

Acton boy found safe and sound

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The New Tanner

An eight-year-old Acton boy, who spent most of last Thursday morning playing computer games instead of going to school, tearfully apologized to Halton police officers who were searching for him.

The boy's parents reported him missing to police at 11 a.m., approximately 45 minutes after receiving an attendance check phone call from a secretary at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, where the boy is in Grade 3.

He was found at 12:30 p.m., at Think Tank Computers on Main Street South.

Halton Sergeant Gerry Kelly said there had been a discipline issue earlier in the week at school and the boy didn't want to go back, so after riding his bike around town, he went to the computer store, unaware that 29 officers, including the Tactical Rescue Unit and a mobile command unit, had been summoned to a search staging area at Acton arena.

Kelly said most of those officers arrived in Acton before the boy was found, but some were cancelled en route, when he was found, thanks to the alert wife of an Acton arena employee.

When an arena employee told his wife about the search for the missing boy, the woman recalled seeing a bi-

cycle parked behind a computer store, where police found the boy, who Kelly said was surprised that he had caused such a "big deal," which police let him see first hand.

"We had them bring the boy over to the staging area where we were getting set up to show him that police officers were looking for him and were concerned," Kelly said, adding the boy was upset.

Think Tank Computers owner Ken Rockson said he "grilled" the boy about why he wasn't in school, and the boy "swore blindly he was doing home schooling," Rockson said on Friday, adding it is not unusual for mothers to drop their kids off at the store when they go shopping.

Dufferin quarry get PR award

Dufferin Aggregates received 11 industry advancement awards at the 2004 Aggregate Producers' Association of Ontario (APAO) Annual General Meeting in Toronto. Awards were received in four categories.

"These awards are a great credit to our operations", said Ken Zimmerman, Dufferin Aggregates Lands Supervisor. "We work hard at rehabilitating our sites and we like to be active in our communities," said Zimmerman.

Community Relations Awards were presented to five of Dufferin's sites including the Acton Quarry, the Milton Quarry, Aberfoyle/Mill Creek Pits, Erin Pit, and Mosport Pit. The Milton Quarry, Carden Quarry, Erin Pit, and the formerly owned Tottenham Pit, received Progressive Rehabilitation awards.

The award applications are judged by a committee of industry representatives, experts, and representatives from government and other



AWARD FOR QUARRY: Lesley Hymer receives the Acton Quarry Community Relations Award from Richard Seibel, APAO Chairman. - Submitted photo

organizations. Gord Miller, Ontario Environment Commissioner, participated in this year's application voting committee.

The Aggregate Producers' Association of Ontario is the non-profit industry associa-

tion representing producers of sand, gravel, and crushed stone in the province of Ontario, along with suppliers of aggregate industry products and services. Dufferin Aggregates has received 65 APAO industry advancement

awards to date.

Dufferin Aggregates, a division of St. Lawrence Cement, is a major supplier of high quality aggregates to the Greater Toronto Area. Dufferin operates five quarries, seven sand and gravel pits and two distribution yards.

To all Customers, Business Associates & Friends of Bronze Salon.

This letter is to inform you that Bronze Salon Inc. has been purchased. The new owner, Melissa Krause of Georgetown will be taking over April 8th /04. Melissa has informed me that everything will remain the same and all outstanding minutes will be honoured.

I have enjoyed my time at the Bronze Salon and have met some terrific people. The support and the friendships I have made have been over-whelming. My last day will be April 7th and I extend an open invitation to everyone to drop in for coffee before I leave.

Melissa has been working with me for the last couple of weeks and she is eager to begin on her own. Please make a point of coming and introducing yourself to her.

At this time I'd like to wish Melissa the best of luck at the Bronze Salon. If she receives half the support that I did she will do very well.

And a special thanks to my staff, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Again, thanks Acton for everything. I will miss you all and our daily chats. Hopefully I will see you around town.

Bye for now. Darlene.



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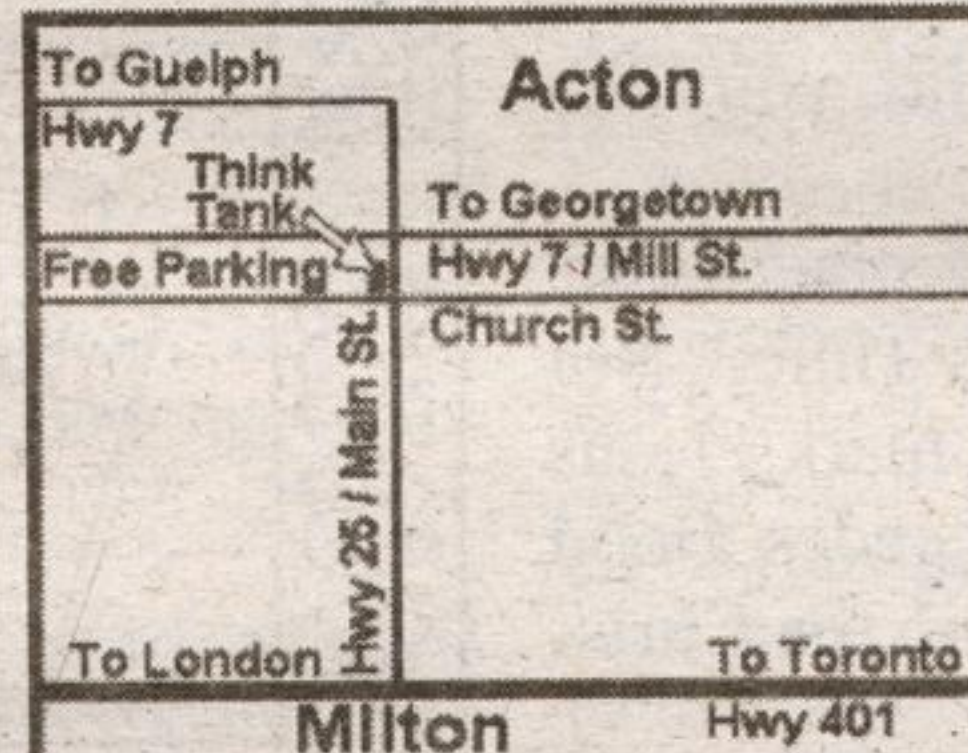
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