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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Youth 'flashed'

■ Halton Police report a man exposed himself to a nine-year-old girl in Wal-Mart about 5:30 p.m. Thursday after he followed her through the store. The girl ran away and told her mom.

The man is described as white, late 30s, 5'9, 155 to 170 lbs, with short brown hair. He was unshaven and wore blue jeans with a hole in the right knee, a grey shirt, jean jacket and navy and white running shoes.

Anyone with information should call police at 878-5511 ext. 2105.

Man assaulted

■ An Acton man was charged with assault with a weapon after a man was punched outside Mac's Milk on Queen St. in Acton Saturday morning while loading cleaning equipment into his truck.

Police say the victim was pushed, challenged to a fight and punched. When the suspect picked up a metal bar, the victim ran inside the store.

Charged with assault with a weapon is Joshua Wilson, 20, of Mill St. E.

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A friend of the three Acton teens killed in Thursday's car-train crash on Fourth Line kneels before a makeshift shrine at the accident scene Friday. Funerals were held

Monday for the three teens— Rory Dick, Mark Everson and Travis Toth. See story page 3.

Photo by Ted Brown

Parked truck may have played role in crash



Investigators re-enacted last Thursday's fatal crash at the Fourth Line railway crossing Friday morning and now speculate a truck (seen above) may have prevented the teen driver from seeing the crossing's flashing signal lights.

Photo by Ted Brown

A truck, parked on the north side of the level crossing where three Acton teens were killed Thursday when their car was hit by a train, may have blocked the flashing signal, says a crash investigator.

"It would have served to obstruct the visibility of the flashing lights and bells of the railway crossing," said Gerrit Roosenboom, investigator with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. "It would have restricted their ability to see it."

The truck, owned by Ontario Excavac Inc. of Milton and under contract to 360networks, was there to help with the installation of fibre optic cable near the tracks when the accident occurred. It was parked on the same side of the road the boys were traveling on.

Roosenboom said if the boys were looking at the other signal on the south side of the tracks they would have been looking directly into bright sunlight.

Roosenboom said the car, driven by Rory Dick, 18, was going about 10 mph when it crossed the tracks and the train was traveling at approximately 60 mph. It had blown its whistle.

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