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Lock it or lose it

Police stress importance of locking doors following rash of thefts from vehicles

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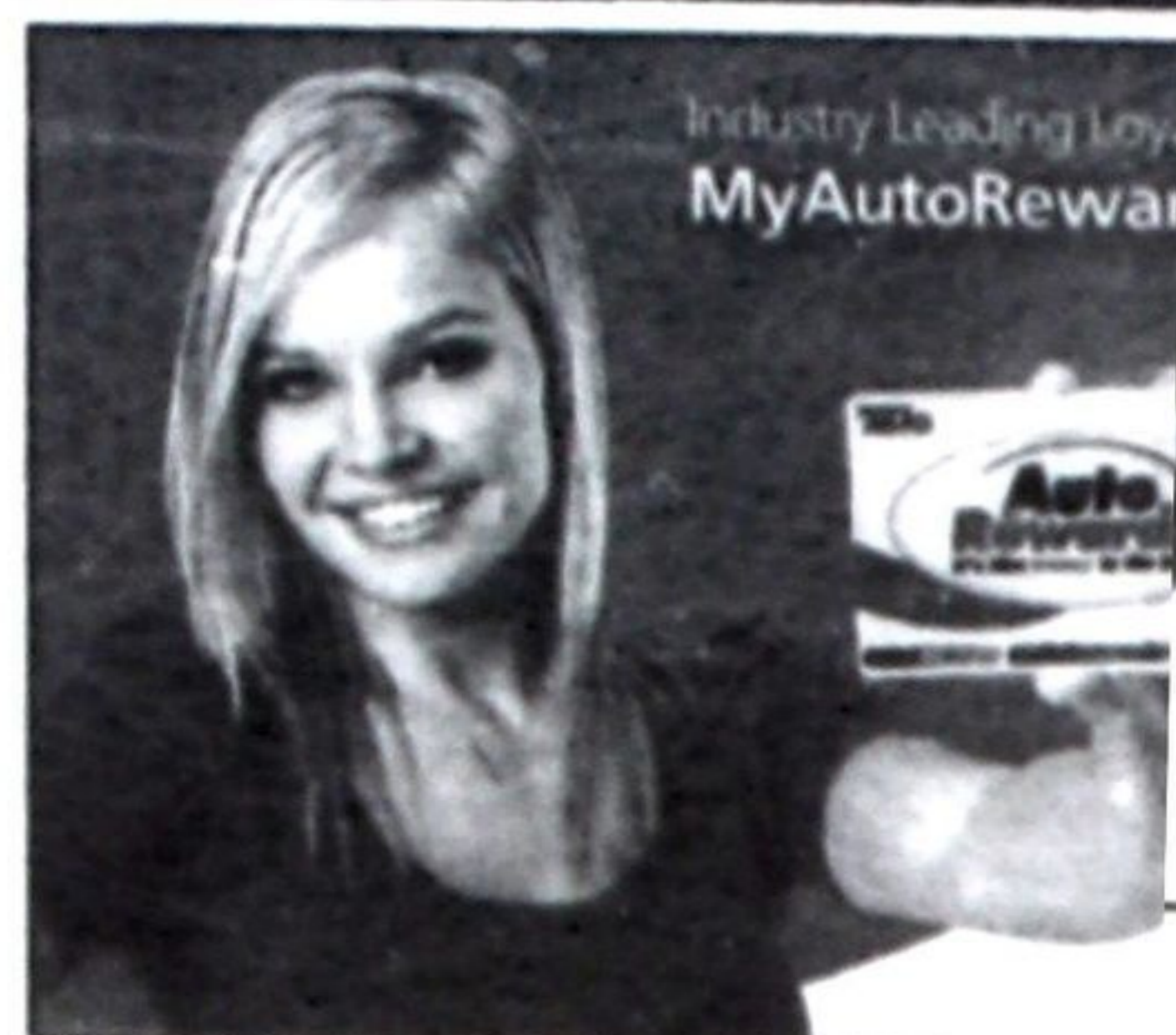
Why are we still having to remind people to lock their vehicle doors? That's what Halton Regional Police District Supt. Chris Perkins wants to know. Milton and Halton Hills have once again suffered a rash of thefts from vehicles in 2017. "The year has sprung out of the gate by our numbers increasing over last year by more than 110 per cent," Perkins said. A vast majority of these thefts are from vehicles parked in private driveways and unlocked. Cash, wallets — containing credit cards and other valuable identification — laptops, cellphones, and GPS units are favorite targets and frequently stolen. The cards, said police, are then used at various retail stores, sometimes racking up thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise. If an investigation reveals the card was used to buy high-value electronics, ultimately the credit card company might look at a loss. People may think that's OK since the bank takes the hit.

"Wrong. Credit card fees (to users)



Ooey gooey goodness

Carla Thomson, 8, enjoys some snow-made maple toffee Saturday at Crawford Lake Conservation Area, where Chef David Wolfman led a mouth-watering celebration of indigenous fusion cuisine March 18. For more photos from Crawford Lake's A Taste of Maple, see page 50 and online at www.insidehalton.com. Franki Ikeman / Special to the Champion



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