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FRIDAY...

The Team Cedar Grilling barbecue squad captured the national championship this week but the victory was anything but easy. See Friday for details.

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A beauty from a beast?

Al Robitaille of Silvercreek inspects a large cecropia caterpillar found at neighbour Shelly Lyonesse's home Thursday. The caterpillar, which grows to a length of more than four inches, spins a cocoon in late summer, then endures the winter in that state until late next spring when it will emerge as a large cecropia moth, commonly called a silk moth (right). The silk moth, whose wingspan is about six inches, are common to the area, but rarely seen as they are a nocturnal insect. For more nature news see page 3.

Top photo by Ted Brown
Right photo by Kerry Jarvis



Rampage ends after man hits officer with golf club

A man is being held in hospital under the Mental Health Act after a rampage that began in Brampton Saturday morning ended a short time later in Halton Hills with a three-vehicle crash and a police officer being struck with a golf club.

Halton Police report at approximately 11:15 a.m. a man attempted to steal a bicycle from a male in the Queen St. E. and Beech St. area of Brampton.

The man pulled the rider off the bike, ripping his shirt. The rider began yelling and passersby came to his aid.

The man fled, and at approximately 11:30 a.m. police said he walked into oncoming traffic on Queen St.

The driver of a Mazda stopped and got out of his car to speak to the suspect who ran toward him and tried to pull him away from his car.

The driver screamed for help, drawing the attention of a nearby Peel Regional Police officer who rushed over to investigate.

The suspect managed to jump into the driver's seat of the Mazda, and drove away despite attempts by the officer and car owner to stop him.

The man drove erratically along 5 Sideroad through Halton Hills until he failed to stop for a stop sign at Eighth Line and, at a high rate of speed, struck a Honda Civic in the intersection. The Civic then struck a van. Only minor injuries resulted from the crash.

The suspect then got out of the Mazda, and began walking westbound on 5 Sideroad.

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