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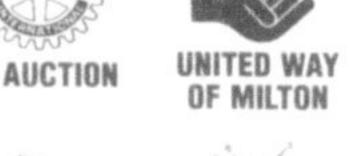












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Awards





Not good for Dalton

swirling about Greg Sorbara.

didates to control the province's purse good for McGuinty. strings.

the proverbial fox guarding the hen another Liberal government — has a house following Tuesday's bombshell leader been left looking so vulnerable. that the province's finance minister While McGuinty is in no way tied Technologies.

gations within the search warrant Dalton.

Dalton McGuinty may be hard haven't yet passed the litmus test of a pressed to escape the political vortex court of law. It must also be noted that Sorbara has consistently maintained When your go-to guy, your right- he has done nothing wrong and hand man, your finance minister termed his Tuesday night resignation resigns amid allegations of defraud- the responsible thing to do pending ing a company in a land deal, the conclusion of the police investigaunproven allegation or not, there's a tion. Still, the timing of Sorbara's sudsort of knee-jerk reaction to call into den departure — on the eve of his question the premier's choice of can-government's throne speech — isn't

Not since the federal sponsorship It was hard to escape the imagery of scandal — involving members of yet

was stepping down amid a search to the RCMP investigation that warrant's allegation he and three oth- named his finance minister in a search defrauded Royal Group warrant of a family-owned business, should Sorbara be found guilty of any To be fair, Sorbara has yet to be kind of financial wrongdoing, it could charged with any crime and the allebethe anchor that sinks the good ship

Our Readers Write

Church's Thanksgiving message uncalled for

Dear Editor:

I'd like to address a question that was posed on the marquee sign at Graceway Baptist Church over the long weekend.

The sign read, 'Who does an atheist thank at Thanksgiving?' I was taken aback to see what was an apparent slight against atheists. Without going into a debate over the existence — or not — of God, I'd like to answer that question.

As an atheist, at Thanksgiving I food on the table.

- take for granted;
- The labourers who help the come together and celebrate our

farmers, especially at harvest time;

- The butcher for preparing the which many more of us would be vegetarians;
- The truck drivers for driving the produce to the grocery stores;
- All the people involved in the running of a grocery store — from the managers to the cashiers;
- My family members, who work so hard to earn the money to put
- The farmers who work long and er-in-law, who gets up at the crack hard to produce the food that we of dawn and spends all day preparers who have different beliefs. ing a wonderful meal so that we can

family with good food.

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If I left anyone out who's turkey and other meat - without involved in the process, I'm thankful for their hard work, too. So as you can see, atheists are indeed 'thankful' too — just for different reasons.

Thanksgiving isn't a religious holiday, so the sign put up at Graceway Baptist Church was, in my opinion, uncalled for and in poor taste. Use your sign to help Christians celebrate Thanksgiving • And last but not least, my moth- in a way that's meaningful to Christians, not to take shots at oth-

Alison Kingelin Milton

E-mail all your letters to the editor to miltoned@haltonsearch.com.

Help us keep you informed — please contact us

The Champion: "Why didn't you cover event or possible news story.

The blank usually includes a description of an event, crime or notable happening, and the caller choose the stories for the next issues. Again, wants to know why it wasn't included in our coverage.

Sometimes, the answer is: "We didn't know about it."

information, but what many of you — our readers — don't know is much of the time you're it!

Without the e-mails and phone calls we get from readers, we wouldn't be half as informed as we are about what goes on because we simply can't be everywhere at once.

reader input is, and there are several ways to process. make your voices heard, including what I described above, a simple phone call or e-mail to have your say via a letter to the editor. Did some-

There's a question we're often asked here at let us know — beforehand, please — about an

Each week, I go through my Arts and Entertainment and Community Page files to many of the ideas in those files are from readers who let me know in advance about something.

Have you ever wondered why your grandma's bungee jumping group hasn't been written about, Yes, we have our "sources" for finding out or why reporters aren't calling you about that million-dollar painting your dog created? Once again, I think it's safe to assume we didn't know about it.

There's also our Dateline section, which posts events — at no charge — put on by non-profit groups. Turn to the Dateline section in this issue tor I was reminded recently just how important for more information about the submission

And there's plenty of opportunity for you to me at sthiessen@miltoncanadianchampion.com.



with STEPHANIE THIESSEN

thing you read in a column strike a chord? Do you want to respond to a story that was written? There's your forum.

News story ideas or tips, plus letters to the edie-mailed miltoned@haltonsearch.com, while community and arts and entertainment ideas can be sent to

One more thing. What many people don't tell us why.

understand is the advertising and editorial departments of the paper operate separately.

When you buy an advertisement, you dictate what's included. But when you submit something to the editorial department, we, as journalists, have the privilege of deciding what's newsworthy and what isn't.

While we appreciate every suggestion, we can't always act on all of them because of time and space limitations. And some ideas just don't appeal to our readers as a whole.

Sometimes the answer to the abovementioned question isn't, "We didn't know about it," but "We chose not to include it."

So please, send in your ideas, comments and notifications. And then trust us, as professionals, to decide the fate of each one.

And hey, if you don't like our news judgment, you can always write us a letter to the editor and