Tests show Halton students make the grade

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The second year of Grade 6 testing has provided a more solid benchmark for developing strategies for improving Grade 6 learning and achievement.

"With annual province-wide assessments now occurring in both Grades 3 and 6 and the Grade 10 pilot that the province launched this fall, both educators and parents now have comprehensive and individualized data on student achievement at key stages to help them further refine, improve and monitor a student's progress," noted Rabenda.

She said a board-wide action plan for improvement was implemented last year to purchase additional resources and continue professional development activities to support classroom learning. Schools also developed their own individual action plans.

"It would appear these initiatives collectively have enabled our students to maintain and, in some areas, demonstrate even further achievement in the results reported during this recent round of assessment."

Testing was based on expectations contained in the Ontario Curriculum for Grades 1-8.

Students were graded from 1-4, with 4 being the highest level and 3 the provincial range expected for most children. Individual school results will be released in late November by both boards.

—By Dennis Smith, special

Pheasants killed

Halton Police report an unknown number of pheasants were killed at a Regional Rd. 25 home sometime between last Sunday and Tuesday.

The birds' pen had been opened and the head of one of the birds and a knife was left behind. A 1985 Mercedes parked at the residence was scratched.

Man charged

Halton Police charged a 19-year-old man with two counts of theft over \$5,000 and two counts of break and enter and theft in relation to a break-in at a 17 Sideroad home Friday. Stolen was a 1998 Dodge Dakota, jewelry, stereo and food valued at \$22,500 in total.

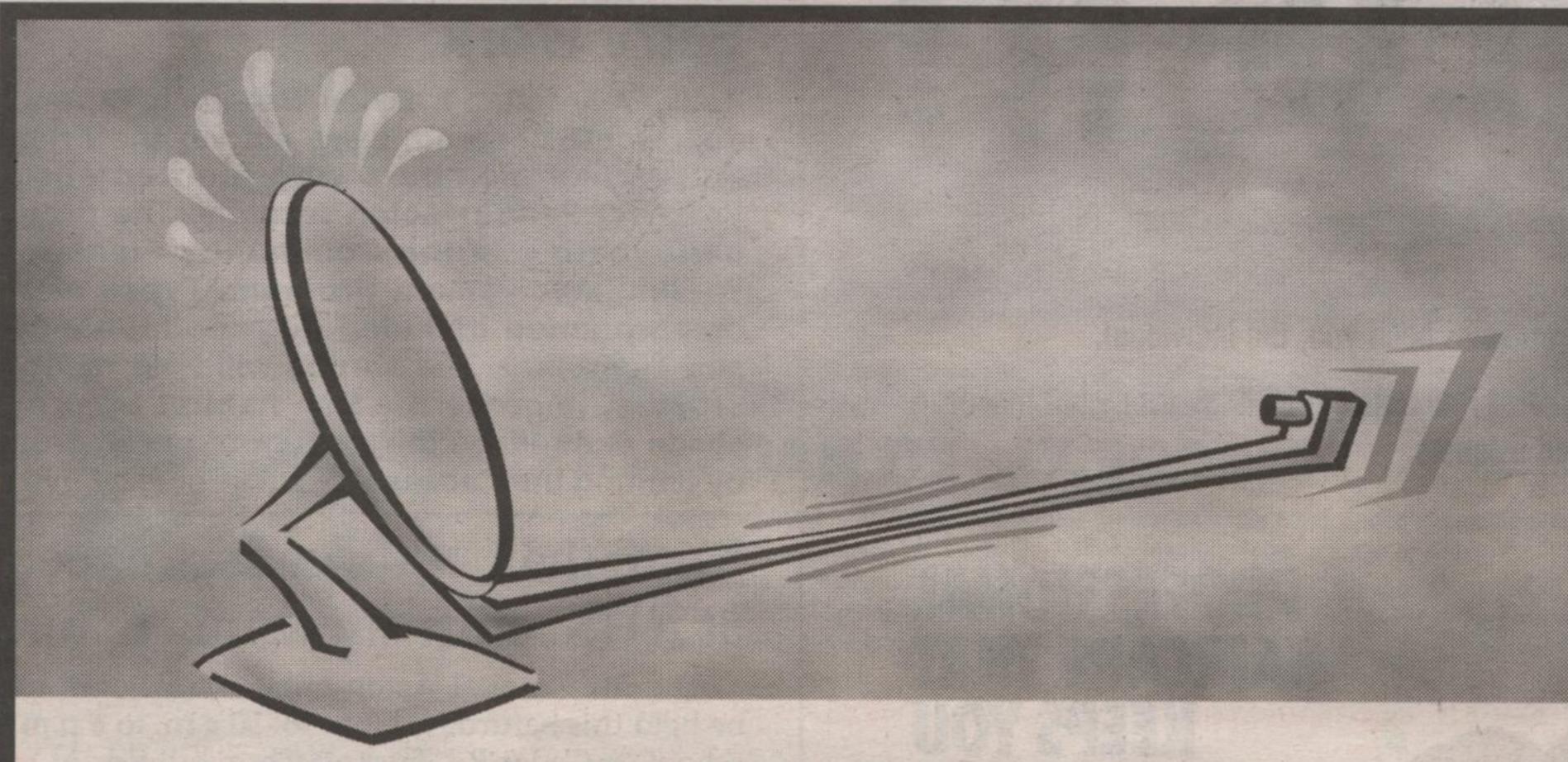
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Charged is Matthew Morrow of no fixed address.

He was also charged with three counts of fraud under \$5,000 in connection with fraudulent cheques that were recently passed at Halton Credit Union in Milton, Acton and Georgetown.

Vehicle stolen

A \$4,000 1991 Oldsmobile was taken from an Eighth Line home Friday morning. The vehicle was unlocked and the keys were in the car.



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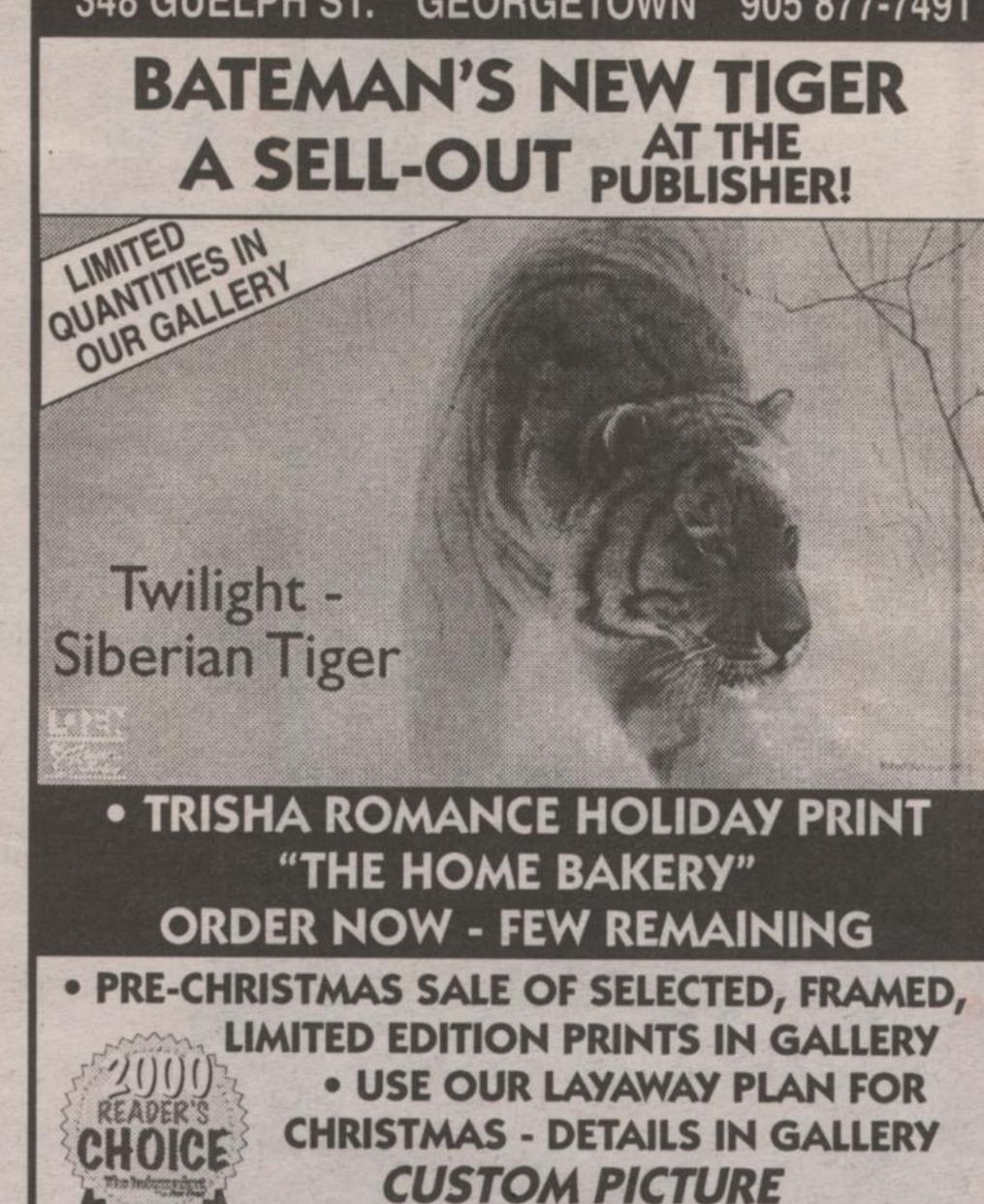
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