

Recover stolen truck in corn field

A badly damaged pickup truck stolen from Toronto was recovered in the back of a cornfield on the Third Line in the 22 Side Road area last Monday.

Police said a man walking on his grandparent's farm

discovered the truck, that judging by the tracks had been in the field for two days.

A small fire had been set in the interior and most of the exterior had been kicked, causing \$15,000 damage.

POLICE BLOTTER

Mischief arrest

A male Young Offender from Acton was arrested and charged with mischief after being caught red-handed, trying to break into a coin operated washing machine at a Main Street south laundry.

A witness called police at 1:50 a.m. last Monday after seeing the youth try to open the machine's cash box with a pair of vice grips. The youth was arrested at the scene without incident. He appears in court February 28.

Bang breaks bricks

Police don't know what caused approximately \$500 damage to the wall of a John Street house about 11 p.m. last Sunday night.

The homeowners reported hearing a loud bang and the next day noticed the bricks had been damaged.

No gas leak

Acton firefighters couldn't find any evidence of carbon monoxide when they tested a Mill Street East home on Sunday afternoon. The homeowner called for help at 1:42 p.m. after the carbon monoxide

detector activated.

Leak alarm

A roof leak set off the automatic fire alarm at 9:09 on Friday morning at Robert Little School. Students didn't get to practise their fire drill skills - they had a professional development day.

Snowy crash

Last Thursday's snowstorm is being blamed for a two-vehicle accident on Highway 25, just north of 25 Side Road, that sent two people to Georgetown Hospital with what police called "not serious" injuries.

Police said the blowing snow obscured the highway centre line when the accident occurred just after 6 a.m. and no charges will be laid.

A 1996 Oldsmobile driven by 53-year-old Donald Koster of Rockwood was severely damaged. The 1989 International driven by a 45-year-old Etobicoke resident received moderate damage.

Motor fails

A burnt out furnace motor filled a John Street South residence with smoke at 2:02 last Wednesday morning. There was no fire and Acton firefighters ventilated the smoke from the home.



WINTER ARRIVES: If the snow had come down any harder on Thursday, Acton's Jake Kuiken (right) would have had to plough a path for postie George Henderson.

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Q. Just last week I saw an ad in the paper (or a "For Sale" sign stuck on the windshield). I called the guy and he met me at my place. I took a test drive and decided to buy the car. It was a good deal he only wanted \$12,000. He said he needed the cash right away, because there was another buyer interested in the car. I gave him the cash. Next thing I know the police are at my door and my new car is being towed away. Why?

A. You bought a stolen car. Your \$12,000 is gone and you probably won't get it back.

To protect yourself against con-men and fly-by-night car salesmen, get the facts.

Before you buy a vehicle from a private seller, ask to see the Used Vehicle Information Package (sellers are required by law to provide it) to verify:

- 1) Approximate retail value.
- 2) Registrant history (to determine if the vehicle is registered in the name of the seller and to see how much experience the seller has with the vehicle)
- 3) That the date of first registration is close to the year of vehicle manufacture (vehicle may have a previous history in another jurisdiction)
- 4) If there are liens registered against the vehicle.

Avoid any seller who:

- 1) Pressures you to make a hurried decision.
- 2) Discourages you from checking facts.
- 3) Avoids having you view the vehicle at their home or if they are a dealer, has no office lot and sign.
- 4) Suggests that you can avoid paying taxes. He/She wants to ensure that you won't go to the authorities if there's a problem.

If you have questions or want more information, stop by the Acton Village Constable's office.

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After several tries the captain succeeded in getting the prow close enough to shore to clamber in but the swells made it kind of like Russian roulette. I made it on board and stood up just in time for a swell to hit the boat. From the prow I cannonaded into the boat bottom, my dignity shattered, the others covering their mouths to hide their laughter.

Needless to say my memo-

ries of Cabo San Lucas are not fond but outside of a few scratches, wet US money, and scarred dignity, which was soon restored, I survived. Back in San Diego we took a trolley tour of the city and spent another night with planes sharing our beds.

What about the Mexican culture and colonial cities you went to experience? There's no space for that this time. It'll have to wait.

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