

# GRAPEVINE

## Crafts galore

One of the best local pre-Christmas craft sales takes place on Saturday (Nov. 9), at Acton High School as over 100 juried vendors from far and near offer hand-made and one-of-a-kind goods.

Along with great deals, the 7th annual sale features raffles, a bake table, refreshments and lunch, all between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the school.

Organizers will gladly accept donations for the bake table at the school until Saturday. All proceeds are earmarked for equipment for students and the athletic teams.

## Fashionable sushi?

Rumours that a father/daughter duo planned to open a clothing store and Japanese food restaurant in the former and now vacant Glenlea drug store are not true.

Mia Young, daughter of the Mississauga couple that purchased the Glenlea plaza a couple of years ago as an investment, said she hadn't been approached by anyone with clothing/food plans for the now vacant store.

Young said they haven't been looking for tenants for the former drug store, or the soon-to-be vacant upstairs dentist office.

She did confirm they'd rejected a proposal for a women's fitness centre to open in the old drug store, saying it required too much parking and would have been too noisy for existing tenants.

Rumours had Kentucky Fried Chicken officials checking out the former drug store, but operations manager Henry Ho said they are still "looking around" for a new location, because of the drop in business with the closing of the old IGA store, but no decision has been made to move.

## Downtown promotion

The emphasis will be on promotion, not so much beautification, in the coming months as the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) tries to revitalize the downtown.

The BIA is a geographic area in downtown Acton with approximately 84 property and business owners as members.

It has a dual mandate to improve, beautify and maintain land and buildings within the BIA, and to promote the downtown as a business and shopping area.

BIA spokesman, John McNabb of McNabb Graphics, said one of the first jobs of BIA staffer Josey Bonnette when her job increases to full-time from part-time in January will be to inventory all of the downtown buildings to determine who owns them and who is renting offices in them.

He said they may "back away from maintenance" and how much is spent on flowers and focus on finding business to fill the empty buildings.

## Book Week

Hey kids - think you could pick out a Canadian book just by looking at the cover?

If you'd like to try, check out the Acton library to enter the Canadian author contest, celebrating the 25th Canadian Children's Book Week that runs until Sunday.

Acton children's librarian Marie Vickery said while there aren't that many Canadian authors, the local branch has most of what is available in its collection.

## Nice goin' Nevil

Good citizenship, extra-curricular involvement and academic proficiency earned Acton High School grad Nevil Bapooji the E. G. Tyler Award at the school's commencement exercises on Friday.

Nevil, now enrolled in a business course at Mohawk with help from an Aiming for the Top scholarship, received his cash prize from Tracey Tyler, granddaughter of the late E.G. Tyler and daughter of Tanner boss Ted Tyler.

## Board member?

Literacy North Halton, the group that matches tutors with local people who need help with reading, writing, spelling or basic computer skills, is looking for new board members from Acton. Call 905-873-2200 for details.

## Patriotic art

Acton Cubs will be expressing what it means to be a Canadian as part of a nation-wide art competition run by the IODE.

The *My Canada* competition is designed for kids between four and 14, as a way for them to celebrate their citizenship. Each participant will receive a certificate.

Acton Scout leaders will forward ten works of art to the local IODE chapter, that will select pieces to send to the National Chapter of the Canadian women's charitable organization.

## Limehouse beef

Haven't made plans for dinner tonight (Thursday)?

There's still time to enjoy a full beef dinner at the Limehouse Memorial Hall that is holding its annual dinner today with sittings at 5:15 and 5:30 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$11 with \$6 for children (six to 12) and under-five eat free. Takeouts are also available.

## Spa services

There are new ways to pamper and primp clients at Acton's Seventh Heaven aesthetics salon now that owner Lori Harnden has taken on a partner, who is a hair stylist and added a new massage chair.

Client Kristine Cieslok liked the services at Seventh Heaven so much that she made a pitch to Harnden to become a partner and expand the business.

"We now offer spa packages for people who want body treatments and massages," Cieslok said adding the new chair allows clients to remotely control a massage option. She also has a Jacuzzi footbath for clients having pedicures.



**BOUNTIFUL DONATIONS:** There was a steady stream of bags and boxes of donated food brought into the Scout House on Saturday morning during the 12th annual Scout/Guide/Calvinist Cadet food drive. Helping sort the food were, from left: Anne Publicober, Pauline Russell, Stephanie Baker, Kaitlyn Alcorn, Eileen Dix and Christine Fowler. - Frances Niblock photo

# Sometimes we have to fight

Acton's Remembrance Day Ceremony is this Saturday, November 9, at the Cenotaph in front of the Trinity United Church. Once again we are called upon to fulfil the promise to never forget those who died for our freedoms.

We are all asked to wear a poppy. But is that all? Surely, the lives we have lived, and the peace and prosperity we enjoy every day, are deserving of a little more effort.

One hour a year is all we are asked for. If we live to be 70, and we go every year, that wouldn't be even three days out of a whole lifetime. Many of our vets spent three, four or five years at war. We are asked for a little less than a long weekend over our entire lifetimes to remember those who never came home. To remember those who paid for our comfortable lives.

If you see a vet selling poppies, buy one, even if you already have one. Thank him or her for the sacrifices they made. Shake their hand. These Canadians, heroes all, deserve our respect. They've earned it.

The parade will leave from the post office shortly after 10:00am. At the latest, the public should be at the Cenotaph by 10:40am. If you have a child in cubs, scouts, brownies, guides, or any other organization that is marching, I hope you bring them. Without the children learning that this is one obligatory hour per year, who will carry-on after we are gone?

One hour per year isn't much of a price to pay for the freedoms we enjoy. Not when you consider the sacrifices made. That's all the thanks our veterans ask, that we reflect on the terrible price paid and honour the memory of those who never came home.

I think it's the least we can do. I hope to see you there.

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There is no doubt that Ontarians are furious about Hydro rates. Much has been made of the GST we have to pay on the Hydro debt payments. Of course it's obscene, a tax on a tax, but what else do you expect from our Federal Government. But I digress.

Premier Eves is now proposing to give out an energy rebate sooner than planned. If that's what the Tories are counting on to rescue their sorry political butts, they're badly mistaken. I won't settle for a one-time payment of a lousy few

## The Way I See It

with Mike O'Leary



hundred dollars. I want Hydro I can afford. The Tories are proposing to put a Band-Aid on a critical wound. It won't work.

Our Hydro bills are a classic example of Bureaucrats proving the old adage that bull \*&#% baffles brains. The GST is small potatoes. It's legislated theft but on my bill it amounts to about 0.75¢ on the debt reduction portion.

Now, look at your bill (*Do Not Attempt This On A Queasy Stomach*) and check out the line for "losses." What, I queried, is that? So when I went down to the Hydro office I asked the pleasant lady at the desk what the "losses" were. I assured her I didn't lose any power, I know just where every kilowatt-hour is. As I understand it, the losses we are paying for are 'potentially missing' kWh in the transmission of power from Halton Hills Hydro to my house. So, my question is: Why am I paying for it? I didn't lose it, Halton Hills Hydro did. What, if anything, is Halton Hills Hydro doing to reduce this loss? I would like to know what the Halton Hills Hydro Profit/Loss Statement looks like. I fear HH Hydro becoming another tax generating centre for the town. Perhaps our councillors can look into this.

I'm confused as to how they figure out what they charge us. Halton Hills Hydro claims I lost 69.24KWH. That represents approximately 4.5% of my total usage. But I was charged \$6.07 for losses, which represents 5.6% of my hydro usage charge. To further confuse matters, if they had multiplied my losses (69.24KWH) by my kWh charge (.017¢) I should have been billed \$4.92 not \$6.07. So I'm paying \$1.15 more than I should be for losses I didn't incur. Folks, we're being screwed here in more ways than we can imagine.

On top of the hydro mess the Tories have just given Union Gas permission to bill us for gas they supposedly undercharged us for two years ago. How does that work?

What's next, should we expect a bill from Petro-Can for gas we bought two years ago? What about new homes?

Are recently built houses being billed for gas they couldn't possibly have used?

In my opinion Ernie Eves has been an unmitigated disaster as Premier. No wonder Mike Harris was a no show for the big dinner at the recent convention. Those present should have lobbed dinner rolls at Eves. The Tories picked the wrong guy as Premier. Sadly, They'll probably follow him down the drain in the next election. Unless, of course, he pulls a rabbit out of the hat and fixes this hydro mess.

But it will take major surgery, not just a Band-Aid. The petition against hydro rates is at [www.petitiononline.com](http://www.petitiononline.com).

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From the "Could they possibly fursnoricate things up more" file consider this. The feds have spent over five million dollars failing to grow marijuana for medical use. Last week we were told that pot is our third largest cash crop and that the OPP alone have seized \$56 million dollars in marijuana in the last four months. Meanwhile, sick people with permission to have pot to alleviate their symptoms can't get supplied.

So, here's my suggestion. Let the pot growers run the government and make the government grow illegal marijuana. We win two ways. The government would pay for itself and make a tidy profit plus there would be little or no illegal weed available to tempt our kids. Sounds like a plan to me.

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In a lighter vein, have you noticed the commercial for Viagra? I mean the one where the guy leaves the house accompanied by a lusty rendition of good morning and heads off to work, singing and dancing with a huge smile on his face. I suppose we are to assume that, thanks to Viagra, he's in a pretty good mood after the night before. I'm not impressed.

I think a better commercial would have the guy coming out on the porch with dark shadows under his eyes, hair all mussed up and clothes rumpled and torn. His wife would be grasping his belt saying "Don't go to work snookums, call in sick."

I would end the commercial with a shot of his empty desk. Fade to black.

Now that would tempt people to try the product.