## Food Box...

Continued from page 9 Centre, Birchway and Elizabeth Apartments, Trinity United Church hopes to be a drop off point also if needed.

Halton Hills Seniors West Planning and Education committee members include Pat Frizzell, Shirley Broostad, Pauline Barlow, Keith Black, Dorothy Rognvaldson, Gloria Vermeulen,

and Donna Rowley. FRESH FOOD BOX: Acton Fresh Food Box committee includes left to right, Brenda Mohr, coordinator from Burlington, Mary Schnurr H.H.C.S.I. coordinator, Donna Rowley, Shirley Broostad, Pauline Barlow, Pat Frizzell, Acton coordinator and Dorothy Rognvaldson.



## Crime Stoppers (Halton) marks 17 years

The savage shotgun killing of Michael Carmen in 1976 wouldn't have been solved without Crime Stoppers. In fact, it was the murder of the 21-year-old college student during a gas bar robbery that resulted in the birth of Crime Stoppers. Almost three decades later, Crime Stoppers is responsible for solving thousands of homicides, sexual assaults, robberies and other crimes. Each January they mark the success they've had by celebrating Crime Stoppers Month.

Crime Stoppers of Halton is a non-profit, charitable organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Crime Stoppers Program Halton is successful due to a partnership between the Halton Regional Police Service, the community and the media and requires recognition and support from all levels of government to ensure the program can continue the level of success achieved through the years.

Theme of this year's Crime Stoppers Month is 'Caring for Your Community' which Crime Stoppers of Halton does every day when we take calls from anonymous tipsters to assist in solving crime in the community.

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Crime Stoppers of Halton has been responsible for the arrest of 682 individuals and 1,458 cases solved. Tips to the program in the same time period have led to the recovery of \$1,830,312 in stolen property and the seizure of \$13,311,525 in illicit drugs.

Detective Greg MacAleese came up with the concept of Crime Stoppers in Albuquerque, New Mexico while trying to solve the slaying of Carmen. At that time, MacAleese realized there was a great deal of fear and apathy in the community and no one was prepared to come forward and assist police in identifying the killers.

MacAleese convinced television station KOAT to produce a re-enactment of Carmen's murder and he personally put up a reward if anyone would call him anonymously and provide the names of those responsible.

The first caller didn't have information about the killing, but gave MacAleese information that assisted police in solving a brutal rape. The second call was from an individual who knew two men who were driving a car similar to the one that had sped away from the gas station moments after Carmen was fatally wounded by a blast

from a 12-gauge shotgun.

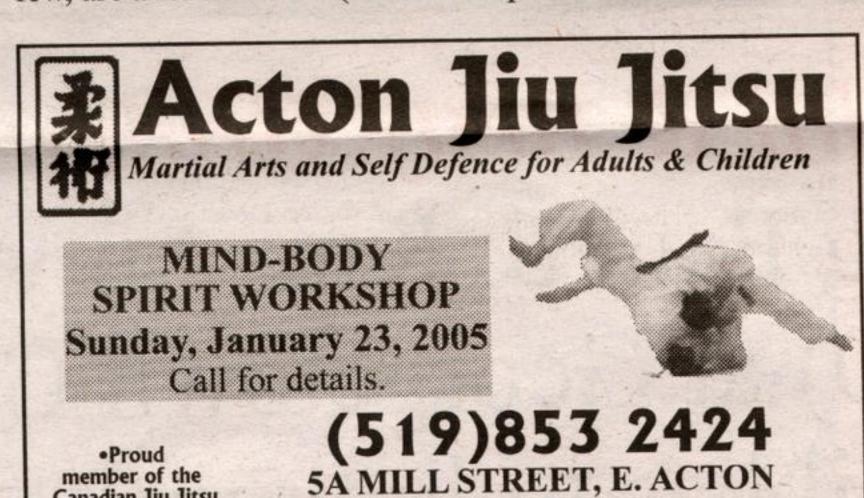
A team of detectives followed up on the anonymous lead and 72 hours after the re-enactment was broadcast, two suspects were arrested for the killing.

Halton Crime Stoppers is active in awareness campaigns to inform the public of their services as an alternative means of reporting crime anonymously and by offering incentives in the form of rewards up to a maximum of \$2,000. Some of these campaigns include high school presentations to assist in maintaining safe school communities and offering students an anti-crime message.

Other initiatives, to name a few, are a recent RIDE (Ride

Against Crime Everywhere), a three day, 300 km bicycle ride throughout the Region raising awareness, and a recently launched "Campus Crime Stoppers" is a crime prevention initiative that will reach Sheridan College students, faculty and staff at two campuses.

Crime Stoppers of Halton will wrap up Crime Stoppers Month by helping the Acton Kinettes on Sunday, January 30 with their very popular Community Brunch held in the Community Centre in Acton. We invite the community to join us for the All You Can Eat Brunch between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00/person and no charge for pre-schoolers.



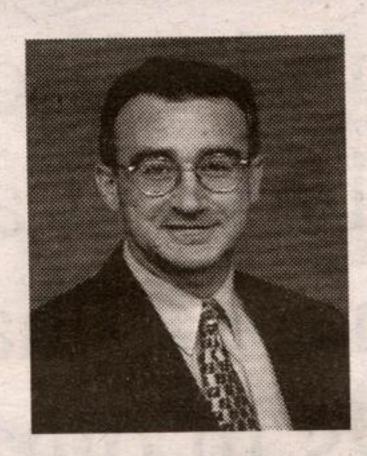


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