Man dies on snowmobile

A 34-year-old man died Saturday after his snowmobile ran into a barbed wire fence on a Milton farm.

Bryan Haywood was pronounced dead at Georgetown District Hospital about two and a-half hours after the accident.

Mr. Haywood, who was reportedly living on the farm off Sixth Line, was riding his 1982 Bombardier Ski-Doo through an open field when he struck the fence at about 10:50 p.m., Halton Regional Police said.

Police noted the victim wasn't wearing a helmet, contrary to law. An autopsy was conducted yesterday.

Crime Stopper stats please cops

Crime Stoppers of Halton continues to work, said a police sergeant armed with statistics.

The program that rewards anonymous callers for crime-solving tips saw a 75 per cent increase in the number of cases cleared in 1998, said Sgt. Rod Cliffe of Halton Regional Police.

Tips called in last year helped investigators arrest 28 people and resulted in 58 charges, he said.

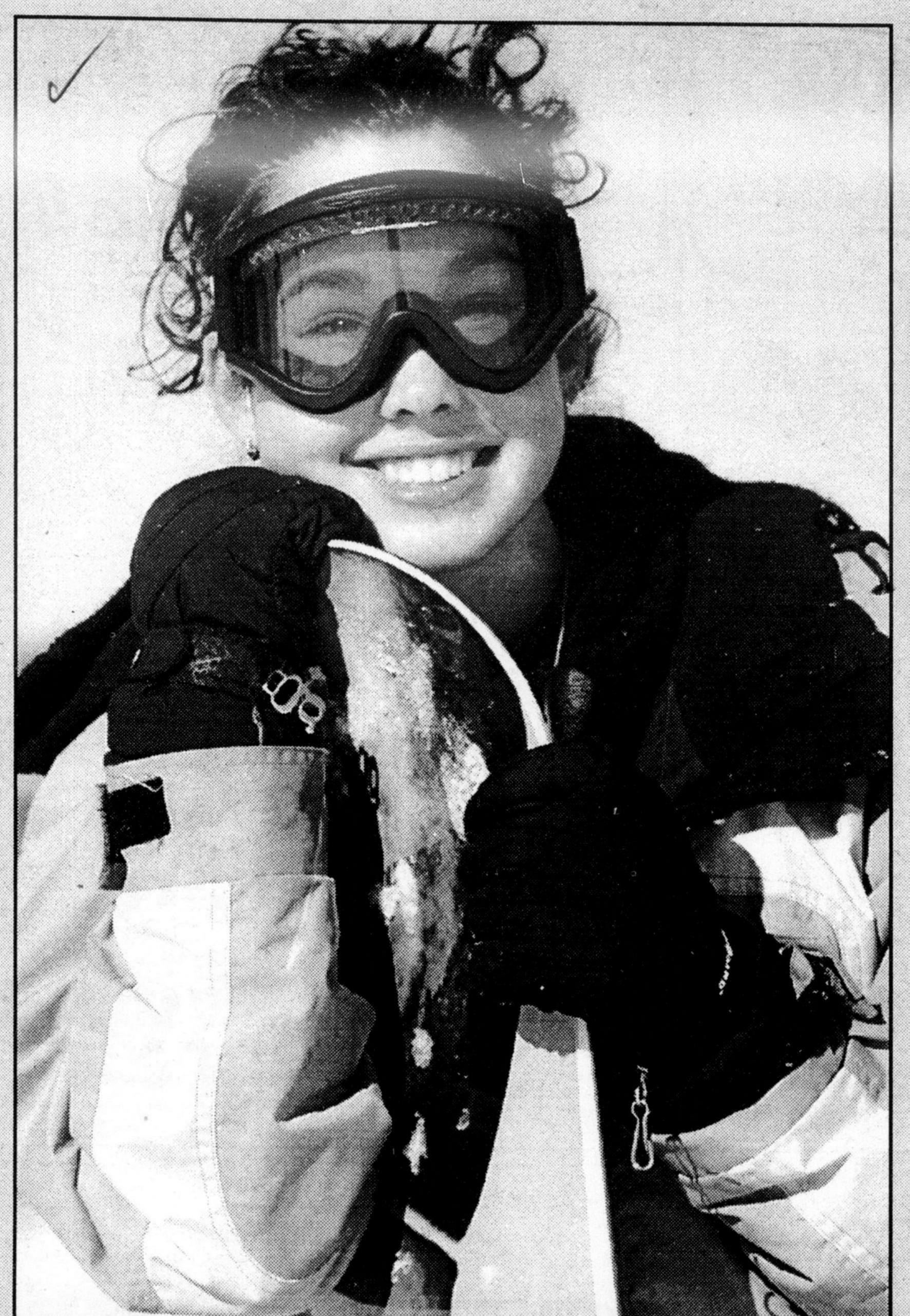
"In 1997, the same number of people were arrested and more charges were laid, but the balance of performance indicators suggests an overall improvement."

The value of recovered stolen property rose 18 per cent from \$16,500 in 1997 to \$19,500 in 1998 and the worth of drugs seized as a result of anonymous tips trebled from \$155,800 to \$472,380.

"The program works, and the rewards paid to callers with successful tips do not come from tax dollars," Sgt. Cliffe said.

Crime Stoppers of Halton, an incorporated private company managed by a civilian volunteer board of

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In the zone

Kristina Tesic takes a break from snow boarding recently at Glen Eden's half pipe to watch fellow enthusiasts like Will Johnson (above) strut their stuff.

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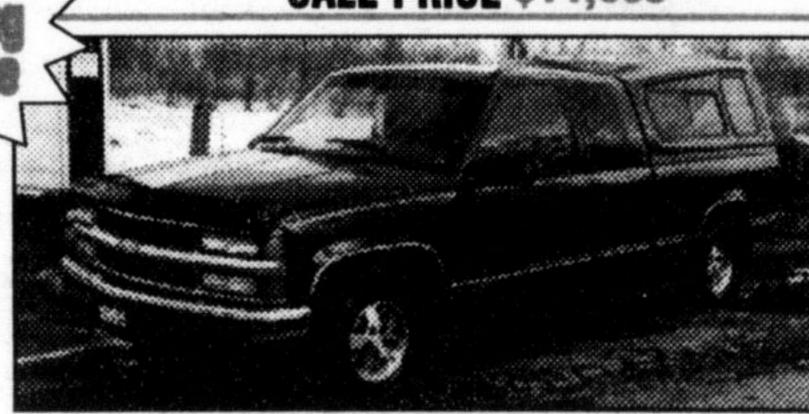
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