

# No tax money is used to pay Crime Stoppers informants

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During the day, the 39 local Crime Stoppers branches handle the calls. When they close, the calls are forwarded to the after-hours line at the Bolton call centre.

“Our (hotline) is one of our most valuable tools in helping police solve crimes,” said OACS president Bill Sulston.

The province-wide toll-free number is 1-800-222-TIPS.

From the start of this year to June 30, the after-hours hotline received 39,441 calls. Last year, it received a total of 77,558 calls. Almost half of all calls to Crime Stoppers are funneled through its after-hours line.

Crime Stoppers provides a means for people to relate crime solving tips to police and pays cash to those whose information leads to arrests. No tax dollars are used for the rewards and the program depends on the generosity of com-

panies, service clubs and individuals.

No information is ever released that might narrow down the identity of informants and Crime Stoppers doesn't subscribe to call display. The lengths to which organizers go have certainly paid off. Everything from murder and auto theft to fraud and burglary has been solved as a result of the program.

According to Det. Ansell, Crime Stoppers of Halton received tips that helped solve 101 cases last year. One helped solve a homicide in another jurisdiction.

For the past two years, Crime Stoppers has also been posting its Crime of the Week on the Internet in addition to other media outlets such as newspapers like The Champion.

Tipsters can call back using their code number to check on the progress of an investigation and if an arrest is made, a reward will be

paid. As it turns out, about 90 per cent of informants don't want the cash.

Although Crime Stoppers began in the United States, the innovative program was actually started by a Canadian-born police officer.

John MacCleese was a member of the Albuquerque, New Mexico police department and in 1976 his investigation of a murder/robbery was going nowhere.

He hatched a plan, cleared by his superiors, to run an article in the local paper calling for anonymous witnesses and to offer a reward from his own pocket.

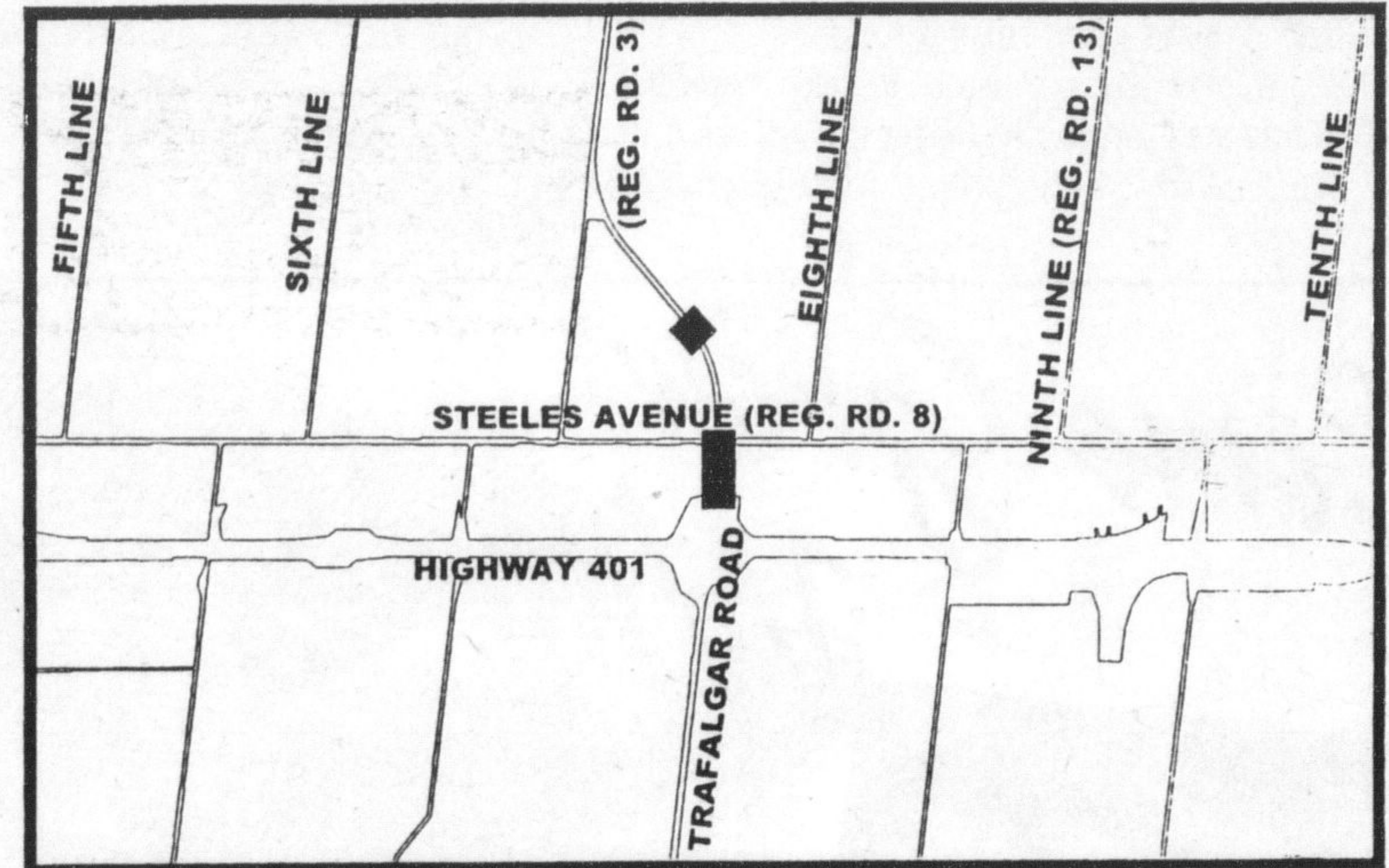
As luck would have it, a vital lead originated from a call and within 24 hours, MacCleese had solved an unrelated rape. In 72 hours, he'd solved the murder.

Today, Crime Stoppers programs have been implemented in more than 1,100 communities worldwide. There are 90 such programs now in Canada.

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# Police seek window shooter

Halton Regional Police are investigating more than 25 incidents where a pellet gun has been used to break out windows of cars, homes and businesses.

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## Crime Stoppers OF HALTON

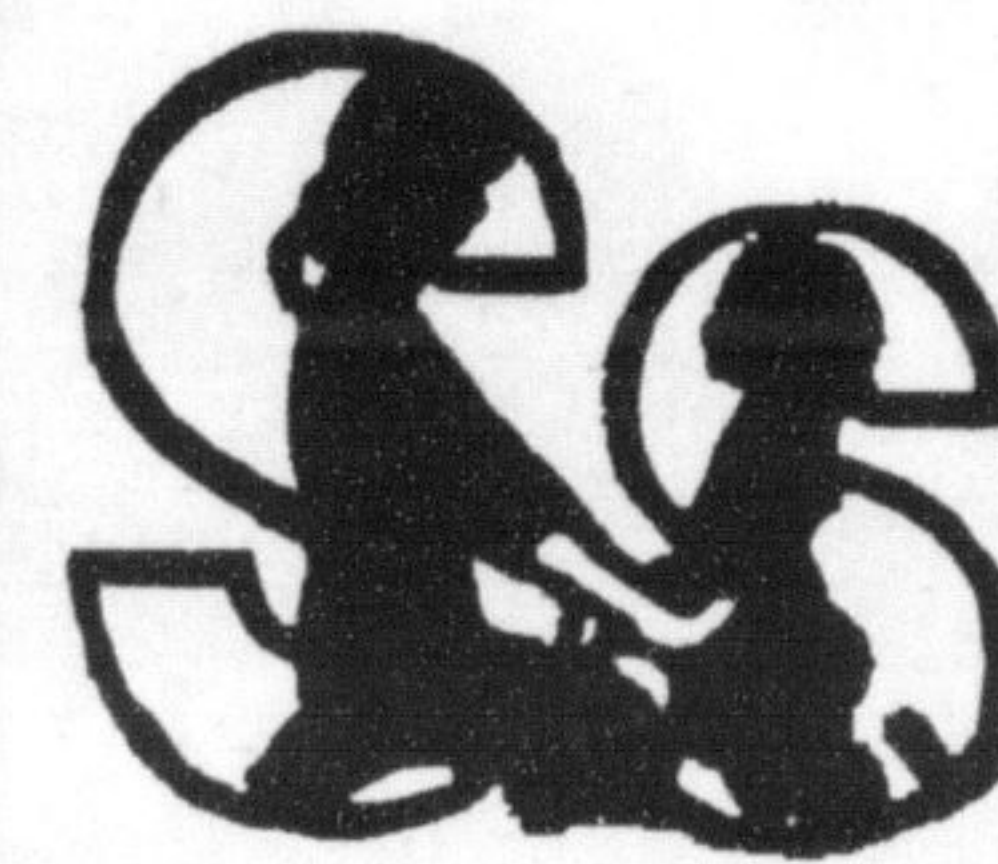
Regional Road 25 were broken between June 18 and 19.

Vehicles were damaged on Holly

Avenue, Mill Street, Lorne Scots Drive and Harvest Drive.

More than 25 sheets of glass have been damaged and replaced at the owner's expense.

If you know who the culprit is, call Crime Stoppers of Halton at (905) 825-4747, ext. 5139.



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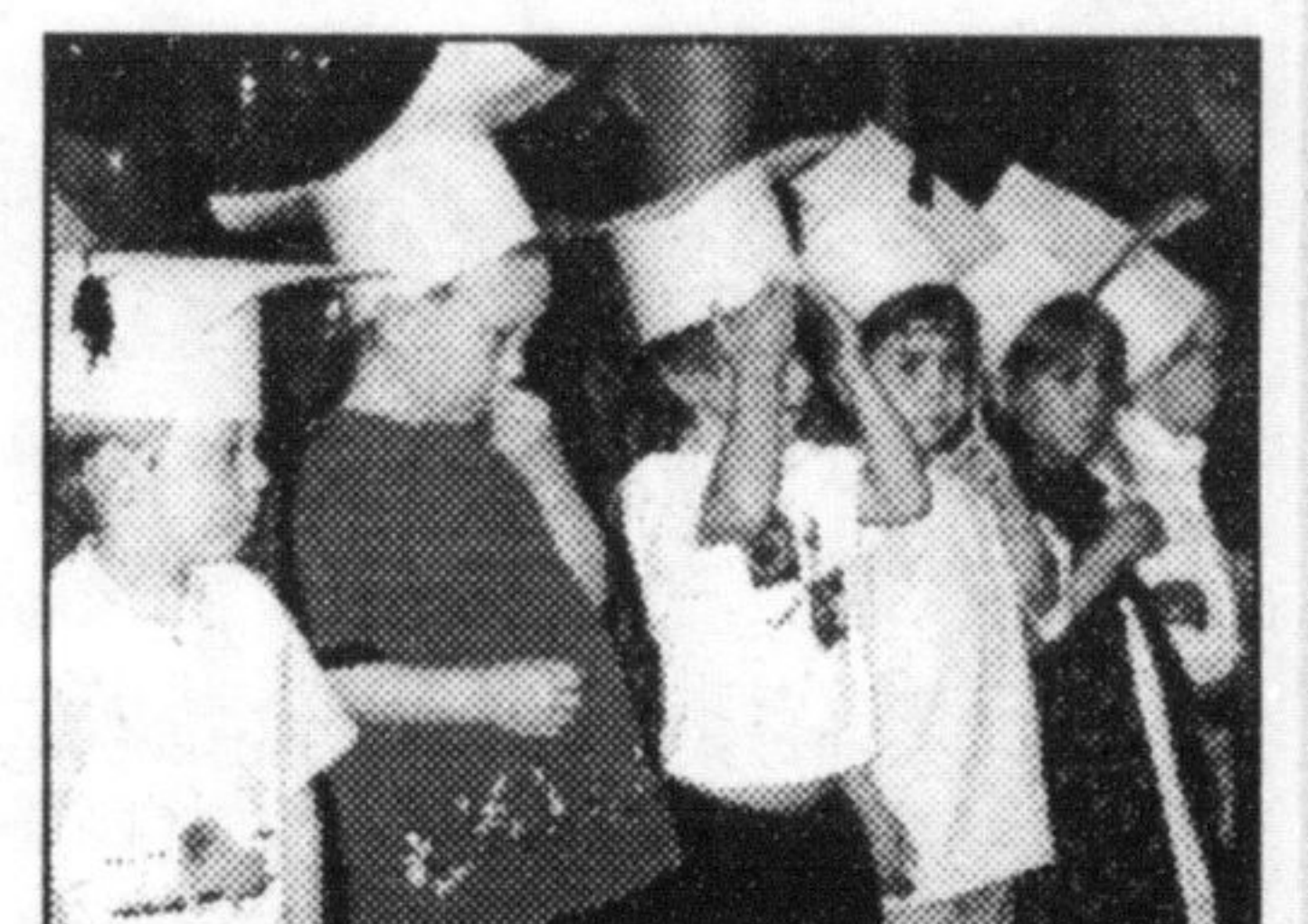
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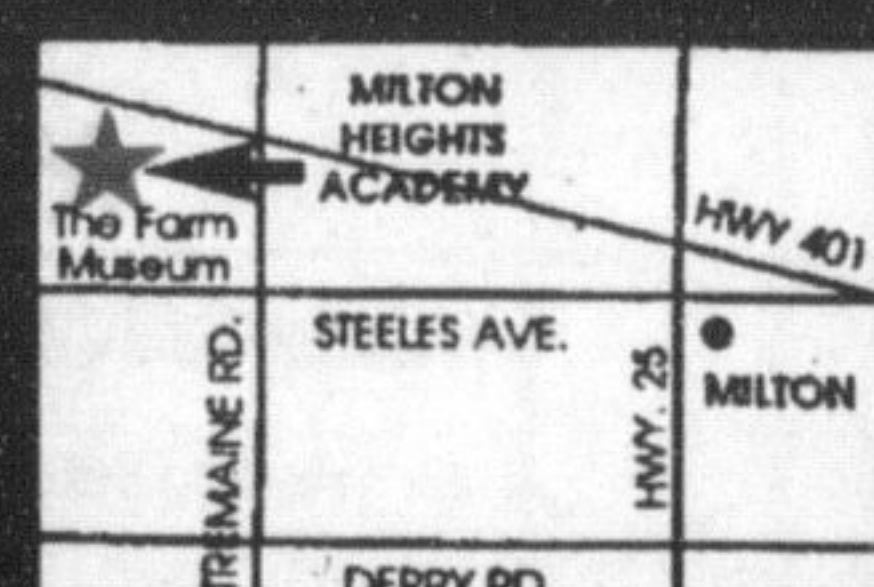
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