

GRAPEVINE

Timbri enters culinary contest

Two salad dressings concocted by Timbri Teahouse co-owner Tim McElhone will tempt the taste buds of judges at the Canadian Fine Food Show next month at the International Centre. The restaurant's Honey Dill and Timbri House dressings are entered in the new product category. The actual judging takes place this month and the winner will be named at the show.

"We decided to commercially produce and bottle these two dressings after our customers in Acton kept asking if they could they buy some to take home," McElhone said, adding that both recipes evolved from ones he and wife Bridget served to family and friends before opening Timbri six years ago.

Local students face off

They can't play for their schools, but Grades 3, 4 and 5 Acton students will be able to play in next week's hockey tournament in Acton, if they have their parent's permission to miss school for the day. Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will play on school-sponsored teams at the April 9 event, originally planned as an inter-school competition until insurance concerns prompted the Board of Education to refuse to sanction play for the younger kids, while allowing a school affiliation for Grades 6, 7 and 8 teams.

Eight teams will suit up including senior school teams from St. Joseph's, McKenzie-Smith Bennett and Brookville. Players from Acton,

Limehouse and Rockwood will make up the junior teams.

Kruk heads to national bowling championship

Kudos to Acton's Kylie Kruk who heads to the national bowling championships in B.C. next month to compete as a junior. Last year Kylie, 12, captured the Canadian national 5-pin girls' single bantam title - bowling with a broken finger - and recently won her second straight Ontario Youth Bowling Council singles title with a rolloff.

Kylie, a Grade 6 student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett, came from behind to take the provincial win and bowled a 219 for a 38-pin win in the final game.

Skater's medal recovered

Acton's Danny Pursoo - winner of the all-Ontario mens bronze freeski - has his gold medal back, but not audio tapes with the music for both his short and long programs.

Shortly after winning his gold medal in Gravenhurst somebody broke into his mother's car and stole a small bag with the medal, audio tapes and a video tape of his winning skate. His mother didn't realize right away that the theft occurred.

The medal was returned last week after an Orillia resident found the bag with Pursoo's name and phone number in it and Danny was able to get another copy of the video, but unfortunately, the audio tapes were not in the bag and he is trying to replace them.



COOKIES ANYONE? Members of the Acton guiding movement pose with some of the 2,844 boxes of cookies that they have pre-sold and are delivering in Acton this week. Over 100 Acton and area girls took part in the major fund raising drive that pays for programming and camping. Front, left to right: Brownie Trisha Bingeman, Spark Jaclyn Bingeman. Second row: Guides Heather Ellis, Breanna Campbell, Julia Niblock, and Jennifer Grierson. Back: Pathfinder Becky Taylor. - Frances Niblock photo

"Our Survey Says..."

The old Acton arena has been given an extension of 6 months before a decision is made on what should be done with it.

What do you think should be done?



I would like to see if they could continue to use it as a community centre.

Gay Paige, Georgetown



Keep it. They can use it for the fair, skateboarders, lacrosse and a roller rink.

Dave Morris, Acton



It should be kept. It can help keep kids off the streets. It also wouldn't be the Acton Fall Fair without the arena. They use it for the baby show, crafts, there is always people in the arena.

John Harris, Acton



It would be nice to keep it for the Agricultural Society.

Maureen Holmes, Acton

This week's New Tanner survey by Angela Tyler

He'd rather switch and fight

Jean Charest finally dropped the other shoe: last week he announced that he was leaving the federal Conservatives to run for (be anointed?) the leader of the Quebec Provincial Liberal Party. Anyone who was surprised at this turn of events should call me so we can discuss an excellent opportunity I know of to acquire some excellent swampland near Moosonee.

Mr. Charest is to be congratulated. If anyone can trounce Benedict Bouchard, and his merry band of traitors, that man is Jean Charest. It will be interesting to watch him dance the tightrope of appeasing Quebec voters while trying not to infuriate the rest of the country. One mistake we Ontarians make is assuming the rest of the country has the same levels of tolerance, patience and largesse that most of us do. We are geographically and economically so intertwined with Quebec it's natural we want to see the political situation there settled. In many other parts of Canada the people are just fed-up with the endless negotiations.

Many people wondered why Mr. Charest took so long to announce his foregone conclusion. A cynic might note that he actively campaigned for the Tories during the Nova Scotia provincial election. He couldn't change horses in the middle of that race. The Tories finished third. His efforts undoubtedly helped put the Nova Scotia Liberals into minority government. Actually they tied with the NDP not an especially auspicious start to a new career as a born-again Liberal.

Your correspondent has found out, however, that there were many reasons why Jean Charest delayed announcing his decision to switch from bleu to rouge. Here are the top 10.

- 1) By becoming a Liberal he was afraid his true political agenda would be exposed.
- 2) He's worried that Mike

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Harris won't play golf with him any more.

3) He's concerned he won't be able to stop gagging when Cretien introduces him as "My Fellow Liberal".

4) He's never been able to spell Chibougamau.

5) He wonders if people will think he only made the switch because of the Quebec flag. After all, blue is his favourite colour.

6) He's terrified Sheila Copps might try to kiss him.

7) He's realized the only way he'll get into 24 Sussex Drive is as a dinner guest during a premiers' conference.

8) He loves the sound of Preston Manning's voice and will really, really miss question period.

9) He knows that if he blows this election the next step is to joining the NDP.

10) As the tenth reason Mr. Charest agonized over his decision - he hates tortiere!

Did you like Ralph Klein's little act? As if he was going to give up exotic Edmonton to move to Ottawa. You wonder who the rocket scientist was who even, in his wildest dreams, thought Ralph could win a seat east of Seven Sisters Falls. Has anyone forgotten the "Let the Eastern Bastards Freeze in the Dark" crack? A national campaign with Ralph as leader would have served no purpose other than to make the Kim Campbell fiasco look good.

The big question now is who will become the Tory leader and will they be able to "unite the right"? Dalton Camp's name is being promoted around. Don't make me laugh. Camp is a bigger Liberal than Jean Chretien, or Jean Charest come to

think of it. If anything, Camp would drive even more fiscal conservatives into the Reform ranks.

I don't see anyone of substance coming from the current Tory MP's. Most of them are from the Maritimes and those seats are only on loan from the Liberals. (See results of Provincial election for proof).

I can't believe that Joe Clark is letting his name be bandied about. The rationale is that he was a successful foreign minister in the Mulroney government and has proved he is capable. The problem is one of optics. Joe who? He was a minor disaster as PM and he was in the cabinet of the most despised Prime Minister in history. People would flock to a party headed by Joe. Sure.

Probably, Someone from the provincial scene could capture the leadership. I don't know if he'd bilingual, but Dave Johnson would be a credible candidate. Ernie Eves is also a possibility but he comes across as just a bit too smooth for me. Johnson has that likeable "aw shucks" personality but he always gets the job done. Time will tell.

On a personal note, I am pleased to report that Al Campbell, the affable manager of Acton's LCBO, is successfully recovering from back surgery. He's up and about - albeit somewhat tentative. Al is even looking forward to this year's golf season. No, he's too sore to be swinging anything, but he is practising his cursing. Get well soon, Al.

And lastly, a reminder, that the Acton Figure Skating Club is presenting a year-end showcase at the new arena this Saturday starting at 1: p.m. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 per family. I hope you will come out to see our fabulous Acton skaters demonstrate their skills. An added bonus will be a guest performance by the Brampton Precision Figure Skating Team. Should be a grand afternoon's entertainment.