

ROTARY AWARD: Part of the annual Rotary Auction event was awarding the Paul Harris award. This year's Rotary member receiving the award was Peter VanDam. Rotary President Brian Robertson presented the award to VanDam. More photos on the auction next week. - Ted Tyler photo

You could be held liable for your party

You want your party to be a good time - an opportunity for you and your guests to unwind. However, when alcohol is involved, things can get out of hand. The risks of death and injury rise sharply with your guests' level of intoxication. Did you know that alcohol is involved in about 42% of fatal traffic collisions and that alcohol-related collisions are the leading killer of Canadians under 40 years of age.

The risks are not limited to driving. A large percentage of pedestrian, fire, drowning, boating and snowmobile deaths involve alcohol. In fact, alcohol-related falls put more people in the hospital, for more days, than impaired driving.

You can be held liable for these deaths and injuries on two separate bases. First, you can be sued as a provider for serving alcohol to intoxicated guests who later injure themselves or others. Second, if the event is on your property or a property under your control, you may be sued as an occupier.

Provider liability does not prevent you from being a gracious host in serving alcohol. Rather, it means that you cannot continue to serve guests who are becoming, or who

are already, intoxicated.

With respect to hosting events, all occupiers are required to take reasonable steps to prevent injuries from occurring on their property. Your liability as an occupier is separate from you liability as a provider. Therefore, you can incur liability as an occupier even if you do not serve a single drop of alcohol. Simply allowing alcoholrelated events on your property gives rise to some legal responsibility.

Remember... being a good host means protecting your guests, yourself and others, as well as having a good time. The steps you take to protect your guests will reduce your likelihood of being sued. Your exposure to legal grief is largely in your hands.

POLICE BEAT

Drunk arrested

A 22-year-old Mill Street East man was charged with breach of probation after being found drunk, with a beer bottle in his pocket, outside the liquor store on Queen Street at 9:05 p.m. last Friday.

When police investigated the accused for public intoxication, they determined he was on probation with a condition that he not consume or possess alcohol. He was arrested and held for bail.

Pontiac recovered

An unlocked car stolen from a Danville Avenue address on April 10 was found by police, abandoned on Storey Drive, last Monday.

Police said the 1988 red Pontiac had not been damaged.

School vandalised

An unknown suspect threw a cement block through a rear window at the vacant Speyside School on Highway 25 at 17 Side Road, causing \$200 damage.

An alarm company found a broken classroom window at the rear of the school at 11:36 a.m. last Sunday and called police who searched the empty school, finding nothing.

Accident help

Acton firefighters helped treat a Georgetown youth who was injured when he lost control and crashed his offroad vehicle at 7:35 on Saturday night on the Third Line, south of 22 Side Road.

Firefighters helped paramedics remove the victim from the scene before transporting him to the Georgetown hospital.

False alarm

A Milton homeowner forgot to notify his alarm company before fumigating his First Line home on Friday morning, and when the smoke/fire alarm activated at





11:02 a.m., Acton firefighters raced to the scene.

False alarm

A faulty detector is blamed for a carbon monoxide call to a Ransom Street home 5:03 on Monday morning.

Gas detection equipment didn't find any sign of a CO leak.



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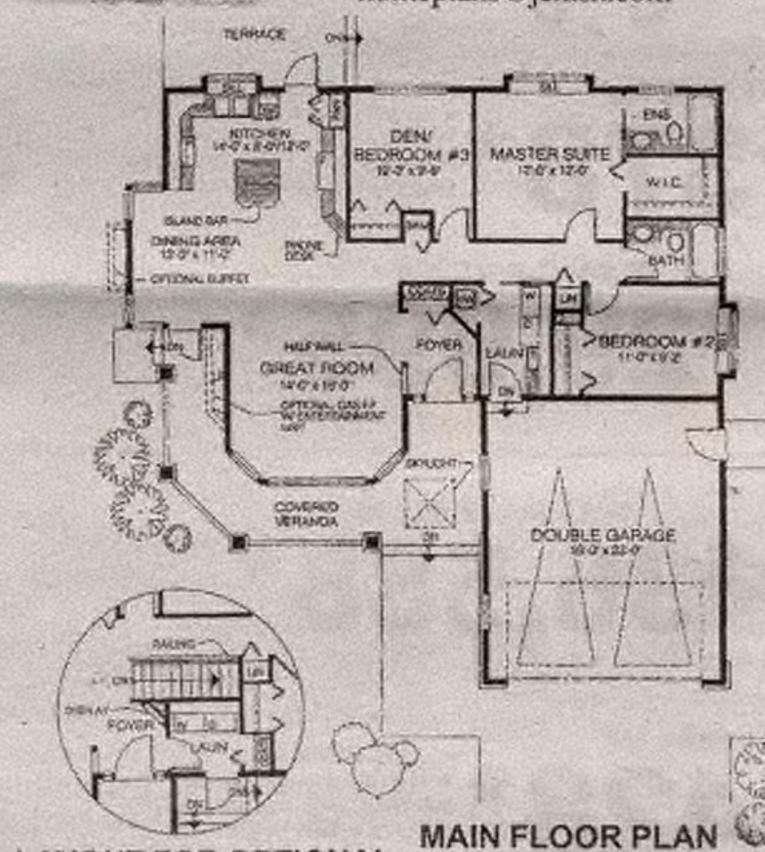
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