

Police make a collar following a rash of car thefts

A call from a citizen helped police arrest a man in connection with several car theft attempts at Ontario Street apartment complexes Monday.

Halton Regional Police responded to a report of two men attempting to open cars in the parking lot of an Ontario Street apartment building shortly after 4:30 a.m.

Police arrested a man at the scene, but another suspect fled.

A 1990 Oldsmobile was later stolen from a nearby apartment building, said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon.

She said police believe the suspect who fled is responsible.

A 1991 Pontiac Sunbird stolen from Burlington was recovered in the area and several attempts had been made to steal cars at numerous Ontario Street apartment buildings.

Police Blotter

Charged with possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and breach of probation is a Hamilton man.

The other suspect remains at large.

Youths arrested in bus vandalism, break-in

Three youths were arrested for allegedly vandalizing a Laidlaw school bus May 14.

The bus parked at Steeles Avenue and Ontario Street had several seats slashed and one was set on fire shortly before 6:30 a.m.,

police said.

Three youths — a 14-year-old female, a 15-year-old male and a 14-year-old male — were arrested nearby and charged with mischief and trespassing. The 15-year-old also faces a charge of breach of probation.

Two of the trio — the 14-year-old male and the 14-year-old female — are also charged in connection with a May 18 purse theft from a Childs Drive home.

The pair allegedly walked through an unlocked door of the townhouse sometime between 8:30 and 10:15 p.m. and grabbed the purse.

Man punched in traffic altercation

A 58-year-old man suffered injuries to his right eye when he was assaulted during a traffic altercation Saturday morning.

Police said a driver was closely tailing the victim's car on Main Street at 11:15 a.m.

At Main and Ontario streets, the upset victim exchanged words with the driver. During the argument, the victim was struck in the chest and face, damaging an eye.

The driver then fled and the victim was treated at Milton District Hospital, said Det. Sgt. Gordon.

The two cars had both been travelling on Hwy. 401 and exited at James Snow Parkway prior to the assault.

Police are investigating.

Woman assaulted

A 45-year-old Milton male faces several charges in connection with an assault at a Wilson Drive home.

A woman was hit in the chest with an ash tray and repeatedly punched over the course of Saturday evening, police said.

The suspect is charged with assault, assault with a weapon and breach of recognizance.

After a bail hearing, he was held in custody and remanded until May 25 to set a trial date.

Stolen car recovered in pond

A 1995 four-door white Chrysler Intrepid stolen from Hopedale Mall in Oakville Thursday turned up later in the evening at a Walker's Line quarry.

Police said the car was found after 10 p.m. in a pond on the quarry site.

These kids know pennies add up

Students at Milton's three Catholic elementary schools know the meaning of 'a penny saved is a penny earned.'

With the help of teachers and parents, Our Lady of Victory, Holy Rosary and St. Peter's school students recently collected \$4,900 in pennies for charity.

The team effort during Lent involved a challenge between schools, said St. Peter's principal Peggy Piovesan.

"The challenge was first initiated last year between Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter's," she explained. "This year, Holy Rosary School thought they would like to enter this friendly competition."

For the second year in a row, St. Peter's, the smallest of the three schools, emerged the winners after collecting \$2,600.

Our Lady of Victory raised \$1,200 and Holy Rosary collected \$1,100.

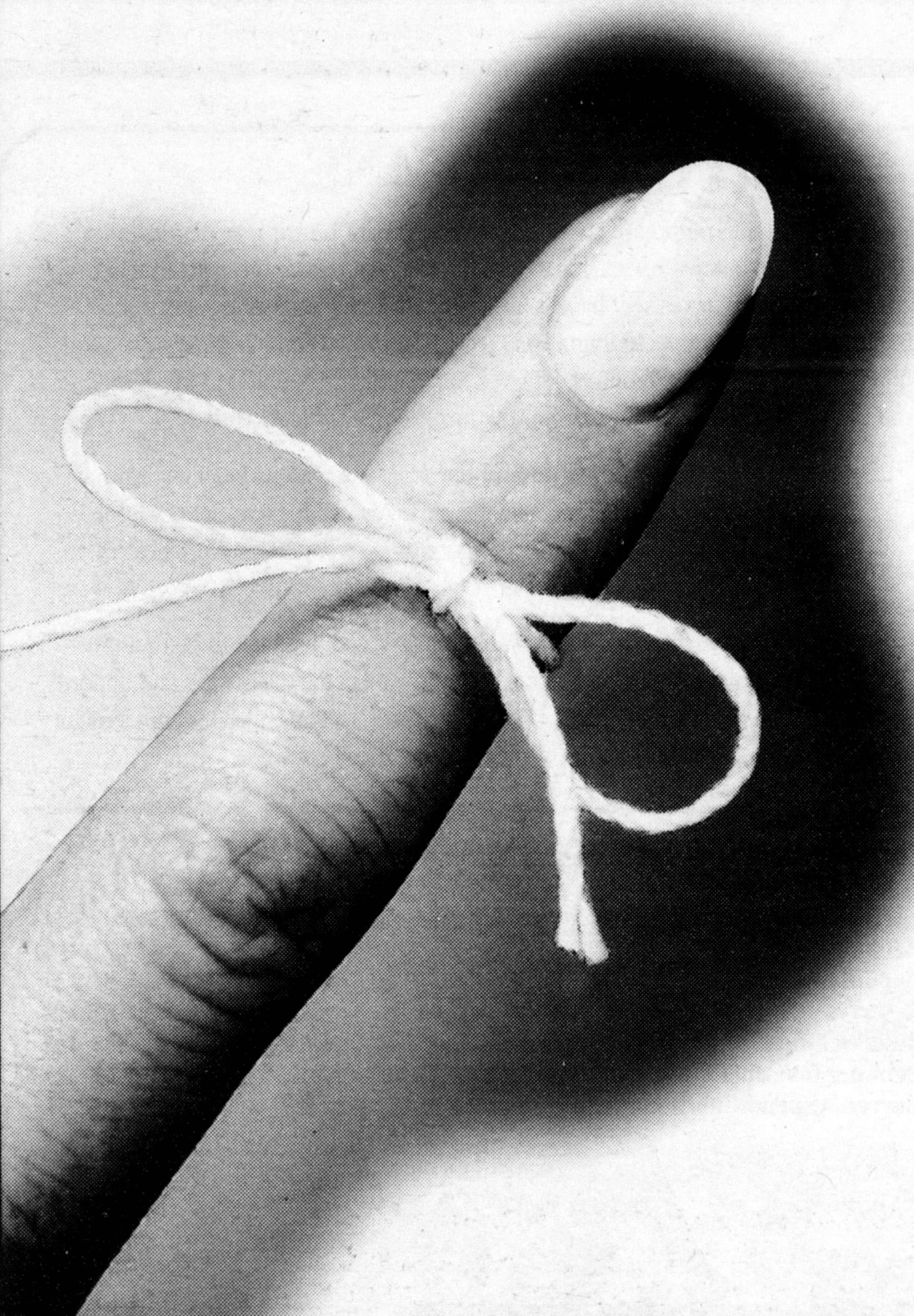
The funds will go to charities supported by Holy Rosary Church. They include Missions Canada, Nutrition House in Guatemala and Development and Peace.

The \$4,900 will also help sponsor three needy Guatemalan children.

The money is being presented to Father Earl Talbot of Holy Rosary Church at St. Peter's School this morning.

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