

Dear Neighbours

For **MOTHERS DAY** we'd like to share an excerpt from THE CURE FOR DEATH BY LIGHTNING by Gail Anderson-Dargatz wherein the protagonist speaks of her mother's baking:

"Add essence" By this she meant "add almond extract," but when she made oatcakes she did add essence, her own essence. When I made oatcakes, they didn't taste anything like my mother's, though I followed my mother's recipe to the letter. They tasted good enough, but they tasted of my essence, not my mother's. There are no two cooks that can make the same dish; you'll find that essence in one and not the other. Or the essence in each is just different. I don't know. But you'll know the essence of a good cook when you find it in a dish. You'll just know. It was there in my mother's cooking. My father knew it. He'd eat the oatcakes my mother made, but not the oatcakes I made.

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TEENS ACCUSED OF INJURING PEDESTRIANS WITH PAINT BALLS

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Two teens have been charged after police responded to a call of paint balls being shot at pedestrians in Acton.

Police were called to the area of Queen Street East and Tanners Drive in Acton on Saturday (April 23) at about 9:30 p.m. after reports that the occupants of a vehicle were shooting paint balls at pedestrians. The vehicle had left the area but returned a short time later and again began targeting people on foot, police said.

Two people were struck by paint balls, causing injuries.

Police were able to locate a vehicle and

arrested two suspects. Two paintball guns, numerous paintballs and other paintball gun equipment were seized by police.

A 15-year-old male from Georgetown and a 16-year-old male from Halton Hills were charged with assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose. Both were released on undertaking.

The charges have not been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the 1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4777. Tips can be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or through the web at www.halton-crimestoppers.ca.

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