trashed the Tigers 6-2. Binns and Polowyk each scored twice. Sean McKeigue and Rhodes fired singles. McKeigue had two assists while Jason Brookings, Krasnowski, Polowyk, Rhodes and Wilcox drew single helpers.

Aurora won 2-1 in game two with Rhodes notching the only Pickering goal from Brookings and McKeigue. Daniel Sharpe

played a strong game in net for Pickering.

In game three, the Panthers beat the Tigers 5-3. Chad Tkachuk scored two goals. Brookings, Rhodes and Ruta had one each. Binns, Ruta, McKeigue, Rhodes and Danny Salvagna picked up assists.

In the quarter-finals against Barrie, the Panthers clinched the series three games to none.

In game three, Pickering edged Barrie 4-3 margin. Binns and Krasnowski each scored a pair. Assists went to Brookings, Donnan, Krasnowski, Polowyk and Ian Suginomori. Sharpe made several key saves to preserve the win.

Pickering won game one 5-4. Brent Dalliday and Krasnowski led the attack with two goals each. Binns scored once. Polowyk and Binns had two assists while Wilcox, Rhodes, Suginomori and Johnston had single helpers.

The Panthers crushed Barrie 6-3 in the second game of the series.

Dalliday and Rhodes recorded two goals each. Krasnowski and Polowyk fired singles. Dalliday and Polowyk had two assists while Suginomori, Salvagna, Rhodes, Krasnowski and Ruta had single helpers.



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Football Dolphins looking for new recruits for '99 season

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The Dolphins are also in

need of football equipment and would appreciate any donations. The club is involved in fund-raising Bingo at the Delta Bingo every Friday morning from March 19 to June 15. A dance is also being planned for some time in June.

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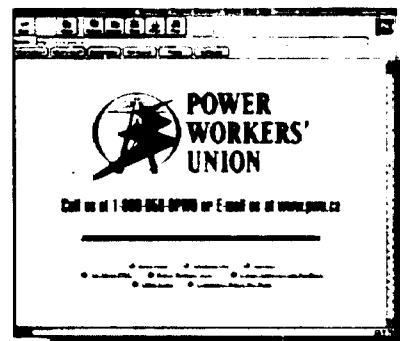
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Little stars ready for their Curtain Call

BY AL RIVETT
Staff Editor

Three young area actresses can't wait to take their Curtain Call in an upcoming production of a North York amateur theatre troupe next month.

Jessica Diamond, 10, and Rebecca Van Gijn, 9, both of Pickering, and Shannon Standen, 10, of Ajax, will perform in the Curtain Call Players' upcoming production entitled *The Sound of Musicals*. Celebrating its 20th anniversary of amateur theatre, the theatre troupe will present the best of Broadway musicals and movie music to commemorate the occasion.

The three actresses will perform two numbers from the Broadway musical *Annie* and one number from *Big River*. Other selections to be performed in *The Sound of Musicals* include those from *Chicago*, *Damn Yankees*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *City of Angels*, *Gypsy*, *Victor Victoria* and *Titanic*.

Jessica, Rebecca and Shannon all received invitations to work in the upcoming production at North York's Library Theatre April 15 to 24. All previously acted in earlier productions with the Curtain Call Players.

"The director (Keith O'Connell) invited them to come back," notes Catherine Balfour, Jessica's mother. "He knew them from *Oliver* and *The Music Man* with the Curtain Call Players."

And, the three actresses are thrilled to be treading the boards once again with the community theatre troupe. The trio began rehearsals for the show in January, but the number of re-



Three local actresses will be on stage in the upcoming *Curtain Call Players* production of *The Sound of Musicals* this month. Getting ready for the curtain to rise are, from left, Rebecca Van Gijn, Shannon Standen and Jessica Diamond.

hearsals will increase in the two weeks leading up to opening night April 15.

"It's a lot of fun," says Jessica, who's performing in her fourth production with the Curtain Call Players, dating back four years ago when she played a munchkin in the *Wizard of*

Oz. "I like to sing and dance and it's fun to watch other people do it."

Shannon notes everyone connected with the play has been supportive of the efforts of the budding actresses, which makes it an enjoyable experience for everyone.

"I like the fact that everyone in the play is really good friends. You feel like you're at home when you're around these people," explains the Grade 4 student at Dr. Roberta Bondar school in Ajax.

For Rebecca, the opportunity to perform in front of audiences keeps her returning to the theatre troupe. *The Sound of Musicals* represents her third production with the Curtain Call Players.

"It's really fun to be in the plays and go in front of a real audience. I like going to the rehearsals," says Rebecca, a Grade 4 student in the French immersion program at Frenchman's Bay Public School in Pickering.

Because of their involvement in the current production, the three actresses have been invited back to perform in a full production of the musical *Annie* by the theatre troupe in the fall.

The Sound of Musicals will be performed at the Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., North York (Don Mills Road and Sheppard Ave. E.), from April 15 to 17 and April 22 to 24 at 8 p.m. There's a matinee performance on April 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$14 for children and seniors.

For more information or for tickets, call (416) 703-6181.

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The four-member band, whose musical influences stem from hard-rock to ska, was formed in early 1998 and consisted of members of local bands Public Enemy and Blissful Sin. In their

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The above has been prepared for Grade Expectations Learning

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Across the years and through the tears

Happy ending for former Ajax resident as brother-sister reunion spans half-a-century

BY JANE MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The horrors of the Second World War and its aftermath ripped families apart, scattering its members throughout the world. Most never saw their relatives or homeland again.

Peter Cernigoi and Lydia Colussi are exceptions. The brother and sister hadn't seen each other since they both left their Italian birthplace almost 50 years ago. The European map was being redrawn in the early 1950s when they each decided to seek out a better life — Peter in Canada, Lydia in Australia — as Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia absorbed the territory in which their hometown, Pola, was located.

"It was a terrible life," Mr. Cernigoi, a man of few words, recalls. After service in the navy, he married Olimpia and the couple had three small children. A baker by trade, he couldn't find work in Italy and made the decision to leave.

"I had no job," he says. "I want to come to Canada. Now I have more years here in Canada than in my (original) country." Mr. Cernigoi is 80-years-old.

At about the same time, Mrs. Colussi thought about leaving her homeland. One of her and Peter's brothers had gone to Australia in 1950, and she followed suit. Two sisters and a brother remained in Italy although only one, a sister, survives.

Mr. Cernigoi and his family arrived in Ajax from Naples, Italy on a cold Jan. 2, 1952. His sister, Mrs. Colussi had already been in Sydney, Australia for about a year. And up until last Sunday, it had been 48 years since they had seen one another. When they embraced at Pearson International Airport in Toronto on March 21, Mrs. Colussi says she felt almost numb while Mr. Cernigoi still can't get over the feeling of "surprise."

Mrs. Colussi remembers her new life in Australia was "different and hard." At first, Australia was hard because of the language and we had to work very hard, 12 to 13 hours a day," she says. "But at least you work for something."

Her brother remembers feeling like a "pioneer." He and his growing family lived in Ajax's Pickering Village for nine years after emigrating from Italy, and have lived in Oshawa for almost 40 years. He took construction jobs whenever they were available when he first came to Canada and remembers

walking from Pickering Village to Oshawa to go to work. He spent most of his working life in area factories.

"I'm happy I came here," he says. His sister married soon after arriving in Australia. She has two daughters who are currently in Australia.

"I'm very happy because if I stayed in Italy, there would be nothing for me," she says.

'It has always been a concern about money but one day one of my daughters said Mom you have to go see him.'

— LYDIA COLUSSI

The recent brother and sister reunion "just happened," says Peter's daughter Toni Formosa. When her parents began to wonder what had happened to his brother and sister in Australia, she began tracking down her father's brother because she didn't know his sister's married name. It worked and they were eventually able to get in touch with Mrs. Colussi in Australia. Sadly, Peter's and Lydia's brother who had also resettled in Australia, died a few months ago.

"It has always been a concern about money but one day one of my daughters said, 'Mom, you have to go see him (her brother). It's been too long.'" That was three years ago. Through phone calls and writing back and forth, the family came up with the plan that made the reunion a reality. "I knew him right away," Mrs. Colussi says of seeing her brother at the airport Sunday.

"It's been a long time," says Peter who plans to show his sister Niagara Falls and other points of interest in the province during her two-month stay at his family's Oshawa house. Both look forward to telephoning their surviving sister still living in Italy.

"I'm happy to see him and all the family (Peter and Olimpia Cernigoi have five children, another two were born in Canada, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren) and I'm very pleased I've done this," says Mrs. Colussi.

"It should have been sooner."

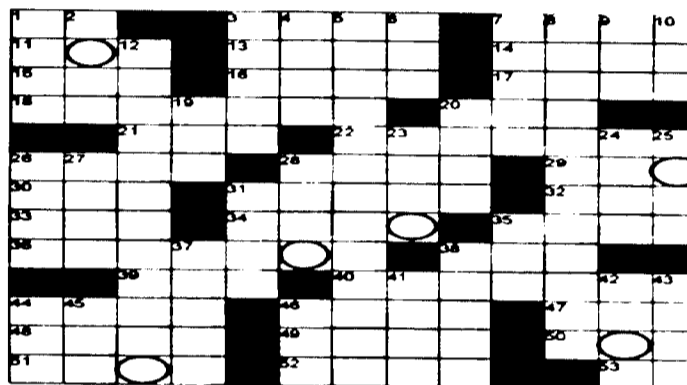


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Lydia Colussi and her brother, Peter Cernigoi, have been reunited after being apart for almost 50 years. Mrs. Colussi lives in Australia, and Mr. Cernigoi is currently an Oshawa resident. Mrs. Colussi says she knew her brother immediately when she saw him at the airport awaiting her arrival.

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- 2 Father Mulcahy's parish
- 7 Is in debt
- 11 Social butterfly, briefly?
- 13 Hamitic language
- 14 "___ & Friends" (this show was cancelled on CBC last season, but the show's star will appear in specials on BBS this season)
- 15 Needlefish
- 16 Abominable Snowman
- 17 Breeze
- 18 Part
- 20 Seal group
- 21 "Royal Canadian ___ Force"
- 22 Nimoy of "Star Trek"
- 26 Bobcat
- 28 Blackthorn fruit
- 29 Roger Moore was Simon Templar on this show (with #31A)
- 30 Shoemaker's tool
- 31 See #29A
- 32 Jacques Cousteau's sea?
- 33 "Here" in Montreal?
- 34 Holes
- 35 Mc Cannon
- 36 Bergen of "Murphy Brown"
- 38 Centre
- 39 See eagle
- 40 Action movie for former "Moonlighting" star, Bruce Willis
- 44 Sambar deer
- 46 Mr. Cosby
- 47 TV actor's hint
- 48 Trolley
- 49 Key
- 50 Macaque type
- 51 Da Vinci's painting with Lisa?
- 52 Afterward
- 53 "All ___ the Family"

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- 1 Steel
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- 6 Hawaiian assembly
- 7 Mr. Wales
- 8 Canadian Depression show?
- 9 Greek letter
- 10 Maple syrup
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- 19 Time slot for "The Newsroom"?
- 20 Bard
- 23 Eras
- 24 Ms. Partman of "Cheers"
- 25 Actor Bruce ___
- 26 Not professional
- 27 Women's org.
- 28 Lovantia litch
- 31 ___ City
- 35 Exclamation of confusion
- 37 TV show type
- 38 Hint of "Mad About You"
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Lakeridge Health Whitby is stayin' alive

Facility gets three-month extension before closure

BY CINDY UPSHALL
Staff Writer

WHITBY — There's still a pulse at Lakeridge Health Whitby, no matter how faint.

Brian Lemon, president of Lakeridge Health Corporation, says while services at its Whitby site have been winding down in time for a March 31 closing deadline imposed by the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC), there are still some services which will continue.

"I wouldn't want to project this as a dramatic change, because it has been a gradual change," says Mr. Lemon.

The HSRC in a report issued in April 1998, ordered the facility to close as an acute care hospital by March 31. The recommendation was part of a far-reaching report on health care in the GTA/905 area which also included the direction to amalgamate all east Durham hospitals into a single hospital corporation.

Mr. Lemon says there have been some rehabilitation patients and a few acute care admissions recently. However, "as of March 31 there will be no acute care admissions and no rehabilitation services at that site."

However the 24-hour family health care clinic will continue until March



BRIAN LEMON
'As of March 31 there will be no acute care admissions and no rehabilitation services at that site.'

plan for the future use of the Whitby site and alternative arrangements for the delivery of these services is approved by the commission, says Mr. Lemon. The plan, which is expected to be finalized before a commission deadline of June 30, will also include details on using the Whitby site to house services such as dialysis during the massive redevelopment of Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

This plan will detail "what will happen here in the next three to five years," he says.

The hospital corporation has proposed the site be used as a long-term care facility once the redevelopment of Oshawa is complete.

Although the family health care clinic and day surgery are considered acute care services, Mr. Lemon says the commission has allowed them to continue past the deadline for termination of acute care at the site.

The family health care clinic is remaining open, at the direction of the commission, until a review of urgent care service in Whitby is completed by the district health council, he says. Removing day surgery from the hospital will require major changes to the surgery department in all sites, hence the necessity for the approval from the commission, says Mr. Lemon.

2000, scheduled day surgeries will continue for the next couple of months and complex-continuing care patients will remain. Between 50 and 60 patients will remain at the over 100-bed hospital, after the March 31 deadline.

These services will continue until a



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A new car for Connor?

The Diecast Car Show held at the Pickering Recreation Complex last weekend drew car enthusiasts from Ajax and Pickering. Here, Connor Stevens pays close attention to the offerings at the show. There was no word on whether he went home with some hot wheels.

College looks to honour class acts
Candidates sought for alumni award

Durham College is looking for nominees for this year's Alumni of Distinction Awards.

The awards, which are handed out in four areas, including arts and administration, business, health and human studies and technology, will be presented at the college's convocation ceremonies June 18 at the Civic Auditorium in Oshawa.

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