

GRAPE VINE

Good results at Acton Blood Donor Clinic

Some 134 Acton area residents attended last Thursday's Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic at the Legion, with 115 units of blood collected.

"It was a very successful clinic," reported Barb Vivash, clinic coordinator for the Toronto and Central Ontario Blood Centre.

"I want to thank *The Acton Tanner* for printing the story last week that we needed an Acton liaison person. Two people have already responded to our plea."

Past chair Henry Kroes has agreed to act as interim clinic organizer following Geoff Moon's relocation to Waterloo.

If you're interested in volunteering to help at future clinics call Henry at 853-1868 or Barb at 416-974-9900.

Sail away on Fairy Lake

If you're looking for a new way to enjoy this great summer weather, why not rent a boat and tour Fairy Lake.

Saturdays and Sundays from July 4 to Aug. 8 the Rec and Parks department will be renting canoes and paddleboats between noon and 4 pm.

You can rent the vessels at the Prospect Park boathouse, and lifejackets are provided.

More info is available by calling 873-2600, ext. 276.

Rev. Cribar leaving

Rev. Craig Cribar, Knox Presbyterian church minister, is moving to Belleville.

Rev. Cribar, who has been minister at the church for 10 years, is moving his family out of their Norman Avenue home today (Wednesday).

Following Sunday's church service, Rev. Cribar was honoured for his service by the Knox congregation.

Leaving Robert Little

Susan Sheehan, special education resource teacher at Robert Little, is leaving that school. Beginning in September, Susan will be teaching Grade 4s in Milton.

Susan, who has taught here for over 20 years, actually attended Robert Little as a student before moving on to Acton High and the University of Guelph.

New hours at Wastewise

Wastewise has hours of operation. The Georgetown-based waste materials depot is now open Monday to Wednesday from 9 to 5, Thursday from 9 to 8 and Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5.

Wastewise is open to the public and serves residents of both Acton and Georgetown. If you need more info you can call Wastewise at 873-8122.

Strawberries tonight!

Knox church is holding its annual Strawberry Social tonight (Wednesday) from 5 to 7 pm.

There will be a salad buffet and, of course, a mouth-watering strawberry dessert to follow.

Strawberry Season Trivia: the fruit is in fact a swollen part of the flower stalk.



SO LONG! Rev. Craig Cribar was presented with a painting after Sunday's service at Knox Presbyterian Church. Joining the celebration were, from left: Anne Moore, his wife Marlene, Keith Black, Maria Sallay (artist), Jim McVeigh and Cribar's son Kyle. In front are Matthew Henderson, Katherine Hopkins, Joel Aitken and Jennifer Aitken. (Doug Harrison photo)

Beer barons blunder big-time

Did you happen to see the world's stupidest beer ad a week ago Monday (June 21) on the back page of the Toronto Sun? It said: "Not only did you buy the beer for her baseball party, you had enough left over for a glove." Underneath was a picture of a condom (the glove).

Isn't that just too precious? At the bottom of the page were the words "How Carling of You" and underneath that a picture of a beer bottle lying down. I guess the guy who okayed the ad couldn't figure out how to get it up.

Isn't it bad enough that we have the NDP trying to attack our moral and social values? Do we really need a beer company trying to influence morality? I think it's time that we as consumers sent Molsons (makers of Carlings) a message that they have no right to try and influence the morality of our young people. Make no mistake about it — this ad was aimed at the kids.

The Chi-Chi Brigade was quick to leap into the fray, congratulating Molsons for promoting "Safe-sex." This only shows how shallow and irresponsible these "if it feels good — do it" types are. In any event, how many parents out there feel that beer companies should be trying to teach sex 101 to their kids? Not many I'd wager.

There is a case to be made for having distillers and brewers advertising aimed at reduced drinking and driving. It is their product that has a cause-and-effect on road tragedies. In this case, they have a social obligation to remind us, through advertising, that we must be responsible drivers.

They do not, however, have any right to promote sexual activities after drinking. I think this ad is irresponsible to the extreme.

Where does this type of thinking end? Should the beer bubba's pack some bandaids into every two-four. Wouldn't that be convenient for the women who are beaten up after their husbands/boyfriends guzzle the case? Wouldn't that be trendy?

Beer companies could even slosh into the animal rights cause.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



Right now Molsons is pushing a new beer. Perhaps the bulldog symbol should swagger into an ad and proclaim, "I don't date no bitch that ain't been fixed." That should encourage the beer drinking populations to have their pets spayed. Who knows what problems these guys could fix through advertising? Their ad campaigns are always altruistic — right?

It's not just the beer companies. Many women have told me they are offended by ads that portray them as mindless or just beautiful props to a product. I dislike some current fashion ads that show little kids as over made-up tiny adults.

So what do we do? You should register your complaint. (Molson's number: 1-800-565-8800 in case you agree with me.) Secondly, refuse to buy their product or to shop in stores that promote bad taste advertising. Hit 'em right in the wallet. Their brains are in close proximity.

The Province, the country and the world mourned the murder of Metro Constable Todd Baylis. There's not a lot more that can be said in tribute or comment to his tragic and unnecessary death. Officer Baylis is another victim of a political justice system gone mad.

We in Acton have a special connection to this case. Officer Susan Cieslik, daughter of Home Hardware owners Mike and Bernice Kinal, was first on the scene with her partner. They performed C.P.R. on their friend until paramedics arrived.

I spoke to Sue's brother Charlie, who tells me she is handling the shock and grief. She is back on the job, helping and protecting the people in Toronto's 12 Division. Susan and the other members

of Todd Baylis's platoon, especially officer Leone, who was wounded, honoured his memory throughout the difficult funeral service. Well over 8,000 other officers also attended. They couldn't have known Todd Baylis. They stood at attention in the hot sun to demonstrate solidarity with a fallen comrade and to honour his life. We too can stand with them by forcing changes to the laws and attitudes that put Todd Baylis and Mike Leone in harm's way.

We shouldn't call our MPs to become protesters; we should do it to become participants. This is our country and we all need to do our part to re-capture our criminal justice system from those who have hijacked it.

So far, I don't see the federal government taking the mood of the country very seriously. They seem to think, as it has in the past, that the storm of protest will pass and they can continue on their merry way. We need to contact Julian Reed at 877-2900 and ensure he is carrying our message back to Ottawa.

At the funeral, a veteran R.C.M.P. officer said, "Stop talking about gun control and start talking about criminal control." If you agree, you can, in spirit, join those officers on that street by making a local call. We owe it to our police officers to support them on this issue.

Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi is trying to dance around the problem of why a deportation order against the man accused of killing Constable Baylis was never carried out. The accused has been here since he was 8, so Marchi thinks it was our fault.

Bull! Had the order been carried out as issued, the guy wouldn't have been here to pull the trigger. He'd worn out his welcome long before he killed a policeman.

There are 40,000 outstanding warrants in Toronto. That's almost enough people to fill the Skydome. What's being done to solve this problem?

How many more, Julian — how many more?

HEY! Any summer vacation plans?



"I'm golfing around Ontario for two weeks and Blue Springs and Acton Meadows are definitely on the list. I just bought a house with a pool, so I don't want to go too far. But I am going to Myrtle Beach in the fall." *Elisa Schupp, Churchill Road*

"I'm going to my camp on Manitoulin Island. It's beautiful. There are no bugs, just peace and quiet. It's an entirely different world. There are more deer living on the island than people."

Bruce Harris, Rosemary Road



"I'm taking two weeks off while my parents visit from Nova Scotia. They used to live here and are coming back for my brother's wedding. It's been about 20 years, so I'll take them around and see what's changed." *Lesa Rhynold, Ransom Street*

"My wife and I are having a baby next month, so we're staying home to save cash. We usually go camping, so this will be the first time staying home in about five years. But we'll still have barbecues and golf."

Marc St. Pierre, Hwy. 25

