

# Global warming more visible but do people really care?

A noted geosciences professor says the Antarctic Peninsula is undergoing greater warming than nearly anywhere on earth. Professor Eugene Domack of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. -- writing in a cover article for the current issue of the journal *Nature* -- said the Antarctic warming may be associated with human-induced greenhouse effects. Domack says the spectacular collapse of the Antarctica's Larson B Ice Shelf -- an area roughly the size of Rhode Island -- is unprecedented in 10,000 years. He said his paper provides evidence the break-up of the ice shelf was caused by thinning during

thousands of years, as well as short term (multi-decade) cumulative increases in surface air temperature exceeding the natural variation of regional climate during the Holocene period -- the last 10,000 years.

The recent collapse is attributed to climate warming in the Antarctic Peninsula, which is more pronounced than elsewhere in the world. In recent years, Domack said,

the Antarctic Peninsula has lost ice shelves totaling more than 4,825 square miles.

So my question is -- do we keep destroying our world -- or do something about it -- like using less water -- making garbage pick up more efficient -- use less hydro, etc. etc.

Me? -- I think most people do not care.

*John Shadbolt, Acton.*

## O-o-o-ps, we goofed

Whether it was the heat or just plain reporters' mistakes but two cut lines under photos in the July 28 issue of


The New Tanner contained errors.


The student helping out at the Habitat for Humanity build in Rockwood was identified as Calvin when, in fact, according to a mailed correction the student's name should have been Kurtis Kilgour.

The other error was in the photo of two Coronation St. fans at Wetherby's wearing Rovers, Return t-shirts. The name of the main character is Ken Barlow, not Mike Barlow as published.

The New Tanner regrets the errors.

**What do you have to say? Put it in a letter to the editor!**

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# Acton Fall Fair

## September

Silver Elvis Placed 2nd at the Elvis Festival in Collingwood

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# Letters



## Wasn't that a Festival!

To the editor:

Well, another Festival has come and gone and from all reports it was a huge success! This was my 5<sup>th</sup> year as coordinator and our committee feel this was our best festival ever!

The Leathertown Festival Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the day. Special thanks to Josh Fendley, Brad Jordan, Ray Peterson and Janet Harris; we couldn't have done it without you! There's a lot of work involved putting on an event of this magnitude, even the weatherman cooperated!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors (28

in total) and the downtown merchants who donated prizes for the various events during the day.

We trust everyone who attended had a great time and we estimate there were approximately 10,000 people in attendance throughout the day.

Preparations are already underway for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Leathertown Festival. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in being on the committee give us a call at 853-9555.

*Yours truly,  
Josey Bonnette,  
Acton BIA /Leathertown Festival  
Coordinator.*

## Celebrate life of 'good man'

To the editor:

On July 21, 2005 just six days short of his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday, Timothy R. Watson was found dead. Tim was a good man, a credit to the human race, a correctional officer, a mentor to many and a friend to my husband and I for over 25 years.

On August 6, Paul and I celebrated Tim's life, at our home here in Acton, along with Tim's family, friends and many correctional officers who had worked with Tim over the years.

We collectively celebrated Tim's life with prayer, stories, music, food and drink.

Acton Town Milk, provided us with ice, MacKinnon Funeral Home lent us chairs, Knox Church allowed us use of tables and

Sobeys gave us bread for sandwiches, pop and water for us to drink. These people who gave so generously didn't know Tim, but when they heard who Tim was and how he meant so much to all who knew him, they recognized his membership in the human race as a man with courage, dignity, compassion and a profound understanding of the unlimited potential of people if given enough time and given the opportunity to grow.

Tim believed in nature and nurture, he believed in "paying it forward," he believed in the quality of life.

He was a true gift to all who knew him.

Thank you to all who supported us during this celebration of Tim's life.

*Paul and Joanne Bissonnette.*

## Criminal Code provides statute to curb misuse of firearms

To the editor:

Can the use of guns in the commission of crime be reduced? Through Section 85 of the Criminal Code of Canada, Parliament has provided the means to do so: up to 14 years for the use of a firearm on top of the sentence for the crime committed or attempted

The statute exists. Most charges laid are withdrawn or plea bargained away. The norm for convictions is one year added into, rather than on top of the sentence, for the crime committed.

As matters now stand "the criminal justice system appears to have little deterrent effect." <http://teapot.usask.ca/cdn-firearms/Research/Observations/chapters/3/3.html> Would some forming criminal intent consider the consequence of their actions

were others serving 10 years or more? Upon release would guns be used a second time as is now the case because charges are withdrawn?

Meting out lengthy sentences to those misusing firearms for most Canadians would be a worthwhile experiment. More effective in contributing to public safety than focusing on the origin of the firearms used.

Will the experiment of

applying the full weight of the law be undertaken? Probably not, unless all believing it ought to share their opinions with their Member of Parliament (numbers in local phone book) and the Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler (Telephone: (613) 995-0121 Fax: (613) 992-6762 Email: [Cotler.I@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Cotler.I@parl.gc.ca))

*Joe Hueglin,  
Member 29th Parliament.*

## Blood clinic today

Canadian Blood Services is operating several blood donor clinics across the GTA this summer including two in Acton this week and next. The goals for the Acton clinics and clinics in Georgetown is 382 units of blood and blood products, all part of the national target

of 175,387 units.

Everyone who visits a clinic this summer can enter a contest to win a trip for four to Orlando, Florida, courtesy of Air Canada, or one of 35 DVD price packs. The Acton clinics are this Thursday, August 11 and again on Thursday, August 18 at the Acton Legion hall, 15 Wright Ave. from 4 to 8p.m.

Blood donations traditionally decline during the summer months but the demand for blood and blood products remains constant, Canadian Blood Services spokesperson Renee Naiman says, giving the clinics this month more importance.

Anyone who would like to donate during the summer months may contact Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) for blood donor clinic information, eligibility information or to book an appointment.

Congratulations  
Tanya Little and  
Chris Ford  
Stag and Doe  
Friday, August  
12, 2005  
Acton Legion,  
8:30 p.m.  
Games, prizes,  
raffles, D.J. and  
more...

