In Halton, a Women's Place is in the volunteering

t Halton Women's Place, volunteers are a valued part of the team. With limited staff, volunteers provide much needed support in programs to assist in working with abused women and their dependent children..

Currently, Halton Women's Place is looking for volunteers to assist with the child and youth program and front line duties for the shelters in Burlington and Milton.

Volunteers are required to attend three volunteer orientation sessions. The next sessions take place September 13, 19 and 20, 2005 from 6pm until 7:30pm. Volunteers are also required to provide three references, a current police check and a TB test (taken within the last year) before their first day of volunteering.

As well, Halton Women's Place is looking for dynamic women to join its Gala Committee. Committee members are required to attend monthly evening meetings beginning in September and ending in early March. Volunteers will assist with sponsorship, ticket sales and auction item solicitation and other items as needed. If you are interested in volunteering for Halton Women's Place and you are 18 years old or older, please contact Carm Bozzo, Special Event & Volunteer Coordinator at 905-332-1200, ext. 244 or by email at cbozzo@haltonwomensplace.com.



A REVIEW BY DIANE DINEEN

The Portrait

Iain Pears, Alfred A. Knopf, 2005, 211 pages, hardcover

ain Pears is well known for his mas-A sive and complex murder mystery, An Instance of the Fingerpost His new novel moves in the opposite direction, short (211 pages) and having only two characters. Nonetheless it tells a complex story.

A once-famous portrait-painter has been commissioned by a prominent art critic to do his portrait. The sole speaker is the portrait painter and the sole audience is the man sitting for the painting. As the days go by the story of the connection between the two men is told.

When young they had been friends in Paris and the critic had introduced the artist to museums and to art history.

Later when both returned to England, the critic recommended the artist for commissions, and introduced him to influential patrons They had been colleagues until three years ago when a falling-out occurred and the artist went into exile on a small island off the coast of France.

As the portrait progresses the artist reveals both the generosity and the callously mean behavior of the critic. The real reason for the artist's sudden departure from London is disclosed as well as the reason why he now feels ready to return.

This is a small, quiet, tightly woven book with well drawn characters and a very interesting ending.



Please note: Halton Happenings is a free editorial service to nonprofit groups, churches, schools, and charities. Other events may be inserted at the discretion of the Editor. Deadline for submission is Tuesday at noon prior to insertion on Friday. Please restrict information supplied to include the date, time, venue, organization and contact details for your event. The Halton Compass reserves the right to edit each submission for brevity. Inclusion is at the discretion of the publisher and is dependent on space. To submit an event for Halton Happenings call 905-854-3333 or email info@haltoncompass.com

• Register Now - Vacation Bible School, August 8-12-9 to Noon at St. Andrews United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd S. Children ages 4-10 join us on a Safari theme VBS week. Call the church office to Pre-register at 905-877-4482

• Fall Mom-to-Mom Sale at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 19 St. Alban's Drive, Acton, on September 24 from 9 am to 12 pm. Rent a table to sell your infants' and children's toys, games, clothes, cribs, strollers, high chairs, playpens etc. For vendor information call Susanne at 519-853-0390

Till August 29

·Shades of Summer Art Show and Sale, in the Gallery of The Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown. For more information about Gallery hours, please call 905 877-7915, ext. 2517

Till end August

•The Milton District Hospital Gift Shop Summer Sale. Baby clothing, home accessories, jewellery, purses and wonderful giftware. Drop in and Save! For information call 905-876-1239.

August 13 • The Canadian Federation of University Women is holding a mini Book Sale at the Milton Farmers' Market. Information and application forms are also available.

•Trunk Sale at St. John's Anglican Church in Stewarttown (corner of Trafalgar Rd. & 15 Side Road). Sale starts at 8 am. For further information call (905) 877-7563.

August 13 and 14

• Country Heritage Park presents Bees, Garlic and Herbs. This features garlic and honey vendors,

herb info, a bee demo hive, and much more. Event takes place from 10am until 5pm. For more information call (905) 878-8151.

August 15

·Burlington Blaze Girls Volleyball Camp. Open to all girls aged 11 - 18 years to be held at St Timothy's Elementary School Registration: \$150 per session. Limited spaces still available. www.burlingtonblaze.ca

August 17

• The Red Hat Society is hosting a luncheon and tour event at Country Heritage Park. This event takes place from 10am until 4pm. Tickets are \$25. For more information call (905) 878-8151 or contact your local chapter.

August 18 - 27

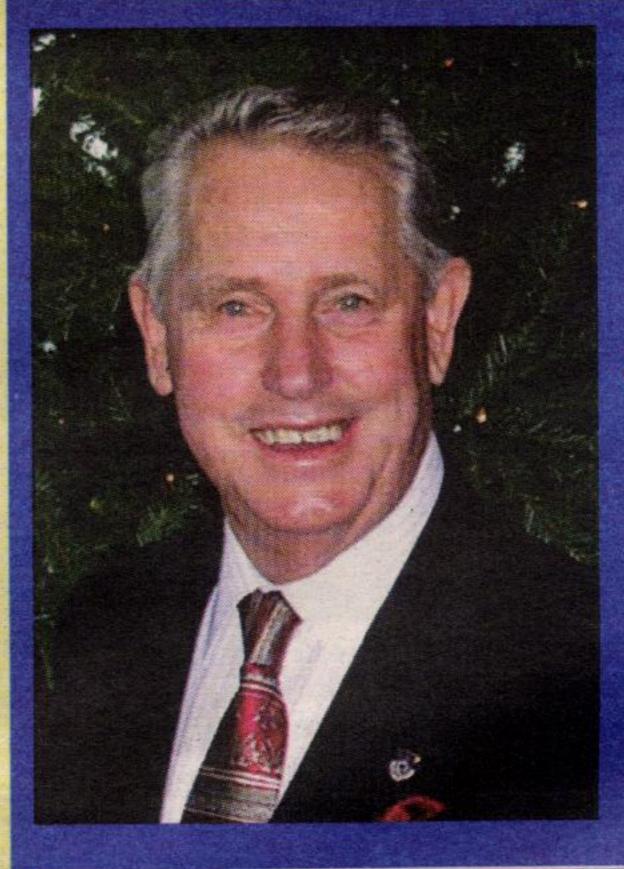
·Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh. "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick. Directed by John Snowdon, starring Neville Worsnop, Lorne Hiro, Brenda Barr, Deb Huggins. Sparks fly when "staid and middleaged" shares a weekend cottage with "young and freewheeling" in this hilarious battle of the generations. Best value in summer theatre. Group discounts for 10+. Matinee and evening performances. Box Office 519 855 4586.

August 19

•2nd Annual Victorian Luncheon Tea hosted by Sarah Priscilla Waldie. Talk on Victorian Dress (wear your Sunday best - hats & gloves are recommended). Friday one sitting @ 12:30pm. Tickets cost \$10.00. 905-875-4156 (Carriage Room, Waldie Blacksmith Shop -air condition). August 20 and 21

•Country Heritage Park presents Brawner's Farm, An American Civil War Re-enactment. Come experience authentic military camps, battle re-enactment, cavalry, and artillery. Also watch a fashion show, medical demos, and listen to period music. Event takes place from 10am until 5pm. For more information call (905) 878-8151.





This year marks Mayor Gord Krantz' 25th year as mayor. Residents, businesses, friends and colleagues are invited to join the Milton Chamber of Commerce in commemorating Mayor Gord Krantz for his leadership and lifetime of service. The net proceeds of this event will be directed to the Chamber Legacy Fund in the name of Gordon Krantz to improve and maintain community landmarks.

Mayor's 25th Celebration Saturday, September 24th, 2005 Rattlesnake Point Golf Club 5407 Regional Road #25

Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm Tickets \$125.00 per person (GST incl.)

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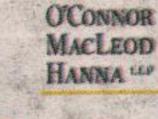


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