

Beaches fail test

Only three beaches in Halton were considered safe for swimming by Halton Region's Health Dept. after beach water samples were taken on August 7. Kelso Conservation Area in Milton and Beachways North and South in Burlington had acceptable levels of bacteria while once again the old beach in Prospect Park in Acton failed the test as did three Oakville beaches- Bronte Park and Coronation Parks east and west. Beaches are selected based on use for swimming and other water sports.

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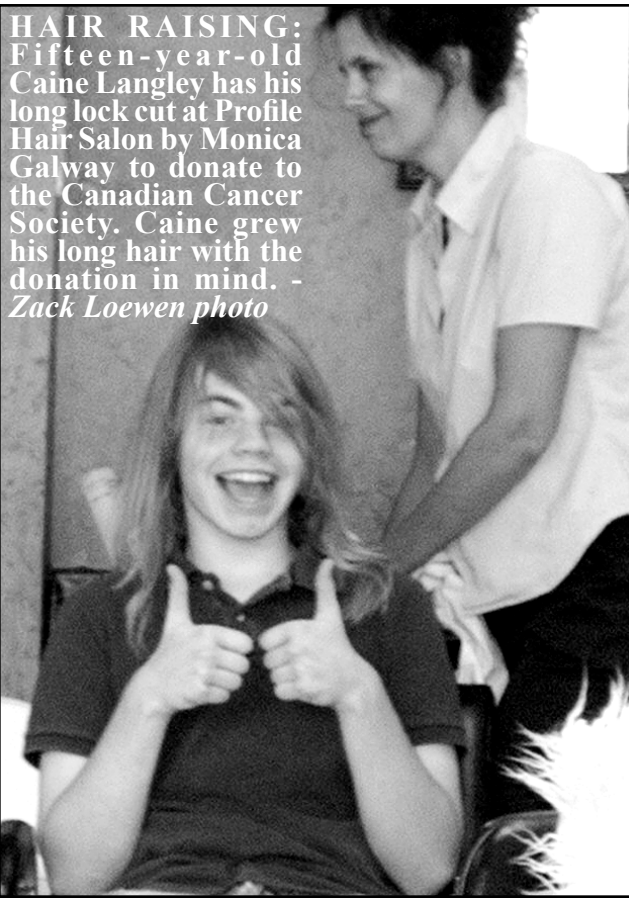
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Police look for more car financing victims

Halton Police are seeking Halton residents who utilized the Find A Car service to purchase a vehicle in 2006 or early in 2007 in order to determine if an offence occurred during the vehicle purchase. In July of this year a victim came forward to police to report having been defrauded by Find A Car in mid 2006.

Police said the company was contacted by the victim in order to have them locate a vehicle for him and arrange the financing to purchase it. Arrangements were made for the vehicle purchase and the vehicle was delivered to the man by Find A Car.

Unbeknownst to the victim however, until approximately 6 months after the vehicle was delivered, the contract sent to the financing company had been altered. Police said the alterations to the contract resulted in the victim being defrauded of over \$7,000.

Attempts by the victim to rectify the situation with the financing company and with Find A Car were futile. Then the victim came to police.

Contact can be made with Halton Regional Police Service Criminal Investigations Bureau at (905) 878-5511 Extension 2419.

Rockwood homes to be tested...

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Gagnon says that the City of Guelph plans to hire a full time person to run their program. According to White, Guelph must check 100 homes compared to 30 in this municipality, although the city has ten to 12 times the population of the township.

Council discussed the program on the heels of receiving Gagnon's report on the MOE's annual water inspection. He told council, "Since the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has had minimal or no violations and no orders have been issued for non-compliance in our last three inspections, the MOE conducted a Focused In-

spection rather than their usual full inspection." This involved a physical inspection and sampling of Cross Creek - Huntington and Rockwood well supplies, with a document review of both systems.

Samples within limits

For Rockwood, the report states that Wellhead Protection Areas and Microbial Control Plans are due to be completed by December 31 and are on time. The costs were budgeted into the 2007 Water Capital Budget. As for water quality monitoring, sampling for inorganics, lead and organics was missed on February 6. However, the MOE was notified and immediate action was tak-

en to collect and analyze the required samples. The samples proved to be within limits. A new sampling program was submitted to the MOE, with no further action required.

In the past year, there were three water quality problems: two incidents of Total Coliform (bacteria) reaching 1cfu/100ml in the distribution system and higher than recommended levels of fluoride. Gagnon reports that corrective action was taken and notification was given. Fluoride is naturally occurring in the source water.

For Hamilton Drive, the MOE recommended that the township install stainless steel boxes with locks on the wells to prevent vandalism. The same samples were missed on February 6 as in Rockwood and the same actions were taken.

In the past year, there were two water quality problems in this well supply: Total Coliform reached 1cfu/100ml in the distribution system and in the treated water. Gagnon reports, "All the appropriate corrective actions and notifications were given. A new sampling program was submitted to the MOE, with no further action required."

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