

Helmet saves cyclist from serious injury

Graham Michaelson considers himself a lucky guy.

The 15-year-old Glen Williams youth recently took a "header" over the handlebars of his mountain bike, landing square on his head— with minimal injuries.

"I couldn't believe what happened to my helmet," says Michaelson, "It pretty much shattered when I hit the ground, and broke in two."

Michaelson had been out dirt jumping with his bike in the area, and was coming down the jump when his bike nose-dived and he went over the handlebars, right into the next jump.

"I landed right on my head and sort

of hit it a little off center," says Michaelson. "It knocked the wind out of me, and I was kind of shaky after I got up, so I rode home really slowly."

At home, mom Carol-Ann immediately drove him to emergency at the hospital to be checked out. The doctor told them it was a fairly common injury, and Graham might experience a bit of whiplash as a result.

Michaelson also chipped a tooth in the mishap, and scraped his right arm, but other than a bit of stiffness in his neck, he felt better than he expected.

"And my head never hurt a bit," he said. "That surprised me."

"Graham has always been really

good about wearing his helmet," said Carol-Ann, "But he was still very lucky. We just hope other kids see this story and are sure to wear their helmets, and wear them properly. They could save themselves a lot of injuries."

Graham agrees, as he gets back on his bike, now sporting a new \$200 helmet.

And since he will be competing all over Ontario in bike racing meets for the second year this summer, he figures \$200 is a pretty small price to pay to protect his head.

—By Ted Brown, staff writer

Brampton driver facing charges

A Brampton woman is facing charges after Halton Police stopped her driver on Guelph St. Tuesday night.

Police say they stopped the driver at approximately 10:30 p.m. for tailgating. The officer detected an odor of alcohol and requested the driver provide a breath sample. Police saw while advising the driver how to blow into the machine, she became angry and slapped the officer's hand, nearly causing the machine to fall.

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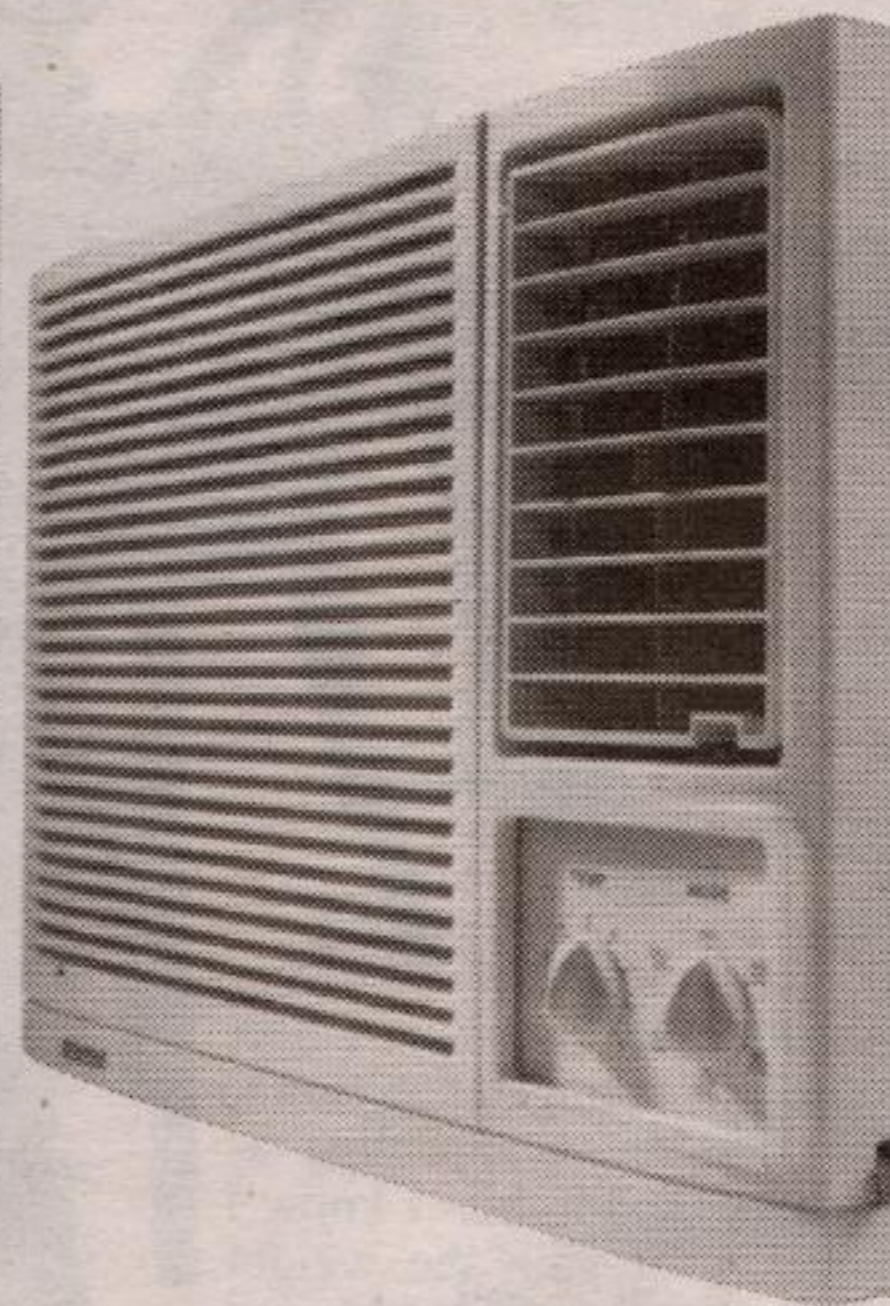
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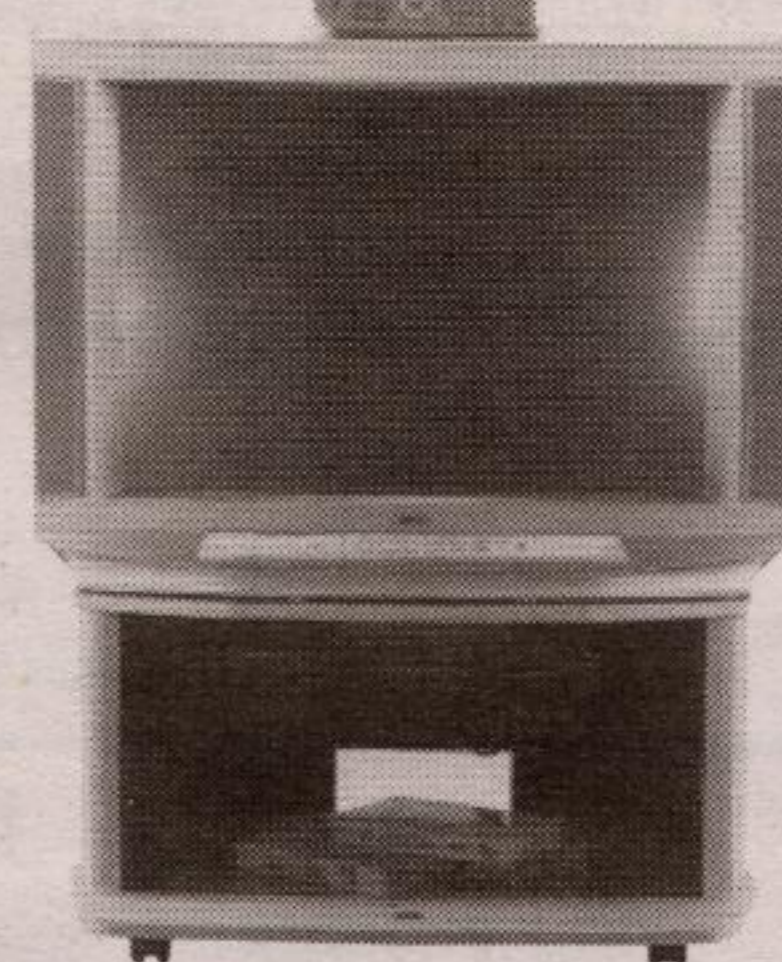
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