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'DARK ART': Grade 12 students at T.A. Blakelock High School went 'dark' for the theme of their art show, titled Exploring the Psycho Circus. The art works, featuring first semester student in the Visual Arts Class, were filled with imagery of skulls and other creepy things. Here, student Jenifer Szilagyi displays her art piece called *Lady in waiting*. The show wrapped up this week. **For more photos, see Artscene.**

Economist 'a little bit more optimistic'

By David Lea
OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

While he's not predicting anything miraculous for the economy this year, Royal Bank of Canada's chief economist doesn't expect anything disastrous to happen either.

Craig Wright discussed the status of the Canadian economy last week during a presentation at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre hosted by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The event attracted a crowd of more than 300 people.

"My role is to give you an overview of the economic environment. I was asked by a couple of people if I was going to give some good news," said Wright.

"The best I can come up with is less bad news. We are, relative to consensus, a little bit more optimistic. Our view on growth for Canada this year is we have growth at 2.4 per cent. Consensus is a little bit below 2 per cent."

Wright said the economic world is somewhat less frightening now than it was this time last year when the Eurozone crisis and the ability of the U.S. to deal with its fiscal cliff kept many people awake at night.



Craig Wright

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