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## Waterproof those Blue Butts

It's time to hook up to the boat trailer again and head out on holidays. You find yourself packed up and ready to roll. The boat trailer lights have to work this year after the painstaking repairs you performed last year. Wrong!

After careful examination you find, yet again, corrosion has destroyed the connection in the brand new blue butt connectors that you used during your repair last year.

Try using heat shrinkage tubing. Just make your wiring connection, slide the shrink tube over top of it and heat the tubing evenly with a lighter. As the tuning heats, it starts to collapse and the glue on the inside of the tube begins to melt. You are done when you see the glue start to be squeezed out of both ends of the connector.

Not only does this create a very strong connection that won't pull apart, it is also completely water tight. It's fast and permanent!

Remember that the white wire in the connector is the ground for all the lights. Using the hitch and ball as a ground causes electrical pitting on the ball, making it rust faster.

## POLICE BEAT

A fire in a 1985 Chevrolet Impala, parked in the IGA parking lot Friday afternoon, was out before Acton firefighters got to the scene. The cause of the smokey fire is undermined and no damage estimate was provided.

### Medical assist

Acton firefighters helped ambulance crews prepare to transfer an Erin Township man who was dragged under a pickup truck in Ballinafad at 6:45 Friday night. Giancarlo Scappin, 20, had reached into the back of his friend's truck when he got caught, was run over and dragged by a trailer being pulled by the truck.



Penpals Sherrill Macpherson and Marion Miller.

## 42-year penpals meet in Chicago

By ANGELA TYLER  
The New Tanner

It's hard to imagine knowing someone and never speaking to them, only corresponding by letter. Especially with the technology available now.

Forty-two years ago, Sherrill Macpherson (nee Murray) was attending Robert Little Public School when her Grade 6 teacher, Mrs. Williamson decided on a new class project - writing to another student in a different part of the world.

Macpherson looked at the list of students and a name stuck out, Marion Miller (now Marion North) from Australia. "I just saw her name" said Macpherson, "I thought it would be interesting (writing to her)."

A few weeks ago, Sherrill and her husband Bruce drove to Chicago and finally met the Norths. A little nervous at first, Sherrill and Marion still found endless things to talk about.

"My mom was really excited about finally meeting her," noted Macpherson's daughter Paula Raine. "They had two days together and when they were leaving, her

(North's) husband said it was like they've known each other all their lives," Raine said.

After the original letter, Macpherson and North wrote to each other often, sometimes as often as monthly. "Back then the mail took longer. Sometimes it took 6 weeks to receive a letter," Macpherson noted.

"Now we don't write as often, but we still keep in touch," said Macpherson.

The two women took similar turns in their lives. They were both married the same year. North celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary in March; Macpherson celebrates hers this August. "I still have the wedding present she sent me, a beet root server," said Macpherson.

Last year, for the first time, the two women finally heard each other's voices. North called Macpherson telling her of her daughter's upcoming wedding in Chicago and told her that she would be visiting San Francisco, then Florida, before heading north.

Even though the women have now met each other in person and talked to one another, they are still pen pals, choosing the old fashioned way of communicating.

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If you suspect that someone is driving impaired, call the Halton Regional Police at 878-5511, and provide the following information.

1. You are following or have seen in impaired driver.
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4. Direction of travel.
5. A description of the driver if possible.

If you see an impaired driver be very cautious; remember, your safety is our concern. Obey all traffic controls, do not exceed the speed limit, obey all the rules of the road, and keep your distance from the suspect vehicle.

With your help the police can be more effective in reducing the number of impaired drivers on our roads. Operation Lookout does work. I have seen it many times in action. Thank you for participating.

If you would like a pamphlet on Operation Lookout, please drop by the police station.

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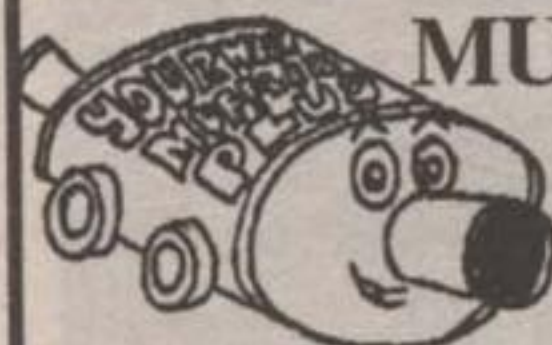
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