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City in hot water with ombudsman

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Mayor John Gray calls it silly. Ridiculous. But Ontario Ombudsman André Marin says municipalities must respect the law when they engage in the services of his office. This all

stems from two investigations conducted by his office that pertained to the City of Oshawa and some recent wrongdoing.

The problem started last May after the ombudsman received a complaint that an Oshawa council committee, the Development Services Committee headed by Louise Parkes,

was discussing an education and training session with representatives from a recycling company that had been the subject of odour complaints. The topic of the closed meeting was to discuss the firm's compost facility and potential future development.

However, while the discussion may well

have been deemed appropriate to go behind closed doors, the committee did so incorrectly causing a heap of trouble for the City.

The ombudsman concluded in March that the meeting went beyond what is permitted in a closed session and was therefore illegal.

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Toothbrush bandit nabbed

Police have zapped a man who stole a number of expensive electric toothbrushes from local stores this past month.

The 38-year-old Oshawa man was caught red-handed on store cameras stealing 12 electric toothbrushes, all of the same brand, from stores across Oshawa, Ajax and Whitby, dating back to March 24.

Police estimate the value of each toothbrush to be about \$160; apparently he was selling them on the street for a profit.

He has been charged with seven counts of theft under \$5,000 and failure to comply with his probation.



City appeals to feds for money

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Oshawa is looking to submit several applications for federal funding to the tune of more than \$40 million for various projects across the city.

At a special City Council meeting recently councillors heard from City Manager Bob Duignan regarding several different areas that are in need of improvement, including the Civic, Lakeview Park, road repairs and Alexandra Park to name a few.

These specific projects are avenues where the city could appeal to the federal govern-

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Photo by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

Solidarity forever

Thousands of General Motors pensioners gathered at Queen's Park in Toronto to protest the provincial government's recent announcement that the provincial pension guarantee fund doesn't have enough money to cover them if GM goes bankrupt.

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Waste facility vendor named

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express



Joe Kolodzie
Region Councillor

The Energy From Waste (EFW) facility is one step closer to becoming reality.

The Region of Durham has officially chosen the vendor for the proposed York/Durham Region EFW facility, despite numerous delegates who voiced their opinions against the facility, its location and the vendor of choice.

"Incineration is not a safe route for waste disposal," says Sid Ryan, president of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Ontario. "It's not possible to say emission levels will be safe. The warning signs are already there."

Barry Bracken told council he has done research on the company, Covanta Energy Corporation, and discovered they were facing numerous legal issues in the United States, where they operate 35 facilities.

Councillor Joe Kolodzie says he too conducted research and found the company had fines against them but they have also won numerous awards in the United States for their work.

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New City Hall chamber a go

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

got the go-ahead despite some councillors saying it is too costly and the design too ugly for Oshawa.

However, thanks to city staff the project will be on time and on budget.

In a closed vote, the council chamber portion of the City Hall Revitalization Project

City staff reported to council, during a special meeting recently, that the council chamber component would cost around \$8.1 million, bringing the total to \$14.8 million for the entire project. This is less than was announced a few months ago when the chamber was estimated to cost around \$10 million, bringing the total to a \$17 million cap.

While this was good news, questions swirled around whether to proceed with the project now or wait until better economic times.

"What I'm concerned with, it's uncertain times," says Councillor Louise Parkes. "What I need is that there's some sense that we have a plan. My concern is the market conditions we're in."

However, according to City Manager Bob Duignan, if City Council waited to construct the chamber and left the demolished site, it would end up costing an additional \$1.4 million in three years versus now. That could also include \$900,000 in construction costs, he explains.

When it came to ensuring that the chamber would stay on budget, Duignan says there are tender prices bounded by contract.

"They're obligated to deliver within (the



Photo by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

Councillor Robert Lutczyk opposed the City Hall Council Chamber component and says he wanted to go with a design that he had created four years ago.

range). We're very comfortable with the price."

For many councillors the idea of a metal-sided ultra-modern facility doesn't flow with the downtown and is ugly.

"They (residents) don't like the design," says Councillor Maryanne Sholdra, despite voting in favour of the chamber.

"As I said before it's going to make it easier for the aliens to come down. The futuristic roofline is drawing a big lump in my throat. I do support going ahead with it but that's the only issue I have."

Other councillors accused their colleagues of intentionally putting off construction so it could be used as an election issue.

"Maybe it won't look good on my resume for the election if I supported building City Hall," says Councillor Nestor Pidwerbecki. "One hundred per cent of what council wanted was delivered. Should we not be proactive?"

In a six to five vote, council approved going forward with the chamber component for \$8.1 million, which includes a new council chamber, committee room, public meeting space, two barrier free entrances, washrooms, an expansion to the Service Oshawa area and support spaces.

Councillors Tito-Dante Marimpietri and Robert Lutczyk do not support the project.

"I voted against this demolition and I'm going to vote against it today," Councillor Lutczyk says, adding four years ago he had a painting professionally done to show a renovation that would completely change the face of City Hall, but would maintain its architectural appeal, he says.

The painting shows a large structure, reminiscent of the Supreme Court in Ottawa.

"Some of them thought it was nice," he says of councillors at the time.

"This is certainly what could have been. The downtown is defined by buildings. Just because you have leaky window doesn't mean you tear down the building"

"People are losing jobs," says Councillor Marimpietri. "How can they do something like this?"

Councillors voting in favour of building the chambers are: Mayor Gray, Councillors Brian Nicholson, Maryanne Sholdra, Nester Pidwerbecki, April Cullen and Joe Kolodzie

He says investing in the marina, research and development projects, as well as the Civic would be more beneficial.

The majority of the chamber is slated to be complete by May 2010, with the exterior being done in June 2010.

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Region nixing charge increase

Help for new homebuyers

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

It's official. The region won't go ahead with the increase of residential and non-residential development charges, which was slated for July 1, even though it will cost them millions.

This is all due to the weakening economy and the reduction in demand for new homes.

While many regional councillors did not support the recommendation, others felt it was just the thing needed to kick-start the development industry.

"Our little bit can help stimulate the economy," says Councillor Bill McLean.

"I think it is money well spent and will have a positive effect on Durham Region's economy. I certainly don't think it's a hand-out."

Originally councillors had decided upon a bylaw that would increase commercial development charges from \$8.77 per square foot to \$13.04 per square foot.

That makes the average savings about \$960 for a typical single detached unit.

"There just not buying homes," says Councillor Steve Parish, who feels a \$960 savings is not substantial enough to sway people into buying homes.

Parish says that if people aren't buying homes while interest rates are the lowest they have been in years, waiving the increase in charges won't help.

By not going ahead with the increase, the region is losing out on \$4 million says R.J. Clapp, commissioner of finance for the region.

"The minimum cost is \$4 million based on a bad year, but it could be more like \$5 or \$6 million. This is public money and it cannot be replaced," says Parish.

The figure of \$4 million was based on an estimated number of 1,200 new developments being built across the region, but if that number increased, the region would lose out on more money.

Councillor Don Mitchell has concerns that the majority of homebuilders in Durham Region are, in fact not from Durham Region.

"When you drive by the developments you see trucks with 4-1-6 numbers on them," he says.

"We're not generating a lot of jobs in

Durham Region." While other councillors felt the waiving of the proposed increase would be benefiting only the builders, Whitby Mayor Pat Perkins feels it will help homebuyers.

"I don't think this is a break for the developer. I think this is helping people get into homes," she says, adding this is very important.

Echoing her comments, Councillor Jim Abernethy says first time homebuyers will feel the effects.

"The first time homebuyer is the one that kick starts the

market." The 2009 budget will not be affected by the decision, however, the 2010 one may be, explains Clapp.

The region had voted in favour of increasing the development charges on July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010 when things were great and the sky was the limit say Abernethy.

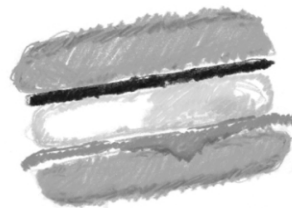
Since then, the number of new developments has decreased significantly, especially since July 2008.

Builders who apply for permits up until July 1, 2010 will not face the increase in development charges.

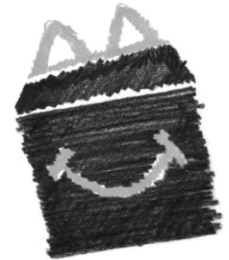
As per region protocol, they will host meetings to get public input in the coming weeks.

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-Whitby Mayor Pat Perkins



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GM pensioners descend on Toronto



"This is one of the biggest things to happen here in a generation."

-Bruce Wood, president of the Oshawa Ratepayers Association



"This is an issue about retirees and justice."

-Brian Rutherford of the General Motors Salaried Retirees



"What they are doing is skirting around the whole issue. It's really scary."

-Beverly McCloskey, GM pensioner



"We've got to show politicians of every single stripe that workers will not be fodder."

-Sid Ryan, CUPE Ontario president



"Every worker deserves a pension."

-Ken Lewenza, CAW president



"This kind of pressure should not be put on seniors."

-Stephen Nimigon, GM pensioner



The Oshawa Express editor Lindsey Cole rode on one of the 60 buses full of CAW workers and retirees that went to Queen's Park on Thursday to protest the provincial Liberal

government's decision not to fund the pensions of retirees in the event that General Motors goes bankrupt.

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

"Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong."

Stephen Nimigon belts out the lyrics as the song radiates throughout the crowd at Queen's Park in Toronto.

The steady clapping and synchronized singing carries along much more than a tune, it carries a message: Protect our pensions.

One of many, Nimigon, 81, has been retired from GM for 21 years, after working there for more than 35 years.

His pension amounts to \$1,200 a month and without it he'll have nothing, thanks in part to the Dalton McGuinty Liberal government's recent announcement that there isn't near enough money to cover retirees in the pension guarantee fund and there hasn't been enough for years.

"When I retired I thought I had some guarantees. I was told \$1,000 of my pension was government guaranteed and now I find out it's not," Nimigon says.

The provincial government's reasons are simply not good enough, he adds.

Such is the reason why he, along with nearly 10,000 others, descended upon Queen's Park to plea for change - to show they aren't going to take no for an answer.

For Nimigon the day started out sombre, as the grey clouds moved quickly in the wind near Lake Ontario.

The mood at the Canadian Auto Workers Local 222 chapter in Oshawa reflected the darkening skies.

Only one word described the feeling, grim.

Fifty-five retired GM workers, including Nimigon, loaded onto one of 60 buses with one single goal in mind: To fight back.

While each of the retired employees had their own story to tell, they all wanted to appeal to the McGuinty government to provide some sort of guaranteed

funding in case General Motors goes bankrupt.

This is a rumour, which may just come to fruition if the company's restructuring plan doesn't appeal to both the federal and provincial governments.

But even if GM does go bankrupt, the fact remains, say many retirees, there is no money for them.

And pensioners didn't work all of their lives to be thrown to the wolves, said CAW President Ken Lewenza during the large rally, as workers yelled and clapped in support.

"Autoworkers are being attacked each



One woman joins the crowd as they chant "protect our pensions," appealing to the provincial government.

and every day," he says. "Our pensioners and all elderly people in Canada have built a country we could all be proud of. We did not create this global financial crisis."

However, Premier Dalton McGuinty said during Question Period in the Ontario Legislature, that he isn't prepared to make any promises for pensioners.

"Our government is not prepared to do that. There is a broader pension concern here," said Premier McGuinty.

But for Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, the thousands who gathered outside, as well as the pensioners sitting in the gallery were enough to press him for answers.

"There is no money to protect the pensions of the people in this gallery. It's owed to these workers."

Premier McGuinty said the government is helping.

"We are the only sub-national government anywhere...that is stepping up to

help our auto sector. We're doing everything we can to keep these companies alive. That remains our single most important outcome."

Michael Bryant, minister of economic development, said if GM does have to file for bankruptcy protection and the matter goes before the courts, pensions would not be completely abandoned.

"No Canadian judge has ever ordered that pensioners not receive their pensions," he told reporters, adding retirees may have to take a pension pay cut.

"Everybody has to make sacrifices. It is a concern upon a hypothetical."

But for the thousands gathered outside, when neither Premier McGuinty nor Minister Bryant came out to address the crowd, the issue seemed anything but hypothetical.

"You're human beings that have given so much to our country," said Lewenza. "It's about the power of people. Don't walk away from your promise (McGuinty). Every worker deserves a pension."

In the U.S. GM presented its restructuring plan Monday, which outlined massive cuts to the company, including the Pontiac line. It also gave up most of its ownership, so the American government could support it with nearly \$11 billion in bailout money.

Canada will be impacted by the U.S. plan, as it will have to slash its hourly workforce by more than 50 per cent by 2014. Dealerships will also close, cutting more than 400 outlets, GM Canada said in a release.

The company may also ask the Canadian Auto Workers Union to give the same concessions it gave Chrysler last week where auto workers will make a direct contribution to their own pensions.

While the future of GM in Canada remains largely unknown, the company will present its updated restructuring plan to both the federal and provincial governments May 30. This comes after its first plan, released in February, was denied.

If this plan is accepted the company could get nearly \$7 billion in bailout funds.

For both GM employees and retirees, the best they can do is hope.

"We don't really know what's going to happen," said Nimigon.

"It's very stressful for me and my wife. People are going to go hungry. This kind of pressure should not be on our seniors."

Covanta to build EFW facility

Residents irate over choice

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"There are two sides to every story," he says.

The region's Finance and Administration and the Works Committees put a report forth to council recommending Covanta from a group of four pre-qualified vendors.

Since approval of the vendor was given, Covanta will now create an Early Works agreement with both Durham and York regions. This is required in order to complete the necessary studies to finalize the environmental assessment.

Covanta will be responsible for creating a report that includes the full assessment of technical, environmental and financial implications to the end of a 20-year term, and the execution of the design-build-operate agreement. This report will be brought back to council by June for final approval.

Covanta is proposing to be the single source, full service contractor to design, permit, build, start-up, commission and operate a 140,000 tonne-per-year EFW facility for the regions of Durham and York.

The EFW facility will use thermal mass burning, which means all municipal solid waste from curbside pick-up is fed into a furnace where it is combusted at about 1,000 degrees Celsius.

"We cannot get rid of waste by burning it. This is against every principle," adds Ryan.

After the waste is burned, only an ash residue will remain. That 'gravel-like' ash will be screened to ensure all recyclable materials are removed. The remaining materials will then be shipped to a landfill.

According to region report, the process involves the production of high-pressure steam, which is fed through a turbine genera-

tor that produces electricity and/or hot water energy that can be used for district heating.

The facilities exhaust will be carefully monitored and treated so that all chemical contaminants are removed before exiting the stack, according to the regions' press release.

While Covanta is the region's preferred vendor, contractual agreements are subject to satisfactory completion of an environmental assessment, which is expected to cost about \$5 million and acceptance by the Ontario Ministry of Environment.

Durham and York regions have been working together since 2005 to come up with ways to manage residual waste -- the waste left over after composting and recycling.

Even with the blue box recycling, the green bin composting and the yard waste composting, it still leaves waste to be managed, according to www.durhamyork-waste.ca.

Typically, the region would haul its waste to Michigan, however that method is not sustainable over the long-term. The region is slowly working to eliminate the cross-border haulage by the end of next year.

If everything goes as planned, the EFW facility, located at Hwy. 401 and Courtice Road in Clarington, would open late 2010 or early 2011 at a cost of roughly \$250 million.

The facility will employ about 40 people full-time and be operational for 35 years, provided there is an upgrade performed at the 20-year mark.

Wendy Bracken is concerned that there has not been enough public input on the facility.

The region is hosting a public open house during the day on May 12 in Bowmanville.

"A drop in session is unacceptable," says Bracken. "There needs to be a question and answer period, a full presentation and it needs to be at a reasonable time (in the evening)."



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Pensioners ponder their fate

In some people's eyes the GM pensioner has had it made.

When they were employees they had fantastic wages, benefits and bonuses.

To top it off they were comforted with cushy retirement packages that sometimes included cars or money incentives.

So news that their pensions may be in jeopardy and that they could lose it all may not generate the sympathy one would expect.

However, the problem goes deeper than that of the provincial government's decision not to back the pension fund if GM goes bankrupt. This does affect us all.

During a pensioners rally in Toronto recently, groups from far and wide gathered.

People of all ages collectively protested for the same reason.

Protect the pensions.

What's more, thousands of seniors made the trek to fight for their cause.

This is where the cushy stereotype of GM pensioners having it made was defiantly argued.

One man, who is 81-years-old, didn't get the buyout package. He didn't get the perks. He simply settled for retirement some 20 years ago after more than 35 years on the job at the Oshawa plant. He simply wanted to spend time with his family during what is supposed to be the golden years.

Collecting \$1,200 a month from his GM pension, he was there to show the Ontario government that if GM goes bankrupt and the pension guarantee fund isn't stocked up, he will lose everything.

He is just one of many.

The fact remains that if there isn't enough money in the fund for GM pensioners, then there isn't enough money for anyone.

This inevitably affects us all.

Also, reports have suggested that the money hasn't been there for years.

Where did it go? What happened to it? And who is responsible?

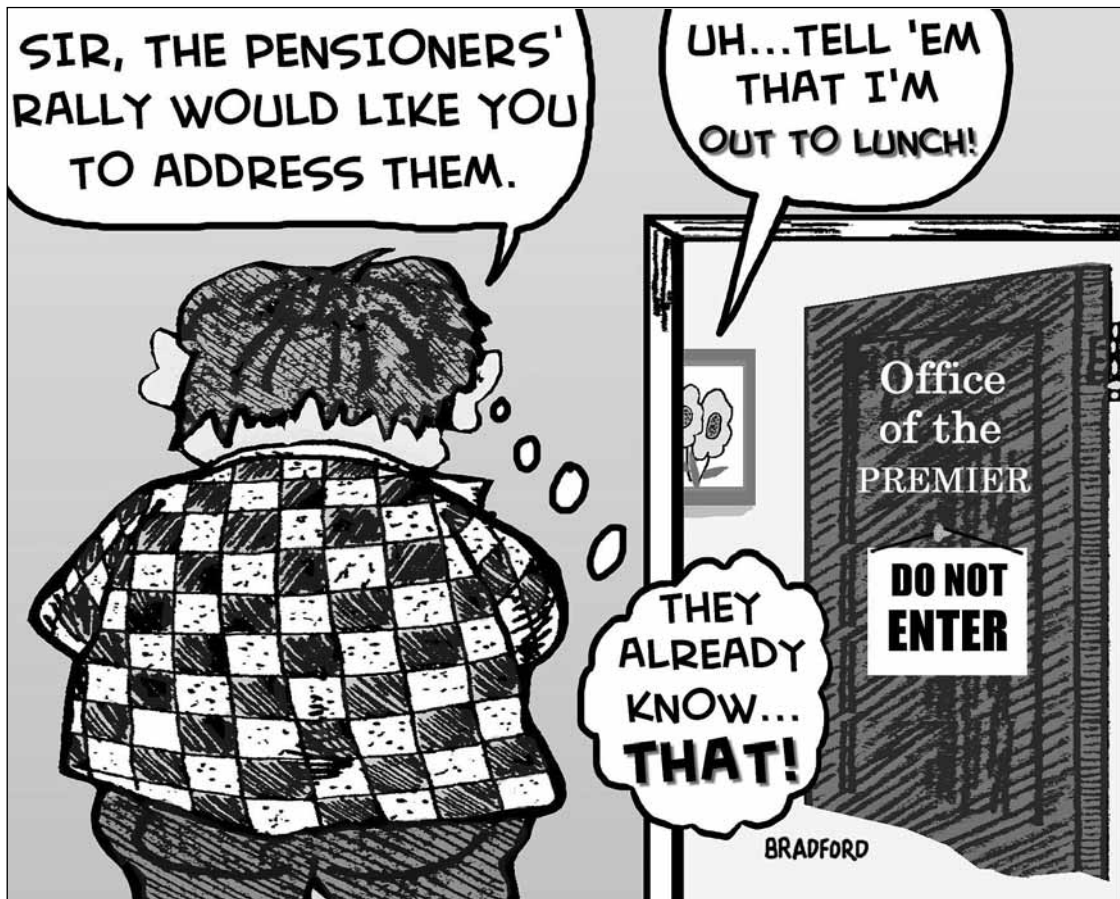
While Premier Dalton McGuinty hides behind legislature walls, too afraid to come out and address the crowd, these questions are being tossed around.

Governments are supposed to listen to the people. They are elected by the people.

More than 10,000 people gathered at Queen's Park from CUPE, OPSEU, the Hamilton Steel Workers Union, the CAW and many others.

Shouldn't that be a sign that it's time to listen to the people? Wouldn't that be enough to try and see what can be done?

Perhaps the message is falling on deaf ears.



Letters to the Editor

Reader: Mayor's name calling is childish

Dear Editor,

It's here! The biggest question to appear in the Oshawa headlines for a long time.

More nostalgia than KISS.

As citizens we are all waiting for the answer. Who in fact is Curly, who is Larry, and who is Moe? The 3 Stooges analogy is uncanny.

This all stems from our great Mayor opening his mouth to speak at last Wednesday's Town hall meeting, and guess what came out?

To stoop so low as to call his own members of council 'stooges' shows the Mayor's lack of class.

John Henry, John Neal and Tito-Dante Marimpietri have accomplished in one short visit to Ottawa, what the Mayor has failed to do since he came to office.

These three gentlemen have managed to get a dialogue going with, and results from, the federal government.

Think about it, we are now on the map; the federal government knows who we are! And still the Mayor cries fowl and lambastes the federal government and Jim Flaherty, our Minister of Finance, in public, by saying that the Oshawa council members that went to see Mr. Flaherty were his stooges.

What a great way to influence people and make friends. And to think this guy speaks for Oshawa. In my dealings with council members John Henry

Grandma: Take city meetings to the Big Sexy

Dear Editor:

Re: Male stripper ban, comments made by city councillors

A question for city councillors to ponder: Why are you encouraging strip entertainment and not taking a stand against issues mentioned in the front page editorial (in the Oshawa Express April 22, 2009 edition) about all the drugs and corruption this silly type of entertainment causes?

Have you experienced the 3 and 4 a.m. noise factor with swearing and loudness, blaring music, cars roaring every Friday and Saturday night?

Young children are woken up frightened.

What an example for their impressionable growing years, not to forget to mention all the "Grandma's who enjoy titillating attractions", Councillor Louise Parkes claims.

Well I, and many of my Grandma friends, are

and John Neal, they have always given me a quick and correct response to any questions I may have had, and are gentlemen in the way they handle themselves.

This is more than I can say about misinformation that has been generated from the Mayor's office.

John Gray has spent his first term in office blaming the previous Mayor, Nancy Diamond, for all of Oshawa's problems.

That worked for the first term. Now he has no one to blame but his own members of council, so it appears to be his next plan of attack.

Overall, with the lack of respect being shown his fellow council members and members of the federal government, one must question his ability to lead this city.

He obviously has the same lack of respect for the people of Oshawa, after all, why should we be any different? His name-calling is childish.

The precedent he has continued to set by failing to work with the federal government shows that the Mayor has his own agenda (perhaps as a political candidate for a competing federal party as has been hinted at in the media) and that agenda has nothing to do with interests of the City of Oshawa.

George Zapora
Oshawa resident

more used to praying against this conduct, as well as praying for you councillors to take a stand against this.

Just don't want to create issues for elections time? That time should be spent on more meaningful things like where council meetings are to be held. Take it to the Big Sexy club.

Good for the Finance and Administration Committee -- no wishy washy there.

Thank God for intelligent wise leaders there, compassionate for Oshawa's reputation. I will be voting differently, if I vote.

A Grandma who has to speak out and take a stand if our councillors won't.

Very confusing.

Caroline Farrow
Oshawa mid-city resident

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Money to improve roads, sports complexes and parks

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ment for funding as long as the submissions are made by May 1, Duignan adds. This money, he says, could be split three ways to be funded by the city, the province and the federal government in a 1/3 model. According to this strategy, of the \$40 million suggested, the city would dish out more than \$13 million.

According to a report by city staff there are five categories these projects could fall under for federal funding.

They include the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF), Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RinC), Renovation and Retrofit of Social Housing, Cultural Infrastructure and the Building Canada Plan.

"These are indicators of the city's interests," explains Duignan. "I know this council would want to be in a position to take full advantage of this. They are significant community projects."

However, not all councillors are happy with the list of recommended projects, as they feel some other areas were being put on the back burner.

Councillor Brian Nicholson says he doesn't understand why Harman Arena isn't on the pri-

ority list and the Civic is. He believes that repairing Harman is more important than fixing some roads in the area.

"It's a matter of priorities," he says.

But for Duignan the Civic repurposing project is a priority because it could be classified as both a shovel ready project under the ISF as well as under the RinC section. In total the city is looking for more than \$20 million for the Civic project which would include a new artificial turf field, the demolition of the Civic arena and indoor field house, parking improvements, a playground, landscaping, a pathway system, a pedestrian bridge and stadium renewal.

"We need to be positioned... to make these submissions and not have to bring it back to council because we may not have the time," Duignan adds. "First and foremost that (the Civic) is construction ready."

Councillor Joe Kolodzie says it's just time to get the submissions in for the betterment of Oshawa.

"I'm excited about these projects. I think we should be excited about this."

However, Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri says there were other areas that

need money more than some of the listed items, such as the marina.

"I'm very surprised they haven't discussed the marina proper," he says.

But Mayor John Gray was quick to point out the land at the marina isn't the city's just yet.

While many other items were listed in part two of the city staff report that will be considered at a later date, city council was just to consider projects what could benefit from federal funding now.

Council passed several recommendations at the meeting which included endorsing the projects outlined for the city's submission for infrastructure funding from the federal and provincial governments, that City Council commit to funding the city's portion of the project costs submitted and that staff report back on the final funding strategy should these be approved.

Other recommendations include staff continue to advance other major projects for potential funding under the Building Canada Plan and staff continue to work with the offices of Oshawa MP Dr. Colin Carrie and Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette.

Proposed funding projects

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)
Alexandra Park Redevelopment - \$3,350,000
Bond Street and Mary Street Bury overhead electrical distribution - \$1,200,000
Bond Street Road Improvements - \$3,515,300
Outdoor Sports Fields - \$3,000,000
Michael Starr Trail Connection Redevelopment - \$2,075,000
Stone Street Park - \$1,300,000
Lakeview Park, Shoreline Remediation - \$925,000
Parks parking lots and parking structures rehabilitation - \$715,000
Civic Repurposing Project - \$19,450,000
RinC
Civic Sports Field and Stadium Renewal - \$3,250,000
Renovation and Retrofit of Social Housing
Chris Mason Hall - \$530,000
Owen D Friends - \$880,000
Cultural Infrastructure
Oshawa Museums, Accessibility Improvements - \$60,000

Youth week jam-packed across the city

The City of Oshawa is celebrating National Youth week, but are you?

A weeklong celebration is taking place across the city.

The event kicks off on May 1 with a barbeque at the South Oshawa Community Centre for youth ages 10 to 17.

The food starts flowing at 5:30 p.m. followed by a pool party, scavenger hunt and a massive game of manhunt, which ends night at 10 p.m.

The following day, May 2, the Legends Centre will be open for teens ages 13 to 17 for a skate starting at 7 p.m.

Too young for that event? Take part in the Hawaiian pre-teen dance at the Northview Community Centre at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each.

On Sunday it's all about the sports.

There will be games of dodge ball followed by a pool party.



National Youth Week

That's open to kids ages 13 to 18 at the Civic Auditorium Complex. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Monday is about finding your inner 'Zen.' The Legends Centre is hosting a yoga class for 13 to 18-year-olds beginning at 7 p.m.

The week rounds up with an open mic event at the Arts Resource Centre from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. That's open for those 10 to 18 years of age.

If you can't make it to any of those events but still want to participate, the youth room at the South Oshawa Community Centre is open all week free of charge.

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Better Together: New Prostate Cancer Treatment Now Available

This month, as the nation observes Cancer Awareness Month, Lakeridge Health's R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre has enhanced its comprehensive cancer services by officially launching brachytherapy to help prostate cancer patients.

Prostate brachytherapy is a treatment involving the placement of radioactive "seeds" into the prostate gland. The permanent seeds contain radioactive



▲ Dr. Peter Dixon holds a glass with "seeds" as Terrance Sullivan of Cancer Care Ontario looks on.

iodine and deliver radiation to the prostate while trying to limit the affect on the normal surrounding tissue. The radioactive iodine loses its strength with time and decreases by half every 60 days.

"Having specialized cancer treatment close to home is unbeatable," said patient William Alexander who lives in Ajax. "I was so thankful to avoid travelling to Toronto and instead received prostate brachytherapy at the Cancer Centre in Oshawa."

Kevin Empey, President and CEO, said prostate brachytherapy is just the start of an enhanced cancer care program. "The MDRCC will open a High Dose Rate brachytherapy program later this summer, which will expand the types of cancers that can be treated using brachytherapy." Among the types of cancers are cervical, endometrial and skin cancers.

It is anticipated that this year the Cancer Centre will treat about 50 prostate cancer patients with brachytherapy.



▲ Pat Smallwood (right) assists June Roberts

LH Oshawa's Caring Volunteers Thanked

Volunteers truly mean the world to Lakeridge Health. That's why our hospital network was proud to join other organizations across Canada and celebrate volunteers and volunteerism during National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25.

"Since I've been at Lakeridge Health, I couldn't help but notice our dedicated, caring volunteers who give of themselves to make a difference in the lives of our patients, their families and staff," said Kevin Empey, President and CEO. "Lakeridge Health is better because of the selflessness of volunteers who serve with distinction on the Oshawa Hospital Foundation and the Auxiliary of Lakeridge Health Oshawa."

Pat Smallwood, one of more than 550 volunteers at Oshawa, says she gets so caught up in helping patients at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre that she often doesn't realize her shift is over. The Auxiliary's Director of Cancer Services says she always leaves the hospital feeling happy and deeply satisfied. "Cancer patients show such strength of character as they go through a tough time that it's easy to do whatever you can to help them."



▲ Kevin Empey visits with 9 Main staff

Improving Patient Safety The Goal of New Initiative

Patient Safety goes hand-in-hand with quality, which is at the top of President and CEO Kevin Empey's priority list.

He is so committed to doing all he can to improve patient safety that he has begun Patient Safety Rounds. Every two weeks, he travels to a different site or satellite location to spend time talking to staff, physicians and volunteers in various patient care units or departments.

"They know the issues they have and have great ideas on how we can improve safety for both patients and staff," Kevin said. All suggestions are recorded and followed up by the hospital's Risk Management and Patient Safety Dept. These are brought back to the Senior Management Team as it develops strategies and priorities for improvement.

"I want our staff to know I am serious about listening to their concerns and

suggestions regarding how we can make our hospital a safer place for patients and staff," Kevin said. "We are here to deliver the best care we can, to treat our patients with respect and to ensure that Lakeridge Health is here for the long-term."

Transplant Recipient Helps Dialysis Patients Cope



▲ Left to Right: Lakeridge Health Nephrology Volunteer, Pat Howell with patient Ed Foskett

Because someone signed their organ and tissue donation card, for the past five years Pat Howell has had a new kidney and a second lease on life. She is grateful every day – not just during National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month, which this year was observed April 19 to 25.

Pat is a pillar of our volunteer staff and a role model for dialysis patients, who "are encouraged to see someone who is so well and so active after having a kidney transplant." Pat has become the person she wished she could have talked to when she was on peritoneal dialysis before her transplant. "It helps to know you are not alone."

Seven years ago, she joined Lakeridge

Health's Patient Services Committee and began helping our patients. With the help of staff, she helped create the Kidney Patients' Peer Support Coffee Club, a formalized support network for Dialysis patients and their family members. In addition to her work at Lakeridge Health, she is also a Peer Support Volunteer with the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Pat knows firsthand how important it is for people to sign their donor cards and urges individuals to be life savers. Individuals can register their wishes at an OHIP office when renewing their health card, or they can go to the Trillium website at www.giftoflife.on.ca and download an Organ and Tissue Donor Registration form, fill it out and mail it in.

Driving Efficiencies to Protect Patient Care

Over the last three months, Lakeridge Health's robust and ongoing budget review has already yielded \$10.8 million in administrative savings, everything from the elimination of senior positions to the reduction of expenses including advertising. The hospital's deficit for 2009/2010 is now projected at over \$13.2 million – down from \$24 million before implementation of these administrative cuts.

None of the experts we and others have brought in to audit our operations have been able to pinpoint savings capable of remotely dealing with our funding challenges. However, we continue to work diligently to reduce costs, while protecting as many front line patient services as possible within our funding from government.

The current economic conditions are causing pressure to families, businesses and public services – hospitals are not immune. However, the Board is confident that working together with government, the CE LHIN and our communities, we will continue to provide high quality, safe and efficient hospital services to our patients.



▲ Doug Allingham
Chair, Board of Trustees

Here's To Our Great Volunteers...

Thank you so much for giving your time and talents to our hospital.

To find out about volunteer opportunities in the front lobby of our hospital or about the **The Auxiliary of Lakeridge Health Oshawa**, please call Helena Finn-Vickers at **905-576-8711, ext. 3680**.

May 1: The Auxiliary will hold its Annual Dinner and Auction (live/silent) at the Royal Canadian Legion, Simcoe Street South. Doors open 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and available in the Gift Shop.

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Did You Know?

A number of internal and external (Ministry) studies have recognized Lakeridge Health for its efficiency compared to other Ontario hospitals. Lakeridge Health's projected budget deficit for 2009/2010 is more than \$13.2 million – down from \$24 million before the recent and numerous administrative cuts. The hospital, one of the largest community hospitals in Ontario, is working with the Ministry and the CE LHIN on additional funding opportunities.



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Baby boomers can eat their way to better health

(NC)-A healthy lifestyle is key to reducing the risk of illness and chronic disease.

By reducing excess intake of calories, saturated fat, sodium and simple sugars and increasing

intake of whole grains, fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy and lean meats, baby boomers may help reduce their risk of developing heart disease, certain cancers, type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis.

A diet low in saturated fat is among the top recommendations from health professionals to promote heart health and reduce the risk of cancer. Registered dietitian and baby boomer

Susie Langley recognizes the challenge of keeping active and eating well, but argues that with just a little more effort boomers could be better off in the long run.

"Baby boomers have a lot to take into account when grocery shopping and preparing meals," says Langley.

"Start by choosing a variety of foods with exceptional nutritional value at every meal.

Go for lots of colour on your plate - red, green, yellow, orange, even blue and purple.

And be sure to select lean cuts of meat more often. This approach can help you to achieve a healthy diet, satisfy your appetite and tantalize your taste buds."



overlooked, although it should be one of the prime meats in a baby boomer's diet."

All veal cuts contain 7.5 g of fat or less per 100 g (3 1/2 oz) portion and contain a very low amount of saturated fat. Veal is also an excellent source of iron, zinc and vitamin B12 which are essential for top physical and mental performance and to boost the immune system.

"Vitamin B12, iron and zinc are essential nutrients for baby boomers," says Langley.

"Vitamin B12 helps maintain a healthy brain and nervous system. Iron and zinc are key minerals needed for healthy red blood cells and oxygen transport to prevent fatigue.

Zinc is especially important as we age because of its role in boosting the body's defense system to help resist illness and infections like colds and flu."

Taking into account the vitamin and mineral needs particular to the baby boomer population, Langley worked with the

Ontario Veal Association to develop four new healthy recipes that include ingredients popular for their health benefits.

The recipes can be customized to suit single or multiple portions, and include dishes ranging from a fast and easy Veal, Fennel and Radicchio Salad to Ground Veal Mushroom Herb Loaves perfect for smaller families.

All recipes are available at www.ontariovealappeal.ca.

Incorporating lean meats such as Ontario veal into a healthy diet makes it easy to follow Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating which recommends eating two to three servings of 'Meat and Alternatives' daily.

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While there is an abundant selection of healthy produce, protein options that are lean and versatile can sometimes seem limited.

According to Langley, an excellent local option is Ontario produced veal.

"One of the reasons I recommend veal is because of its high nutrient density and low saturated fat content," says Langley.

"It's a protein that often gets

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150 Ontario women die from cervical cancer annually

Pap tests essential

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

In Ontario, 500 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year.

And 150 of those women will die, states Cancer Care Ontario.

"These women are mothers, daughters, wives and friends," says Stephanie Skopyk, a public health nurse with the Durham Region Health Department.

"With regular pap tests and the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, it is possible to wipe out this disease and eliminate the fear among the next generation of women of developing the disease."

This month marks Cancer Awareness Month, which is why the health department is stressing the importance of having regular pap tests as a measure in reducing cervical cancer.

The health department recommends that within three years of starting any sexual activity, regular pap tests are a women's best defence against cervical cancer.

These tests can detect changes in the cervix

before a woman may notice any signs or symptoms.

The availability in Canada of the HPV vaccine is a major development in the prevention of cervical cancer.

"Receiving the HPV vaccination is a protective measure against the development of cervical cancer but continued pap tests are also essential," adds Skopyk.

"It's very important for young women who receive this vaccine today to realize that pap tests will be a very important part of their regular health check ups in the future."

Women who have had hysterectomies should also speak to their doctor about pap tests.

"If you've had a hysterectomy, speak with your doctor or nurse to determine if

you still require a pap test," explains Skopyk.

"If you don't have a family doctor, visit your local clinic or call the health department."

For more information on the HPV vaccine, cervical cancer and pap tests, call the Durham Health Connection Line at 905-666-6241, 1-800-841-2729 or visit www.durham.ca.

"Receiving the HPV vaccination is a protective measure against the development of cervical cancer but continued pap tests are also essential."

-Stephanie Skopyk
public health nurse

Calculating the impact of the HPV vaccine

What are the risks associated with the human papillomavirus vaccine, which is relatively new to Canada?

(NC)-Each year in Canada, approximately 400 women die of cervical cancer and another 1,400 are diagnosed with the disease. But that is about to change.

In 2006, Health Canada approved a vaccine that protects against four strains of human papillomavirus (HPV) that are responsible for causing 70% of cervical cancer cases. Soon after, provincial governments began introducing HPV immunization programs. Will the new vaccine really be as effective as many hope? How long will it take for cervical cancer rates to come down?

New vaccines always bring hope, but the success of a vaccine depends on many factors, such as the number of people who decide to get vaccinated. Early numbers suggest that vaccine uptake has varied widely from province to province.

With the help of funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Dr. Christopher Bauch at the University of Guelph, his students and co-investigators are constructing a computer model that could

help us anticipate the changes that will come with the HPV vaccine.

"The vaccine will reduce the number of cases of cervical cancer, but we're not sure how large the reduction will be or how quickly it will happen," says Bauch. "We can't predict the future, but computer models can help us project what might happen."

Public health officials will be able to use Bauch's model to estimate how cervical cancer rates will change and which women will benefit most from the immunization campaigns. The result is reduced health-care costs and more targeted treatment.

For example, if a large number of women decide to roll up their sleeves for the HPV vaccine, this could help change screening recommendations for cervical cancer. Currently, Health Canada recommends that women have a Pap smear every three years (or more frequently if they have specific risk factors) to help catch the disease in its early stages.

"If the vaccine reduces the incidence of cervical cancer by a large percentage, it might be sufficient for most women to be screened every five years.

Then we could take the money that we save on screening and use it to create outreach programs for women who are less likely to be screened or who have a particularly high risk of developing cervical cancer," explains Bauch.

Bauch emphasizes that, for now, it is very important that all women continue to follow the current screening recommendations. But with the help of his research, we may be able to look forward to a future without cervical cancer.



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Liza homes LEEDing the way to greener homes

By Robyn DePratto
Durham College co-op student

It might not be easy going green, but Liza Communities

is doing everything they can to become that elusive colour. They held an event on Earth Day to spread the word about their Shorelands devel-

opment, which is also Canada's first LEED town-home community. LEED is a rating system for green building that stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

The program encourages builders to operate, design and construct environmentally friendly buildings, just as Liza has done.

The LEED certification is based on the number of points achieved in several categories like water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and materials and resources.

There are four levels of certification ranging from certified to silver, gold, and platinum, according to the LEED website.

"We're just

teaching people about the green benefits of the site," says N a r g u e s M a n s o u r i, Director of sales and marketing for Liza Communities.

She says the event was designed to teach customers who have already purchased homes and those thinking about doing so, more about the LEED program and how it is involved with the Shorelands site.

Maryam Mansouri, vice president for Liza Communities, was thrilled with the turnout of the event. "We felt a strong desire to bring all these people together in this space," she says.

Representatives from several organizations were on hand to talk about various green building related topics.



Photo by Robyn DePratto/ The Oshawa Express
People gathered inside the Shorelands office to hear about the benefits of living in a LEED community.

Other points of discussion were tankless hot water heaters, the benefits of steel framing, mortgage rebates for being part of a LEED community, and tips on how to qualify for the new low mortgage rates.

Maryam is very proud of the LEED aspect of the site, saying that the Canadian Green Build Council (CaGBC) had approached them to participate in the LEED program.

"We're looking to do all 227 units as LEED gold," says Maryam, adding that working with all their partners they are very sure they can do so.

For more information about Shorelands, visit their website at <http://www.theshorelands.com/>.

To learn more about LEED, see the CaGBC website at <http://www.cagbc.org/>.

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Closed meeting caused problem

CITY from Page 1

But the problems didn't stop there for the City of Oshawa.

At the time of submitting his final report to the City he learned a preliminary report he had submitted earlier had been distributed among the City clerk as well as other staff members, he said in a press release Monday.

This was contrary to the handling instructions given to the City, which stipulated the report not to be copied or handed out, Marin says in a press release.

It was also to be returned to him. But it never was, he says, despite his communication with Mayor John Gray.

This is a broken promise and against the law, Marin adds.

"For more than 30 years, the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario has been accorded co-operation

and compliance by government authorities. Displeased with the report we issued in response to a closed meeting complaint, the City of Oshawa has broken that trend," Marin says in the release.

As a result, Marin says he decided to go public with the matter instead of going through a lengthy litigation process.

He has written a report called 'Pirating our Property,' which outlines the City's responsibility in this case as well as his findings.

According to the release, under the Municipal Act, municipalities are free to opt out of having the ombudsman investigate complaints and can hire their own investigators, but the City didn't do so in this case.

"It appears that Oshawa doesn't want a watchdog but a lapdog," Marin says.

"If that's the case, I would invite the city to opt out of the current arrangement. Municipalities cannot ask for the credibility and the independent stamp of our office, and then try to pull the strings. They can't have it both ways."

The ombudsman typically acts as a watchdog for Ontario municipalities and also enforces open meetings.

When it comes to the initial complaint, Councillor Louise Parkes says the closed meeting was simply an oversight and she apologizes for the error.

"It was innocent. We were dealing with a private operation. We made a technical error," she says, adding the committee didn't move a motion to go into a closed meeting and therefore missed a step before entering the in-camera session.

However, the second half of Marin's concern is simply ridiculous, says Mayor Gray.

"It's a bit puzzling that he would have a meltdown," he says.

"It's a bit preposterous. I think the ombudsman lost track of accountability and transparency. We should all be able to live happily ever after. I think the response is very over the top."

He says sending the report back didn't follow the transparency rule that he and council go by and making copies for the clerk was simply a matter of procedure.

"It's silly. What does the ombudsman have to hide? I think it's foolhardy. I think he's just carried it too far."

To see the ombudsman's full report visit www.ombudsman.on.ca

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Oshawa Living

Pass the Book: it's your turn next!

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

It's all in an effort to foster community unity through shared stories.

The Oshawa Public Libraries in conjunction with the Whitby Public Library is launching the first ever Pass the Book event.



A friendly clown hands out popcorn to a library visitor as part of the promotion for the pass the book program.

"We're trying to foster a sense of community where everyone reads the same book," says Margaret Wallace of the Oshawa Public Library.

"We're very excited. We hope it takes off." The idea behind Pass the Book was initiated at the Seattle Public Library and has been adopted by many municipalities since.

Each library chooses a book they feel majority of people would enjoy and encourage the community to read it.

The library will host discussion groups and programs geared towards the book that readers are welcome to attend.

"We're hoping to have the author of the book come but we're attempting to have it fit in," says Ian Heckford, CEO of the Oshawa Public Libraries.

Discussion groups will also be held online at <http://passthebook.wordpress.com/>.

The site will have up-to-date information on upcoming events related to the novel.

The Oshawa Public Libraries officially announced the title of the book on April 23, with the help of Mayor John Gray.

Water For Elephants is a novel about Jacob, a 93-year-old man that is living in a retirement home.

He recounts his youth and tells the story about how he joined the circus during the Great Depression and fell in love with Marlena, one of the show's star performers.

It's a story filled with memorable characters including Rosie, a stubborn but heroic elephant who becomes Jacob's best friend.

"It's all about stimulating people to visit the library," says Mayor John Gray.

"And to learn to read. It's a skill that you can take through your whole life."

Sticking with the theme of the novel, clowns were at the library handing out popcorn to both young and old visitors to the library.

The program was officially launched on Canadian Book Day and will run until October, which marks public library week.

"The program is running so long so it gives everyone a chance to read it," explains Heckford.

And Mayor Gray will most likely be the first to give the book a read, as he was given a copy of the novel from the library.

Books can be borrowed from the library branches and each will have a copy for sale.

For more information contact the Oshawa Public Library at 905-579-6111.



Photos by Robyn DePratto/ The Oshawa Express

Mayor John Gray and Ian Heckford, Chief Executive Officer of the library unveil the cover of the book for the Pass the Book program.

Oshawa's downtown graffiti is gone

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

If the downtown core and the streets in Oshawa look a little cleaner, there's good reason.

That's because more than 270 volunteers took to the streets, gloves and garbage bags in tow, to clean up during the Communities with Brooms event.

The event was initiated by the Community Safety Committee and was held in conjunction with the federal Pitch-In program.

Even Mayor John Gray sported a broom, sweeping up around City Hall.

But he didn't stick to just sweeping; he removed the last of about 225 graffiti tags downtown from the Genosha building, which is currently undergoing a large renovation.

"This is the last piece of graffiti in downtown today," proclaims Vivian Sled of the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA).

City bylaw enforcement officers will be working closely with prop-

erty owners and the downtown BIA to ensure the streets of Oshawa stay graffiti free.

Progress on the Genosha is moving well, according to Rick Summers, owner of the building, which is being turned into student apartments with retail on the ground level.

"We have about 100 workers in there," says Summers. "They should be done soon."

A number of volunteers gathered at City Hall where they were organized into different groups and given gloves, bags and other necessary supplies.

Debris was picked up from the road, and with the wind on April 23, it made things a little tougher.



City Councillor Louise Parkes cleans the litter off the streets alongside Noel Hutchinson, Director of Parks and Facilities Maintenance Service.

Volunteers also removed graffiti, swept sidewalks, washed windows and planted trees.

The Communities with Brooms event was created as a way to spruce-up the downtown, create a sense of ownership and community pride, build partnerships and educate the public on the impact and cost of graffiti and other vandalism.

In fact, the City of Oshawa is considering a bylaw to ban on the sale of graffiti products to youth without parental consent.

The Communities with Brooms project was established at a Community Safety Committee meeting in February.

"Tagging and graffiti costs small business thousands of dollars each year," says council-

lor Louise Parkes, who also participated in the cleanup.

The day-long event was coordinated in conjunction with the Canada-wide Pitch-In program that saw thousands of residents help to clean up local parks, schoolyards, green spaces and trails last week.

There are over 20,000 Pitch-In Canada projects every year in which more than 3.5 million people take part.

Oshawa is just one of the many municipalities to host the clean-up week.



Photos by Robyn DePratto/ The Oshawa Express

Mayor John Gray cleans up the last graffiti tag off the Genosha hotel.

Distinguished citizen enters Walk of Fame

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

He was the longest serving president of the CAW Local 222 chapter in Oshawa.

He helped to establish both the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre and the CAW Dental Clinic.

And now he is being recognized for his contribution to Oshawa.

Albert 'Abe' Taylor was recently inducted into Oshawa's Walk of Fame.

"We're here to honour an honourable man who helped make Oshawa what it is today," says longtime friend, Terry Kelly at the induction ceremony.

Many of Taylor's friends, family and CAW brothers and sisters attended the

induction ceremony to honour a lost friend.

"If Abe were here today he would be looking at things positively," says Kelly.

Taylor passed away in February of 2008.

He participated in almost every set of negotiations at 11 plants with whom Local 222 has contracts.

He served as their president from 1963 to 1978.

Along with his passion for community, he served on the boards of several local agencies and charities.

Taylor is also remembered for his enthusiasm for sports, particularly baseball and

softball.

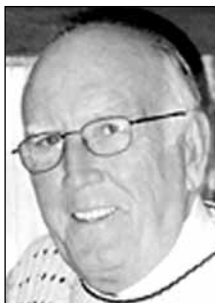
He played with the Red Raiders football club and with the 1949 Senior B Eastern Ontario Softball Champions, the U.A.W. Broncs.

"Taylor was an Oshawan through and through," adds Kelly.

The Walk of Fame in Oshawa was established in 2006.

Taylor joins Sandy Hawley, June Eikhard, Colonel Sam McLaughlin, Ed Broadbent, Terry Kelly, Tonya Lee Williams, Gordon Conant, Barry Authors and Howard Swinson.

As the famous Walk of Fame slogan states, it was meant to inspire Oshawa's future, by honouring our past.



Albert 'Abe' Taylor

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Seven and a half month old Brody really enjoyed his very first Easter.

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

The Stars Say...

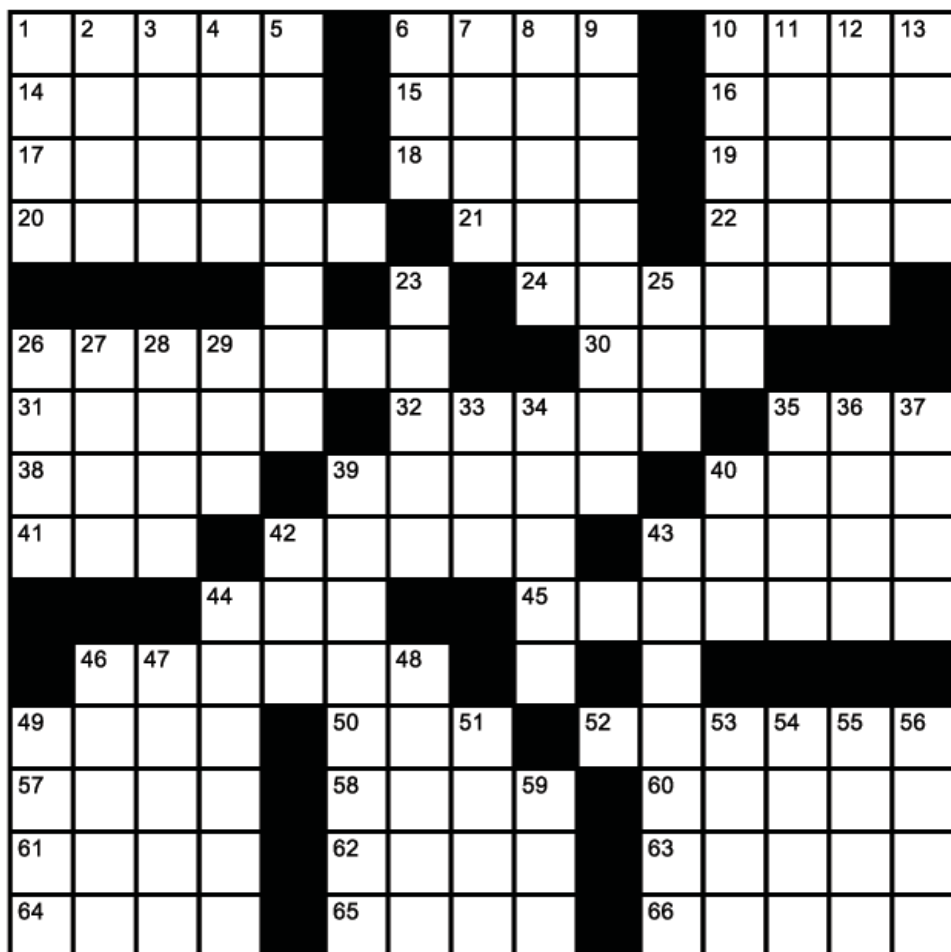
- ARIES March 20 to April 19**
You would prefer to work independently rather than being a member of a team. However, over aggressiveness on your part could cause a problem in a relationship.
- TAURUS April 19 to May 20**
Working hard "behind the scenes", you may not get credit for the work you are doing. If you have to look after a sick relative, do not play the martyr. At the same time, the Sun is boosting your self-confidence.
- GEMINI May 20 to June 21**
Your social life moves into high gear this week. Take on a leadership role; do not wait for others to act. Schedule time to recharge your batteries and let new ideas emerge. Enjoy a SPA day..
- CANCER June 21 to July 22**
Are your friendships meeting your needs? If not, get out and about and meet new people. At work, you want to get ahead, but can run into conflicts if you are too aggressive. Get started on a new work project.
- LEO July 22 to August 22**
Assertive and energetic, you can easily sell your ideas with confidence. Recognized for the job you are doing, you could turn your dream into reality. Take a business trip or a vacation for pleasure.
- VIRGO August 22 to Sept 22**
Over the next few weeks, you may have to deal with issues over joint finances. Pay bills in full and draw up a new budget with your partner. Good time to consult a financial advisor.
- LIBRA Sept 22 to Oct 23**
Relationships are on your agenda. Spend special time with your partner. Plan a romantic dinner or an afternoon golfing. Put a new money plan into place. Study a metaphysical subject.
- SCORPIO Oct 23 to Nov 22**
Put leisure activities on hold and get back to work. You might have to work overtime or bring work home. Be patient with your co-workers and share the credit. If you have a health concern, schedule a check-up.
- SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 to Dec 21**
With Mars and Venus in Aries, a relationship could heat up, since you're in the mood for romance. Think about what you can do to make a greater contribution in the workplace. Participate in a summer sport.
- CAPRICORN Dec 21 to Jan 19**
Work out a good balance between work responsibilities and family demands. Good time to clean up the clutter and start a home improvement project. A career assignment could come to a head.
- AQUARIUS Jan 19 to Feb 19**
Gather information, rather than finalizing matters. You and a sibling may not see eye to eye. If you have an idea to sell, you can do it now. Deal with a flurry of letters, e-mails and phone calls.
- PISCES Feb 19 to March 20**
Develop personal skills to enhance your financial opportunities. A raise in pay is a possibility, but so are extra expenses. Attend a conference or take a course. Good time to shop for a new car.

The Stars Say is provided by Joan Ann of Oshawa. For personal readings, call 905-725-9179 or visit her website at www.astroconsultation.com

ACADEMIPEDIA



Crossword



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Across

- Banquet
- Petty quarrel
- ___ Duhamel
- Proprietor
- 60 minutes
- Get ___ shape
- Hardly modern
- Eastern discipline
- Acquire something
- Insignificant amount
- Gun, as an engine
- Water basin
- Comment
- Lustrous fabric
- Not processed
- Impressive display
- Smallest

35. Label

- Big cat
- Beat
- Church part
- Fall behind
- Larceny
- Loud warning signal
- Pasture
- Beg
- Chipper
- Ship's personnel
- Navigator's need
- Cantankerous
- Group of cattle
- Sailor's cry
- "M*A*S*H" setting
- "American ___"
- Pepsi is one
- Law-related
- Small horse
- Yellow of egg

66. Run off

- ### Down
- Garrison
 - Pitcher
 - Against
 - Helot
 - Streetcar
 - Timid
 - Impoverished
 - Hole borer
 - Cross
 - Type of puzzle
 - Broadcasting
 - Stench
 - Goose cry
 - Esteem
 - Yoga class need
 - High in stature
 - Diva's solo
 - Amphibian jumper

29. Summer cooler

- Imp
- On the move
- Poi source
- Assert
- DNA segment
- Drugstore
- Zilch
- Golf ball holder
- Twinkle
- Obscenely
- Words to live by
- Marsh wader
- Web search engine
- Golf shot
- Get opinions
- Yuletide
- Consequently
- Harvest
- Harvard rival
- Long-haired ox

Kathleen Saxe

Word Game

TODAY'S WORD — BEDAZZLE

(BEDAZZLE: bih-DAZ-ul: To impress forcefully; enchant.)

Average mark 17 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 23 or more words in BEDAZZLE?

April 22 Word Game answers

Sorcerers

score	sere	rose	corer	erose
scorer	sore	cere	cross	error
scree	sorer	cero	cross	
seer	recess	core	crosse	

Wits & Bites

- Why do we park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?
- Why is it called "rush hour" when your car

Questions that appear to have no answer

barely moves?

- If a 7-Eleven is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
- Why does sour cream have a "use by" date?
- If olive oil comes from olives, where does

baby oil come from?

- If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
- Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't

zigzag?

- What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

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April 29

Harmony United Church, 15 Harmony Rd. North in Oshawa, is holding a Rummage Sale of used clothing and accessories in the Church Hall, 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

You're invited to our fellowship luncheon! The Oshawa Shrine Club is hosting a luncheon for partners in service. There will be a guest appearance by Ted Curl of the Kiwanis Club, who will be speaking. Tickets are \$10 per person. For more information, contact Ron Murdock at 905-579-6792.

April 30

Oshawa Community Museum is hosting its monthly Victorian teas. Space is still available. Tea is served at 11:30 a.m. \$10 for adults, \$8 for Oshawa Historical Society members and \$5 for children. Tea includes a light lunch, as well as a tour of the museum. To make a reservation call Jill at 905-436-7624 ext. 106.

May 2

The Centennial Albert United Church at 19 Rosehill Blvd. in Oshawa is having a roast beef supper on Saturday at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$13.00 for adults and children under 12 are \$4.00. Tickets are only available in advance by calling 905-723-2902 and 905-723-6528.

Grandview Children's Centre is hosting a 'Car Wash for Camp'. Jump start the day with a clean car, sizzlin' grill, hot tunes and then head over to Grandview's open house from noon to 3 p.m. There will be free preschool speech screening, fun games, and a bike fair. The carwash is from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Courtice Funeral Chapel. All proceeds will go to sending a child to camp. Visit www.grandviewcc.ca or call 905-728-1673 for more info.

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the McLaughlin Library! Discuss your favourite Manga, make Candy Sushi, and watch anime based on the coolest Manga around! From 12 p.m.-2 p.m. For tweens ages 10-15. Free registration at any branch.

May 3

Need help choosing a Mother's Day gift? Visit the Robert McLaughlin Gallery gift shop where the staff will help you choose a special gift, make a personalized card and even gift wrap it for you.

Join the Durham Trillium Quilter's Guild. Learn ideas for our Boutique at a quilt show. There will also be members' show-and-tell and light refreshments. Anyone interested is invited to attend. For more info, call Anne Murray at 905-576-7833. 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Durham District School Board.

Harmony United Church is holding a Fundraiser Fashion Show in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$9.00 with \$1.00 per ticket going to the "Durham Children's Nutrition" program, along with the proceeds from a Silent Auction. Fashions from "The Finishing Touch by Nancy", refreshments, door prizes too! 1:30 p.m. For tickets call 905-725-8463.

Club Carib presents A Celebration of Women. Guest Speaker will be Sandra Whiting, a Jamaican born storyteller, whose stories draw upon rich oral traditions of West African mythologies, folklore, and traditional tales from the Caribbean. Come out and enjoy Sandra's ability to enthral people of all ages, her strong desire to create a vital life for herself and her willingness to motivate others to do the same. Tickets are \$5 per person. Club Carib 905-721-1672 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Caribbean Cultural Centre, 600 Wentworth St. East, Oshawa.

May 4

The countdown to the 6th Harry Potter movie is on! Come to the McLaughlin library at 7 p.m. and make some spectacular potions to celebrate! For ages 10-15. Free registration available at any branch.

Parkinson Society Canada Durham Region Chapter meeting: Topic: Exercises for PD with Terri Clinton, instructor, Whitby Seniors' Centre. Everyone welcome. St. Mark's Church, 201 Centre St. S., Whitby 7 p.m.

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Sudoku

7			9				1	
				5	6		8	
			2			8	4	1
	9			7	4			2 6
		4		6				
	3				2	1	6	
5				1	8			7

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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

April 22 Crossword answers

MUSE	SAND	BURST
APEX	ARIA	IRONY
GOAT	VOLT	SNOOP
INTERIM	ACT	TWO
N	OAK	ORB
AVATAR	ASSORTED	
BIB	BRUT	AIDE
ALE	MALAISE	TUT
FLAW	MOOT	ACE
TAMARACK	CORNER	
YES	EWEE	E
ERA	ASP	ENDLESS
LOCAL	ODDS	ISLE
APRIL	LEGO	SPAR
NEEDY	EWER	HYPE

April 22 Sudoku answers

5	9	7	6	2	8	1	3	4
1	6	2	9	4	3	8	5	7
3	8	4	7	5	1	2	6	9
9	2	1	5	3	6	4	7	8
4	3	8	2	7	9	5	1	6
6	7	5	8	1	4	9	2	3
8	1	6	3	9	5	7	4	2
7	4	3	1	8	2	6	9	5
2	5	9	4	6	7	3	8	1



Submitted photo

Thanks to reader David Galloway for sending in this photo of a kiteboarder recently at Lakeview Park. Although it was a rainy day with strong gusting winds, it was ideal conditions for kiteboarding. He would race out from the shoreline while jumping over waves. He would travel a far distance from the shore, eventually circling back towards the beach. Then with a great deal of speed he would race back out onto the open water. He made many laps before settling in.

Crashing waves, ideal conditions



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CABLE 10/63



Harman ice pad may close

By Robyn DePratto
Durham College co-op student

One of the Harman Park Arena's ice pads may be following the same path as the Civic Auditorium's arena, closing its doors at the end of this season.

In a report from the Community Services Committee, this option is one of the recommendations to deal with all the extra ice in the city.

The closure of the Arena's South Pad would save approximately \$100,000 per year in the annual operating budget.

"Currently the city is over supplied with ice," says Stan Bertoia, commissioner of community services.

He says they have looked at all the arenas in the city and there is an excess of just one ice pad.

This was determined by figuring out the need for what is called 'prime ice time.'

This is time where the pad is used on Monday to Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Right now the City has four arenas with a total of eight ice pads between them.

Between all of these facilities, there is 600 hours of prime ice time every week. The report shows that around 542 hours of this time is used per week. The amount left over is equivalent to one arena.

Bertoia says the surplus is only expected to increase and that as early as 2016 there could be an excess of 1.5 to two ice pads in the city.

This report was given with the input of the people who used the ice. Staff met with these groups on June 10, 2008

and again on September 24.

Included in the consultation were groups such as the Durham Speed Skating Club, Oshawa Storm Ringette and the Neighbourhood Association Sports Committee.

These groups agreed that the amount of ice pads currently in the city is sufficient for them, but are reluctant to think

an estimated \$720,000 in upgrades to Harman Park Arena to bring it up to standard.

If one of the ice pads is closed, the cost to bring the arena up to standard lowers to \$310,000.

The closure of one of the ice pads wasn't the only option on the agenda.

The second option is to reduce the

City's ice by two ice pads after the 2009-2010 season. This would allow the City to develop a capital investment plan to meet community ice needs.

This may include the total retrofitting of the Harman Park Arena, which would cost approximately \$4.2 million.

It could also mean building an entirely new ice facility, as preferred by the consulted user groups,

which would cost \$12 to \$15 million if the City owns the land it's built on.

If either of these options are considered, it would be recommended that the Children's Arena be closed since it would no longer be needed.

The final option is a Public Private Partnership with Canlan Ice Sport Inc, after an unsolicited proposal was submitted to the City.

It says that Canlan Ice Sport would agree to building another ice pad at their complex on Phillip Murray Avenue if the City guaranteed that Harman Park Arena would be taken out of operation. Canlan would provide ice time to users of the ice at a guaranteed rate.

This would avoid any additional capital costs for the City, but would increase their annual operating budget by \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year.

This report and the recommendations in it will be presented to City Council in the coming weeks.



Photo by Robyn DePratto/The Oshawa Express

Oshawa's Harman Park Arena may see the loss of one of the ice pads, or possibly the demolition of the entire facility.

about closing one of the ice pads despite being advised of the surplus.

However, keeping the south pad at Harman Park open may pose risks to those that use it. "Its ice system has essentially experienced its life cycle," says Bertoia. "It could fail at any time."

Ice users have been told about these risks and the repairs that will be required both at Harman Park and Children's Arena.

They are concerned about how reliable these older arenas are and have said they'd rather have an arena built with two ice pads rather than do upgrades to the arena that is already there.

They also made it clear that they would need to know about any closure of ice at least eight to 10 months before the next season to allow them to make alternate plans.

There is also the issue of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, which would require

Oshawa Minor Hockey Association Awards

ADAM KNIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD

OUTSTANDING Novice to Minor Pee wee A & AE Goalle Duo
Minor Atom AE - Gabe Petre-Farrugia & Codey Caissie
Minor Pee wee A - Spencer Closs & Brendan O'Brien-Walsh

DARRELL WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

OUTSTANDING Pee wee to Midget A & AE Goalle Duo
Bantam AE - Brandon Bourque & Jonathon Buisman
Pee wee A - Connor Smith & Justin Schippers

DUTCHIE TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD

OUTSTANDING Novice to Minor Pee wee AA & AAA Goalle Duo
Minor Atom AA - Jack Michel & Tyler Wright
Novice AAA - Brett Dobson & Connor Dorey

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OUTSTANDING Pee wee to Midget AA & AAA Goalle Du
Midget AA - Eric Heenan & Matt Greenham
Midget AAA - DJ Torrenueva & Jeremy Kolodziej

STEVE KISIL MEMORIAL AWARD

MOST SPORTSMANLIKE Pee wee to Midget A & AE

Pee wee AE - Max Kisil
Pee wee A - Michael Walsh
Minor Bantam AE - Nick Streef
Minor Bantam A - Thomas Feeney
Bantam AE - Myles Donald
Bantam A - Dylan Hall
Minor Midget AE - Derek Steele
Minor Midget A - Dan Avery
Midget A - David Harren

EDWARD CRAWLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

MOST SPORTSMANLIKE Pee wee to Midget AA & AAA

Pee wee AA - Anthony Belbin
Pee wee AAA - Dallyn Spear-Balka
Minor Bantam AA - Mike Irvine
Minor Bantam AAA - Riley Huzar
Bantam AA - Alex Niekraas
Bantam AAA - Henry Thompson
Min Midget AA - Evan Whilsmith
Minor Midget AAA - Justin Danforth
Midget AA - Tyler Beer
Midget AAA - Andy Shure

JACK ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL AWARD

MOST IMPROVED Pee wee to Midget AA & AAA

Pee wee AA - Joshua Payne
Pee wee AAA - Riley Palmer
Minor Bantam AA - Declan Quinn
Minor Bantam AAA - Evan Way
Bantam AA - Mitchell Cook
Bantam AAA - Ryan Nichols
Minor Midget AA - John Devlin
Minor Midget AAA - Joe Thompson
Midget AA - Michael Renzi
Midget AAA - Jesse Pipher

Part three of the awards will be featured in the May 6 edition

Hats off to hockey's sense of fashion

Boyd Devereaux was never confused with a player like Evgeni Malkin when it comes to scoring prowess.

Over 11 seasons in the NHL, he has averaged six to eight markers per season. So, when he pumped in three goals in the ACC as the Maple Leafs closed out their season it was a big deal.

Typically the ice was littered

with hats. In the game's fledgling years, when rinks were cold, colder, and coldest, caps were often donned for warmth.

Goalies especially, tied to their

positions, recognized that the greatest amount of heat loss from the human body is through the noggin.

Even when larger arenas started to provide heat, some old timers clung to tradition of keeping their heads covered.

The puckster who retained this habit the longest was the Hab's "Mighty Mite," Aurel Joliet. Opponents soon learned that if that little black cap became dis-

lodged, he would immediately stop to retrieve it.

It mattered not where, or under what circumstance, even if he was

in a scoring position, he would grind to a halt, snatch it up, brush it off, before resuming play.

Mischief regarding hats took other forms as well.

In the late 1920s, goalie 'Jumpin' Jackie Forbes appeared in a match one night sporting a bright red peaked chapeau, which made him look like a redheaded woodpecker.

Babe Dye, who is reputed to have had one of the hardest shots in all of NHL history, warned his opponent that he was going to shoot it right off his beano.

He was true to his word. The match had barely got underway

when he let a blast fly which barely missed the startled backstop's head.

In 1937, the New York Americans bench boss, Mervyn 'Red' Dutton, who frequently betrayed his trigger temper, threw his very expensive new fedora onto the ice in protest over a penalty.

He was so certain that his skater was undeserving of the sentence that he proceeded to jump on it, creating two big tears in it.

At the same moment he realized he had ruined his lid, he discovered it was an opposition player who had gotten the call.

In 1972 Walt Tkaczuk wore a safari model because he was convinced it brought him luck.

His wife didn't share in this attachment.

So, one night when Pete Stenkowski scored a hat trick, she flung it onto the ice.

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From famed jockey to ambassador

By Wally Donaldson
The Oshawa Express

Moments after blowing away the field on board Tribal Chief, a horse owned by musician Herb Alpert, during an inaugural Living Legends Race last October at Santa Anita Park, Sandy Hawley stepped into the jockey's room with seven other Hall of Famer's who shared the same occupation.

Enter an official and organizer of Living Legends with a huge smile on his face.

"Good race, guys," he noted before enquiring, "Is there anything you can think of we can do to spice up this event next year?"

To which one United States Hall of Fame jockey returned with a laugh, "Yah, get us a horse like Sandy had today."

That would be a tough act to follow if this conversation took place after each race the Oshawa-raised athlete came out on top.

Hawley, in his 31 years as a jockey before his retirement in 1998, amassed 6,449 wins on 31,455 mounts, capturing 18 riding titles at Woodbine Racetrack along the way.

"I wish I hadn't won the race by such a big margin. Everbody was saying it was the horse," Hawley laughs.

"But, hey, I had to keep a leg on each side. So, I suppose I was a part of the win as well."

Hawley, making an appearance at

an unveiling of a Wall of Fame Room recently at Shoeless Joe's in Oshawa, keeps himself busy these days as a continued well-respected public relations ambassador for Woodbine Entertainment Group.

From the high popularity of horse racing when Hawley was being groomed for an exciting and successful career, to the latter stages when the sport took a dip in popularity, he has managed to look at the glass as half full.

"The casino has helped Woodbine a lot," admits Hawley, who turned 60 two weeks ago. "But I really think horse racing is on the rise now, especially at Woodbine. It seems that when the economy goes bad, horse racing seems to hold its own or do a little bit better. People want a venue to forget their problems."

Hawley doesn't miss the daily routine of riding horses as he did it for such a long period. His request for interviews within the print and electronic media keeps him busy.

And to narrow down the field to a favorite horse throughout his stellar career is next to impossible.

Or is it?

"I was on a horse named Youth which is not a very popular name



Photo by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express
Bobby Attersley and Sandy Hawley, two Hall-of-Fame athletes, chat during a curtain-raising ceremony of a Wall of Fame Room at Shoeless Joe's in Oshawa.

because he ran in North America only twice," recalls Hawley, who is also a four-time winner of the prestigious Queen's Plate in Toronto.

"He was such an amazing horse. I won the Canadian International on him and went to Maryland to win the Washington D.C. International.

"That was quite a while now. But I do remember riding this horse."

Hawley's best record at the Kentucky Derby was two third-place finishes, one while on board Golden

Act in 1979 in which he finished second at the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

"Just to have a mount in the Kentucky Derby was something special," he reflects. "People have asked me if there was one thing I wish I could have done, it is to come out of the Kentucky Derby a winner. I almost had an opportunity to ride Secretariat in his last race at Woodbine, but that didn't happen. That most definitely would have been the biggest thrill of my career."

Hawley did knock on the door at the Kentucky Derby, especially while on board Golden Act. He finished third to a horse called Spectacular Bid at the Derby and second to him at the Preakness before finishing ahead of him at the Belmont.

"There was another horse I rode called Valley Time where we finished fifth in the Derby, but we were moved up to fourth when a horse called Gate Dancer came out and bothered me. He bumped me hard through the stretch and I think I may have either been second or I might even have even won the race," said Hawley.

The camaraderie among jockeys has remained consistent, but like most other sports, friendship is put on the back burner during an event.

"We are in a bit of a different situation because when you get on the racetrack, it's every man for himself. But there is also a sense of protecting each other as well because (the sport) is as dangerous as it is. If somebody's in trouble and they need a bit of a break, we'll give it to him. But if somebody's trying to go through a hole that's not there, too bad for him," says Hawley.

But the time spent together away from the track is timeless, he adds.

"That is the one thing I do miss about not riding any more. When I rode in California, Bill Shoemaker became a very good friend of mine. We attended a lot of functions together. He was a character individual when we hung out together."

Which brings this burning question down to a common denominator. In car racing the question pops up all the time: Is it the car or the driver that results in success and a checkered flag?

The same applies to horse racing. Is it the jockey or the horse that breeds success at the finish line?

"They are a lot alike, aren't they?" he laughs.

"But I really feel it's 90 per cent horse and 10 per cent rider. You definitely need the horse. You do talk strategy with the owner and trainer. But if you come around the turn with all the strategy in the world and you don't have the horse, there's absolutely nothing you can do about it."

Dancing in the name of fundraising

It will be a night of dancing, entertainment and socializing with a much more important cause behind it.

The Durham Hospice 'Flying High' Gala will host upwards of 400 people inside the Air hangar of the Oshawa Airport, which will be transformed into a mesmerizing ballroom on May 9.

Guests can tour airplanes inside the hangar while enjoying music from the Brian Rose Little Big Band, a popular 11 piece band who aims at playing jazz, swing, jive, pop, ballroom, Latin and many more types of music.

The emcee for the evening will be Terry Johnston, a local celebrity who donates his time and energy to many different charities.

Durham Hospice has also arranged for Luba Goy from the Royal Canadian Air Farce television show to give a keynote speech.

Goy has won many awards, including a star on Canada's Walk of Fame.

Guests will be treated to an elegant cocktail reception, a gourmet dinner, entertainment, dancing, celebrity guests and an impressive array of live and silent auction items while raising money for a great cause.

All proceeds from the evening's event will go directly towards advancing Durham

Hospice's services and programs.

This year, National Hospice Palliative Care Week takes place from May 3 to May 9.



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Volunteers provide all of the Hospice's services.

Government grants account for only 77 per cent of the centre's budget.

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