

# Midtown News

## OPINION

### Timing is the key to chances for success

By Davide Gargaro

Many of my friends tell me that I know quite a bit about everything, while most of my elders lecture that I still have a lot to learn.

However, I have come to the conclusion that at least one tired proverb is true: timing is everything.

Every day, we fall prey to the consequences of good and bad timing. Running into that friend that you have not seen in ages on the subway.

How did I come to the conclusion that timing is everything? I happen to be living this proverb. I am

experiencing a predicament, as are many people out there, which proves that poor timing is hazardous to one's future.

Over four years ago, I was sitting in my Grade 13 homeroom, thinking about my future. As I had no ideas at the time, I was glad to hear my teacher talk about a scholastic option: actuarial science. I had never heard of it, so I became interested. In a nutshell, it involved aptitude in mathematics and statistics, and I had it. I became hooked when he mentioned that it promised great career opportunities in the insurance field and a

handsome starting salary...at the time.

After four years of sweating through a multitude of exams and countless hours of seemingly pointless studying, I am prepared to graduate into an uncertain future. Unfortunately, like many people out there, I have nothing waiting for me, due to the recession, a shrinking job market, and an increase in competition in the field.

For those people who argue that hard work always pays off, I would like to introduce them to some highly educated people in the unemployment lines. It's not from the lack of

trying and applying to a multitude of probable employers; it is simply a matter of bad timing.

Some doubters of my theory may attribute my misfortune to bad luck, not poor timing. How about two examples of good timing? A friend of mine graduated last year, at the peak of the market, and he has a great job in a consulting firm. A girl I know happened to walk into an insurance company with her resume just as one of their employees was on her way out to go on maternity leave. Next thing you know, she has a job for the summer. If that is not good timing, then I don't know what is.

What have I learned from my experiences with bad timing? I know that I should have been born a couple of years earlier, or a few years later. I'm also buying a new watch, and I'm setting it a few minutes ahead. Either my timing is off, or the rest of the world needs to be adjusted.

## Conscientious cabbies honored

By Rita Smith

"I don't understand why everyone's making such a big deal of it; I wasn't the only person helping." Co-op taxi driver Piruz Gharib says of

scene of a four-car accident on Lakeshore Blvd. last September. Gharib and two other bystanders pulled the driver from behind the wheel of a flaming Corvette. The car then burned so completely that

an excellent position to observe, report and sometimes assist at the scene of events which require immediate response from ambulance, fire or police department.