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Snowfall shuffle

Avid runners Susan Halet (left) and Susan Jackson didn't let Saturday's 25-cm snowfall stop them from their usual weekend run. Winter's last blast did hinder plenty of area motorists, however.

Ex-firefighter helps teenager to safety

A teenager was sent to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation Thursday after a former firefighter spotted a fire at a Cabot Trail home.

Rick Rivett, who was driving by the home at about 10:30 a.m. when he noticed smoke, stopped and banged on the door.

A teenaged boy answered and Mr. Rivett told him to leave the smoke-filled house. He took the youngster to a neighbour's house and called 9-1-1.

Firefighters contained the blaze in the basement and it was under control in nine minutes, said Mark Cross of the Milton Fire Department.

The blaze started after articles of clothing piled near a furnace caught on fire, Mr. Cross said.

"It's a nice easy way to get rid of junk (storing property in the furnace room), but unfortunately it's a real fire hazard," he said.

The damage totalled about \$5,000.

Smoke alarm rousts sleeping youngster

A smoke alarm is being credited for helping a resident of a burning Gowland Crescent home escape unharmed.

A young man was awakened by the alarm and discovered heavy smoke coming from his sister's upstairs bedroom Thursday at 1:15 p.m., said Mark Cross of the Milton Fire Department.

Firefighters contained the blaze in the bedroom after fighting it for more than 20 minutes.

Two hamster-like family pets perished in the blaze. The cause is believed to be a malfunctioning electrical wall outlet.

A damage estimate wasn't available at press time.

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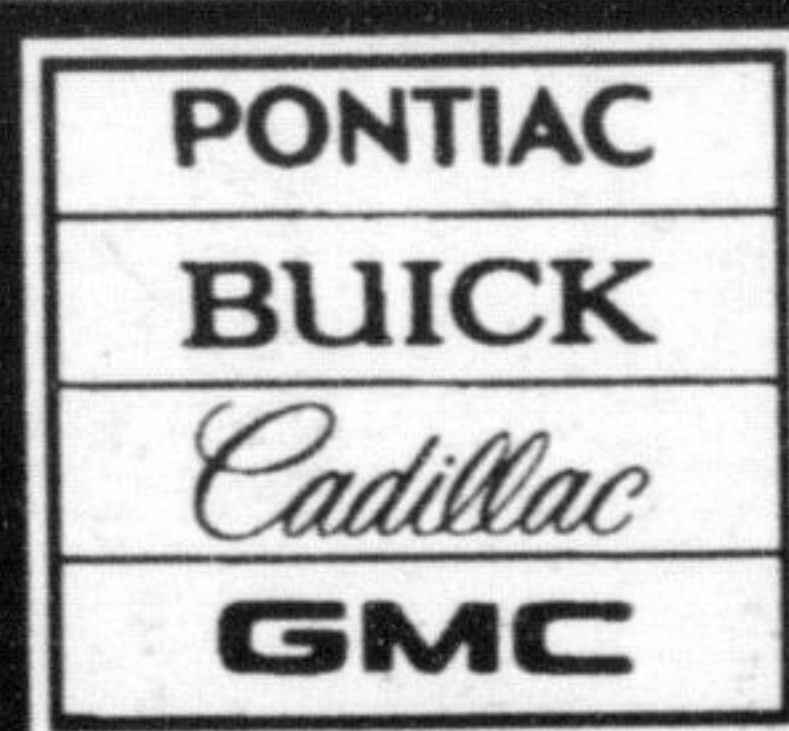
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