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Escapes burns from flaming pot of oil

Acton firefighters say an apartment tenant at 77 Mill Street is lucky to have escaped potentially fatal burns when he carried a burning pot of oil from the stove and threw it out an open window just before 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Burning oil splashed from the pot onto furniture and left a scorched trail on the floor from the stove to the window, but the man was not injured.

Fire Prevention staff said the man should have turned off the burner – if it was safe to do so – put a lid on the pot and then called 9-1-1.

There were three kitchen fires on the weekend in Halton Hills challenging fire officials to “find out what the hell is going on out there,” according to one fire prevention officer.

Police/Fire Report

B&E

An arc welder, valued at \$1,500, was stolen during a break-in at Ash's Auto Shop on Highway 25 over the weekend.

Police said the thief forced open the garage door to get in.

Wallet stolen

Two men who visited several social services offices in Acton on Friday afternoon are wanted in connection with the theft of a wallet and \$35 cash from a purse of a staff member of Links2Care on Mill Street.

The suspects first asked to use the washroom at mental health offices in the old Town Hall on Willow

Street, and then went to the Links2Care (formerly Halton Hills Community Support and Information) office where they told staff they were waiting for someone.

The men, confronted by staff in an office, ran along Mill Street to Willow Street where they jumped into a car and sped off.

The car is a four-door, grey/blue Oldsmobile or Buick.

Both men are white, in their early 20s with light brown hair. One man has a brown goatee.

Three times lucky?

A Dublin Line resident, south of 20 Side Road, lost two mailboxes to vandalism in three days.

On New Year's Eve, someone knocked the rural mailbox off the post and

the homeowner replaced it, only to have it knocked off again on January 3, by someone wielding a baseball bat, police said.

Damage is \$40.

Stuck and smashed

Vandals smashed the passenger side window of a GMC Sierra van that was left overnight behind the Region's Third Line South water treatment plant.

Police said the owner got stuck in the mud while off-roading and was forced to leave the truck overnight.

When he returned the next day, he found the window broken and the truck had been ransacked.

Two flashlights, a pair of sunglasses and loose change with a total value of \$40 were stolen. Damage to the truck is estimated at \$300.

Councillors, town staff consider further measures on Churchill Rd.

Town staff and Acton politicians are considering further measures – including additional signage and extended school crossing guard hours – to alleviate on-going traffic safety concerns on Churchill Road in the Tanners Drive and Norman Avenue vicinity.

Town traffic manager Bob Butrym said no decisions were made during a meeting on Monday when staff and the Acton councillors discussed “other possible traffic control measures” and reaffirmed an earlier decision to move a three-way stop to Tanners Drive from Norman Avenue, and ask for additional police presence in the area where some motorists continue to disobey the stop sign.

Parents of children crossing Churchill to get to McKenzie-Smith Bennett first raised the concerns

after several young boys were almost hit by cars and area residents called for a wide range of options to improve safety at a meeting in mid-December.

Butrym said he has ordered additional 40-k/mh speed signs for the area and is looking at possible enhancements, red and white bars called tiger tails, to add to existing signs.

“We talked about – I think they have to look into two things in the future about pedestrian facilities – whether the Town ever constructs a sidewalk on the west side (of Churchill) or adds one in the future... and whether the school board will build any walkway on the MSB campus from Churchill over to the school,” Butrym said, adding the sidewalk could cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and suggesting the

Acton councillors would be the ones to discuss budget items.

The Acton councillors

however, are reluctant to comment until a letter updating the issues is sent to local residents.

Back Facts



From the January 12, 2006 pages of The New Tanner

One year ago, there was already more known requests for the “relatively small” amount of additional water that Halton planners say can be safely wrung out of Acton's well-based water system, and more requests are coming.

Town Council won't debate who gets that additional water until it gets more information from hopeful developers and Town staff.

In other news:

•Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary pleads with Town staff to “massage” the budget so “intolerable” Main Street South road conditions can be fixed sooner, not later.

•Closure of a charity bingo hall in Milton will clip the wings of some members of the Acton Air Cadets, 197 Squadron, forcing some Cadets to miss a trip to the Canadian Ecology Centre.

From the January 10, 2002 pages of The New Tanner

Five years ago: The number of drunk drivers arrested this holiday season is down dramatically over last year with two motorists charged with impaired driving – one of them caught in a R.I.D.E. spot check and the second nabbed by a regular patrol officer in District One, which includes Acton.

•Two existing homeowners in the Bannockburn subdivision are pleased to hear that their neighbourhood will be completed, despite the bankruptcy of the builder.

•Halton Region continues to track the source of water taste and discolouration problems reported by some Lakeview subdivision residents since routine swabbing of the water lines several months earlier.

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