

GRAPEVINE



Tumbling winner

Congrats to Acton's Mikaela Telschow, 12, who earned a Gold medal and helped her team win the 13-plus Provincial Level "C" title at the recent Eastern Canada Tumbling and Trampoline championships at the Erindale campus of the University of Toronto.

Telschow, who trains with Futures Gymnastics in Mississauga, captured the Gold in tumbling.

Charity BBQ

The new Links2Care backpack program will benefit from a community barbecue on Saturday at Tuitman's Garden Centre, on Highway 25 south of Acton. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The backpack program provides needy students with all the school supplies they need, and is run with the help of local high school students.

Knox chicken

If you want to attend the chicken barbecue at Knox Presbyterian Church on June 20, you must reserve tickets by June 13 by calling 519-853-2360. The church services is at 10:30, and the barbecue begins at 11:30 a.m.

Hall of Famers

Acton's Harold Townsley is one of six people who will be inducted in to the Halton Hill Sports Museum next Thursday. The others include Walt Dixon, David Armstrong, Frank van de Valk, Paul Robinson and Haddy Smedema.

The ceremony takes place at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown. Townsley is being inducted in the "Athlete/Builder" category or his decades of hard work and dedication to minor hockey and baseball in Acton.

Green award

The Town's Green Plan recently earned it recognition and an environmental champion Conservation Award of Excellence from Conservation Halton. The awards are presented annually to people and organizations that make outstanding contributions to conservation in the Halton watershed.

The Town's Green Plan takes a practical, affordable, reasonable enforceable and education approach to preserve, protect and enhance the environment.

The Green Club at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown earned an Educa-

tion Award for planning and running a youth conference on biodiversity.

Business information

Thinking about starting your own business? The Links2Care Employment Resource Centre can help with its series of free business information sessions beginning today (Thursday) when information on opening a home child care business will be discussed.

At the June 16 session, the focus will be one developing a work proposal to learn how to market your business ideas to targeted business. At the June 22 session, a consultant from the Halton Region Business Development Centre will talk about turning your idea into a viable business.

On Monday's, the Centre offers help with resumes. For more information call 519-853-5014.

Quarter-century club

Colin Simpson, the principal of St. Joseph Catholic School, will be one of 24 separate school staff who will receive recognition for 25 years of services with the Halton Catholic District School Board at a the Board's 24th annual staff recognition night tomorrow (Friday) in Oakville.

Simpson first came to St. Joseph as principal in September of 2001 and stayed for two years before transferring to a Georgetown school. He returned to Acton in September 2006.

Strawberry social

Everyone is invited to bring their picnic blankets and lawn chairs to Bethel Christian Reformed Church on June 27 for a "Celebrate Summer Event" featuring fellowship and strawberry shortcake.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a worship gathering and includes a barbecue lunch at noon.

Classics against Cancer

Cars from the early 1900s to modern day machines will be on display at 23rd annual Classics Against Cancer car show on June 20 at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

More than 300 cars are expected at the Father's Day show - from hot rods, to muscle cars to luxury rides. Along with food and activities for kids, there will be entertainment. For details call Chris at 905-877-6826.



SUPERIOR BUSINESS: Staff and owners of Superior Glove were pleased to be presented with the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month award presented by two of the Chamber's Board of Directors, (left front) Helen MacCormack and Kathleen Dills. Superior Glove staff and owners (back, from left) Todd Schonnop, Don Miller, Co-owner Tony Geng, Frank MacDonald and (front from left) Co-owner Joe Geng, Lynda Rolfe, Roy Bishop and Jill Whalen. - Denise Paulsen photo

Pass the Caviar S'il Vous Plait

As central Toronto prepares to hunker down in preparation for the G20 later this month, Canadians are asking "is it worth it?" Actually, the real question they are asking is "a billion dollars for a bunfest? You gotta be *£#\$ing kidding!!"

The Tories are scrambling to justify the projected expense. The first claim is that expenses for previous summits (\$18-million Pittsburgh, \$30-million London) were understated. As of today, the latest estimate for the Huntsville and Toronto summits (68 + 620 respectively) were \$1.2-billion. That's \$1,200-million in simple terms. That's quite the inflationary factor.

We've had heads of state here before but have never, in my recollection, spent this kind of money on security. Things have gone crazy since September 11, 2001 and with 20 of the world's major political leaders in one place on several occasions, one assumes, that is a high value target in any terrorist's handbook.

That said, all these leaders travel extensively by car, plane and sometimes (seldom) on foot. I don't see local authorities sealing off portions of major cities when they came through. Absolutely, security is necessary. Gone forever are the days when I used to see Prime Minister, Lester Pearson on an Ottawa city bus or casually strolling down Rideau Street. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson used to shop at a local mall with only two RCMP guards; one male, one female.

If one of these leaders, god forbid, were to be assassinated while in Toronto well, that's how W.W.I. started. So while I am in favour of a reasonable level of security the obvious problem is not only how, but who, decides

The Way I See It

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the definition of "reasonable?" I have been told that one of the problems has been that law enforcement agencies were given a blank cheque to stock up on the latest gizmos and gadgets. Take the "sound cannons" recently acquired by Toronto Police. They will probably be useless when used against protesters. Why? Because the social action networks will be handing out earplugs. So the cops have expensive equipment which will be rendered ineffective by a \$0.99 pair of earplugs. Should drive local residents nuts tough, so that's some consolation.

I haven't heard if the police plan on using water cannons on out of hand protesters. In the past, water cannons have been considered to be too violent a reaction to protests no matter how destructive protesters become. I don't understand how attempting to blow out their eardrums is a measured response but giving them a shower to too cruel.

As a child of the 60's I support people's right to protest as long as the protest stays peaceful. But, at the first sign of someone pitching a rock at police, breaking store windows or storming barricades, I say hose 'em down.

As for those marching with bandannas or hoods to hide their faces; arrest those cowards. Suspicion of being members of the Klu Klux Klan should be enough to hold them until the clambake is over. If they don't have the courage to show your

face, don't talk to me about convictions or social justice.

One of the problems we have in hosting a meeting like this is we're not a police state. We don't have enough police locally to mount an exercise of this magnitude without stripping all of the police forces in the province. Bank robbers in other towns would have a great time were the government to do that.

Plan B is to bring R.C.M.P. and other police in from across the country while still maintaining local law enforcement. The problem with that is that the only available officers for the most part are those, on days off or on holidays. These officer's union contracts probably call on the government to pay them overtime at whatever rate.

Add to that the costs of travel, accommodation, meals, local transportation plus the costs of bureaucrats accompanying the leaders, lost revenue claims by merchants in the security zone etc., and you get to a billion dollars pretty quick.

I'm not trying to justify the expense. Over a billion dollars is obviously a lot money for little, if any, tangible results. The G20 last year is when/where the world's 20 largest economies agreed to the massive cash infusion that saved us from a world-wide depression. The jury is still out as to whether they were successful. By the same token, the President of France cobbled together a European union bailout of Greece without any big meeting.

Someone asked me the other day how Canadians were going to pay for this extravaganza. I would remind you the H.S.T. is coming into effect the week after the summit.

Coincidence? I think not.

CORRECTION

Kent Tocher's given name was misstated in last week's coverage of the Town Hall Centre gala which was held last Saturday, not Friday. The New Tanner regrets the errors.