

GRAPEVINE



Cancer cash donation

The recent annual Acton Ladies League Pink Ball golf tournament raised \$1,000 to CASHh – Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills. Money was also raised by a bake and craft sale. Congrats to Carol Puncheon who had a hole-on-one on the fourth hole?

Beach safe

It was safe to swim and play in the water at the Old Beach in Prospect Park last week – health department testing found the level of bacteria was safe for swimming and posted the beach open.

To find out if a beach has been posted as unsafe, due to poor water quality, call 1-866-443-5866.

Tim Hortons scholarship

Congrats to Acton Tim Hortons employee Keira Britton who received a \$1,000 2010 Tim Hortons Scholarship recently.

Britton is one of 220 Horton's employees to receive the scholarships this year under the program designed to recognize employees and their families who offer their time and talents as volunteers and want to go to college or university. Britton has worked for Tim Hortons for four years.

Wait for it

If you can't wait to get the fall/winter edition of the Town's Community Activity & Service Guide delivered, you can view a copy at the Town's website - www.haltonhills.ca/recand-parks

The guide, which lists all of the Town's fall and winter programming and a host of

community-related information and phone numbers was to be delivered today (Thursday) but production problems pushed the delivery date to August 24. Registration for fall and winter programming begins September 1.

Bethel events

Bethel Church is gearing up for the fall with invitations to attend two programs. Women can find a way to connect with other women and children and learn more about the Bible each Wednesday morning beginning September 15.



Story Hour Little Lambs

The Coffee Break and Story Hour runs from 9:15 to 11:15 each Wednesday morning. Lisa Sanchez will share her prayer experience at the first session, while kids aged three to five attend the Story Hour program in the nursery.



Bethel welcomes men to the Men's Toonie Breakfast on the second Saturday of the month, beginning September 11.



BEST BUSINESS: Great service, good food and community spirit earned Lily Thai and Vietnamese Cuisine the Business of the Month Award from the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president-elect Kathleen Dills congratulated owners Helen and John Lu on Tuesday. – Frances Niblock photo

Political Potholes Puncture Plans

What possible reason could the federal conservatives have had to change the method the census is taken? By making the long form voluntary, and mailing it to additional households, the Tories have managed to blow an additional \$30-million dollars and dropped 11 points in the polls at the same time. This is a truly remarkable achievement given that most Canadians pay little or no attention to politics during the summer months.

Probably the Tories thought, ho-hum, let's screw around with the census, no-one thinks about it anyhow. Were they ever surprised. Seems like everyone from provincial and territorial governments, municipal governments, departments of health, charitable agencies etc. actually used those numbers. Go figure! The head of Statscan quit over this mess.

The problem stems from the proposal that the Tories plan to change the compulsory long form to a voluntary long form. Other users of this information say this will skew the numbers enough as to make them unreliable. Personally, whether I get the long form or the short form, I fill it out and send it in. What's the big deal? The government spends millions on advertising why they need an accurate count of the number of residents we have. Now, in order to appease a few paranoid people, the whole process has been turned topsy-turvy.

I recall the only issue with the last survey was that there was no box to check for "Canadian." I assumed this was part and parcel of the multi-cultural crap that Trudeau foisted on us. I wrote in "Canadian" as my protest, (I've always been a rebel) and waited for the Mounties to pound on my door. Sadly, none showed up. In fact, in spite of the dire warnings that failure to fill out the census was a crime punish-

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able by jail, fines, the seizure of your firstborn child etc., it turns out not one person has ever been prosecuted for census violations.

Of all the guys Harper could have sent out to sell the idea of the census change he chose Tony Clement. Clement couldn't sell hookers to the French Foreign Legion if he was standing in a house of ill repute with a fist full of free passes.

When the jail gambit was exposed as a fraud he moved to "plan B." It is unnecessarily intrusive he said. Really now, do you care if the Government knows how many bathrooms you have? Why would you not want to tell them how many people live at your house unless you're harbouring illegal immigrants or conducting other such nefarious activities?

There are some people who claim the Government doesn't need this type of detailed information. I suppose these same complainers don't need social programs, rec centres, roads and sewers, hospitals and other health care benefits that come with having accurate counts of the population. To my mind, these are the same conspiracy theorists who look skyward for black helicopters carrying U.N. troops determined to take over the world.

When one looks at the potential long term damage done to the Tories future election expectations you can't help but wonder why the P.M. didn't stick to the first rule of politics. If it ain't broken; Don't fix it!

Not to be outdone Premier

Dalton Dithers announced, after months of indecision, that the U.F.C. is coming to Ontario. In this age of the 500 channel universe, pay per view and the internet, it's already here but now the fans will be able to enjoy the blood and gore first hand, and if they're lucky, find a tooth as a souvenir.

U.F.C. Lawyer Chummer said that the Premier and Consumer Minister were "obviously in touch with what people want." Hmmm, I wonder where this intuitive feel for the people's opinions were when the H.S.T. and Eco Fees were on the table?

I guess it's only those who appreciate the fine art of street brawling that the Preem is in tune with. The rest of us now know where we stand in the pecking order.

I had to smile when the Minister said that adherence to the rules is the number one issue. Fighters have to be licensed, use only Ontario appointed officials, have medical professionals standing by and the fighters must be of the same calibre. Good luck! This sounds like a fight arranged by the Baptist Church. No offence intended to the Baptists.

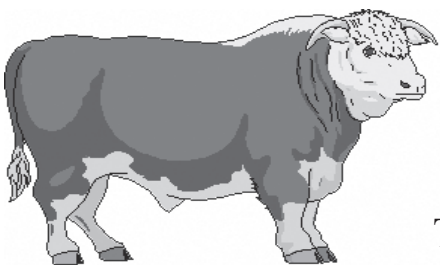
This reminds me of the big hoo-haw announcement years ago that Ontario was to have casino gambling. Then came the rules; no smoking and two beer limit. Ontario's casinos lose money. That takes a perverse talent. But then, they also managed to lose money on a lottery and we won't mention the OLG executives big spending expense account.

Dithering Dalton has finally realized he's liable to have his ass kicked in next year's election so he's giving the masses what he thinks we simple folk want. He's wrong.

The H.S.T. trumps the U.F.C. every time.

What's Your Beef?

Put it in a letter to the Editor!



It's better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.



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