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September 23/24, 2006



TO OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Let's give our usual 40 Homewood warm welcome to our new Superintendent, **Eugene Alvarado** and his family. **WELCOME EUGENE**



What are you Drinking?

By Jean Walker

How safe do you feel about drinking water?

Things you can do:

1. Drink water from our taps straight up.
2. Boil water first
3. Invest in filtered water
4. Buy bottled water

Problems with three of these methods according to the City of Toronto Water Works.

1. City of Toronto tap water comes thoroughly filtered, decontaminated, carefully and constantly tested at all stages of processing and is as pure as water can be.
2. Boiled water comes out "flat"-tasting, takes extra effort on our part and is no purer than tap water.
3. Filtered water also removes essential calcium, can add sediment from the filters, can be contaminated from the filters and is expensive.
4. Bottled water – Is it pure water? Where does it come from? There is no regulation in the bottling process and can be contaminated. Also the plastic bottles can leak toxins into the water.

It costs about \$1.00 a bottle. For \$1.00 of bottled water, you can get 1,000 liters of tap water for 86¢.

So why not get safe Toronto water from our taps? It is effortless, free of impurities and very inexpensive. Here's to **H²O To Go!!**


Getting To Know You



*Yuka Hinohara Tang,,
Jayden Issa Hak Tang
and Kevin Tang*

Six years older than Oscar, Kevin remembers the stories of his parents, born in Canton and Hong Kong, meeting in Germany as young people, courting, marrying and eventually moving to London and then Canada. Both are gone now, Mr. Tang struck by a heart attack one week after Jayden was born.

Kevin attended Trent University and worked in administration at Yuk Yuk's for four years, bitten at first by comedy and show business. This September, he will finish an accounting degree at George Brown, but aside from his family, his loves are two: music and hockey. Kevin teaches guitar and plays with Oscar in a band. He also has a lively career renting himself out as a goalie for various hockey teams. In the winter, he plays 10-20 games a week.

He met Yuka in a marketing class, when she had finished the homework he had not. Born in Tokyo, Yuka studied English and worked in a bank for seven years before coming to Foxwarren, Manitoba on an exchange. She made friends, taught school and braved the winter; she also traveled across Canada and back on Greyhound. After a brief return to Japan, she came to Toronto to study at Toronto School of Business.

She finds Homewood a friendly place, but misses her family. At home now with one-year old Jayden, she looks forward to her mother's visit soon.


Getting To Know You



*Oscar Tang and
Kendra Kwiatkowski*

Like his brother, Oscar was born at the Wellesley Hospital and pretty much grew up at 40 Homewood. There was a move away with his folks when he was 16, but living near Lawrence and Yonge—an “uppity” neighbourhood with no sidewalks and little to do—didn't suit the city boy he had become.

After high school, Oscar did odd jobs and then worked for four years in marketing research, before going to Seneca College and qualifying to become a law clerk. But this is fall-back position, because music is really what he wants to do.

Kendra was also doing market research to earn her way through Ryerson's Image Arts program. She had discovered film in high school in Guelph, where she was born, and produced the grad video for her class, starting what has become a tradition there now.

It was their mutual love of music—jazz, blues, and British rock—that cemented their relationship. She says he can play any instrument he picks up. He says she has a fabulous singing voice. Both write their own songs, and Oscar is a serious guitar player. Playing in two bands, he is ready to cut a demo CD and test the waters as a solo singer of his own work.

They like to take walks, watch movies and eat out when they can. Oscar's three cats share their home.



Movies with Don

Special Showing

Don began showing movies for your enjoyment in the recreation room 10 years ago. To commemorate his 10th year anniversary, he is presenting a special show just for you.

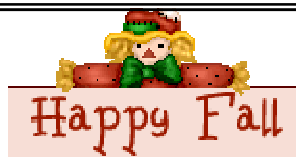
On **Saturday, September 9th** and **Sunday, September 10th** (both evenings at 7:30 pm), he will be showing "The Jolson Story" and "Jolson Sings Again". This is one weekend not to be missed.

Barbecue



Our Barbecue, which was attended by about 60 people, was a big success again this year. Enormous credit for it goes to **Arthur Martin** for all his hard work and planning. Without Arthur, all these events would not take place. Arthur's team of

volunteers included Denise Redwood, Dara Douma, Candice Green, Martha MacLachlan, Larry Wert, John Serena, Russ Baxter, David Thornton, and Joel Dick. Also, thanks to all the attendees who helped with the cleanup at the end



BRAIN TEASERS

Can you answer the following?

1. What happened in 1961 and will not happen again until 6009?	2. How could all of your cousins have an aunt who is not your aunt
3. Eskimos are very good hunters, but they never hunt penguins. Why not?	4. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

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ARTS & CRAFT AND PHOTOGRAPH SALE

If anyone would be interested in participating in an art, craft or photograph sale at the end of November, please contact Margaret Osmond, at 416-964-6622.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To everyone who has a birthday this month.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party July 20th, 2006

By Joseph D. Hagger



What an incredible journey! As I stood in front of the Grand Entrance to Buckingham Palace with my radiant 80 year old mother on my arm, I had to think to myself what an honour this is. With my step-father and

partner joining my mother and I, our invitations from the Lord Chamberlain's Office, personal entry cards and photo i.d. in hand, we formed queues with the other approximately 8,000 invited guests in the Quadrangle to enter the Gardens. Cameras are not allowed as photography is not permitted in the Palace or the Gardens.

From the Quadrangle, we pass through two ground floor rooms of the Palace. The art work, tapestries and furnishings leave you in awe. As you enter on to the Terrace and down the steps into the Gardens, you are immediately taken by the 40 acre spectacle which lays before you, including a lake and island in the middle of it all. Flower gardens, decorative flowering trees and shrubs stand out against the crisp whiteness of the main, diplomatic and Royal tea tents. The dress of the day for the ladies is day dress with a hat and for the gentleman, morning, lounge suits or business attire. We were all dressed in our finest. Seating was obviously limited for such a crowd but we were able to secure two seats in the shade for my mother and her husband to the left of the Royal tent and in good view of all the Members of the Royal Family in attendance. This was a plus indeed as London was experiencing a heat wave as the temperatures soared in the upper 30's.

Two military bands play music alternately throughout the afternoon. We were served lemonade, and invited to join the 35 queues forming in front of the Main tea tent to enjoy the magnificent display of finger sandwiches (i.e. cucumber and watercress, cheddar cheese and

tomato, egg salad, and smoked salmon), cakes and biscuits being provided with tea, cold coffee latte and/or apple and pear juice, and ice cream from the Queen's own dairy farm. We were all very impressed with the organization, efficiency and attention to detail. Not an easy task for 8,000 guests. Yeoman of the Guard, in their bright red uniforms, position themselves amongst the crowds. At exactly 4:00 p.m. the National Anthem announces the arrival of Her Majesty on the Terrace Steps. She is radiant in yellow, and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Anne the Princess Royal, Prince Edward and Sophie, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, Prince Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra. Gentlemen at Arms then form lanes for the Queen and Members of the Royal Family to move and mingle through the guests as they make their way to the Royal tea tent where the Queen will meet with various dignitaries and ambassadors from various Commonwealth countries. We recognize Margaret Thatcher and Dame Vera Lynn as guests in the Royal Tent and in our full view.

At 6:00 p.m. the Queen and Members of the Royal Family return to the State Apartments. Unfortunately, the Queen did not pass near enough to us to speak as she arrived or departed but just the honour of being in her presence and invited guests to the Palace will suffice for this once in a life time event.

Now you may ask how we came to be so honoured as to be invited in the first place. I believe the credit must go to my mother Florence Hagger, of Sudbury, Ontario, who was born exactly the same day as Her Majesty on April 21st, 1926. They shared their 80th birthday, and without this coincidence it could never have happened. I personally wrote to the Queen at Christmas time asking if her Majesty would send my mother birthday greetings as they share the occasion. The Queen's Lady-in-waiting replied stating that this is not the normal procedure as the Queen only acknowledges 100th birthdays and 60th anniversaries, however there could be exceptions this year for persons sharing the birthday of Her Majesty. Lo and behold my mother received the most beautiful card from, and signed by, the Queen on the day before their official 80th birthday, and which arrived by registered mail from Buckingham Palace.

At the end of January I also wrote to Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General. At that time I made the same request and asked if it would be possible in view of the shared birthday, if we could possibly receive an invitation to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in London. I did not

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receive a reply but rather a telephone call from an assistant to Her Excellency and was told to apply through The Canadian High Commission in London and was referred to the Social Secretary there. I e-mailed her immediately and she provided me with the necessary applications. After approximately 2 weeks our applications and security checks were approved and our journey began, and what proved to be a truly memorable experience, not just for my 80 year old mother and her husband, but us as well.



For those of you who are new to the building or might not be aware, we have a beautiful rose garden at the rear of the building in the southeast corner of the property.

A great place to sit and read or relax and "smell the roses".



Down Memory Lane

By Violet

The Trip to Niagara Falls

About the mid eighties, one of my friends I knew in England but who had emigrated to Melbourne, Australia called me from Los Angeles. She was visiting her daughter, son-in-law and her first grandchild. She said her son-in-law had a weekend ticket for her to visit me in Toronto.

We were both very excited about this and quickly agreed to times of planes and the day of arrival.

The intervening few days soon passed and we were together here in my apartment. She had only two full days to stay. I asked what was the main thing she wanted to do. The answer came very quickly – A trip to Niagara Falls and the other day to spend with you.

I had given up my car and we went by bus to the Falls. It was a beautiful day...in my mind, perfect for what we were doing.

It was lunch time when we arrived at the part where the boat, "The Maid of the Mist" left and returned from sailing quite near to the rapids. I suggested that we should cross the road to the Holiday Inn and have some lunch, then we would have all afternoon viewing the magnificent scene.

We left the Holiday Inn after a pleasant lunch, the sun was still shining as we crossed over to the water side. And began to look at the souvenir stalls, as one usually does, then decided to walk alongside the water side to the main scene.

Suddenly, without warning, thunder was heard and the rain began to come down very heavily.

In no time at all, we were almost soaked to the skin. The sky was looking very ominous, as if it would continue stormy for some time. My friend said "We cannot walk about in this and in our wet clothes and I don't think the hotel would like us to sit in their lobby." She had traveled many miles to see the Falls, only to be disappointed at the last minute. Feeling very downcast, we were lucky enough to get a taxi to take us back to the bus station. Fortunately, in the summer season, there is very frequent service.

For a time we were feeling very put out, but she said "The weather is out of our control and I am just unlucky".

We arrived back at my apartment. Now it was close to 6 pm. I said "Let's get showered and changed and I will take you to a tourist place for supper".

So our trip to Niagara Falls turned out to be a meal in the original Ed's Warehouse restaurant, decorated with tiffany lamps and pictures or photos of glamorous stars. My young friend began to see the funny side of the whole story.

Whenever we talk on the phone, we often mention our Day Trip to Niagara Falls.

All this came back to my memory when she called to wish me a Happy Birthday during the first week of August.



Bicycle Storage

There are nearly 20 people on the waiting list to get a spot in the bicycle rooms for their bikes. There appears to be a few spots that have not had bicycles in them for quite some time. If you are holding on to a spot but are willing to relinquish it, please let the Management Office know.



Laundry Etiquette

Please make sure you don't leave anything in the washers or dryers for a long time. It is not fair to other residents who are waiting to use them.

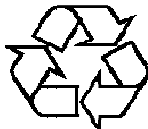
The laundry room gets pretty busy sometimes and people are often waiting for dryers. You risk having your washing removed by someone else and placed on top of the washer

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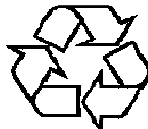
The washers are breaking down so much because residents are overloading them. It causes the washers to jam and go out of alignment. Please use more than one washer if you have a large load. Also for extra large loads, there is the big washer which takes cash.



Reduce



Reuse



Recycle



Undue noise seems to be the problem that residents complain about the most. It is almost impossible to know

where the noise is coming from. If it sounds like it is coming from the unit above you—that is not necessarily the case. It could be one floor up or down and three units over for example. Residents have had nasty notes taped to their door and they weren't even home at the time the noise occurred. As this is a condo building, we all have to endure unwanted noise from time to time. People have to do renovations, put up pictures, install carpet, etc. As long as it is not done after 11:pm weekdays, Sunday or Holidays, there shouldn't be any complaints.

It might sometimes be necessary for residents who are doing extensive remodeling to hammer or drill for a long period of time. Keep in mind this is only temporary. The renovations will be done eventually.

As well, please keep in mind that the above noted times also apply to TV's and stereos. It is not necessary to play them so loud that your neighbours can hear them.

With everyone's cooperation, the need for so many complaints might no longer be an issue.

This month's answers to the Brain Teasers

1. The key could be read backwards
2. She is your mother
3. Eskimos live at the north pole
4. Mt. Everest was always the highest

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