



HOT OFF THE PRESS: Bill Nelles makes the inaugural purchase of the new "Historic Acton 2004" calendar at IGA from assistant manager John Van Dam. This is the third consecutive year that Heritage Acton has produced the calendar. Proceeds go towards completing restoration of the Acton Town Hall. This year's calendar features many rarely-seen pictures taken a century ago by Acton pharmacist and photographer A.T. Brown. There's also a 'mystery parade' waiting for some intrepid Actonian to explain. The calendars can be purchased at the New Tanner and various businesses around town. - Ted Tyler photo

Police/Fire Report

Car recovered

Leaving the keys in a customer's car could be an expensive mistake for Mark's Auto Repair on Main Street South. Police report the Acton customer's 1992 Oldsmobile, valued at \$3,000, was stolen from the garage's lot overnight between 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and 3 a.m. on Friday, when it was recovered by police in Toronto. The stolen car had been in an accident and then abandoned, but police had no damage estimate.

Purse theft

A Mason Boulevard woman reports her purse, containing identification and \$15, was stolen from a house on Tidy

Avenue on Sunday during a party attended by approximately 25 people.

Police report the woman left her purse near the front door while at a party and when she went to retrieve it, it was not there.

Malfunctioning detector

No trace of carbon monoxide was found by Acton firefighters after they were called to a Sandlewood Drive home in Ballinafad when an alarm sounded at 2:50 a.m. on Saturday.

Firefighters moved the alarm to another area of the home where it activated again, prompting them to advise the homeowner to replace the detector.

HEP outbreak in USA has Halton officials issuing cautions

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada are monitoring an outbreak of Hepatitis A in the United States. The outbreak has been caused by eating raw or undercooked green onions shipped from Mexico. It is not believed that any of the contaminated green onions have entered Canada and there have not been any reported cases in Canada to date.

As a precaution, until further notice, however, consumers are advised to thoroughly cook green onions to minimize the risk of illness by reducing or eliminating the virus. Steaming, boiling, or sauteing the green onions for at least two minutes should be sufficient to deliver the

temperature and time of exposure needed to inactivate the virus.

The Halton Region Health Department would like to remind residents of safe food handling practices to reduce the spread of food borne illnesses, including:

- Washing all fruits and vegetables before eating
- Washing hands, utensils, knives, and cutting boards before preparing food, and after contact with raw foods.

- Cook foods to the proper temperature (for a listing of food specific temperatures, please go to www.region.halton.on.ca/health)

- Storing food safely, both before and after cooking

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that develops in people within six weeks of exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include jaundice (yellow discoloration of the skin), fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, diarrhea and fever. It can occasionally be severe, especially in people with liver problems or disease. Consumers who experience similar symptoms should consult their health care professional

For information about food safety or Hepatitis A, call the Halton Region Health Department at (905) 825-6000, Toll Free (1-800-442-5866) or check the Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca/health

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