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Ernest Hemingway got his inspiration to write his classic "The Old Man and the Sea" in Cuba! Visitors to Havana can visit the famed author's haunts, including a couple of bars where he enjoyed such Cuban cocktails as daiquiris and mojitos. The real beauty of Cuba is in walking its streets, from the Spanish colonial architecture in towns to the mountainous terrain of rain forests - then of course, there is also the great beaches - no wonder so many Canadians, including us, love to go there!

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More substance abuse education required

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Acton Tanner

Reports of Grade 5 and 6 Halton students drinking at lunch and coming back to school with alcohol on their breath underscored the need for substance abuse education in younger grades in Halton schools.

Both Halton Police Constable Kate Pulford and Norma King, president of the Halton Chapter of Mother Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) also feel that alcohol and drug abuse education must begin in the home.

"The younger that we can get to students to educate them about alcohol and what it can do, the better," King explained recently.

"Before they get into a car [when impaired] they already have it instilled in their minds that it is unacceptable and it's going to be automatic to know to take a taxi or have a designated driver," King said.

King said although there are no statistics to show how many junior grade students drink, Halton Health nurses have reported cases of students who have had liquid

lunches.

"We really believe that the younger the kids you educate, the fewer instances of alcohol and drug abuse we will have."

King, who lost her son and daughter-in-law to a drunk driver seven years ago, said she met Constable Pulford when she brought a former Washington State trooper,

injured by a drunk driver, to Halton schools to speak to students.

"M.A.D.D. sponsored two students from Acton High and several from Brookville [in-

cluding Pulford's daughter Kim] to attend the provincial O.S.A.I.D. [Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving] conference in Mississauga and will continue trying to get the anti-drinking and driving message out to the younger students," King said.

Constable Pulford, who works out of the Acton substation, became the police advisor to the Brookville Junior O.S.A.I.D. when her daughter started the committee after the D.A.R.E. anti-drug program was cut from Brookville.

"It's hard to measure how well drug and alcohol prevention works but it's the hope of all mothers that substance abuse education does work," Pulford said.

"We've got to start teaching kids about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse younger, before they have that first beer."



LEARNING A STRONG MESSAGE: From left Kim Mikkelsen, Constable Katherine Pulford, Freyja Forsyth, Melanie Mikkelsen and Kathleen Marit attended the Brookville Jr. O.S.A.I.D. provincial conference recently. (Submitted photo)

Good euchre turn-out

LEGION NEWS

BY ALISON WILLMOTT
Branch 197

There were three tables of bridge last Wednesday. Winners were Ward Hamilton, Edna Nellis, Dot Norton and Sandy Wilson.

There were 15 tables at Thursday's euchre and the winners were: first, Lief Kesko; second, Isabelle Dale, third, Sam Hokansson; and the hidden score was won by Sylvia Schenk.

Saturday's meat draw early bird winners were Huck Quanbry and Marg Louttet. Regular winners were Jeanette Rowsell, Jim Wheeler, Charlie Allen, Dave Garbutt, Ed Molody, Gail Garbutt, Huck Quanbry, Marjorie Merrikin, Gordon Thompson, Doris Allen, and Doug Lockerbie. Large prize winner was Shelley Lindsay.

Next week: information about the Fall Fair breakfast, which will be changed from the Saturday to Sunday morning.

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I think I have finally heard of something lower than the sludge at the bottom of a barrel!

Recently I received a report from the Business Improvement Association that someone had stolen 4 hanging flower pots from the downtown business area. These flowers are placed in downtown Acton, and looked after by the B.I.A. to beautify our downtown area. The flowers are there for everyone's enjoyment, not for one or two selfish thieves that have no respect for the town or the people who live here.

A message for the thieves: PUT THE FLOWERS BACK. A message to anyone who knows who stole the flowers, please call and tell me, you may remain anonymous if you want, or call Crimestoppers - Halton.

Apparently since I prepared this column, 2 of the flower baskets have been recovered, but the others are still outstanding.

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