

Incorrect church named

A story in the Oct. 9 edition of The Independent and Free Press contained incorrect information.

The Methodist church on Mill Street in Acton is no longer in use and has been replaced by Trinity United Church.

The Independent & Free Press regrets the error.

Attention Entrepreneurs!!! Seminar

Starting A Small Business
Wednesday, October 16, 1996

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Halton Regional Centre
North Auditorium
1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville

To register, call 905-825-6300

Registration Fee:

\$20.00 each

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60 Years
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Maria
Miersma
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Rexway Drive
now residing in
London*

On This Day
HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY
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*Love takes everything that comes
without giving up.
It is kind.
It is not jealous.
It does not do the wrong thing.
It does not think of itself.
It does not get angry.
It believes and hopes for all things.
It is not happy with sin but
happy with the truth.
Love never comes to an end.
To two truly beautiful people
who deserve 50 more.
Love from David, Dawn and Maddison*

RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS FOR DOGS AND CATS

Saturday, October 19
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Three Locations

Prospect Park Fair Grounds - Acton.
Cedarvale Park - Georgetown.
Speers Road Animal Hospital, 1026 Speers Rd.,
Oakville (West of 4th Line)

\$10.00 per animal (including GST).

Proper restraint of animals is required!

Clinic sponsored by the North Halton Veterinary Association and
Speers Road Animal Hospital



Stowe-ing away in quiet Vermont

A few months ago I took some potshots at the state of Texas after spending a horrible week holidaying there in March.

An oil-slicked beach, boarded up businesses, endless miles of flat, desolate highways (where the only thing spotted during one hour-long stretch was a sign that read "Trash can one mile ahead") and countless rusty pickup trucks jammed full of people with barbecues and/or dogs left me with the impression Texas is a place best avoided.

"The most God-forsaken place on the planet" is how I believed I described the Lone Star state in a subsequent column. One gent from Kentucky, who happened to see the column, was so offended by the piece that he sent it to the governor of Texas and the Texas tourism board.

Now, before I am accused of being a "U.S.-basher", let me say that I have found Americans far more friendlier than Canadians whenever I've traveled and I love the U.S. of A. even if they did beat us in the recent World Cup of hockey and prefer their citizens to be armed.

So, in the interest of fairness, I feel it is only right that I sing the praises of Vermont, a state wifey and I recently visited on a four-day getaway.

This was actually our fourth visit to Vermont and our third to a quaint little place called the Butternut Inn. We first went there in 1984 and I'm sure the words "no smoking" and

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"adults only" factored largely in our decision to stay there.

When we want to escape the ringing phones, the complaints of "Why didn't Aunt Betty's photo of a five-foot gourd get in the paper?" and the pressures of deadline—we make tracks for the Butternut. A wooden swing by a babbling brook in heavily-treed foothills has a way of making you feel real mellow real quick.

But perhaps the best part of this Inn are its innkeepers— Jim and Deborah. You couldn't meet two more outgoing and friendly people, and I don't mean in-your-face friendly. The pair of them, along with head innkeeper Tiger (a four-pound Yorkie who can boast to having his own mink coat), have that wonderful quality of making you feel like you've known them for years when you've only just met them.

The really amazing thing is that they are both transplanted Texans.

Jim, a former car salesman, handles most of the cooking duties. If you like featherbed eggs, home fries, corned beef hash, pancakes and

assorted other goodies served up in all-you-can eat portions and accompanied by a folksy homespun tale or two, then Jim's your man.

Deborah, with Tiger usually nearby, co-ordinates the housekeeping duties and ensures that every day at 4 p.m. sharp the cookie jar is stuffed with homemade chocolate chip cookies and tea is available for the guests at the 18-room inn.

The Butternut is smothered in antiques (Deborah's doing) and is only minutes from downtown Stowe. The rooms aren't large, but are extremely comfortable and if you really have to watch color TV (as I did for the Monday football game) there is one in the downstairs lounge, left of the dining room and bar and just past the pool table where I foolishly tried to teach wifey the finer points of billiards.

It really is a home away from home and a slice of heaven on earth.

Even if it is operated by a couple of Texans.

DIS 'N DATA

A year after his acquittal, I can't help wondering if O.J. has found his wife's killer yet...Robbie Alomar should have been suspended for a minimum of 40 games without pay (effective immediately) but because the players' union now runs (ruins?) baseball, he was given that cheesy five-game sentence, effective next year, of course...Can you name a more dysfunctional family than the Royals?

Fires Can Be Prevented

Almost all fires can be prevented by taking certain precautions to make your home safe. Here are some fire prevention tips:

Cooking:

1. Stay close by and pay attention when cooking. Unattended cooking is one of the most common causes of fires.
2. Clean grease from the stove and flue.
3. Keep combustibles - such as curtains or drapes, clothing, packaged foods and trash - away from stoves.

Heating

1. Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.
2. Take special care with fireplaces. Use a screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation.
3. Keep combustible items away from all heating units.

Electrical Distribution

1. If there is any sign of electrical troubles, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by an electrician.
2. Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed wires.

Appliances

1. Don't overload dryers and be sure to remove lint regularly.
2. Check your appliances at least once a year to see that they are clean and functioning properly and that insulation has not broken or cracked.
3. Buy appliances having Underwriters Laboratories or other nationally recognized testing laboratory approval.

For more information on how to prevent fires in your home, call the local Fire department.



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