

Acton man helps with Asian relief...

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transported to that area on Thursday.

"He's been calling home every night, keeping us updated that he's okay and all that, but he said whole villages have been wiped out and there are areas with people just kind of standing around in a daze, not know-

ing what to do next because they have no homes to go to," MacDonald said.

Scott MacDonald, 27, has been in Thailand for four years with the Scarborough Missions, a Catholic lay organization that does mission work in Third World countries.

He teaches English, math, computers and marketing to young handicapped adults and orphans at the mission school, two hours inland from where the tsunami hit.

MacDonald said his son is happy to be able to pitch in and help any way he can and said relief has begun to arrive.



WINTER WALKING: All December's extreme weather was long forgotten by New Years Day, as temperatures rose to well above zero. This person enjoyed the serene surroundings of this wood lot on the Nassagewaya Town Line last Saturday morning. -Danielle McIsaac photo.

December's weather registered extremes in temperature, snow

December 2004 weather was a month of extremes in both temperatures and snowfall, in this area, according to Environment Canada.

At the beginning of the month, temperatures were extremely mild. Then, they turned extremely cold. Finally, they ended on a very mild note.

Overall, the frigid Arctic air prevailed and the mean monthly temperature for December was below normal across the entire province.

Snowfall was another extreme - as in extremely variable. While North Bay's

121 centimeters were double its normal total and the snowiest since records began there in 1939, Kapuskasing's meagre 22 centimeters was less than 50 per cent of normal and its lowest December snowfall total since 1937.

In general, however, December 2004 was a snowier month than usual in most locations.

Ontario also endured a number of stormy days as mild moist air dueled with cold Arctic air. One significant result was a storm that raced through southern Ontario on December 23, accompanied by a wintry mix of heavy snow, ice pellets and freezing rain.

POLICE/FIRE REPORT

Leak triggers alarm

Acton firefighters determined that water leaking into a garbage chute hit a detector and triggered the fire alarm system at 17 Elizabeth Drive at 6:20 a.m. on Sunday.

Building maintenance were advised to fix the leak and replace the alarm system detector.

Later that morning, at 7:58 a.m., firefighters were called back to Elizabeth Drive because the alarm system would not reset.

Toy alarm

Smoke from a plastic toy placed in a microwave oven set off an alarm in a Beardmore Crescent house at 11:37 a.m., last Tuesday.

Acton firefighters ventilated and deodorized the residence. Damage was confined to the microwave oven.

Locked in

Acton firefighters had to dismantle part of a door frame in a Dawkins Crescent house at 11:37 last Tuesday morning to free a girl who had become locked in her room.

After taking a part the doorframe, firefighters were able to get to the lock and open the door.

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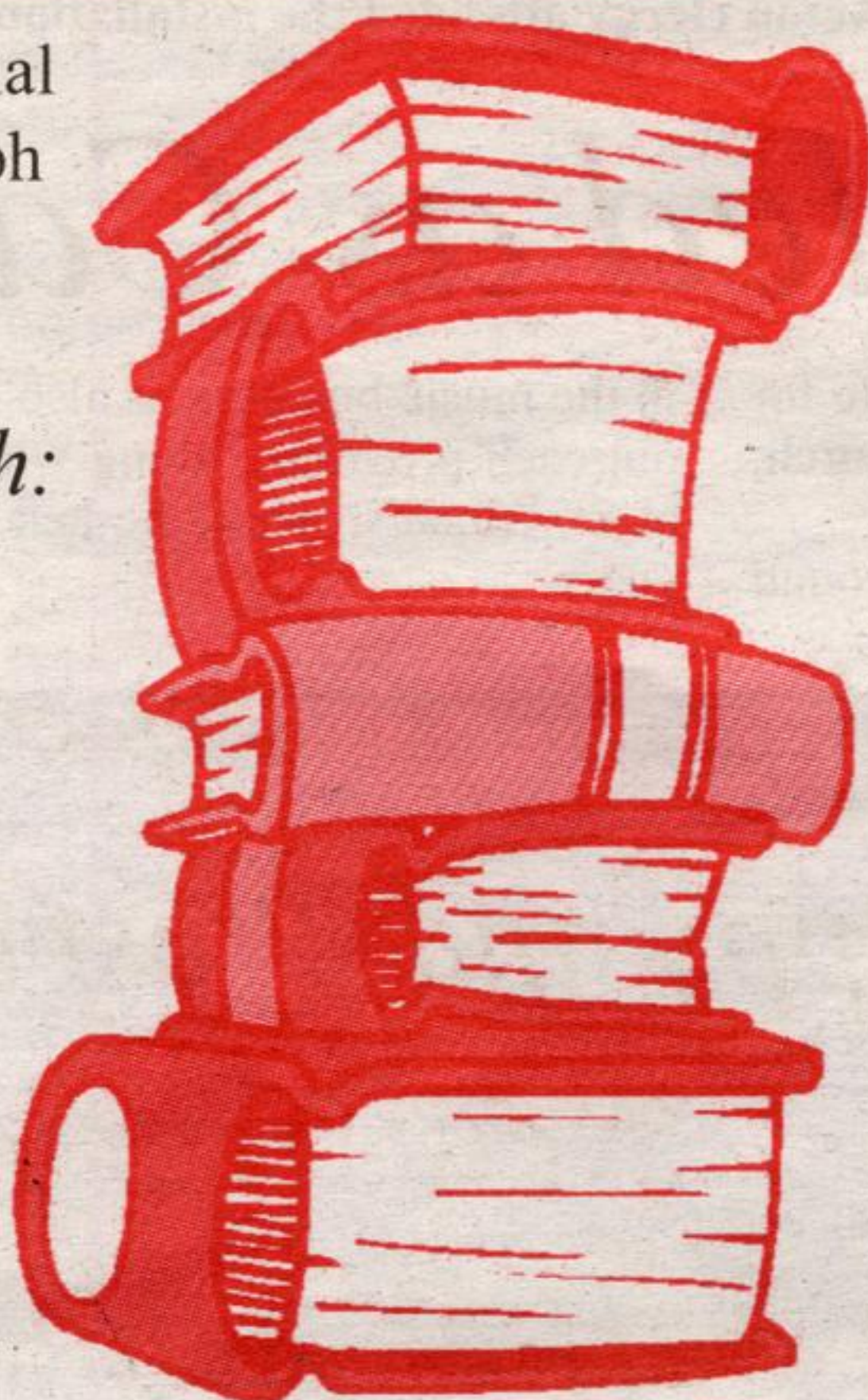
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Care Canada 1-800-267-5232.
Halton Hills contact: Mayor Rick Bonnette

905-873-2601 ext. 2397.
In a press release the mayor noted that the magnitude of the devastation caused by the Tsunami is almost beyond belief. The damage, destruction, and death that overwhelmed the area has had a worldwide impact. Many Canadians have family members lost in the area devastated.

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