



WALK THIS WAY: Mark Hirst, 18, (left) wasn't going to let a cast and some shin splints stop him from taking part in the Georgetown/Acton Walk for ALS Saturday. More than 800 participants raised \$170,000 bringing the five-year total to \$910,000. To donate visit www.walkforals.ca until December 31. For a photo gallery visit www.theifp.ca and click on 'Photos'.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom

Police blotter: Theft charge laid

A Guelph man was charged after an area resident witnessed someone enter a neighbour's vehicle about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Police say two people were seen conducting door-to-door sales on Treanor Cr. when one of them entered a construction truck parked in a resident's driveway. Police were called, responded and a short time later arrested a man without incident. They recovered items that had been taken from the truck.

Charged with theft under \$5,000 is Joseph Stafford, 31. He was held for a bail hearing.

Police responded to an address on Maria St. in Acton about 7 p.m. Saturday for a report from a citizen about an intoxicated person who was going to drive.

Police arrived and found a man in the driver's seat of a vehicle preparing to drive.

Charged with care and control of a motor vehicle with 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood is Brian Many, 24, of Acton.

Eight sets of tires and rims valued at \$5,600 were stolen from vehicles at Georgetown Volkswagen on Guelph St. sometime late Monday or early Tuesday.

Advertorial

I Might Need a Hearing Device – How Do I Know For Sure?



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Hearing instruments are not for me. Not yet, anyway.

People who believe they have only slightly impaired hearing often make the mistake of thinking that they don't have much to gain from a hearing instrument. It's a shame, because they waste years of their lives coping and adapting, and missing out on the joy of being more fully engaged with family, friends and colleagues.

Today, nearly half of people over the age of 50 have difficulty understanding what people say when it is noisy.

There may already be signs that your hearing has deteriorated significantly. **Here are some indications of hearing loss** – the presence of even one sign could mean that you would benefit from hearing devices:

- Do people seem to be mumbling?
- Do you have to strain to hear when someone talks or whispers?
- Do you have difficulties hearing someone call you from behind or from another room?

- Do you have to turn up the volume on the TV or radio?
- Do you find it hard to hear clearly on the telephone?
- Do you find it hard to hear in noisy environments like in the street or in a car?
- Do you tend to limit your social activities because it's difficult to hear and communicate?
- Do family, friends, or colleagues mention that they often have to repeat themselves?

So, what is the risk in waiting to have your hearing checked? Your hearing loss will likely worsen and you'll retreat from the activities you love. The consequences can be devastating, but the solution is remarkably simple. Come to Hearing Sciences for a hearing evaluation, and try Oticon Alta risk free. The only way to understand what you're missing is to try these state-of-the-art hearing instruments in your own home, your own office and your own daily life.

Please look for the third installment of **Hearing Corner** on August 8th. We will discuss when you should seek help. Is there a risk to waiting to have your hearing tested?



HEARING CORNER

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