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EDITORIAL

Councillor Challinor will undoubtedly stir up controversy with his proposal for a Royal Commission on immigration. His view is that growth is not in itself a great evil but is rather a symptom of a greater issue, that of immigration. I'm not sure that a Royal commission will be particularly helpful. An examination of the Federal Government's policy on immigration may only yield a debate on whether 250,000 immigrants a year is the appropriate figure and may not address the real problem.

We have a Federal Government that has fixed ideas about immigration and a Provincial Government that has cast it's weight behind the concept of a Greenbelt. These positions do not mesh. Despite the fact that the Federal and Provincial Governments are both Liberal, there does not seem to be any real communication between them. The apparent intransigence of both levels of government serves no purpose except to pass the problem it creates onto the municipal governments. The approximately 130,000 immigrants that settle each year in the GTA will continue unabated. The Province's freezing of land development serves only to deny the municipalities of the GTA flexibility in dealing with the housing issues created by this immigration.

Will a Royal Commission force the Feds and the Province to see common sense and work together? I'd like to believe so, but I somehow doubt it. Anyway, good luck to Councillor Challinor and his initiative.

I had a number of phone calls regarding the headline used in the piece on last week's dog show in Milton. I used the title of a popular film from the '60's "Mondo Cane - It's a dog's life!" Unfortunately my memory was faulty and I added an "r" to the spelling, changing Cane (dog) into Carne (meat). Mea Culpa.

LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



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After the Labour Day weekend the kids will go back to school, the CNE will close down for another year and life will become more routine as the relaxed, carefree days of summer come to an end. The changing season will influence the way we prepare food and how we entertain family and friends as we move back indoors.



Vegetable Bars

- 1 can crescent roll dough, 8 roll size
- 1/2 cup salad dressing
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 envelope ranch dressing mix
- 3/4 cup each of green pepper, broccoli, carrots, tomatoes (seeded), green onion and cauliflower, all raw and finely chopped
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375* F. Press crescent roll dough into bottom of a 9 x 13 baking pan and bake for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely. Mix salad dressing, sour cream, cream cheese and ranch dressing until light and fluffy. Spread over crescent roll crust. Combine cheddar cheese and chopped vegetables and toss lightly. Arrange over cream cheese layer. Cover with plastic wrap and press vegetable/cheese mix gently into cream cheese layer. Chill for at least 4 hours or over night. Cut into 24 bars.

Speaking of entertaining, this month's recipe is a great appetizer and as with most of my recipes, it's easy to prepare. You can substitute low fat or light ingredients for the regular ones with good results. I hand chop all the vegetables, but a food processor would make this even easier to put together. Enjoy!