

## Police Blotter

# Residents find strange woman in their home

Thieves can strike anytime — even when you're home. That's the message Halton Regional Police are delivering after a couple of Milton homes were broken into Saturday morning while the residents were in their backyards gardening.

During one incident on Maplewood Crescent, residents went into their home through a rear entrance and found a strange woman inside.

When confronted, the stranger uttered a few words in a foreign language and quickly left the premises — fleeing in a mid-size beige sedan.

Also Saturday morning, a home on Lorne Scots Drive was entered through the front door, again while the residents were in the backyard, and an undisclosed amount of cash was removed.

Police believe the two incidents are related and warn residents to take precautionary measures to safeguard themselves.

The woman was described as being of European descent, in her fifties, about five-foot-five and 130 pounds. She had dark eyes and short curly gray hair.

### Break-in spree

A number of break-ins have been reported over the last week-and-a-half. Incidents are as follows:

- Approximately \$4,400 worth of stereo equipment and compact discs were stolen from a McNiven Road residence sometime between May 14 and 16. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door.

- Unknown culprits broke into the Italian Canadian Club in Milton Heights sometime between May 14 and 17. They forced open a rear door and, once inside, removed four bottles of beer.

- Tools valued at \$2,000 were taken from Greif Containers Inc. on Main Street, which was entered overnight May 18. An east side door was forced open to gain access to the downtown business.

- At Campbellville's Sand and Gravel Saturday, an assortment of tools totalling \$250 was stolen sometime between 1 and 10 a.m. Thieves targeted the side door during the break-in.

- Nothing was stolen during a break-in at Main Street's Honey Nails Monday afternoon, although there was minor damage caused to the front window. The incident occurred between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

- A lawn mower and garden tools — worth a combined value of \$2,500 — were stolen sometime between Saturday and Monday from Campbellville Country Meadows. The rear door was used as the entry point.

### Rash of vandalism

Our Lady of Victory, Milton District, E.C. Drury and Sam Sherratt were among schools targeted by window-smashing vandals overnight Saturday.

In every case, about \$1,000 damage was caused.

### Drug arrests

Police arrested two men — one from Mississauga and the other from Toronto — and charged them with possession of a controlled substance following a routine vehicle check in rural Milton May 16.

A small quantity of marijuana was discovered in a vehicle at about 11 p.m. at the corner of Derry Road and Eighth Line. The suspects in their early twenties will appear in court in Milton June 12.

## Crime Stoppers of Halton

# Police investigating fire set in school dumpster

Halton Regional Police are investigating a fire that was deliberately set in a dumpster at E.W. Foster School on Coxwold Boulevard May 12.

A passerby noticed the blaze, ran to a nearby home and called 911. The Milton Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

Fires, no matter how small, can spread and do damage or hurt people.

If you have any information that leads to an

arrest in this or any other case, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

You need not give your name and your information can be taken with complete anonymity.

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The board of directors raises the money, decides on the amount of rewards and actually pays the rewards.

Crime Stoppers is incorporated as a charitable organization and donations to the reward fund are tax deductible.

# Police zero in on bad motorists

There's a collision every eight minutes on Ontario's roads, with a person being killed every 19 hours, according to statistics.

To help make the roads safer, Halton Regional Police, the OPP and other police services are joining forces to curb aggressive drivers.

Officers are currently on special watch for motorists speeding, tailgating, failing to yield the right of way, running red lights, making unsafe lane changes and neglecting to signal.

Aggressive driving is the key factor in the growing number of accidents, said Acting Superintendent Kathy Rippey of the OPP's traffic and marine safety bureau. "Be part of the solution and remember, driving is a co-operative venture not a competitive sport."



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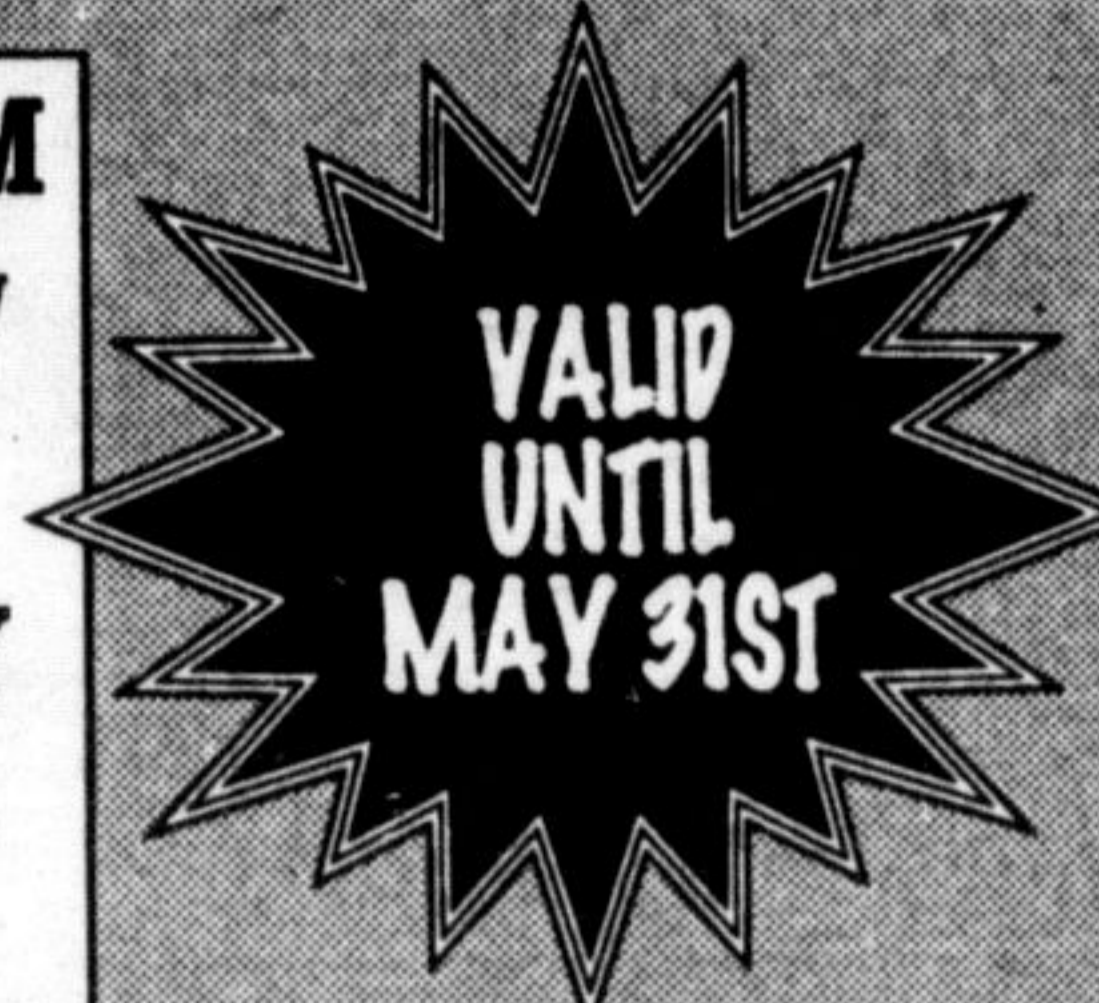
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