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## Ski day

Kasey Fanara, 10, skis down the standard slope at the Oshawa Ski Club Saturday. Mother Nature was generous this year allowing The Oshawa Ski Club to open earlier than originally planned. It has now been open 21 days and six nights since December. It has about 22 runs and trails from beginner to expert with 100 per cent snow-making coverage. The ski club will be open until March 16 and is located just east of Hwy. 35/115 on Hwy. 9.

## Mayor Gray defends contest expenses

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

Oshawa gained some international prestige this past November but the award recognizing leadership in providing a vibrant, environmentally sustainable place to live didn't come cheap, The Oshawa Express has learned.

While Oshawa took home third place in its population category and a gold award (given to cities that place in the top 15 per cent among all competitors), participation in the 2007 International Awards for Livable Communities competition came with a \$16,000 price tag.

To Oshawa Mayor John Gray, it's money well spent.

"It's a real bragging right," he says of the city's win. "This is further promotional material for Oshawa."

The registration fee for LivCom was \$900. Other costs included in the city's budget for participation was \$6,000 to create a PowerPoint presentation

and promotional booklet and \$8,000 to send three representatives to England for the event.

City staff also estimated about 200 hours of staff time was needed. Gray says the final cost came to \$16,000.

But not everyone at city hall believes it's a justified expense.

"It's not the best time to be spending any money at all," says John Neal, Ward 7 councillor.

With a rise in recreational user fees a possibility in Oshawa's 2008 budget and some families reeling from job layoffs, Neal says LivCom wasn't money well spent.

The \$16,000 used for LivCom could have helped to take the burden of a possible fee hike off the shoulders of parents and volunteers, he added.

"It's all about priorities," Neal says, adding that LivCom didn't rate among his top concerns for Oshawa and its residents.

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## Hero returns after championship victory

Local hockey hero John Tavares was itching to get back into his Generals uniform for Sunday night's game on the heels of an international gold medal win in the Czech Republic.

But that was not to happen.

Coach Brad Selwood figured Tavares deserved the night off after his gold medal at the junior worlds championship.

"I really wanted to play, but coach told me to take the night off after the trip we had coming

back," said Tavares in a press release. "I still have tears in my eyes thinking about winning the gold medal and everything that happened, so I guess it was for the best that I take one night off."

Said Selwood, "He wanted to

play, but we made sure to do what's best for John. He deserved and needed the night off."

Tavares returned from the Czech Republic Sunday after celebrating a gold medal win at the 2008 IIHF World Junior

Championships on Saturday. This was Canada's fourth straight gold medal win at the world juniors.

"I can't describe the feeling I had when we won it was just the best thing that could happen,"

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# Offenders come through to help families in need this holiday season

More than \$1,000 worth of toys were handed out to less fortunate children following a new holiday initiative targeted at bylaw-breaking drivers in Oshawa.

On Dec. 18 and 19, the city accepted new, unwrapped toys in lieu of payment for parking tickets.

Toys of equal or greater value than the parking ticket were received and distributed through the Durham Regional Police Food and Toy Drive.

More than 70 toys were received but the donations came not only from those hit with parking tickets but also from individuals who had not been fined, local businesses and parking enforcement staff.

"Motorists have commented that it is an excellent idea and we should do it again," said Laura Hicks, supervisor of parking enforcement, in a press release. "They feel good about buying a toy rather than paying for their ticket."

It is a great way to help our community."

As well, the food and toy drive at the Simcoe Hall Settlement House this holiday season was "fabulous" according to Marilyn Taylor, office manager with Settlement House.

This year, Simcoe Hall Settlement House donated more than 1,000 food hampers.

"The community really came through for us," said Taylor. "We had all these people registered and we weren't sure what we were going to do."

Last year, Settlement House was able to donate about 800 food hampers, making this year a better year.

Leftover food at the Settlement House goes into the food bank to be handed out throughout the rest of the year since families are in need all year long.

Taylor says donations are always accepted at Simcoe Hall Settlement House throughout the year.

# Drivers to vote on GO Transit deal

By Jessica Vergé  
The Oshawa Express

It was business as usual for GO Transit buses Monday morning but whether or not a

strike has been averted won't be certain until Friday.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1587, which represents about 1,170 of GO Transit's 1,460 employees, reached a tentative agreement with GO last Friday. Union members, which include bus drivers, ticket sellers, maintenance personnel and office staff, will vote on the agreement Jan. 1.

The possibility of a strike arose at the end of November when 96 per cent of ATU Local 1587 members rejected an offer of settlement from GO and set a Dec. 10 strike deadline. The two parties met Dec. 19 in an attempt to resolve the ongoing conflict, which threatened to leave some 30,000 GO bus passengers scrambling for alternative forms of transportation.

Stephanie Sorenson, a spokesperson for GO Transit, says the result of the vote will be available to bus users as soon as possible on their web site, [www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com).

"As soon as we know the results we'll be posting them for our customers," she says.

A spokesperson for ATU Local 1587 could not be reached for comment.



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## EXPRESS Police briefs

# Cops seek witnesses

Durham police are looking for witnesses after a 58-year-old man was struck by a vehicle in Oshawa.

On Dec. 20 around 5:30 p.m., Durham police responded to a call about a pedestrian who was struck on Ritson Road just north of Bloor Street in Oshawa.

Police believe a southbound vehicle struck the Oshawa man when he entered the roadway.

The victim was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto with head and leg injuries. His injuries are not considered life-threatening.

Police would like to remind pedestrians to take care while walking around the Region as traffic can be very heavy. Police are asking everyone to obey the traffic signals and double check before entering the roadway.

# Stabbing victim mum

Durham police are looking for help from citizens regarding an investigation into a stabbing incident in Oshawa last month.

On Dec. 20 around 3 a.m., Durham police were called to Maple Street after a report of a man with stab wounds. Officers discovered a 25-year-old male lying on the front porch of a house with

obvious signs of trauma.

He was rushed by ambulance to an area hospital where he was treated for non life-threatening multiple stab wounds. The victim was unco-operative with officers and would provide no details.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-579-1520.

# Man injured in robbery

A 38-year-old Oshawa man is recovering after a violent New Year's Day robbery in front of a coffee shop.

At around 10 p.m. Jan. 1, Durham police were called to the area of King Street East and Mary Street North in Oshawa for a report of an unconscious man lying on the sidewalk.

When officers arrived they located the unconscious victim, bleeding from a laceration to his head. The man was transported to hospital by Durham EMS with serious injuries to his head, including bruising to his brain. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Witnesses reported that the victim had been involved in a physical confrontation with two suspects. Police say one of

the suspects knocked the victim to the ground and stomped on his head and stole his leather jacket. The suspects were last seen running west on King Street.

Shortly after 1 a.m., police went to an address on Bond Street East and arrested a suspect. A 21-year-old man, of Bond Street East in Oshawa, has been charged with robbery.

Police are still looking for a second suspect.

He is described as a white male about 150 pounds, 5'9" to 5'10" tall with a slim, muscular build.

He was wearing a t-shirt, a dark blue skirt and white shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-579-1520.



# Toddler found wandering

Durham police are investigating after a two-year-old child was found wandering barefoot in a parking lot in Oshawa.

On Dec. 21 around 2 a.m., Durham police responded to reports of a young child in the parking lot of Food Basics at 600 King St. in Oshawa. Three employees of the store took the child inside and wrapped him in jackets to keep him warm. He had been wearing only a diaper and shirt.

Ambulance attendants determined the toddler had no visible injuries or frostbite. The child started to cry and say "mommy" while pointing to a nearby

building. Officers attended the building and spoke with someone who recognized the child.

Officers returned the child to his parents, who believed he climbed on a chair to unlock the front door. It's not known how the child got out of the building as there were several other doors he needed to go through before exiting. Investigators are now working with the Children's Aid Society and the family.

Parents are reminded the make sure locks and door handles are well out of reach of young children.

# Drugs seized in Oshawa

Durham police executed a search warrant at an Oshawa residence seizing \$73,500 in street drugs.

On Jan. 4 at around 1 a.m., Durham police executed a drug warrant at an address on Marland Avenue in Oshawa. Two men were located inside the residence and arrested.

Officers searched the residence and seized 306.7 grams of cocaine, 2.6 grams of psilocybin, 4,189 grams of marijuana, nine grams of cannabis resin and \$16,000 in cash.

The arrest and search warrant were part of an on-going drug investigation. Earlier in the evening two 21-year-old

males were arrested and a 2008 Ford 250 pickup truck was seized.

A 49-year-old man of Simcoe Street South in Oshawa has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

A 21-year-old man of Marland Avenue in Oshawa has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession for the purpose of trafficking marijuana and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Another 21-year-old man of Abbeywood Crescent in Clarington has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.



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# LivCom Award loses lustre

The city of Oshawa is still smiling proud having captured a recent gold medal win in the international 2007 Livable Communities Awards.

Oshawa took home third place in its population category and a gold award, given to cities that place in the top 15 per cent among all competitors.

Even if you know little about the criteria or competition involved, it provides good news, a nice spin, a feather in the cap of councillors and other public servants who aim to ensure that their electorate are happy with their community's living conditions.

It must have been important, citizens might presume, because the city sent representatives all the way over to England not too long ago to claim the official bragging rights.

But what most taxpayers may never have realized, were it not for a little bit of digging by this newspaper, is that their tax dollars had to foot the \$16,000 cost of participating in the contest.

Some, like Mayor John Gray, said that's a bargain considering the positive exposure the city gets. We beg to differ.

Can't Mayor John Gray and others who defend the expense see that something is not quite right if you have to fork out that much dough to prove your hometown is a place worth living in?

Surely, the city's marketing, public relations and other staff along with councillors have other more cost effective and creative tools at their disposal aimed at garnering the same kind of international attention and economic benefit that such an award might derive.

Better yet, why not invest that same energy and expense on actually making improvements to make the city more livable as surely there are some who think the city falls short of being near their definition of livable. Cleaning up the downtown and revitalizing the waterfront, and increasing safety and policing should be the focus.

Additionally, like many contests, if you fail to read the fine print on this competition, even a gold medal win can lose its luster.

It turns out gold was awarded to not one but 15 per cent of the top finalists in the United Nations-endorsed contest that invites any municipality to vie for the title of most Livable Communities. The distinction becomes ambiguous in this context.

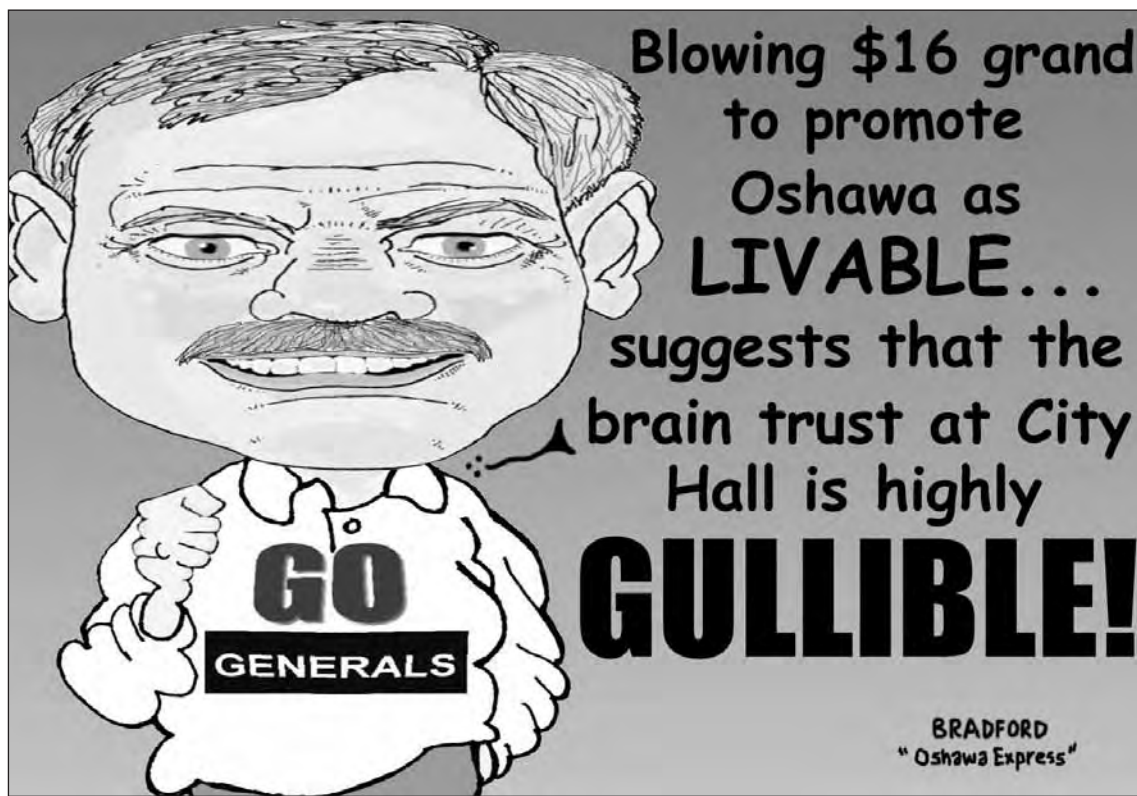
If the top performing 15 per cent of athletes participating in the Olympics received gold, how much legitimacy would such Olympic contests have?

To politicians who are used to signing off on thousands of dollars in budgetary expenses, \$16,000 may seem like a drop in the bucket.

To a struggling family perhaps hit by a layoff as many in Oshawa have recently in the industrial sector, \$16,000 represents something helpful like subsidized recreation fees, coverage of debts and other items that make their own individual lives truly more livable.

One dictionary provides the following definition of livable: "fit to live in."

The elected officials who supported Oshawa's participation in the Livable Communities Awards should remember that a community that's fit to live in does not waste that community's hard-earned tax dollars.



## Letters

# Fix inquiry process

Dear Editor:

Now that the holiday season has given the voting public some respite from the Mulroney-Schreiber-commons-committee circus, some sober second thought should be given to the question of what good would an inquiry serve other than grist for the media mill.

Some of us still remember the Somalia Inquiry; more of us remember the Gomery Inquiry.

In fact, there has been a steady stream of inquiries that have apparently not accomplished their intended purpose.

The problem is that the primary purpose of inquiries has

been diverted from finding what happened, so that the system could be fixed, to determining the extent of, and guilt or innocence of, the persons involved. In trying to protect the alleged person's rights, the inquiry cannot get to the root of the problem.

To replace the costly inquiry, perhaps we could set up a new definition or model of Grand Jury, staffed with people from the profession focused upon, skilled investigators and interrogators, plus qualified lay persons, all chosen by lot.

That grand jury would focus on obtaining, in secret session, what was wrong with the system of checks and balances that

allowed crime, if there was one, to occur.

Such a Grand Jury may not have a need for lawyers, except as observers.

The new model Grand Jury would have only two avenues of redress, one for recovery of material assets and one avenue of retribution, if a person were proven to have lied.

I, as a voter, am much more interested in assuring that the system be fixed than obtaining vengeance against a person, regardless of how satisfying that would be.

Ed Goertzen  
Oshawa

## Accident waiting to happen

Dear Editor:

If that property on that S turn corner of Bond Street West bound goes ahead with two driveways entering it, or exiting it, I will predict that there will be some horrible accidents there within a year.

We drive that stretch of road three or four times a week, and it never ceases to amaze me, the speed everyone drives there.

Some cars are even passing on that corner so they can go faster and get to the traffic light to stop.

Are they asking for trouble or just plain stupid?

If this goes ahead, one of these days there will be a fatality there, I'm surprised that it hasn't happened before this. Come on Oshawa. Don't be stupid.

Hugh Peterson



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

## Winter wonderland

Skiers took to the slopes at Oshawa Ski Club this past weekend to celebrate the winter weather.

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# New face on harbour commission

## Transport Minister appoints marketing head to board of directors

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

A marketing executive with ties throughout the community is joining forces with a team charged with the task of guiding Oshawa's

waterfront redevelopment.

Gary F. Valcour, an Oshawa resident for more than 30 years, was recently named to the board of directors of the Oshawa Harbour Commission.

Lawrence Cannon, federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, appointed Valcour, who will serve for at least one year on the commission board.

Valcour joins fellow federal appointee Bruce Wright and city-appointed George Weisz on the board, which operates under CEO Donna Taylor. He replaces Trevor Bardens.

Valcour believes a mix of education and experience led Cannon to

choose him.

"That's the kind of thing you bring to the table," he says.

A former lawyer, Valcour, who holds a bachelor of laws degree from Dalhousie University and a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Ottawa, is presently director of marketing for the Health Care Providers Group Insurance Plan.

Valcour, founder and first president of the Ontario Lawyers' Association, has been on the national board of directors of the Canadian Bar Association as well as the national board of directors of the YMCA and the board of gover-

nors of Durham College. Valcour is also president of the Whitby-Oshawa Conservative Electoral District Association.

While he believes it's too early to map out his plans for the Oshawa waterfront, Valcour calls the area a "tremendous resource" and a "tremendous opportunity" and says he wants to see it continue to be a positive part of Oshawa.



Gary F. Valcour

## Final R.I.D.E. stats see increase in charges laid

After seven weeks of police blitzes targeted at catching impaired drivers, 113 people were charged with drinking and driving offenses during the holiday season.

But the results of Durham Regional Police's Festive R.I.D.E. saw more Roadside Breath Tests given, more 12 hour suspensions issued and more people charged despite the fact the nearly half as many vehicles were stopped this year compared to last year.

"We're disappointed that the numbers did increase," says Sgt. Paul McCurbin.

The 2007/2008 program saw 12,965 vehicles stopped by R.I.D.E., 893 Roadside Breath Tests given, 172 suspensions issued and 113 people charged.

During the 2006/2007 program, 23,655 people were stopped, 489 Roadside Breath Tests given, 167 suspensions issued and 101 people charged.

As well, police found 48 G1 and G2 licensed drivers breaching their no alcohol condition this year compared to 10 last year, a statistic McCurbin says is particularly troubling.

But McCurbin says the police

### 2007/2008 Festive R.I.D.E. Program by the numbers

- A team of eight constables and one sergeant worked 30 shifts totaling 2,400
- On average, 3.76 people were arrested each day with an average of one arrest every 2.65 hours
- The average age of persons charged was 32 years old
- Out of the 113 people arrested and charged, 85.9 per cent were between the ages of 20 and 49 years old
- Of the total, 94 were men (83.2 per cent) and 19 were woman (16.8 per cent)

remain committed to the R.I.D.E. program, which runs year round to enforce impaired driving laws and targets people operating any form of vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"We are out there," he says.

A complete list of those charged with during the Festive R.I.D.E. Program will be posted on the Durham Regional Police web site, [www.drps.ca](http://www.drps.ca).

## International award costs city \$16,000

CITY from Page 1

Oshawa was one of 39 communities across the globe to take part in the United Nations-mandated competition which judges municipalities based on enhancement of the landscape, heritage management, environmentally sensitive practices, community sustainability, healthy lifestyles and planning for the future.

In 2006, council approved the idea to enter the LivCom awards, which were launched in 1997 and is open to every nation in the world.

Gray says the city decided to enter as an alternative to the national Communities in Bloom program, where Oshawa took home top honours in 2002.

Gray also says Oshawa aimed to create its LivCom presentation, which included a virtual tour of the city and photos illustrating the community, as economically as possible.



Mayor John Gray

He believes the cost was small compared to what competitors spent.

"I would stake our costs against anybody," he says.

A newspaper in Manukau, New Zealand, which didn't receive any awards, reported their government spent \$65,000 NZD (about \$49,730 Canadian) to take part in LivCom. Of that cost, 70 per cent went toward travel, accommodation and related expenses.

In Toledo, Ohio \$40,000 was spent on LivCom with the money coming from donations and not city funds.

Gray says the city can use the honours to lure companies to Oshawa and improve economic development.

"This wasn't a junket," he says, adding that he and the two other representatives who went paid for their own meals and day-to-day expenses. "This was all business."



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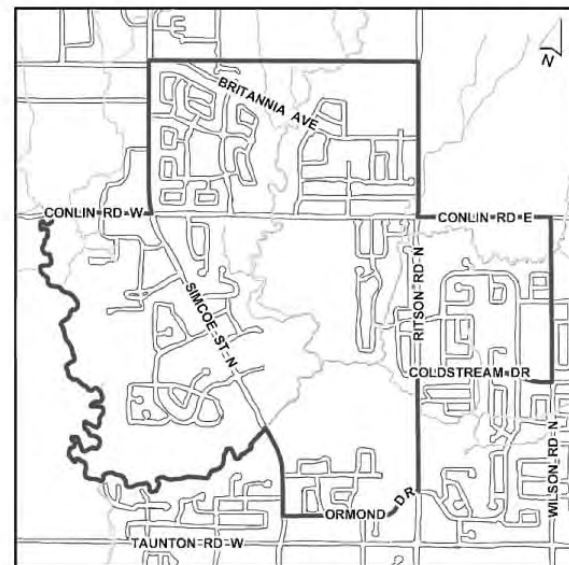
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**Date:** Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., and  
Monday, January 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** General Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall  
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(see adjacent map for location)



THE OSHAWA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE AND OSHAWA CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONSIDERING A PROPOSED BY-LAW TO LICENSE, REGULATE AND GOVERN RENTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR THE LANDS SHOWN OUTLINED ON THE MAP BELOW.



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Jerry Conlin, Director,  
Municipal Law Enforcement & Licensing Services  
Corporate Services Department

January 9, 2008



# New Year's baby rings in 2008

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

Ring in the New Year has new meaning for the Banlaki family who celebrated something other than 2008 last week.

The Whitby family, Jennifer and Will and their 9-year-old daughter Nicole, welcomed a new addition in the early hours of Jan. 1, 2008.

Ava, born at 1:19 a.m., at Lakeridge Health Oshawa was the

city's first baby of the New Year.

"Everybody's been going crazy," says Will, adding it's the first New Year's baby for the whole family and they've welcomed a flood of visitors. "It's been a lot of fun."

Due for a c-section on Jan. 9, Jennifer and her husband were at a New Year's Eve party when her water broke. They rushed to the Oshawa hospital a week earlier than expected.

The occasion was extra special as the birth of a second child was a long-awaited event for the Banlaki family, says Will, noting New Year's Eve plans are quashed for at least a few more years.

And not only was Ava the first baby born at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on New Year's Day, she was the only baby born in the city on Jan. 1.



Photo by Jessica Verge/The Oshawa Express

From left, Jennifer Banlaki celebrated the birth of daughter Ava at 1:19 a.m. on Jan. 1 with husband Will and daughter Nicole at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

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by Venmar Ventilation Inc. that the thermal protector in the motors of these systems can fail and pose a potential fire hazard.

Certain HRV models produced and installed between 1991 and 2001, and between October 2006 and August 2007, are affected.

To date, the affected units were identified with the following brand names: Venmar, Venmar AVS, Flair, vanEE, Conformax, Carrie, Bryant, Payne, Day & Night, NuTone, Heil, York, Sears, Guardian by Broan, Rheem,

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Homeowners with Venmar HRV systems manufactured and installed during the above periods should immediately turn off and unplug their unit then contact Venmar at 1-866-441-4645 or [www.venmar.ca](http://www.venmar.ca) to determine if their unit is affected.

After two home fires in Burlington in 2006, Venmar is supplying a power plug adaptor to homeowners with affected units. Venmar asks homeowners to install the power plug on the

HRV's power supply cord. The adaptor is intended to cut the power supply to prevent a fire.

Venmar has confirmed that about 10 per cent of Ontario homes with affected HRV units have been contacted and provided with power plug adaptors but more than 51,000 Ontario homes are still at risk.

Independent tests have shown that even with the adaptor installed, when the internal fan motor reaches the end of its life or a locked rotor condition, homeowners can experience strong electrical or burning smells and smoke conditions in their homes prior to the activation of the plug adaptor.

These conditions can continue for extended periods of time.

Homeowners with HRV systems that experience strong electrical or burning smells and/or smoke conditions, should immediately unplug the unit and call 911 to have the fire department respond to confirm the source of the smells or smoke.

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This rendering by Diamond and Schmitt Architects shows the main entrance of the Great Lakes Wetland Centre. The Friends of the Second Marsh are currently campaigning to raise \$4 million for construction of the centre, which will be located in Oshawa next to the Second Marsh on Colonel Sam Drive.

# Centre to epitomize conservation

The Friends of Second Marsh like to walk the talk of environmental friendliness.

Now they are hoping to embed this message in their vision of a living, breathing, Great Lakes Wetlands Centre.

From its ground source heating all the way up to its vegetation filled "green roof," this education centre slated to be built in the next couple of years at Second Marsh, will give visitors a unique chance to learn and experience ways to conserve resources.

"There will be no fossil fuel burning," said Friends of Second Marsh President Hugh Peacock, adding that instead the group is opting for ground source heating.

Plans for the building also include two walls that will absorb sunlight. Heat from this will then be circulated through the radiant flooring.

Cooling the building will be done in a more natural way as well. Visitors will be prompted by LED displays to open windows, allowing the cool breeze from the wetlands into the building.

The centre is also designed to deal with its wastewater on site. Grey water (water not flushed down into sewage) will be pumped into an artificial lake in front of the building where it will be naturally filtered.

"The building will show how water can be dealt with and not necessarily put back into municipal services," said

Peacock.

A "green roof" will also be installed into the building that will feature different species of plants that can survive a long period without water.

Interactive exhibits at the centre will provide information and an observation deck will allow visitors to experience the wetlands.

"It will be an indoor and outdoor experience of the natural environment," said Peacock adding that, "it's a possibility we'll come to realize how connected we are to the environment."

The 21,000-sq.ft. building will also have classroom space, a restaurant and a research library.

The eco-friendly architecture is all thanks to designers Diamond and Schmitt, who were selected early last year for the project. The company, who also designed the new UOIT, paid special attention in ensuring that the building will be up to LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Designs) standards.

But the Great Lakes Centre will offer more than just its environmental benefits. The addition of the wetland centre is expected to attract 50,000 to 100,000 annual visitors, with 30,000 of them being students.

That's a huge increase from the 1,200 students Second Marsh is currently able to accommodate for day trips.

Of course there is still a long road

to getting the Great Lakes Wetlands Centre up and running. According to Peacock, it will take at least another 18 months to construct and open the centre.

For now Friends of Second Marsh is focusing on covering the costs to build the centre.

To date, Friends has received \$1.2 million in donations from the City of Oshawa, Canada Ontario Infrastructure and through its golf tournaments and dinner event.

General Motors also donated to the effort, giving the group the land that the centre will be built on. The five acres of land, located between the Darlington Provincial Park and GM headquarters, is valued at \$750,000.

Other grants have allowed the group to focus on improving the marsh including \$13,500 from the EcoAction Community Funding Program to spruce up the waterfront trail of the area.

But Friends of Second Marsh is still looking at another \$8 million for the project, which they hope to raise through private donations and \$4 million in funding from the provincial and federal governments.

When asked when the government funding might be expected, Peacock said, "You can never tell. One day we will get a call and they will want to talk."

# New traffic rules for Waverly St.

## Resident volunteers find success with traffic study

Waverly Street North drivers have some new rules to abide by after a four-way stop and lower speed signs were installed on Monday.

Council ruled in favour of a speed reduction and implementation of an additional four-way stop after a traffic study conducted by a group of more than 75 volunteer residents found that reckless drivers were making the neighbourhood unsafe.

Led by Waverly Street resident Ken Ferrill, the traffic study conducted this past fall found drivers reaching speeds of more than 80 km/hr in an area designated as 50 km/hr.

Now council has ordered the speed limit on Waverly Street

North, between Adelaide Avenue and Rossland Road West, be dropped to 40 km/hr. As well, a four-way stop was installed on Waverly at Dundee Avenue and Annapolis Avenue.

Council also moved to advise the Durham Regional Police Service of these changes and request police continue the use of a radar message board, which informs drivers of their speed, on Waverly in addition to regular enforcement.

While Ferrill says it's too early to tell if drivers are obeying the new rules, he and his group of volunteers, the Waverly Street Traffic Watch Committee, plan to monitor the traffic in the coming weeks.

# Volunteer snow shovellers needed

With winter in full swing, snow shovellers are in high demand.

Community Care Durham is looking for volunteers willing to clear snow for seniors and adults with disabilities who are unable to shovel.

Anyone interested in helping is asked to drop by the Community Care office at 45 Bloor St. E. in Oshawa or phone (905) 434-1691. Volunteers are required to fill

out an application form, provide references and a police check.

Shovellers will receive a nominal fee.

Community Care Durham has been providing home services for seniors, caregivers and adults with disabilities since its formation in 1977.

More information on the charity can be found online at [www.communitycaredurham.on.ca](http://www.communitycaredurham.on.ca).

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## Concert features Japanese soloist

Some of Durham Region's most talented musicians are kicking off the New Year with the works of classical composers from Eastern Europe.

The Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra (ODSO) is performing their first concert of 2008 on Jan. 19. Slavic Spirit will see ODSO music director Marco Parisotto conducting Antonin Dvorak's 8th Symphony and Prokofiev's 2nd Piano Concerto.

The orchestra will also welcome a piano solo from special guest Shoko Inoue.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, Inoue has been playing the piano since the age of three and has found success at the Cleveland and New York International Piano Competitions and made her Carnegie Hall debut.

She has studied with Marc Durand and John Perry in Toronto and made a career as an active soloist, chamber musician and recitalist throughout Canada, the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Known for her broad repertoire and intense performances, Inoue has gained recognition for performing innovative solo recitals with commentary in the intimate private homes of Toronto's music patrons.

Slavic Spirit will take place at the Calvary Baptist Church, 300 Rossland Rd. E. at 7:30 p.m. From 6:30 to 7 p.m. and during intermis-



Soloist Shoko Inoue will join the Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra for their Jan. 19 performance.

sion, young Kiwanis Festival piano finalists Becky tMannetje, Kennedy Phillips, Loretta Li, Mathieu Poirier and Song Yang will play in the foyer.

Tickets are \$40 or \$15 for students. For more information or to purchase, call 905-579-6711 or visit [www.odso.ca](http://www.odso.ca).

## Art exhibit wraps up at gallery

Art enthusiasts have their last chance to take in the unique works of two Canadian artists on display in Oshawa.

Jan. 13 is the closing reception for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery exhibit Fragile Nature, featuring sculptures by Brent Bukowski and Kathryn Ward.

The closing reception, which takes place from 1 to 3 p.m., will include a walk-about with Virginia Eichhorn, curator of the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, with whom the McLaughlin Gallery collaborated to present the exhibit.

The exhibit has been on display at the 72 Queen St. gallery since Nov. 22 and is aimed at creating dialogue about mankind's relationship with the ecological world and raising questions about landscape, nature and culture.

The artists comment on environmental issues by incorporating glass as well as natural and industrial materials.

For more information call 905-576-3000.



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Brent Bukowski's sculpture, A Piece of the Pie, is made of metal and glass.

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Mon. Jan. 14

**OSHAWA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY MEETING** – Lviv Hall, 39 Lviv Blvd. Novices and experienced gardeners are invited to the 7:30 p.m. meeting, which will feature guest speaker Loraine Mennen. Her topic will be garden design for city lots. For more information contact Linda Wylie at 905-723-5557.

Wed. Jan. 16

**HEAD INJURY ASSOCIATION OF DURHAM REGION SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR BRAIN INJURED SURVIVORS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS** – 850 King St. W., Unit 24. Guest speaker Kayli Riann will give a presentation entitled The Grieving Process from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. with the support group meeting to follow. For more information call 905-723-2732.

Mon. Jan. 21

**OSHAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** – Centennial Albert United Church, 19 Rosehill Blvd. The first meeting of 2008 will take place at 7:30 p.m. and feature guest speakers Sarah Walker and Diane Reid from Fashion History Productions, who will present a fashion show highlighting pieces from the Victorian era. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information contact Jill at 905-436-7624 ext. 106.

Tues. Jan. 22

**THE OSHAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS AU REVOIRE, LENINE!** – Oshawa Public Library, McLaughlin Branch, 65 Bagot St. The library is offering a free viewing of the German film, Goodbye, Lenin! With English subtitles, the film centres around a brother and sister who set up a staged communist environment for their frail, socialist-advocate mother who has just come back from a coma during which the Berlin Wall fell. No registration required. 7 p.m. For more information call 905-579-6111 ext. 5211 or visit [www.oshawalibrary.on.ca](http://www.oshawalibrary.on.ca).

Dec. 26 crossword answers

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The Oshawa Minor Generals (Roughley Insurance) Novice A hockey team defeated the West Hill Golden Hawks 3-2 to take home the championship at the 26th Annual Ajax Knights Tournament.

## Novice A Oshawa team wins tourney

The Oshawa Minor Generals (Roughley Insurance) Novice A team won the championship at the 26th Annual Ajax Knights Tournament recently.

The boys won the title with a 3-2 overtime victory against the West Hill Golden Hawks of the Greater Toronto Hockey League.

Griffin Oliver notched the winning goal at 3:50 of overtime, converting a pass from Mason Snell. Goaltender Dawson Hinton won tournament MVP honours.

Hinton made several remarkable saves late in the third period and in overtime as Oshawa managed to kill off a penalty and hold off the relentless West Hill attack.

Graydon Hogg and Derek Steffler also scored crucial goals for Oshawa in regulation play in the championship game.

In the semi-final match, Oshawa posted its first shutout of the season by blanking the Newmarket

Redmen 2-0.

Shane Armstrong's first period goal held up as the winner and Mason Snell converted an Armstrong pass late in the second period to provide an insurance marker.

Liam Robertson started the play with a great breakout play from the Oshawa zone.

And Hinton turned away all Newmarket shots for the victory in net.

In the round-robin portion of the tournament, Oshawa posted a 2-2 record. Oshawa defeated the Pickering Panthers 3-1 on Dec. 27.

On Dec. 28, the Minor Generals came up a 5-2 winner over the host Ajax Knights, with goaltender Codey Caissie picking up the win.

And on Dec. 29, Oshawa dropped a tough 4-1 decision to West Hill in the morning, and then lost a third-period lead in the evening, falling 4-2 to Newmarket.

## Pro leagues gain shaky foothold

### Hockey Historical Highlights



Glen Goodhand

The way professional hockey leagues came and went for the first half of the 20th Century was much like the rise and fall of automobile manufacturers from 1900 through 1920. They were "cheaper by the dozen"!

In the fall of 1926, the same year the Prairie Pro League was born, the Canadian Professional Hockey League was organized in South-Western Ontario.

Tagged "Can Pro" for short, it embraced play-for-play franchises from Windsor, London, Hamilton, Stratford, and Niagara Falls.

The hype at the beginning was something out of "Alice In Wonderland", as the public relations department claimed it would be "faster, if not more finished than the NHL". Noteworthy skaters like Ebbie Goodfellow, Turk Broda, and Joe Primeau got their start in this fraternity.

Kitchener and Toronto, as well as a club from Detroit, joined the circuit for the second semester and in 1928-29 the Buffalo Bisons came aboard.

When Cleveland entered the mix previous the next season, the loop was renamed the International League.

In 1929-30 Kitchener, which had dropped out from the newly christened fraternity, joined with three smaller centres, Galt, Guelph, and Brantford to form the NEW Can Pro League.

The talent pool for this third-tier mercenary circuit meant smaller crowds and less revenue. After one year, the New Can Pro was no more.

However, with the exception of Brantford interests, new investors fostered reorganization, and the Ontario (Pro) League arose from the ashes. Stratford revived, Niagara Falls transferred from the IHL, and a brand new sextet from Oshawa was granted membership.

In fact, Alvin "Butch"

Forler, a promoter from the Motor City was one of the movers and shakers responsible for fostering the rebirth of play-for-pay shinny in these smaller centres.

Along with former NHA and NHL tough guy, Ken Randall, Alf Skinner (manager of the previous year's Guelph contingent), and retired Pacific Coast League star, "Dubbie" Kerr, he put the wheels in motion in late October.

Much skepticism prevailed, both in the prospective member towns and from the outside.

But on Dec. 29, 1930, the puck dropped in three locations to kick off the schedule—including in Guelph, where Oshawa provided the competition.

The late Harry Lott, one of three Oshawa players constantly in the fight for the scoring crown, told this writer some years ago that their sweaters, which closely resembled those of the Canadiens, were castoffs from another local club who were unable to pay for them. The team was called the Patricias after Forler's daughter, with the name shortened to Pats on the jerseys.

For the bulk of the 30-game schedule the Pats struggled at the bottom of the standings—but as time passed, they rallied. Their determination to reach the post-season was demonstrated on March 9. Following a late winter blizzard over the weekend, which closed roads and left cars buried in drifts, these brave souls set out for Niagara to battle the Cataracts for the final playoff spot.

They arrived at the Fall's rink at 10:30 at night, after battling the elements all day.

Amazingly they managed a tie (even after ten minutes of overtime)—sufficient to grant them a place in the playoffs.

In storybook fashion they continued their momentum, until, after the round robin series, a single point stood between them and all the marbles.

But, the OHL turned out to be another one-year venture!

Thirty years would pass before Ontario was in the mercenary shinny business again.

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## Roughley nets twin wins

The Oshawa Minor Generals Roughley Insurance Novice A team defeated the Pickering team 7-2 Saturday as well as won 4-2 against Whitby Sunday.

Oshawa goals during Saturday's game against Pickering went to Greg Amburg with two and Graydon Hogg, Mason Snell, Liam Robertson, Riley St. John and Bryce McRae each with one.

Oshawa assists for Saturday's game went to Dillan McFarlane with two, Liam Robertson with two, Shane Armstrong, Matthew Dasti, Derek Steffler, Mason Snell and Graydon Hogg.

During Sunday's game against Whitby, Oshawa goals went to Liam Robertson with two and Griffin Oliver and Graydon Hogg each with one.

Oshawa assists went to Derek Steffler, Graydon Hogg, Jake Pokulok and Greg Amburg.

The Oshawa Minor Generals now sport a record of 15-6-2 heading into Tuesday night's regular season finale at Clarington against the Toros (past The Oshawa Express deadline).

Oshawa will then head to London this weekend, Jan. 11-13 to take part in the South-Southeast Wild Tournament. And the OMHA Lakeshore League playoffs are expected to begin later this month. An opponent is yet to be determined.



## Oshawa Generals defeat Petes

Photo by Courtney Duffett/*The Oshawa Express*

The Oshawa Generals defeated the Peterborough Petes 6-2 Sunday night at the GM Centre in front of more than 6,000 fans. Their next home game is Thurs. Jan. 10 against Kingston at 7:05 p.m.

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said Tavares, who was dropped at the 2007 world junior championships. "The whole experience was unbelievable."

Despite not playing Sunday night at the GM Centre against Peterborough, Tavares' absence did not hurt his team's effort that night as his Ontario Hockey League team handily downed the Peterborough Petes 6-2 at the General Motors Centre in front of more than 6,000 fans.

"We held up well with John out of the lineup but he's an impact player, so we're obviously thrilled to have him back," Selwood said. "His experience at the world juniors is great for him and great for Team Canada. It's only going to make him that much better a player down the road."

Tavares watched from the sidelines but will be the highlight of tomorrow night's home game against the Ottawa '67s when the Oshawa Generals will honour Tavares in a special pre-game ceremony at the General Motors Centre.

"It was a great learning experience and I'm glad I was able to contribute to the team winning," said Tavares. "Every kid dreams about playing in the world juniors and I got to do it, so it was a dream come true for me."

In Sunday's game, Brett Parnham got a hat trick, while Dale Mitchell, Kory Nagy and Brett MacLean got the other Oshawa goals, helping the team move to within a point of the Belleville Bulls for the Eastern Conference lead.

The Generals' numbers improved to 25-10-1-3 with the win. Tavares is now in third with 68 points in the OHL following MacLean in second place with about 79 points and Justin Azevedo from the Kitchener Rangers with 80 points.

The Oshawa Generals will play Ottawa at 7:05 p.m. Jan. 10 before heading to Ottawa for another game Friday. They will be back in Oshawa Jan. 13 to face Kingston at the General Motors Centre at 6:05 p.m.

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## Downhill with Dad

Olivia Smaglinskie, 5, enjoys a day on the hills with her dad Frank at the Oshawa Ski Club Saturday.



## UOIT team wins first away game

After a 5-4 win over the Carleton Ravens Friday, the UOIT Ridgebacks men's hockey team were defeated 7-2 Saturday by the defending OUA champion Universite du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres (UQTR) Patriotes.

With the loss on Saturday, UOIT slipped to 3-12-3 on the season while UQTR has dominated the rest of the OUA as of late winning the six provincial championships in the past nine years.

After playing the first 10 minutes to a scoreless draw, UQTR opened up the scoring followed by their second goal shortly after. The Ridgebacks managed to fight back midway through the second as Chris Lowe scored his fourth of the year to make the score 2-1. However, UQTR responded one minute later with their third goal.

In the third, UOIT managed to score only a single goal, while UQTR scored four more to finalize the score at 7-2.

Kevin Taylor got the third goal for UOIT.

During Friday's game against Carleton, the game went into overtime before UOIT took the 5-4 win over the Ravens. It was an historic win for UOIT as it was their first victory away from the Campus Ice Centre in their Inaugural OUA season.

The Ridgebacks jumped out to an early two-goal lead in the first period on goals by Derrick Bagshaw and Lowe.

The second period was a different story as Carleton came to life tying the game in a six-minute span. However, Carleton's lead was short-lived as UOIT's Dustin Turner tied the game 3-3 until the third period.

In the third, the Ridgebacks' Richard Power managed to score first before Carleton tied them bringing them into overtime. Shane Nolan then scored the winning goal.

The Ridgebacks will be back home for a pair of games at the Campus Ice Centre this weekend as they host the Concordia Stingers Jan. 11 at 7:35 p.m. and then they play the McGill Redmen Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

## Lady Ridgebacks struggle with losses

The UOIT Ridgebacks women's hockey team had a losing weekend after being defeated 4-3 by York University Sunday and 11-0 by the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks Saturday.

The Ridgebacks women's hockey team have dropped to 1-15-1-2 this season.

During Sunday's game, York got on board early in the first period with two goals on Carleigh Taggard before UOIT's Jennifer Campitelli could get one back.

In the second, York again got the first goal of the period, leading UOIT 3-1 before Kathleen Edwards scored at the 3:02 mark, followed by a goal by Rikki Palmateer to tie the game at 3-3.

The third period was scoreless until overtime when York scored the game-winning goal.

York out-shot UOIT 29-27 and scored on one of their

four power-plays. UOIT matched York's power-play production, scoring on one of four attempts with the man advantage.

UOIT suffered a harsh loss Saturday against Laurier, the team that has won the OUA provincial championships in four consecutive seasons.

The first period saw Laurier demonstrate why they are one of the top teams in the nation after skating to a 5-0 lead in the first, followed by three goals in the second and three more in the third leaving UOIT with no chance of getting onto the scoreboard.

UOIT will return to the Campus Ice Centre for a two-game set against the University of Guelph Gryphons. Their game Jan. 12 against Guelph begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by an afternoon game at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 13.



## Durham Transit adjusts service

Durham Region Transit bus routes will be undergoing some changes in the New Year.

Executive staff recently approved changes to low performance routes in order to ensure efficiency.

These changes will be finalized and will be effective as of Jan 1.

Affected bus routes include Oshawa's Route 4 College Hill and Route 5 Central Park, which will both run only during rush hours and on the weekend.

The Sunday service of the 2 King will also stop after 10:20 a.m. and the Route 14 Community bus will start its weekday runs at 10:50 a.m.

Bus routes in the Ajax/Pickering area will also be affected. The M3 Amberlea route will no longer be running, nor will the midday services of the R10, M10 Ajax and M26 Duffins.

The Flag Bus 3 services (weekday and Saturday) will only be running from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To compensate, the M24 Harwood route will be changed. As well the M7 Rosebank bus will be adjusted to serve students at Dunbarton High School.

Other alterations include the 302 Brock/Brooklin Sunday service in Whitby, which will end at 10:20 p.m.

A final change is to the Saturday schedule of the 915 Taunton (Saturday), which will be running every hour until 10 p.m.

These changes will be posted online at [www.durhamregion-transit.com](http://www.durhamregion-transit.com) as they are finalized. Updated schedules will also be available at ticket sale locations and from transit operators.

## Tourism goes green

Durham's tourism department is encouraging area businesses to go green.

In 2008, Durham Tourism will begin to adapt greener marketing tactics, starting with an emphasis on more online marketing, the debut of an e-newsletter and the use of recycled paper and vegetable-based inks in its print publications.

"Green tourism practices are all about the sustainability of our environment, infrastructure and resources, in addition to the well-being of our residents," said Marilyn Pearce, chair of the finance and administration committee for Durham Region.

"Any action to help preserve the environment is always a step in the right direction."

A recently held Durham Tourism networking event featuring guest speaker Shari Simpson-Campbell of the Green Tourism Association brought the concept of green tourism practices to the attention of more than 40 tourism operators.

"The whole green-tourism concept is expanding rapidly and reaching new markets like never before," said Simpson-Campbell in a press release. "More often, individuals are choosing to go green rather than save a few dollars. The consumers' message is becoming clear – they want to reduce their ecological footprint."

KATHLEEN SAXE

## WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD — TURBULENT

(TURBULENT: TER-byuh-lent: In a state of agitation or tumult.)

Average mark 30 words

Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 48 or more words in TURBULENT?

### Dec. 26 Word Game Answers

#### PERFUMES

peer	refuse	fume	seme
perfuse	resume	fuse	sere
perse	reuse	fusee	serf
peruse	rump	user	serum
presume	rupee	mere	sperm
pure	ruse	muse	spree
puree	femur	seem	sprue
purse	free	seep	spume
reef	frump	seer	spur



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Photos will be available for pick up at this location.



Casey, 2 (dog), and Chauncy, 2 (cat), are the best of friends. They play together all the time and shared a great Christmas together.

The Oshawa Express would like to remind its readers to still send Echo Baby pictures in to run bi-weekly to the new Express Perfect Pet feature.

## Putting the family in Family Day

### Columnist



Bill Fox

Some people feel that having our first Family Day (Feb. 18), a statutory holiday proclaimed by Premier Dalton McGuinty, was an election ploy. Let's hope it was not, and that like Alberta and Saskatchewan, the government has seen a need to promote and acknowledge the building blocks of our society, our families.

This being said, I feel it somewhat hypocritical that the government kept its own casinos operating on Christmas Day! Not everyone in our multicultural society celebrates Christmas, but surely we can all celebrate families. I am hoping that the Premier corrects this injustice to casino employees and their families and closes all casinos Feb. 18, so that Ontarians can truly celebrate a true family day.

The government themselves decides if casino workers and others, do indeed have to work that day. As it says in the Labour Relations Act, the workers can be required to work on that day! No choice! Will it depend on whether an employee has little children at home? NO! "Bullying" in the

workplace?

Now realize that this holiday will not apply to many residents. The government has legislated exceptions to statutory holidays, such as essential services, restaurants, tourist operations, etc. As well, those convenience stores that are operated by families will probably not close. Perhaps we still need even further legislation.

Those of us still able to remember life in the '50s and into the '60s will remember days when everything was closed! In fact cities closed right down on Sundays, which then were our 'family days'. If memory serves me correctly, Beckers was the first store to actually open on Sundays, and once the trend started, it was just a matter of time until Malls were opened on Sundays, and now Sundays are much like other days of the week for many people.

In my youth, I don't recall that it was a hardship that everything closed down for Sundays. There were a few exceptions. Haven't the Generals traditionally played Sunday home games since even before the opening of the Civic in the mid '60s? Maple Leaf Gardens often had Junior A doubleheaders on Sunday afternoons featuring home games for both St. Mike's and the Marlies. During the summer, the old Triple A baseball team, also called the Maple Leafs played afternoon doubleheaders at the old lakefront stadium.

Even into the mid-'80s, when I

first moved to Oshawa, you could not find a gas station opened in the city. While this was an inconvenience we somehow managed to survive.

Family time seems to be increasingly attacked from all fronts. Shift workers, part-time employees, essential service workers, all have little choice but to work on days their employers dictate. That may be why we need legislation to ensure that ALL residents have a choice on celebrating what could be a very special day.

In my view, some parents have lost all perspective on what is most important to families. I know so many dedicated parents who have their children involved in all sorts of activities that take away from family celebrations. Is it absolutely essential that little Johnny or Joannie not miss one game in a season, to spend celebrating with their families together? You can bet some league convenor will decide that the "Family Day Weekend" will be ideal for holding a hockey tournament or such in their town...more stress on the kids and their parents, coaches, etc. to take on more competition. Why?

Perhaps falsely assuming that the entire province will pretty well close down on "Family Day," as a public service, next week I will give some ideas on how to celebrate this new holiday. If you have any suggestions please send them along to [BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com](mailto:BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com).



Energy from Waste facility

# CAW hosts waste forum

The Canadian Auto Workers Durham Regional Environmental Council (CAW DREC) is hosting a public discussion on the proposed Energy from Waste facility.

The region's residents are invited to attend the Jan. 10 event at Oshawa's CAW Local 222 hall to become more informed on the pros and cons of the potential garbage incineration facility that could be built in Clarington.

Discussions will begin at 7 p.m. and include confirmed guest speakers Dr. Paul Connett, a Cambridge University graduate with a Ph.D. in chemistry and more than 22 years of waste management research, and Rod Muir, waste diversion campaigner, Sierra Club of Canada, Ontario Chapter, whose focus is on the challenge of residential solid waste.

A question and answer session will follow.

The forum will touch on health concerns, economic impacts, employment, opportunities to access funding for proven sustainable waste alternatives and other related concerns.

Dave Renaud, president of CAW

DREC, said in a press release that the CAW's 33,000 members, together with all Durham Region citizens are entitled to a "broader set of facts of Energy from Waste than are being provided by our politicians and bureaucrats.

"We need to fully understand the negative and positive ramifications that the Energy from Waste facility poses to our community in the short and long term," said Renaud.

The Region is still reviewing Environmental Assessment reports on the preferred site of Clarington for an Energy from Waste facility to incinerate Regional garbage.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for an expo representing interested and relevant organizations.

Representatives of Durham Region and all associated municipal representatives have been invited to participate in the forum.

Representatives of Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's government and all Regional members of parliament and members of provincial parliament have also been invited. The CAW Local 222 hall is located at 1425 Phillip Murray Ave. in Oshawa.

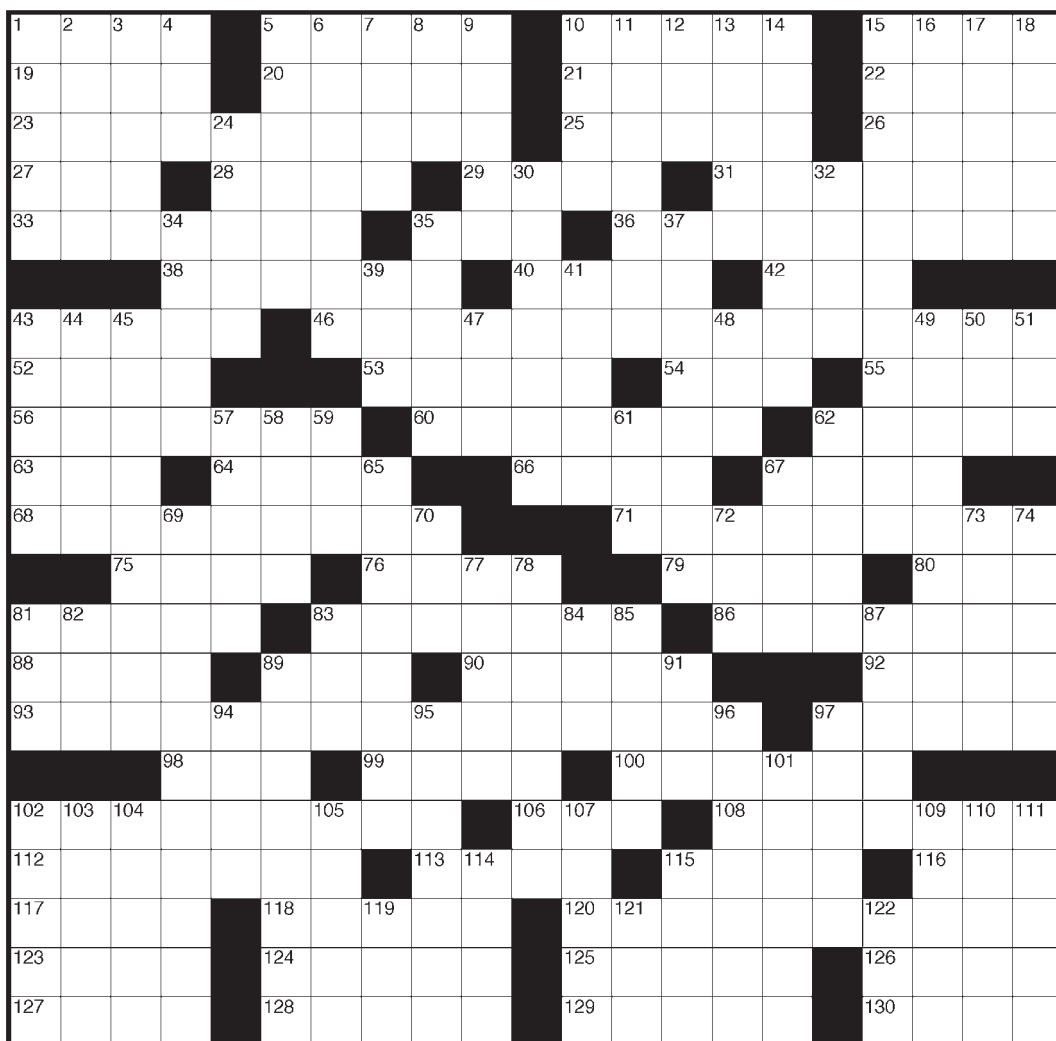


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## Bearing gifts

Members from Oshawa Fire Services were on hand at Lakeridge Health Oshawa during the holiday season to deliver gifts as part of the Oshawa Professional Firefighters Association Christmas Stocking program. With patient Brandon Wright are, from left, Oshawa Fire Service's Jason Pow, Jesse Martell, Diane Buchan and Santa Claus.

## THEME CROSSWORD



## HOME RULE

### ACROSS

- Guardianship
- Fractional part
- Lessen
- Applies with light pats
- Freshly
- State Fair event
- Girl in "The Exorcist"
- Concerning
- Start of a quip by Fran Lebowitz: 2 wds.
- Nonreactive
- Old Greek portico
- de-vie
- Garfield's canine friend
- Cervine animal
- Monologue

### DOWN

- Beat with a stick
- Lend --
- Stage show
- Sheep
- Vocations
- Time-off occasion
- Lazy
- Rock's --
- Speedwagon
- Use a diving rod
- Cabaletta
- Indic language
- Mature
- Magical kind of card
- Appeal
- Eminence
- Opposing ones
- Stream
- Penn and Connery

### ACROSS

- Clad
- Part of MPG
- Printer's "stars"
- Muskmelon
- Rights org.
- Arbor
- Swiss mountain resort
- Part 2 of quip: 4 wds.
- Jewish month
- It's "hello" or "goodbye"
- Elfin
- Org. chart
- Volcanic crater
- Burdensome
- Made public
- Qty.
- Club Whisky a --
- Another Jewish month
- Succulent plant

- Part 3 of quip: 3 wds.
- Part 4 of quip: 2 wds.
- Sales agents
- Out of -- world
- Roman statesman
- Half diam.
- Stickup
- on (amass)
- Accidents
- Right-hand man: abbr.
- Ocean
- OT king
- Stare
- impertinently
- Part 5 of quip: 4 wds.
- Fisherman's basket
- Bill and --

- The Emerald Isle
- Nine in a group
- Compass point
- Summer drink
- Awaits
- Cherrylike fruit
- Uncommon
- Green Hornet's sidekick
- jacet
- Record
- "To -- -- human..."
- End of the quip: 2 wds.
- "Well That Ends Well"
- Data, for short
- Betwixt
- Corpuscle
- Puts down
- Gloss
- On the qui vive
- Betting game

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## OBITUARIES

### NORTH Gordon Franklin

At Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Saturday January 5, 2008. Gord, in his 72nd year. Beloved husband of Ethel of Oshawa. Loving father of Nancy Richardson and her partner Paul DiFonzo of Toronto. Dear brother of Sandra Quinn and her husband Trevor of Wasaga Beach, Bill North and his wife Ebba of Whitby, Tom North and his wife Linda of Oakville. Fondly remembered by nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may call at **MCINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Thursday January 10, 2008 from 2 p.m. until time of memorial service, in the chapel, at 3 p.m. Reception to follow at the funeral home. Donations in memory of Gord to the Lung Association would be appreciated. On-line condolences can be made at [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### Alexander Borovsky

It is with much sadness that the family of Alexander Borovsky announces the passing of their husband, father and grandfather on January 3, 2008 at age 76. Alex was born on July 16, 1931 in Velky Ruskov, Czechoslovakia and in August 1937, Alex immigrated to Canada with his parents Mary (nee Sabol) and John Borovsky (both predeceased).

Alex was a very proud Canadian and GM retiree since 1989, with 39 years service. He leaves behind his wife of 49 years, Margaret Sarah (Sally) (nee McGuire) and his four children and eleven grandchildren: Sue Robinson and husband Chris of Pickering and family Becky and Brent; Tony Borovsky, and wife Suzanne of Halifax, NS and family Nicholas, Benjamin and Zachary; Colleen Horner and husband Jim of Oshawa and family Briana, Elyse, Mallory and Abigail; and Anne Greentree and husband Brad of Courtice and family Whitney and Olyvia.

Alex was predeceased by his older sister Anna, and will also be fondly remembered by his sister Irene Weaton (husband Dave) of Rochester Hills, MI and nephew Michael and niece Kristina, and his brother John Borovsky (wife Mary) of Oshawa and nephew Kevin and niece Maureen, and his extended family in Renforth, New Brunswick and Pearl River, NY including Clare Walsh, Jack and Judy McGuire, Tony and Linda McGuire, Betty McGuire (Bill - deceased), and Mary and Frank Whitney (both deceased), and his many nieces and nephews. Alex was a very devout member of St. Gertrude's Catholic Church for nearly 50 years, an honorary member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, an active volunteer of St. Vincent's Kitchen, and member of the CAW Local 222.

He will be deeply missed by his many friends in Oshawa and those with whom he loved to fish and play cards at Lake Kashwakamak. A special thank you to all of the staff at Lakeridge Health Bowmanville for their compassion and care for my husband and our father during his final days. A personal thanks goes to Father Ed Murphy for his numerous visits and prayers in our time of grief.

Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). A Catholic service to celebrate Alex's life was held at **ST. GERTRUDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** 690 King St. E. Interment at St. Wolodmyr and Olha Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. Gertrude's Building Fund, St. Vincent de Paul or the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated.

### ALEXANDER BEATRICE MAY



(Beatrice Street was named after Beatrice Heaslip) Peacefully at Hillsdale Terraces on Thursday April 12, 2007. Beatrice (nee Heaslip), at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Jack Alexander. Dear mother of Joyce Hart and her husband the late Doug, John (deceased) and his wife Diane Alexander, Betty and her husband Bud Flemming, Diane and her husband Al McTavish. Loving grandmother of Patti, David, Andrew, Brad, Nancy, Susan, Rusty, Ellen, Lynn, Kelly and Todd and great grandmother of 15 and great great grandmother of Zane. Private family arrangements. If desired, donations in memory of Beatrice to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind may be made through **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME**, 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558).

## OBITUARIES

### CUTHBERT Dorothy



(Lifetime member of Kingsview United Church U.C.W. "Joy Unit") After a short illness, at Lakeridge Health Bowmanville, on Thursday, January 3, 2008. Dorothy (nee Kelly) in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late George "Buster" Cuthbert. Dear mother of Lynn Cuthbert, Lois and David Stephen, and John and Wendy Cuthbert. Loving grandmother of Janna, Carolyn, Lauren, Tyler and great-grandmother of Sophie. Survived by her brother Jack and his wife Barbara Kelly and predeceased by Ross, Mildred and Howard. Remembered by her sister-in-law Margaret Kelly. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). A complete service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Donations made in memory of Dorothy to Kingsview United Church or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by her family.

### HULFORD Cindi Lee

Suddenly at home, on Saturday, December 29, 2007, in her 52nd year. Daughter of Margaret Hull and the late Ed Hulford. Beloved mother of Michael and his wife Tammy, Scott and Todd Williams and Amy French. Dear grandma to Raven and Brooklynn. Loving sister of Debbie, Judy, Randy, Ed and Kenny. Relatives and friends were received at **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. A complete funeral service was held in the chapel on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Donations in memory of Cindi to a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com).

### LYONS David Lawrence

(Retired employee of Bell Canada; member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 637)

Passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at Toronto General Hospital. David was in his 60th year. Loving husband to Virginia (nee Zelvys), stepfather to Chris Palmer and wife Kim, Andrea Penney and husband Joe, and Troy Palmer and wife Michelle. Poppa to Tyler, Dakota and Ryan Fowler-Palmer, Brennen Penney and Lily Palmer. Predeceased by mother Hildreth and father Lawrence. Brother to Charles Lyons and wife Mary, Allan Lyons and wife Connie, Darlene Warwick and husband Peter. Uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). A service was held in the chapel on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Foster Memorial Cemetery, Uxbridge. Donations made in memory of David to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation or The Sick Kids Foundation would be appreciated by his family.

### RYSCHKOW Nadia

Suddenly, at her home in Oshawa, on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, with her family by her side, Nadia at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Nicolai. Loving mother of Nick. Much loved Babushka to her grandson Shawn and wife Carol Martin and her three great-grandsons Richard, Brooks and Daniel. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). For online condolences please go to [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com).

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