

## Head Start: Small business training program offered

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is once again offering the "Head Start" small business training program. This course is designed to assist entrepreneurs avoid the many pitfalls new small business owners tend to succumb to. The course can also help established business owners gain an advantage by developing administrative and economic expertise.

According to the Royal Bank of Canada, "only one-half of all new businesses survive the critical first

three years of operation. Usually this high failure rate stems not from owners' lack of technical qualifications in their field, but rather from weak managerial and financial skills."

Sessions take place on Thursday Jan. 30 from 6-9 pm and Saturday Feb. 1 from 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is \$58. The course will be in the Halton Regional Police Services community room at 217 Guelph St. in Georgetown (to be confirmed). Call Erin Travers at (905) 877-7119 to register.

## Additional cable channels to be added in March

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"What we have called the Valupak will now be known as the Expanded Basic package (\$8.95 per month) and beginning March 3 it will include the new services of Showcase, Life Network and Teletelino. Vision TV, YTV and WNEQ will be moved down to the Basic Service from Extended Basic," Ollivier explained, noting that the Expanded Basic service will offer 14 channels and will increase in cost by \$1 per month.

When Western purchased Halton Cable in June it immediately added CBC News-world to the Basic Service (\$15.78 per month) and in March three additional channels will be added to the package including The Weather Network, Cable Public Affairs Channel and Sportscope.

In March the Premium Service will include full TMN (The Movie Network) Prime Time Five which includes five movie channels instead

of the one channel currently offered.

As well, MOVIEPIX, a 24-hour a day channel with uncut and unedited movies, will be launched and Superstation KTLA from Los Angeles will be added to the three superstations currently offered.

Halton Cable will also begin offering Premium subscribers Viewer's Choice Pay Per View and the Sega channel, which will offer 50 video games per month with unlimited play.

As of this month Halton Cable Systems will no longer rent cable converters to subscribers and those already out there become the property of the subscriber. People without a converter will have to purchase their own.

"You can buy a converter for \$60 to \$70 and a year's rental could be \$70 so it makes more sense for people to purchase their own," Ollivier said.

Cable subscribers will receive information about the rate increases and new services in the coming weeks.

## NEWSSHORTS

### Youth faces charges

Halton Regional Police have laid charges against a Guelph youth for allegedly stealing a wallet from the olde Hide House.

Police report that last Sunday at 11:45 am, store security stopped a male after an anti-theft alarm was activated when the youth left the building. Security stopped the youth and found him in possession of a leather wallet.

Police were summoned and the youth was arrested, charged with theft and failure to comply with a probation order.

The wallet was valued at \$37.

### Tire slashed

The owner of a 1986 Ford Mustang returned to find the right front tire of the vehicle slashed last Sunday sometime between noon and 4 pm.

The vehicle was parked at a lot on Kingham Road. Police have no suspects in this incident.

### 'Laughing gas' taken from vet clinic dangerous: police

A burglary at the Acton Veterinary Clinic has police seeking help to identify the person responsible, and warning of the dangers of the stolen property.

The River Street clinic was locked by staff at 5 pm New Year's Eve. Upon returning at 7 am the following morning, it was discovered the lock on a side door was damaged and jammed. A review of the materials stored in the facility revealed the clinic was missing a tank of nitrous oxide.

The tank was described as a blue cylinder, 2' x 3" in length with the word "Praxair" printed on the tank. At \$190, the cash value to the gas tank is not much, however the potential for harm for anyone using it improperly is great. Known by the innocent sounding name "laughing gas," it can be fatal if used improperly. It is a highly compressed gas which is explosive.

Anyone with information on this crime is urged to call police at 878-5511, Ext. 2105, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Minister is focusing on teaching and learning and meeting the needs of students - who can argue with that?"

— Ethel Gardiner,

Acton-Esquesing school board trustee, Front Page

### DID YOU KNOW?

Inventor Thomas Edison never graduated from grade school. Neither did literary greats Mark Twain, Charles Dickens or Noel Coward.

### Notice of Annual Meeting

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