



**BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE:** Margaret Bromby and Frances Hogenbirk celebrated birthdays over the Christmas holidays. Marg was born on Christmas Day and Frances celebrated her 80th birthday on Boxing Day. They usually play darts on Monday mornings at the Acton Seniors' Centre.

— Submitted photo

## Police warn drivers to not leave cars running unattended

Halton Police Service continue to investigate numerous theft of vehicles that have been left running and unattended by their owners.

The latest theft took place in the early morning hours of January 4, 2010, when the owner of a 2005 H2 Hummer left his vehicle running while he ran into 1500 Upper Middle Road, in Oakville. Minutes later when he returned to his vehicle he saw it leaving the parking lot. Police continue to investigate the theft and have not yet recovered the Hummer.

This is only one of several similar incidents that have occurred in Halton Region recently. There have been at least 22 other vehicles stolen in this same manner over the last few months, 11 in Milton and 11 in Oakville. The majority of the cars were stolen from residential driveways during the early

morning hours, when the owners have started their vehicles and left them unattended to warm up.

The responsible thing to do is simple, "If you leave your vehicle, turn it off and lock it" said Sergeant Brian Carr, Public Affairs officer with the Halton Regional Police Service.

The Halton Regional Police Service would like to remind people that these crimes are crimes of opportunity and would encourage you to follow some simple steps at home.

- If you have a garage, use it
- Never leave original vehicle ownership or driver's licences in your car
- Never hide spare keys in your vehicle
- Never leave your car running while unattended
- Lock all valuables in your trunk
- Always lock your vehicle.

*Comrades,*

Having just returned from a trip out west, it is my sincere wish you all enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season.

The Winter Horseshoe Tournament is coming up fast and plans are being made to try and accommodate more players this year. Mark the date – it's Sunday January 31. Come on down to see all the fun.

Veterans Affairs have invited the teachers and students of Canada to join their 14 annual Valentines for Vets campaign.

## BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes P.R.O.

Hand written Valentine's cards and letters are distributed to the thousands of our Veterans in Long-term care facilities across Canada. Hand crafted Valentines have a lasting impression on our older vets. The cut-off date is tomorrow, the January 8. Did you send yours to the Acton Legion yet?

Worth remembering: You have until mid-February to apply for the Legion Bursaries

for the 2009-2010 post-secondary school year. Contact a Legion or LA executive member for the application form.

Know a Veteran in physical or financial distress? The Legion may be able to help. The Veteran DOES NOT need to be a Legion member to acquire the help he or she rightly deserves. See your Legion Executive for all the details.

The next General Meet-

ing takes place on Mon, January 11. Why not come out and contribute to the running of your Branch, it's one of the things you signed-up for when you joined the Legion.

*Yours in Comradeship,  
Jim Hayes,  
Br.197 PRO*

### Ladies Auxillary

Happy New Year everyone. Just a reminder our next general meeting is this Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

*Yours in comradeship  
L.A. President  
Annamarie Lowin*

# Cops bust crack dealers

An investigation into crack cocaine trafficking in Halton resulted in the arrest of two Mississauga men and one from Tobago following the search of several Mississauga residences on Sunday.

Called "Project Solstice" the investigation centred on what Halton police called one of the Region's "most prevalent street level drug traffickers," who had been operating in Halton - mainly Oakville, Burlington and Milton, - for five years.

Several months ago, the Halton Police Drug and Morality Bureau assisted by the Guns and Gangs Unit initiated an investigation targeting the illusive crack cocaine dealer and identifying others involved in his criminal activity.

In late 2009, investigators identified those involved in the crack cocaine distribution network that focused on selling to addicts and other street level drug dealers.

On Sunday, Project Solstice concluded when Halton Police executed search warrants at four Mississauga ad-

resses and seized approximately two pounds of cocaine and crack cocaine packaged in various quantities with a street value estimated at approximately \$58,000 dollars. In addition \$10,600 in cash was seized along with three vehicles.

Charged with two counts of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, production of crack cocaine, conspiracy to traffic crack cocaine and possession of proceeds obtained by crime is Greig Arthur, 35 of Mississauga.

Charged with two counts of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, conspiracy to traffic crack cocaine and possession of proceeds obtained by crime is Theon London, 29 of Trinidad and Tobago.

Charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds obtained by crime is Marlon McBean, 36, of Mississauga.

# Waste calendar coming

Halton's waste management calendar is coming

Halton's 2010 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar, which has everything residents need to know about waste collection in Halton Region, will be delivered to homes starting January 14. The Calendar is effective February 1 and includes a schedule for Blue Box, GreenCart, garbage, bulk and yard waste collection, information on the Halton Waste Management Site, dates for 2010 special events such as compost giveaway and important waste diversion programs like Take It Back! Halton.

"The 2010 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar is a quick reference tool for residents to locate important information about all of Halton's Waste Management programs," said Gary Carr, Halton's Regional Chair. "I encourage everyone to review the calendar to learn more about all of the ways we

can work together to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste to protect and preserve our environment and continue to extend the life of Halton's landfill."

The 2010 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar once again features four of Halton's talented young artists who were selected as the Calendar Cover Art Contest winners. This year marked the second annual contest that ran in the fall of 2009 asking children from kindergarten to grade eight to create the 2010 calendar cover using the theme of the 3Rs "reduce, reuse, recycle – everyday." One child from each of the four local municipalities was selected from over 1,000 entries to have their creative design featured on the 2010 calendar cover. Winners include Samantha Lynn from Alexanders Public School in Burlington, Riane Masse from St. Joseph Catholic School in Acton, Sofia Marinucci from Holy Rosary Cath-

olic School in Milton and Nayana Menon from Captain R. Wilson Public School in Oakville.

Residents can also find their 2010 Collection Calendar online by visiting the Region's website at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca). Maps of collection areas and corresponding collection calendars for each local municipality are now online which identify Blue Box, GreenCart, garbage, bulk and yard waste collection dates for 2010. Also online this year is a

new searchable database called Put Waste in its Place where residents can go online at [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) and type in the name of an item and the results will identify how to reuse, recycle or dispose of it properly.

For more information on the 2010 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar contact Halton Region by dialling 311 or 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866, TTY 905-827-9833 or visit [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).

