



THE PORT REPORTER



REPEAL OF PORT TOWER COULD SAVE OVER \$1 MILLION

The developer's PR machine is once again in full gear and would have us believe that a move by the new Council to repeal the unpopular by-laws on the Port tower passed by the previous Council would cost taxpayers a lot of money. This is NOT the case and, in fact, the likely outcome will be exactly the opposite. Over \$1 million in total could be saved if the by-laws were repealed.

If Council were to act on the strong mandate it received from the voters across the City and repeal the unpopular by-laws, it will be sending a clear message that our City welcomes development but that such development must be consistent with existing Planning Regulations and Heritage Guidelines. We believe the tower developer already knows he has a weak case at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and this repeal should lead to their coming back with a new proposal which is relatively consistent with the regulations and satisfies the concerns of the community.

This will be a win-win. There will be no need for an OMB hearing so the City and taxpayers would save the money this could cost (the Standard has mentioned a figure of \$250,000). There would be no appeal at the Region either so they—and the taxpayers— would save potentially another \$250,000 (using the Standard's figures). The community (the average taxpayer) would not have to raise \$250,000 to take the case to the OMB and...the developer would likely save at least \$500,000 by not defending the current 26 appeals. This totals at least \$1.25 million and on top of that, the developer will have an acceptable project completed much earlier and save carrying costs. They could still fit most, if not all, of their condos in a low-rise building and this would still be very profitable.

The doom and gloom scenario the developer's PR is painting is that, if a repeal happened, they would ignore the wishes of the new Council and our citizens and forge ahead with their own appeal to the OMB. Why, one may ask, would they do that? Their proposal is already contrary to the provisions of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Planning Act, the City's Official Plan, Secondary Plan for Port Dalhousie and Zoning By-Law—as well as the Heritage Guidelines. Would they want to fight that, the community and Council too at the OMB? This is highly unlikely. They will most likely negotiate and re-submit a proposal that meets the regulations and is still very profitable.

But...what if they didn't? In this scenario, the City would now be defending one appeal by the developer instead of multiple appeals by the community, and their costs should be relatively the same. Their PR claims that it would cost a lot of money because the City would have to hire expensive outside experts. This is NOT the case. In fact, the city would be under no obligation to hire outside experts—any more than they would have to if they were defending the 20 appeals from the community. The only area where the city might want to make a change is with their planner since, although this individual rejected the first tower, he then reversed his position on the second, very similar proposal. However, the City could still rely on planning evidence by the Region's planner or use a different planner from its own staff at no extra cost. Even if they insisted on an outside planner, we estimate the total cost for a lengthy hearing would likely be no more than \$30-\$40,000—not the large figures used in the Standard! (continued on page 12)



Dr. David Berger, President of Proud Port Dalhousie, extends a warm welcome to the Mayor, Brian McMullen, at the City's Inaugural Event.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

REVISITING PORT IN A NEW YEAR

Canon Gordon Kinkley

As I begin my 29th year as pastor of St. John's Church in Port Dalhousie, I find myself reflecting on the uniqueness and the warmth not only of my own church community but also of this larger community often referred to as PORT. I remember, early in my ministry here, mentioning very enthusiastically to one church group that even though I was new to the area, already I felt at home in "THE PORT"; I was later advised that what I had probably meant to say was that I felt at home in "PORT" since the term Port had long referred to the community as a whole; and The Port, also part of the vernacular of the locals, referred to a drinking establishment and hotel – a synonym for the Port Hotel/Port Mansion. My praise of the moment is for PORT although I am sure that THE PORT is deserving of its share of praise as well.

There is indeed something unique, charming and always inviting about Port Dalhousie. Someone once commented to me that even though the youth of Port will often leave for a time to pursue dreams and careers, many will return because there is something about Port Dalhousie that draws them home.

There is something about this community that seems to evoke a passionate feeling in those who have been born here and in those who have lived here for a time. What I have personally experienced in Port over these last many years is a really healthy brand of chauvinism - if I might use that term in a positive way. The people of Port and particularly those born here and/or raised here are fiercely proud of their roots and yet at the same time are wonderfully inclusive to others. There is an axiom told in the Near East about the difference between a visitor and a pilgrim. It goes like this: A visitor is one who passes through the place; a pilgrim is one who lets the place pass through them. It is the pilgrim who is changed forever. Those just passing through Port Dalhousie might have some trouble understanding the uniqueness of this community and her people; but those who have lived here and raised their children here and buried their dead here; those who have been touched by her almost 200 year history and her charms; those who have let this community pass through them find themselves touched by Port Dalhousie in a manner I suspect is unknown to those who reside in modern urban sprawl.

Standing at the threshold of this New Year, as I tally-up my own blessings, I feel deep gratitude for this community, for those I have known here in the past and for those who live here now.

Brought back from the brink of death

Family pays vet bill to save dog and reunite him with his owners

Reprint story from Dec. 7th, 2006 Standard by Tiffany Mayer, Standard Staff

When it came to Watson, it really was elementary for Julie Whitehead.

The Thorold woman just knew what she had to do when she saw the 13 year-old Jack Russell terrier lying in a ditch full of water on Government Road.

Whitehead simply had to save him.

But she didn't just stop her car that late November day and call someone else to help. Whitehead didn't pull Watson to safety and leave the diminutive dog to find his way home either.

With the help of another passerby, Whitehead drove the ailing canine to the emergency veterinary clinic on Glendale Avenue, where the next five days were spent bringing Watson back from the brink of death.

"It needed to be done," Whitehead said. "Sometimes you just can't turn your back."

Watson had a puncture wound in his tiny skull. It was overflowing with infection that had begun permeating his wiry body.

The vet gave the pooch a prognosis that was "beyond grim."



A Community Gathers for the grand opening of the leash-free dog park in Burgoyne Woods on Sunday, December 10th, 2006.

Even the Lincoln County Humane Society, contacted because Watson was a stray, didn't hold out much hope. Given the cost involved, it couldn't even try to save him, humane society executive director Kevin Strooband said. Still, Whitehead couldn't fathom doing anything but.

By the time Watson was able to go home last Thursday, Whitehead and her father, Ray, had spent \$2,100 nursing the dog back to health.

"It's someone's pet," Whitehead said. "How would you feel if that was your dog and someone put him down?" You might have said, "If only I had one more day, maybe I could have done something."

Meanwhile, Tim Dumoulin had been combing the streets of his south St. Catharines neighbourhood, searching for his Jack Russell terrier that went outside one late November morning and never came back.

The dog escaped from the backyard before, always finding his way home soon after he left.

This time was different though. Days passed. Still, no dog.

Dumoulin called the humane society to report the missing pooch. He kept searching.

After the third day of driving around (my wife Marie) said "I don't think you're going to find him." "I just had a gut feeling I would," Dumoulin said.

That's when Dumoulin was contacted by the humane

society. He was shown a picture of an injured Jack Russell that had been recently found in a ditch nearby. Dumoulin didn't recognize the animal.

"My dog is white as a new T-shirt and they dragged him out of the ditch and showed me the pictures and he was dirty and dingy. I didn't think it was my dog," he said.

Turns out, that dirty, dingy canine was the Dumoulin's beloved Watson.

Last Friday, they were finally reunited after more than a week of wonder and worry. "I said 'He's looking a little tattered and he seems a little scrambled, but he's getting better.' He was a sight for sore eyes," Dumoulin said.

Ask Dumoulin about what the Whiteheads did for his beloved pet and he'll tell you it wasn't elementary at all.

When he went to get Watson, he showed up at the Whiteheads Thorold Tire business with \$500 and every intention to pay back the vet bill in time.

The Whiteheads told him not to bother. "It was our decision to help the dog, whether he had an owner or not," Whitehead said. "To know that he got back home and is going to be all right is payment enough."

They'll gladly take the occasional visit with the lucky dog, who turns 14 today, in lieu of cash, she added.

"The people that saved my dog, I don't think I could say enough good things about them. (They) put (their) wallet on the line," Dumoulin said. "You don't meet too many people like that."

THE STANDARD Thursday, December 7, 2006



Marie Dumoulin, holding Watson, and her husband, Tim, far right, were thrilled to be reunited with their canine after more than a week of worry. The Whitehead family — from left, Julie, her mother, Yvonne, and father, Ray — made the reunion possible. Staff Photo by Bob Tymczyszyn

COMMUNITY

Community is about place, spirit, belonging and connection. It is about joy, tears, love and hope. Community is about friendship, caring and being cared for.

These are the things of life itself and are what bring us great joy

Communities are filled with everyday heroes who strengthen the fabric of our neighbourhoods.

WHAT'S UP?

PORT COLBORNE

From: November 26, 2006
To: April 29, 2007

Sunday, January 28th -
Celebrity Impersonator Dave La Fame
Sunday, February 25th - Ventriloquist Mark Crocker
Sunday, March 18th -
Comedian Magician Dick Joiner
Sunday, April 29th -
Comedian Juggler Craig Douglas
Admission: \$20.00 each or \$100.00 for subscription to all 6 shows. Senior, student and group discounts are offered.

Location: Roselawn Complex, Port Colborne
(905) 834-0833

* All shows include large video screens, appropriate stage design and lots of audience participation.
* Each show starts at 2:00pm with the doors opening at 1:30pm.
* Shows are approximately 2 1/2 hours with a 15 minute intermission.

Roselawn Theatre - Legendary Tribute Series
Phone: (905) 834-0833
From: November 12, 2006 To: April 15, 2007
Phone: (905) 834-0833

From: November 26, 2006 To: April 29, 2007
Roselawn Theatre - Family Comedy Series

PELHAM

Relative Images - Pelham Public Library
From: January 2, 2007 To: January 31, 2007

Roselawn Theatre - Lost in the 50's
Phone: (905) 834-0833
Event Date: January 14, 2007

Seminar of Bill C-45 - Practical Solutions to Avoid Criminal Liability

Date(s): February 09, 2007

A must visit seminar for manufacturing and other industries. The seminar leader is Simon Fridlyard. He has extensive knowledge and expertise in the field of health & safety, in particular Bill C-45.

Choralis Camerata presents Follow the Underground Railroad

Date(s): February 04, 2007

Follow the Underground Railroad

WELLAND

Ball Hockey International Welland presents OUTDOOR BALL HOCKEY FUN

Date(s): February 16, 17, 18, 19 2007

Open Men's tournament that runs February 16, 17, 18 and 19th

Angelfest:

NIAGARA PENINSULA

Jan 2 to 28, 2007

The highlight of this 10-week annual festival is the dazzling Angel Trail, which follows the Wine Route from Hamilton to St. Catharine's and is perfect for a leisurely drive through a winter wonderland. The festival has numerous events, including a Santa Claus parade, a festival of trees, dinner theatre, concerts and more. Be sure to sample the goods at the participating wineries.

Address: Various Locations West Niagara ON
1. 905 945-8319

NIAGARA FALLS

Brooks and Dunn -

Niagara Fallsview Casino Concert

Filed under: Events — NiagaraFalls @ 5:00 pm

Date: January 26 -Time: 9pm-Where:Avalon

Ballroom Prices: Tickets start at \$45

Superstar Country duo, Brooks & Dunn perform such hits as: "Believe", "Play Something Country", "My Maria", "Red Dirt Road" and "Boot Scootin' Boogie".

NIAGARA FALLS (continued)

Frank Leahy's Robbie Burn's Day Jubilee

Filed under: Events — NiagaraFalls @ 4:59 pm

Date: January 24 Time: 3pm Where:Avalon

Ballroom Prices: Mezzanine Seating & Floor

Seating \$29.50/ Balcony Seating \$24.50

Frank Leahy's Jubilee Robbie Burns Day Special will take you on a Scottish musical journey celebrating all the great Scottish songs including *Scotland the Brave*, *I wish I was in Glasgow*, *Annie Laurie* and many others. There will be *Scottish Highland Dancing* with the Jubilee Dancers as well as all of the regular Jubilee performers that will get your feet tapping and your lips smiling. Frank and his violin will serve up lots of Scottish fiddling to get your toes- a- tappin'. Of course the entire show features Frank Leahy's Jubilee Band with the Niagara Symphony and only seen at the Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort - Avalon Ballroom.

Shrine Circus

Jul 16, 2007

Niagara Falls Memorial Arena, 5145 Centre Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Details to be announced. Contact the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena for further information.

Phone: 905-358-3808

The Mick Fleetwood Band

Date: January 12 and 13 Time: 9pm

Where:Avalon Ballroom

Prices: Tickets start at \$25

Founder of Fleetwood Mac, Mick Fleetwood returns to the stage with Bill Burnette, Rick Vito and George Hawkins Jr. to perform such hits as: "Go Your Own Way", "Don't Stop", "BLACK MAGIC"

FORT ERIE

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Friday, February 16, 2007 through Sunday, February 18, 2007

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* July 6-8, 2007
* July 13-15, 2007

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* Friday-Saturday: Dinner 6 pm, show 8 pm

* Sunday: Brunch 12:30 pm, show 2:30 pm

Tickets:

* Friday-Saturday: \$25 show only and \$49.95 for dinner and show.

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January 20, 2007

St. Catharines Market Square

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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DISCO BALL V

Saturday, January 27, 2007

7:30 P.M.

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A Taste of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Phone: 905-468-5154 • Toll Free: 877-342-4374

Event Date: January 27, 2007

Niagara Icewine Festival

From: January 19, 2007 To: January 28, 2007

Phone: 905-688-0212

New 2007 Waste/Recycling Collection Calendars Set for Delivery the Week of January 22

NIAGARA REGION, January 8, 2007 - The 2007 Niagara Region waste/recycling collection calendars will be delivered to residents during the week of January 22, 2007.

Residents should note that information about the new LCBO Deposit-Return program will be provided in the 2007 calendar. Starting February 1, 2007, residents should return their alcohol and wine bottles (glass plastic, aluminum and tetrapak), purchased from the LCBO, to the Beer Store. The Region encourages residents to make use of this program. Until that date, residents may continue to use their Blue Box for the recycling of their alcohol and wine bottles.

The Region's current collection calendar provides information until the end of January 2007. If you do not receive your new 2007 collection calendar by February 5, 2007, please call the Region's Waste Management Services Info-line at 905-356-4141 or 1-800-594-5542, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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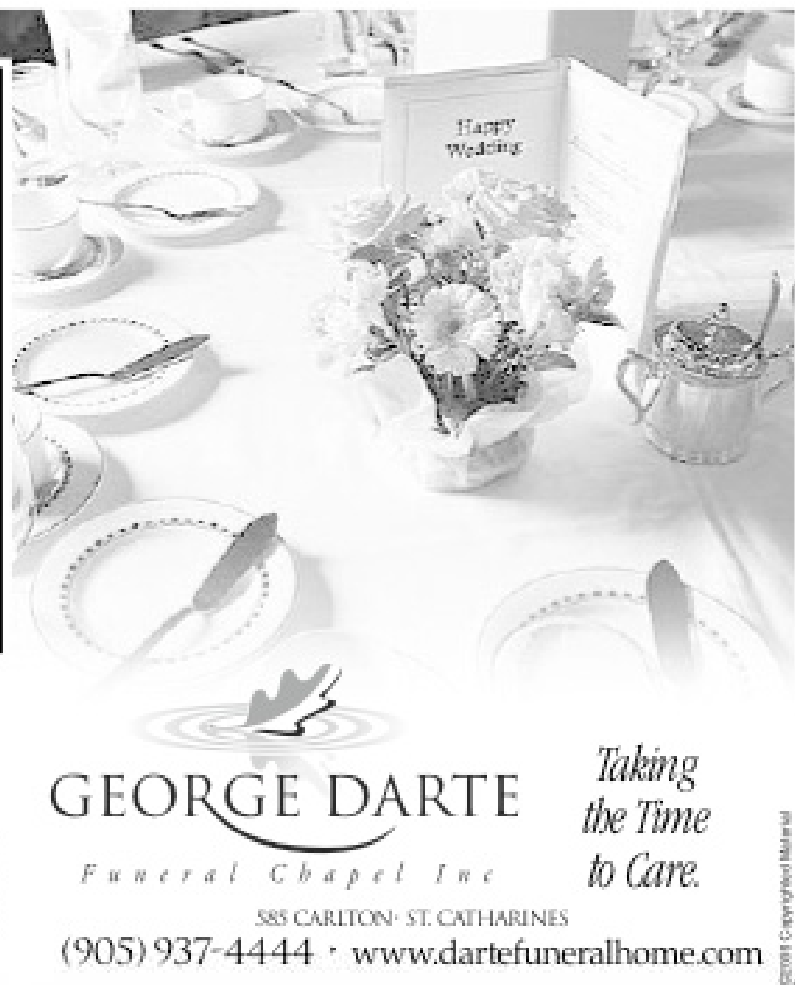
Ways to save money from Internet readers (please note that these tips were posted regardless of whether or not the website agreed with them):

- * Shop for clothes at thrift shops (especially for young kids). Many times you can find gently worn or even new clothes for 1/10 the price of new (or less).
- * Pay bills online. It is safe and I save \$50 a year on stamps.
- * Slipcover or reupholster older furniture to update rather than buying expensive
- * Learn to refinish furniture or decorate with paint. Use cast-off furniture to make a unique piece.
- * Save money by taking your lunch to work every day! Make meals in bulk and then freeze them in smaller portions to save even more money.
- * Buy a bread maker and make your own bread. Much cheaper than \$2.00 a loaf, and tastes great!
- * Cancel magazine subscriptions. Read them at the library or buy them at the thrift shop for .25 to .50 after someone else has donated them.
- * Stop buying expensive sodas and make Kool-Aid or decaffeinated iced tea.
- * Cancel expensive (and annoying) phone options like call-waiting.
- * Check out library books instead of buying expensive paperbacks.
- * If you wash your hair every day you don't need to lather twice. Saves shampoo!
- * Change eating habits (avoid processed foods).
- * Exercise and eat right - keeps doctor bills down.
- * Brush and floss your teeth - keeps doctor bills down.
- * Keep up on auto maintenance to avoid costly repair.
- * Mend clothing instead of buying replacements.
- * Buy only clothing not requiring dry cleaning.
- * Simplify manicures - don't get them.
- * Simplify hairstyle - one that doesn't require much maintenance.
- * Get 3-6 quotes anytime shopping for item over \$100.
- * Many inexpensive, no-name drugstore cosmetics are as good as or better than their department store or salon counterparts. Read the ingredients and find cheaper substitutes for your favorites wherever possible.
- * Cut dryer sheets in half.
- * Buy generic over the counter medicine.
- * Buy generic baby wipes, diapers, formula..... studies show that it's all the same!
- * Find name brand clothing at garage sales in affluent neighborhoods.
- * Find fashionable clothing at the sale departments of stores like the Gap.
- * Keep in fashion by buying basic colored tees and skirts and then adding trendy accessories
- * Buy baby clothes from someone that has a child one year older than yours. You can get good quality clothing, fashionable baby clothing at ultra low prices.
- * If you get change back when you purchase an item, put it in the piggy bank. Give the cashier whole dollars, not the exact amount. In a few months you will have "found" money that you could use to pay bills, save or buy something nice.
- * Save money by shopping for groceries in the "bulk foods" aisle in your grocery store. Many stores now carry bulk staples that are much less per ounce than the smaller family size versions. Buy large noodles, sugar, flour, etc. and appropriate storage containers for the part not to be used as soon as the package is opened.
- * Also, if your family is trading off meat for legumes one or more times per week (which can be both healthy and cost effective,) shop for dry legumes and rice in the "Mexican" food aisles. They will often have better prices on a large variety of dry beans and peas
- * You don't need the heat above 68 degrees in the winter inside your house. Wear warm clothes and socks/slippers while in the house. While watching tv, snuggle with a blanket. Warm air breeds germs. So by keeping the temp. 68 or below -- you save on heating costs and breathe healthier air.
- * Use all those plastic bags you receive at the grocery store for trash. This way you don't have to buy trash bags and you are helping out the environment by recycling.
- * Instead of buying a nice house, rent to own. The payments are cheaper.
- * Install a water softener. It might be expensive to start up, but in the long run, you use less shampoo/conditioner on your hair and it saves your appliances (pipes, iron, washing machine, dish washer, kettle and hot water tank) from clogging up with lime scale

Not being family owned means you probably won't meet their owners at any of the other events in your life requiring flowers, either.

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However, being family owned means you get invited to family gatherings because you know those families; you serve them, shop at the same store or even go to the same church. Unlike other local funeral homes, we take pride in being part of the community.



- * Breastfeed your children! Even if you are a working mother and especially to those of you who are not... breastfeeding requires very little or no money and can save you from spending upwards of \$100 a month in formula. Even a good breast pump for a working mother will cost you a little more than 2 months worth of formula. You can get assistance for all kinds of breastfeeding issues from La Leche League (lalecheleague.org) find yourself a local group or call them toll free. Breastfeeding your children will also reduce your long term medical costs and save you more money.
- * Save money when shopping next time at the supermarket by remembering to check the lower items nearer to floor level as they are often much cheaper than those at eye level. Also resist the temptation to purchase extra items at the checkout such as magazines and candy bars placed there to tempt you. And never go food shopping on an empty stomach, you always buy more!
- * Re-gifting! You don't need half those things you get. Just keep a list so you don't re-gift to the original person!
- * Every year my family gets a cow slaughtered and butchered for approximately \$600 per cow. The average cost of the meat is \$1.00 per pound. Ask the farmer to grain feed the cow for two months before the cow is done. This eliminates a lot of the toughness of the meat. Also a fresh cow has a lot less fat than what you get in the grocery store. Even with the cost of running an additional freezer, I still only pay \$1.00 a pound for T-Bone Steaks, Filet mignon, Sirloin Steaks, Rib Eye Steaks. It more than pays for itself.
- * Buy fruits and vegetables in season. They are less expensive and taste better.
- * "I used to go out every weekend to see a movie and i realized i was spending too much money on recreational activities. So now i wait to see a movie on dvds at the video store. I still go see a movie every once in a while but not as often. so instead of spending \$8.00 on a ticket and spending \$10.00 on popcorn and drink and candy i spend \$6.00 on a dvd at video store."

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Wednesday
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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Euchre

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(1st Saturday of each month)
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PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE PAGE

Kalvin Reid
 Editorial Page Editor
 St. Catharines Standard

Dear Calvin,

Since you chose to single out PROUD Port Dalhousie and me personally in yesterday's editorial, I trust you will publish the letter below in either Friday's or Saturday's edition.

May I respectfully remind you that PROUD is one of Niagara's largest volunteer community organizations with an eight-year record of heritage-related community work, including seeking and obtaining heritage designation for Port Dalhousie and many other projects. We are not just an "anti-tower group" as you identify us but we oppose the tower project because it is contrary to all applicable planning regulations including heritage guidelines.

Thank you.

Carlos Garcia

CITIZENS SHOULD NOT BE CHASTISED FOR SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

In your December 13, 2006 Editorial "Council Did the Right Thing..." about filling the Regional Council vacancy left by Mr. Partington becoming Regional Chair, you report that Councillors were "...flooded with e-mails from disgruntled people unhappy with former mayor Tim Rigby - largely for his support of the Port Dalhousie tower project..." and that "In the weeks, days and moments leading up to Monday's council decision, much was made of the process used to fill vacancies. The word undemocratic was bandied about quite a bit."

You then speculate "One has to wonder if this kind of opposition to the process would have sprung forth had Carlos Garcia, a principal in the anti-tower group PROUD, finished seventh." and question the fact that "All of these 'undemocratic' arguments were noticeably absent from the public debate in the fall of 2003 when Jamie Almas was elevated from his seventh-place finish to fill Partington's recently-vacated seat."

Unlike the Standard, I do not question the sincerity of those who contacted Councillors and assume they mean whatever they communicated to them. Also, the editorial ignores the fact that there was dramatically more interest in this municipal election than in most recent elections. This brought the Regional Council issue under the microscope and, the fact that citizens did not bring this up the last time, does not mean they should ignore it now if they believe the process is wrong.

I accept Council's decision to elevate the 7th place finisher and understand the rationale. However, I personally strongly believe our elected representatives should be just that - elected by the voters. This goes for Municipal and Regional Council and for the Regional Chair. Should I have finished 7th, I would have, in fact, rejected the appointment to a position I was not elected to. My preferred alternative, if allowed by the Municipal Act, would have been for a capable City Councillor to perform dual duties. They were elected to represent us and this would have given us an opportunity to learn how much of the duplication between upper and lower tier Councils can be eliminated.

Carlos Garcia
 Executive Vice-President
 PROUD Port Dalhousie
 A PROUD Eight-Year History as a Volunteer
 Community Organization

To: Calvin Reid
 <kreid@stcatharinesstandard.ca>
 Subject: Letter to the editor

Hi Calvin:
A different way of looking at things:

PDVC Port Tower could cost taxpayers \$250,000

Re the somewhat inflammatory headline in Thursday's Standard. This headline could also have read: "PDVC Port tower could cost taxpayers \$250,000". There are currently 26 appeals to the OMB against the existing by-laws passed by the previous city council permitting the PDVC tower proposal to proceed. Generally the city will defend this sort of an appeal against its by-laws. If this happens, then taxpayer money, apparently \$250,000, will be used to support the developers and their proposal. If, however, the by-laws are repealed, and if PDVC then proceeds to the OMB, then those dollars would be used to defend something that the citizens of St. Catharines appear to want very much: legislation ending council support for this development. After all, of the seven council members that voted for the proposal, six were not returned to office, and of the five that were opposed to the development, all were returned to office. As has been said before: This is the very clear voice of the citizens of St. Catharines expressing their opinion.

There is a third option. Mayor Brian McMullan is attempting to create a dialogue between the developers and those who are opposed to existing proposal. If a middle ground can be found that allows Port to maintain its character and heritage, and also allows the developers to create a project that gives them a reasonable return on their investment in Port's heritage district, then we all win: the developers, those folks that are looking for development that is appropriate to Port Dalhousie, and the citizens of our fair city. Let us hope that this third outcome prevails.

David Bergen, PROUD President
 38 Dalhousie Ave.,
 St. Catharines

HERITAGE LANGUAGE

In going over your recent article about the use of language in the Port Dalhousie "tower" debate, I felt I should add a smidgen to it.

The term heritage is often bantied about but the definitions as to what is and is not within the process of heritage designation are well defined. Much as an antique is different from a collectible, a heritage building is not a reconstruction in the style of 1860 to 1st century standards. It doesn't matter to me if Mr. Diamond or Mr. Kirkland think they are preserving heritage by ripping down the existing structures. The result is new construction, plain and simple.

Living in a heritage district myself, I'm aware of the challenges of maintaining an older home, with all its quirks acquired over the last 130-odd years. What makes my home distinctive from new construction are the quirks. Sanitizing the project doesn't make it what it once was. Be honest and call it what it really is, a new commercial development trading on an image.

Christel Haeck
 86 Queen St

A Good New Year's Eve Morning to our members and friends of Port Dalhousie everywhere,

If you have not seen it, we thought that you would find the front page story in the St. Catharines Standard most interesting. The message was clearly spelled out for all to read:

.The tower issue DID have a major influence on the election.

.It is not over at all and we can stop the tower at the OMB.

.We have an excellent chance of victory.

Everyone should now understand IT IS NOT OVER and, our OMB fundraising goals, though challenging, have been made that much easier to achieve. After earlier attempts to belittle the influence of the tower issue in the recent election, the Standard has now admitted what everyone but them already knew: "The proposed Port Tower Dominated the Civic Election." Of course, the Standard is correct in pointing out that property taxes and the new hospital were also major issues but, every candidate had similar positions on those issues (they are all against high taxes and want the new hospital completed ASAP). This is why the tower was selected Newsmaker of the Year and, referring to Brian McMullan's landslide victory in the Mayoralty race, the Standard states "In a race full of similar platforms and promises, McMullan stood out for his opposition to the Port Tower."

What marriage is.....

He ordered one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink. The old man unwrapped the plainhamburger and carefully cut it in half.

He placed one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them kept looking over and whispering.

You could tell they were thinking, "That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table. He politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine - They were used to sharing everything. The surrounding people noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."


As the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?"

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Celebratory Dinner

This dinner was held at St. Andrews Church on Saturday January 6th. The event was planned as a celebration of the results of the recent municipal election in St. Catharines and it was an outstanding success.

Approximately 90 people attended (the maximum expected). Our Mayor and Councillors were invited and six Councillors and the Mayor attended together with their spouses. It was a non-political event and there were no speeches or discussions. Everyone just had a great time socializing and enjoying the famous Port Dalhousie community spirit.

The food was just excellent and we thank the many volunteers who helped make the event happen. A special thanks to St. Andrews Church and to volunteers Albert Cipryk, Sandy Slater, David Bergen and Deborah Kehler.

Service Humor

Old jokes, no doubt, but still good for a smile or two.

Three men are sitting stiffly side by side on a long commercial flight. After they're airborne and the plane has leveled off, the man in the window seat abruptly says, distinctly and confidently, in a loud voice, "Admiral, United States Navy, retired. Married, two sons, both surgeons."

After a few minutes the man in the aisle seat states through a tight lipped smile, "Admiral, United States Coast Guard, retired. Married, two sons, both Judges."

After some thought, the fellow in the center seat decides to introduce himself. With a twinkle in his eye he proclaims, "Master Gunnery Sergeant, United States Marines, retired. Never married, two sons, both Admirals."

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"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys,

"Yours is."

REMEMBERING LAURA



LAURA DODSON

Laura Dodson died on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital. She is survived by her beloved husband Jim, her sister Jean Elliot of Hamilton, her nephew David, her niece Caroline and her grand-nephew James.

Laura was one of those rare individuals who make a profound difference. She was a woman of unshakeable principles and high ideals, who acted on her belief that human beings can be a force for good and leave this world a better place at the end of their lives.

Laura's accomplishments are varied and many. A graduate of McMaster University, she went on to become a respected English teacher in several Hamilton high schools and at the Faculties of Education at Queen's and Western Universities. She was inducted into the Alumni Gallery of the McMaster Alumni Association.

At the end of a long and distinguished career in education, Laura retired to Niagara-on-the-Lake. For a number of years she owned the Celtic Shop on Queen St. However, it was her gifts as a dedicated volunteer and benefactor which so deeply touched the lives of many others in our community. Laura has served the community as president of Group 137 of Amnesty International, as a member of the Board of the Niagara-on-the-Lake General Hospital, as a member of St. Mark's Church, as a judge with the Citizenship Court and as a member of Rotary and the Ontario Archaeological Society.

Laura believed that Niagara's heritage was a precious legacy which could not be bought and sold. She fought fearlessly to protect irreplaceable treasures from the pressures of destruction and exploitation. She was a founder and the longest serving president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Conservancy.

One of Laura's greatest triumphs and a living testimonial to her dedication to the principles of heritage preservation, education and community outreach, was the acquisition of Willowbank and the establishment of The School of Restoration

Arts. Laura's financial contribution ensured that Alexander Hamilton's grand mansion was saved; her visionary leadership brought about the founding of a school which will stand as a memorial to her life's work.

We will miss her greatly.

At her family's behest, Memorial Donations may be made to:

The School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank,
14487 Niagara Parkway P.O. Box 212,
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WILLOWBANK'S LEGACY

By Ilona Kauremszky

QUEENSTON, ONTARIO -- As a young girl I used to spend many lazy summer days cycling the Niagara Parkway in search of our country's past, imagining the footsteps of Sir Isaac Brock or Laura Secord. Until one day I stumbled across a big white stone house on the hill overlooking the historic town of Queenston. Long abandoned then, the two-storey mansion was known as Willowbank. It appeared to me like a home in "Gone With the Wind," a grand antebellum mansion. I was enchanted forever.

For years, the Greek Revival country home, which was built from locally quarried limestone and is adorned by eight massive columns that encircle the portico, stood abandoned, radiant as the day it was first built. Constructed in 1834 by renowned architect, John Latshaw of Stamford Township Hall fame (today's Lundy's Lane Historical Museum, 5810 Ferry Street), Glencairn and Ruthven in Cayuga, the regal white house on the hill stood steadfast during the making of our country. But it almost didn't survive the 20th century.

If it were not for the wisdom and determination of one, the entire legacy of Willowbank could have ended on a different chapter for on one fateful day in 2001, the previous owner attempted to obtain a demolition permit. "Words couldn't describe what a horrible blow this would have been to our community," recalls Laura Dodson, a retired schoolteacher and the main force behind saving the Willowbank Estate.

Dodson rallied her troops. She lobbied politicians and granting agencies, putting her own money at risk and after a deluge of appeals, letters and committees, the prized classical structure which is considered by many as one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in North America was saved from demolition.



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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

After a Beer Festival in London, all the brewery presidents decided to go out for a beer.

Corona's president sits down and says, "Señor, I would like the world's best beer, a Corona." The bartender takes a bottle from the shelf and gives it to him.

Then Budweiser's president says, "I'd like the best beer in the world, give me 'The King Of Beers', a Budweiser." The bartender gives him one.

Coors' president says, "I'd like the best beer in the world, the only one made with Rocky Mountain spring water, give me a Coors." He gets it.

The guy from Guinness sits down and says, "Give me a Coke." The other brewery presidents look over at him and ask, "Why aren't you drinking a Guinness?" and the Guinness president replies, "Well, if you guys aren't drinking beer, neither will I."

Kids Writing Exams - Quotes from 11 year old's science exams:

- 1) When you breath, you inspire. When you do not breath, you expire.
- 2) H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water.
- 3) To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.
- 4) When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.
- 5) Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state.
- 6) Water is composed of 2 gins, Oxygin & Hydrogin. Oxygin is pure gin.
Hydrogin is gin and water.
- 7) Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.
- 8) Blood flows down one leg and up the other.
- 9) Respiration is composed of 2 acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration.
- 10) The moon is a planet just like earth, only it is even deader.
- 11) Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.
- 12) A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.
- 13) Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.
- 14) The body consists of three parts- the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowls, of which there are five - a, e, i, o, & u.
- 15) The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
- 16) The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.
- 17) The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have ben taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.
- 18) A permanent set of teeth consists of 8 canines, 8 cuspids, 2 molars, & 8 cuspids.

19) The tides are a fight between the Earth and Moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight.

20) A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

21) Many women belive that an alcoholic binge will have no ill effects on the unborn fetus, but that is a large misconception.

22) Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa.

23) Germinate: To become a naturalized German.

24) Liter: A nest of young puppies.

25) Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat.

26) Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.

27) Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky.

28) Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot.

29) Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives.

30) Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.

31) To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.

32) For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower then the body until the heart stops.

33) For dog bite: Put the dog away for sevrsl days. If he has not recovered, then kill it.

34) For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.

35) For head cold: Use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.

36) To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow.

A man, standing nude, looks in the bedroom mirror and says to his wife, "I feel horrible, I look fat, ugly and out of shape. Pay me a compliment."

The wife replies, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

A local business was looking for office help. They put a sign in the window, stating the following:

HELP WANTED.
Must be able to type,
Must be good with a computer
Must be bilingual.
We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time afterwards, a dog trotted up to the the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined. Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he lead him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager.

The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and

gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but then told the dog, "The sign says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to enter and execute a perfect program, that worked flawlessly the first time. By this time the manager was totally dumb-founded!

He looked at the dog and said "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I still can't give you the job."

The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the sentences that told about being an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The manager said, "Yes, but the sign also says that you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked at the manager calmly and said, "Meow!"

The Top Puns of 2006

A tour guide was showing Morris the tourist around Washington, D. C. The guide pointed out the place where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River. "So what?" exclaimed Morris, "A dollar went much farther in those days."

Morty and Saul, were out on a lake one afternoon when their boat started to sink. Saul the banker said to Morty, "So listen, Morty, you know I don't swim so well." Morty remembered how to carry another swimmer from his lifeguard class when he was just a kid. So Morty began tugging Saul toward shore. After twenty minutes, he began to tire. Finally about 50 feet from shore, Morty asked Saul, "So Saul, do you suppose you could float alone?" Saul replied, "Morty, this is a hell of a time to be asking for money!"

I noticed the neighbor down the street was home every day, so after a few weeks I asked him what was going on. He replied, "I left my job because of illness and fatigue." A few weeks later, his wife gave me the real reason of what happened. Turns out my neighbor's boss got sick and tired of him.

The patient is adamant. "Doc, I need a liver transplant, a kidney transplant, a heart transplant, a cornea transplant, a spleen transplant, a pancreas transpl..." "Whoa. Slow down there fellow.

What makes you think you need all these organ transplants?" asked the doctor.

"Well," replied the patient, "My boss said if I wanted to keep my job I needed to get reorganized."

Darla had applied for a job and when she returned home, her mother asked how the interview went. "Pretty good, I think", replied Darla, "but if I go to work there I won't get a vacation unless I'm married." Her mother had never heard of such a thing and asked "Is that what they told you?" "No", replied Darla, "they didn't tell me that, but on the application it said 'vacation time may not be taken until you've had your First Anniversary'."

John was furious when his steak arrived too rare. "Waiter," he shouted, "Didn't you hear me say 'well done'?" "I can't thank you enough, sir," replied the waiter. "I hardly ever get a compliment."

He: "If you don't marry me, I'll hang myself from that tree in your front yard."

She: "Please don't do that. You know my parents don't want you hanging around here."



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TALES FROM THE INTERNET

Sharing a profound moment...

If you had read the front page story of the SF Chronicle on Thursday, Dec 14, 2005, you would have read about a female humpback whale which had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body-her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farralone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her-a very! dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed them gently around-she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never ever be the same.

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The person who started sending this news item around attached the following little homily to it as well. It seems appropriate, in view of the story above, and how meaningful it was to those involved, to leave it attached...

May you, and all those you love, be blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

I pass this on to you, my friend, in the same spirit.

### FENDER SKIRTS

I came across this phrase in a book yesterday "FENDER SKIRTS". A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice

Like "curb feelers"

And "steering knobs." (AKA) suicide knob

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "world wide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone

covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day - "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffee maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "Electrolux." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most - "supper." Now everybody says "dinner." Save a great word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

From: John Nunley "The Funny Bone" jokemaster@funnybone.com

### Political Correctness For Teenagers

No one fails a class anymore, he's merely "passing impaired."

You don't have detention, you're just one of the "exit delayed."

Your bedroom isn't cluttered, it's just "passage restrictive."

These days, a student isn't lazy. He's "energetically declined."

Your locker isn't overflowing with junk, it's just "closure prohibitive."

Kids don't get grounded anymore. They merely hit "social speed bumps."

Your homework isn't missing, it's just having an "out-of-notebook experience."

You're not sleeping in class, you're "rationing consciousness."

You're not late, you just have a "rescheduled arrival time."

You're not having a bad hair day, you're suffering from "rebellious follicle syndrome."

You don't have smelly gym socks, you have "odor-retentive athletic footwear."

No one's tall anymore. He's "vertically enhanced."

You're not shy. You're "conversationally selective."

You don't talk a lot. You're just "abundantly verbal."

You weren't passing notes in class. You were "participating in the discreet exchange of penned meditations."

You're not being sent to the principal's office. You're "going on a mandatory field trip to the administrative building."

It's not called gossip anymore. It's "the speedy transmission of near-factual information."

The food at the school cafeteria isn't awful. It's "digestively challenging."

## The Difference Between Vegan & Vegetarian

If you recently started reading about vegetarian diets, you have probably read all sorts of strange vegetarian terms and categories like "vegan," "The distinctions between these sub-categories of vegetarian are actually small, but each is very important to members who belong to the groups. For them, these distinctions aren't arbitrary lines; they are important dietary or ethical decisions.

VEGETARIAN:

Vegetarian is a blanket term used to describe a person who does not consume meat, poultry, fish, or seafood.

VEGAN:

Vegan is the strictest sub-category of vegetarians. Vegans do not consume any animal products or by-products. Some go as far as not even consuming honey and yeast. Others do not wear any clothing made from animal products.

### Internet Vegan Recipes - Indian

From: "Kate L (for Cake) Pugh"

#### \*Aloo Palak (Spinach & Potato Curry)\*

Recipe adapted from Sameen Rushdie's 'Indian Cookery' Serves 6 as part of a mixed meal, maybe 3-4 on its own with rice/naan and a pickle. This works well with either fresh or frozen spinach. I have made it with kale as well; 10oz (275g) weighed without stalks.

1 1/2 lb (700g) potatoes  
1lb (450g) fresh spinach (weighed without stalks) or frozen thawed  
1 medium onion  
1 tsp grated fresh ginger root  
2 garlic cloves  
1/2 tsp turmeric powder  
2 tsp cumin seeds  
1 tsp red chilli powder (or to taste, and depending on its heat!)

2 medium tomatoes

1. Scrub potatoes and boil them in their skins until almost, but not quite, done. Leave to cool, then cut into small cubes.
2. Meanwhile, if using fresh spinach or kale, remove the coarse stalks then rinse and cook gently for 10 minutes, in just the water clinging to the leaves in a covered pan. Cool and chop (reserve any remaining liquid). For frozen spinach, just defrost and chop.
3. Chop the onion finely, crush or finely chop the garlic and finely chop the tomatoes (keep them all separate). Measure the spices out into a little bowl.
4. Now brown the onion in a little vegetable stock or water until golden brown - about 10 minutes perhaps, topping up with hot water as necessary. Let it stick slightly from time to time to get that fried smell.
5. Add the ginger and garlic to the pan and stir for a moment. Add the spices, and a little more water if necessary. Cook for a few minutes, then add the tomato. Cook gently 3-5 minutes.
6. Add the potatoes and spinach, mix well then cover and simmer gently until ready, stirring once or twice to prevent sticking. It's done whenever the potatoes are cooked to your liking and the spices have permeated the vegetables.

### vegetable-biryani recipe

From: jwahar r. bammi

This is easy. Parboil good rice (not the supermarket junk rice, get a nice basmati -- most Indians seem to favor elephant brand). water sautee your favorite vegies, but dont make them soft. add roasted cumin, very little turmeric, cayenne pepper and garam masala (i usually mixes the spices and dry roated together before adding to veges). in a large pan with a lid layer rice/vege/rice (and repeat as needed). Stick a in few potatoes, a few sticks of cinnamon, a few black cardamoms, and many cloves of garlic, and some curry leaves. On top pour in saffron dissolved in skim milk. Add about 1/4 to 1/2 cup water. Secure and seal the lid (i seal by sticking dough right around the lid). bake in oven at medium (350 or so) for about an hour (just when you are ready to eat take it out). Its great (i like to bake it enough to get some burnt rice at the bottom of the pan. You may want to spray the pan lightly with PAM to make it easier to get the burnt rice out)

# WHO FIGHTS FOR HERITAGE PRESERVATION? HERB STOVEL IS ONE OF THE MANY WHO CARE!

## Biography

Prof. Stovel obtained a B. Architecture (1972), at McGill University, Montreal, and an M.Sc. (Environmental Conservation) 1978 at Heriot-Watt University/Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh. In 1982 he received a Diploma (Scientific Principles of Conservation) from ICCROM in Italy.

Prof. Stovel has written more than 800 books and articles, editorials, and reports since 1976 covering various facets of heritage conservation. His books include: "Design on Main Street", (1986), "Safeguarding Historic Urban Ensembles in a Time of Change: "A Management Guide", (1991), the Federal Heritage Building Review Office (Canada) "FHBRO Code of Practice", revised edition, (1996), "Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage", (1998-published in Spanish in 2003), and as editor, "Monitoring World Heritage" (2004 - Prof. Stovel is widely acknowledged to be one of the foremost international experts in the conservation field today. Acting as trainer, educator, facilitator, adviser, author, negotiator and conflict manager, he brings his expertise to the fields of architectural and urban conservation, cultural landscape management, and risk management and preparedness, and is credited with developing many of the key principles and doctrinal texts by which conservation is carried out in Canada and abroad.

Following six years as Director of ICCROM's Heritage Settlements Unit (1998-2004), in Rome, Italy, Professor Stovel was appointed as Coordinator, Heritage Conservation Programme, in the School of Canadian Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada on Sept. 1, 2004.

Prior to his work with ICCROM, Prof. Stovel

\* Managed the 35 historic properties owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation (1978-1984)

\* Acted as Director of Education for Heritage Canada's Main Street (commercial core revitalization) programme (1984-1986) and as Director World Heritage Papers series 10), and " Conservation of Living Religious Heritage , " papers from the ICCROM international workshop, "Living Religious Heritage: Conserving the Sacred" held by ICCROM in Rome 20-22 October 2003).

Prof. Stovel is best known for innovative initiatives in a number of particular areas within the conservation field:

\* He promoted use and development of the integrated conservation approach to management of historic cities as a base for ICCROM's ITUC programme which was the

first international embodiment of the integrated conservation concept expressed in the Declaration of Amsterdam (1975). This programme has been supported by the publication in 1991 of Mr. Stovel's "Safeguarding Historic Urban Ensembles in a Time of Change: "A Management Guide"

\* While Secretary-General of ICOMOS, in 1992, he initiated the international debates on authenticity which led to the adoption of the Nara Document, in the context of World Heritage, and a still continuing international debate on application of the concept in conservation decision-making.

\* He initiated within UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM the revival of international discussions on risk preparedness for cultural heritage, which led to the creation of the International Committee of the Blue Shield in 1996 and Mr. Stovel's book in 1998: "Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage".

\* He assisted with the introduction of the cultural landscape typology within World Heritage processes in 1992, and organised and delivered the first international training course in the field for ICCROM in 2004.

\* He initiated current efforts to give greater prominence to questions of monitoring within the management of heritage sites and properties in UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee in 1993. These efforts were capitalized on in the recent publication by UNESCO of "Monitoring World Heritage", edited by Prof. Stovel.

\* Directed the oldest and largest post-graduate conservation programme in Canada, the University of Montreal's programme in "Conservation of the Built Environment", 1990-1998.

Prof. Stovel has also worked diligently to serve the conservation community's professional organizations. He was the President of APTI (Association of Preservation Technology International, 3000 members) between 1989 and 1991, the Secretary-General of ICOMOS International (1990-1993, 8,000 members) and the President of ICOMOS Canada (1993-1997, 550 members).

## JEST FOR KIDS ( 8 to ????????)

Why did King Neptune take shellfish to the gym?  
He wanted to build his mussels.

Why did the banana go out with a prune?  
He couldn't get a date.

Why didn't the teddy bear eat dessert?  
Because he was stuffed. (Daily Groaner)

What do you get when you cross an iPod with a refrigerator?  
Very cool music (Betty Debnam)

Here is another quiz for everyone with a blue maple leaf tattooed on their heart."

1. Which popular Leaf was traded to the Colorado Rockies in 1979, in exchange for Pat Hickey and Wilf Paiment?

- Daryl Sittler
- Dave Keon
- Lanny McDonald
- Borje Salming

2. In a unique move, Toronto Hall of Famer Ace Bailey asked that his retired Leaf number 6 be taken out of retirement, so that it could be worn by which of the following Leaf stars?

- Paul Henderson
- Ian Turnbull
- Mike Walton
- Ron Ellis

2. Which Leaf was nick-named 'Shakey'?

- Daryl Sittler
- Mike Walton
- Ted Kennedy
- Forbes Kennedy

4. Who was the first Leaf to score 100 points in a season?

- Dave Keon
- Daryl Sittler
- Mats Sundin
- Paul Henderson

5. Against which team did Tim Horton play his last game?

6. Which Toronto Maple Leaf star had his career abruptly ended in 1934 by a viscous hit from behind, by Bruin Eddie Shore?

7. Which Maple Leaf defenceman incited a near riot in Boston with a thunderous check on Bobby Orr during a 1969 playoff game?

- Marcel Pronovost
- Pat Quinn
- Bobby Baun
- Tim Horton

8. Which Toronto goalie was given the nickname 'Ulcers'?

- Mike Palmateer
- Turk Broda
- Frank McCool
- Terry Sawchuck

9. Which colourful Leaf stood on the bench and conducted chanting fans with his stick during a home game in 1974?

- Tiger Williams
- Eddie Shack
- Brian Glennie
- Ron Ellis

10. What Leaf defenceman and right wing won the Calder Trophy in 1947, the same year Gordie Howe broke in with Detroit?

- Alan Stanley
- Bill Barilko
- Howie Meeker
- Red Horner

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## ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

Man: I'm new around here. Will you please direct me to the bank?

Little boy: I will, but only if you pay me ten dollars.

Man: Why should I pay you so much?

Little boy: Because bank directors are always highly paid.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

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**Here's are some of the notables who left the planet in 2006.**

**January**

Lou Rawls, 72 - Velvet-voiced singer of such hits as "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing."

Shelley Winters, 85 - Outspoken, Oscar-winning star who graduated from bombshell parts to dramas such as "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Wilson Pickett, 64 - Fiery soul music pioneer known for song "Mustang Sally."

Coretta Scott King, 78 - Civil rights leader; carried on work of her martyred husband.

**February**

Betty Friedan, 85 - Her "The Feminine Mystique" helped shatter the cosy suburban ideal in postwar America.

Freddie Laker, 83 - British entrepreneur who changed air travel with his low-cost Skytrain service.

Peter Benchley, 65 - Author of "Jaws," novel made into blockbuster movie.

Dennis Weaver, 81 - Chester on "Gunsmoke."

Don Knotts, 81 - Won five Emmys for playing bumbling deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show."

**March**

John Profumo, 91 - Former British cabinet minister at centre of huge 1963 scandal.

Maureen Stapleton, 80 - Oscar-winning actress who excelled on stage, screen, and television.

Oleg Cassini, 92 - His designs added to the glamour of U.S. President John F. Kennedy's wife Jacqueline.

Buck Owens, 76 - Flashy rhinestone cowboy who shaped country music - "Act Naturally."

**April**

Gene Pitney, 66 - Singer with a string of hits including "Town Without Pity."

June Pointer, 52 - Youngest of hitmaking Pointer Sisters - "I'm So Excited."

John Kenneth Galbraith, 97 - Canadian-born economist whose influence stretched from White House to Main Street.

Jane Jacobs, 89 - Author and urban activist known for her book "The Death and Life of Great American Cities."

**May**

Floyd Patterson, 71 - Boxing great; regained heavyweight title in 1960 in rematch.

**June**

Billy Preston, 59 - Singer-keyboardist - "Nothing From Nothing"; played with the Beatles.

Kenneth Thomson, 82 - Canada's richest person.

Aaron Spelling, 83 - TV impresario whose shows "Beverly Hills 90210" were wildly popular.

**July**

June Allyson, 88 - Hollywood movies' "perfect wife."

Red Buttons, 87 - Actor-comedian; won Oscar with a dramatic turn in "Sayonara."

Mickey Spillane, 88 - Macho mystery writer who wowed millions of readers.

**August**

Mike Douglas, 81 - Affable TV talk show host and singer.

Naguib Mahfouz, 94 - First Arab writer to win Nobel in literature.

Glenn Ford, 90 - Actor who played strong, thoughtful men in such flicks as "The Blackboard Jungle." (CANADIAN)

**September**

Steve Irwin, 44 - Television's irrepressible "Crocodile Hunter."

Byron Nelson, 94 - Golfer; his 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports' most enduring records.

**October**

Jane Wyatt, 96 - One of TV's favourite moms on "Father Knows Best."

P.W. Botha, 90 - Apartheid-era South African president.

**November**

Ed Bradley, 65 - TV journalist who created a powerful body of work on "60 Minutes."

Jack Palance, 87 - Hollywood heavy ("Shane") who turned to comedy, winning Oscar for "City Slickers."

Milton Friedman, 94 - Nobel-winning economist; advocated an unfettered free market.

Anita O'Day, 87 - One of most respected 1940s jazz vocalists.

**December**

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, 80 - U.S. ambassador to United Nations during Reagan administration. Dec. 7.

Georgia Gibbs, 87 - Hitmaking 1950s singer - "Kiss of Fire," "Dance With Me, Henry."

Augusto Pinochet, 91 - Chilean leader who terrorized opponents; took power in bloody coup.

Peter Boyle, 71 - The curmudgeonly father on "Everybody Loves Raymond."

James Brown, 73 - The pompadoured dynamo of music for a half-century; classic singles included "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and "I Got You (I Feel Good)."

Gerald Ford, 93 - The 38th U.S. president, a former Michigan congressman who did much to restore national confidence after Richard Nixon resigned in disgrace in 1974.

Saddam Hussein, 69 - The former president of Iraq was hanged after being tried and convicted for his role in the killings of 148 Shiite Muslims from Dujail.

**ANSWERS: TORONTO MAPLE LEAF QUIZ**

1. The correct answer: **Lanny McDonald**. The move prompted a flood of protests from irate season ticket holders.

2. The correct answer: **Ron Ellis**. Bailey was a Gardens employee at the time and had been suitably impressed by Ellis that he offered him jersey number six prior to the 1968-69 season.

3. The correct answer: **Mike Walton**. Walton was known for erratic behavior and tantrums. He played for the Leafs from 1965 to 1971 (except for one season with the Rochester Americans in the AHL).

4. The correct answer: **Daryl Sittler**. In 1976 Sittler recorded an NHL record 10 point game enroute to a 41 goal 59 assist 100 point season.

5. The correct answer: **Toronto**. Horton (as a member of the Buffalo Sabres) played his last game at Maple Gardens on February 21st, 1974 then died that evening in a car crash. He was first star of that last game, and was posthumously elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1977.

6. The correct answer: **Ace Bailey**. An all-star benefit (in which Shore played) raised money for Bailey who never played again ... it was the first NHL All-Star game.

7. The correct answer: **Pat Quinn**. Bruin fans pelted Quinn with bottles and attacked the Leafs bench after the controversial hit knocked the Bruin superstar out of the game.

8. The correct answer: **Frank McCool**. McCool won the 1945 Calder trophy then backstopped the Leafs to a Cup victory, setting a record for consecutive minutes of shutout hockey in the playoffs.

9. The correct answer: **Eddie Shack**. Shack led the chorus of 'We want Shack' from the bench finally prompting coach Red Kelly to put him in for a typically high energy shift.

10. The correct answer: **Howie Meeker**. Howie scored 27 goals as a rookie defenceman.

**Sharing a profound moment...**

If you had read the front page story of the SF Chronicle on Thursday, Dec 14, 2005, you would have read about a female humpback whale which had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body-her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farralone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her-a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed them gently around-she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never ever be the same.

The person who started sending this news item around attached the following little homily to it as well. It seems appropriate, in view of the story above, and how meaningful it was to those involved, to leave it attached...

May you, and all those you love, be blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

I pass this on to you, my friend, in the same spirit.

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**Know someone turning 60 this year? A relative or a friend? Save these events for the party and have fun sharing this information. (last month's issue was for people turning 70 this year)**

**EVENTS OF 1947**

**Canadian Events**

- \* Canadian Citizenship Act 1946 comes into effect
- \* The cabinet order deporting Japanese-Canadians to Japan is repealed after widespread protests
- \* Oil is discovered near Leduc, Alberta
- \* The Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 is repealed
- \* The laws limiting Asian immigration to Canada are repealed, Canadians of Asian descent are allowed to vote in federal elections
- \* Two new nuclear reactors go online at the Chalk River research facility

**Canadian Births**

- Steve McCaffery, poet
- Abigail Hoffman, athlete
- Alan Thicke, musician and actor
- Judith Marcuse, dancer
- Doug Henning, magician
- Lynn Johnston, cartoonist
- Vanessa Harwood, ballet dancer
- John Ralston Saul, writer
- Rosella Bjornson, first female pilot for a commercial airline in North America
- Ken Dryden, hockey goalie and politician
- Mickey Redmond, hockey player and commentator
- Burton Cummings, musician

**WORLD EVENTS**

**January**

- \* Nigeria gains autonomy.
- \* U.S. Congress first televised.
- \* British mines nationalized

**February**

- \* In Snag, Yukon Territory, -63 degrees Celsius, lowest recorded temperature in North America.
- \* Percival Prattis becomes the first black news correspondent allowed in the United States House of Representatives and Senate press gallery.
- \* Paris peace treaties signed between the World War II Allies and Italy, Hungary, Romania Bulgaria and Finland: Italy cedes most of Istria to Yugoslavia
- \* A meteor creates a crater in Sikhote-Alin, Soviet Union
- \* Propaganda: The Voice of America begins to transmit radio broadcasts into the Soviet Union.
- \* In New York City, Edwin Land demonstrates the first "instant camera", the Polaroid Land Camera, to a meeting of the Optical Society of America.
- \* International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is founded.
- \* State of Prussia ceases to exist

**March**

- \* The International Monetary Fund begins to operate.
- \* The Truman Doctrine is proclaimed to help stem the spread of Communism.

**April**

- \* King George II of Greece dies of a heart attack, succeeded by his brother King Paul I.
- \* Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American to be on a professional baseball diamond.
- \* The Texas City Disaster - Ammonium nitrate cargo of SS Grandcamp explodes in Texas City, Texas - 552 dead, 3000 injured, 200 lost, 20 city blocks destroyed

**May**

- \* Cold War: In an effort to fight the spread of Communism, President Harry S. Truman signs an act implementing the Truman Doctrine. The act granted \$400 million in military and economic aid to Turkey and Greece.

**June**

- \* Saab produces its first automobile.
- \* Bugsy Siegel found shot in the Beverly Hills mansion of Virginia Hill

**July**

- \* The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), created
- \* Princess Elizabeth announces engagement to Philip Mountbatten
- \* Exodus (ship) departs France to Palestine with 4500 Jewish Holocaust survivor refugees
- \* Following wide media and UNSCOP coverage,

Exodus (ship) is captured by British troops and refused entry to Palestine in the port of Haifa

- \* President Harry S. Truman signs the Presidential Succession Act into law which places the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore next in the line of succession after the United States Vice President.
- \* 100 year anniversary of Brigham Young leading 148 Mormon pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley, resulting in the establishment of Salt Lake City.
- \* Cold War: U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Act into United States law creating the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council.
- \* After being shut off on November 9, 1946 for a refurbishment, ENIAC, one of the world's first digital computers, is turned on after a memory upgrade. It will remain in continuous operation until October 2, 1955.

**August**

- \* Thor Heyerdahl's balsa wood raft the Kon-Tiki, smashes into the reef at Raroia in the Tuamotu Islands after a 101 day, 4,300 mile journey across the Pacific Ocean proving that pre-historic peoples could have traveled from South America.
- \* Pakistan gains independence from the British Empire under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. While the transition is officially at midnight on this day, Pakistan celebrates its independence on August 14 compared to India on the 15th. Muhammad Ali Jinnah became the first Governor General of Pakistan.
- \* Following decades of nonviolent resistance and periodic civil unrest from 1919, India gains independence from the British Empire. Pakistan splits from India. Jawaharlal Nehru takes office as first Prime Minister of India.
- \* Communists take power in Hungary.

**September**

- \* "First actual case of (a computer) bug being found" - a moth lodged in a relay of a Mark II computer at Harvard.
- \* Nehru suggests transfer of 4 million Hindus and Muslims between India and Pakistan.
- \* The United States Army Air Forces, along with some components of the United States Navy's air arm, becomes the United States Air Force.

**October**

- \* American test pilot, Captain Chuck Yeager flies a Bell X-1 faster than the speed of sound, the first man to do so in level flight.
- \* The Indo-Pakistani War of 1947 begins
- \* The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which is the foundation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is founded.

**November**

- \* In California, Designer Howard Hughes performs the maiden flight of the Spruce Goose; the largest fixed-wing aircraft ever built (flight lasted only eight minutes).
- \* 15,000 demonstrate in Brussels against the relatively short sentences of Nazis.
- \* British begin to withdraw their troops from Palestine.
- \* The Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King George VI marries the Duke of Edinburgh at Westminster Abbey, London.
- \* Red Scare: The United States House of Representatives votes 346 to 17 to approve citations of contempt of U.S. Congress against the so-called Hollywood 10 after the 10 had refused to co-operate with the House Un-American Activities Committee concerning allegations of Communist influence in the movie industry, (the 10 were blacklisted by Hollywood movie studios the next day).
- \* New Zealand ratifies the Statute of Westminster and thus becomes independent of legislative control by the United Kingdom.
- \* The United Nations General Assembly votes to partition Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

**December**

- \* The first practical Transistor is demonstrated.

**Month Unknown**

- \* The House Un-American Activities Committee begin investigations of communism in Hollywood.
- \* Cambridge University begins to admit women as full students.
- \* Mikhail Kalashnikov designs AK-47 assault rifle.
- \* Walter Frederick Morrison invents the Frisbee.
- \* Raytheon produces first commercial microwave oven.
- \* In a cave in and around the Wadi Qumran (near the ruins of the ancient settlement of Khirbet Qumran, on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea), several tall pottery jars containing leather scrolls are discovered, which later became known as the Dead Sea scrolls.

**COULD SAVE OVER \$1 MILLION (continued from Page 1)**

The other slant in the developer's PR is that this would get the community off the hook and that we would no longer have to raise money by passing the torch to the City. Well...it doesn't work that way. **If the developer insisted on fighting the City, regulations and the people, we would still raise the \$250,000 or so we think is needed to fight the developer's deep pockets and be there supporting the City.** Nothing would change. The citizens of our City have made it clear the tower proposal is wrong and we are out there continuing to raise money right now. **We will not let the developer win and change the City's beach town and heritage village forever just because they have money.**

A final critical point. **The community volunteers at PROUD Port Dalhousie have always been reasonable and have on a number of occasions asked the developer to negotiate and change their proposal to one that meets the regulations and the citizens' concerns -yet still allows a fair return on their investment.** The developers have always refused to make changes and, after dropping the first tower came back with the exact same proposal in terms of components, number of condos, lack of parking, etc. Despite this, we have offered yet again (as reported in the Standard) to negotiate immediately and support Mayor McMullan's laudable initiative for a negotiated settlement. At the time we went to press, the developer had not yet agreed to negotiate right away. So far, they only want to delay things by saying to they will negotiate via the OMB in the future. **If they are serious about negotiating, we sincerely hope they will negotiate NOW and this will be in progress by the time you read this. If they reject the Mayor's initiative, we will continue to strongly pursue every avenue available within the law to stop this unpopular tower proposal. The people -not the developer's deep pockets- will prevail.**

**OTHER NOTABLE BIRTHS**

- \* Nolan Ryan, baseball player
- \* Rob Reiner, American actor, comedian, and producer
- \* Billy Crystal, American actor and comedian
- \* Glenn Close, American actress
- \* Elton John, English singer, pianist, and songwriter
- \* John Ratzenberger, American actor
- \* Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, American basketball player
- \* Pete Maravich, American basketball player (d. 1988)
- \* Mitch Mitchell, American drummer (Jimi Hendrix Experience)
- \* O.J. Simpson, American football player and actor
- \* Arlo Guthrie, American singer
- \* Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall
- \* Carlos Santana, Mexican-born guitarist
- \* Arnold Schwarzenegger, Austrian-born actor, bodybuilder, and Governor of California
- \* Kevin Kline, American actor
- \* Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States and Senator from New York
- \* Richard Dreyfuss, American actor
- \* Carlton Fisk, baseball player
- \* Ted Danson, American actor
- \* Tim Matheson, American actor



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