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This Townline Nassagaweya home was gutted Sunday from a fire that started in the barbecue.

Home destroyed after fire spread from propane tank

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An early evening fire destroyed a house on Townline Nassagaweya Sunday.

At 6:50 p.m., a neighbour called police to report an explosion at 10664 Town Line, near No. 15 Sideroad.

When police and fire services arrived, the house was fully engulfed in flames.

"When the safety valve on the back of the propane tank (from the barbecue) releases, it makes a bang when it opens," said Fire Chief Harold Penson of the Milton Fire Department. "That's what the explosion was."

Chief Penson said the two owners of the house were barbecuing and stepped into the house for several minutes to check something on the stove.

Soon after, they noticed flames coming from the barbecue. But

before they could get the fire under control, the flames had already travelled up the side of the house.

"The tank hose on the barbecue had burnt off and pressure was coming out of the tank," Chief Penson said. "The propane was on fire."

No one was injured. Damage is estimated at \$400,000.

"People have to remember not to store their barbecues next to their home and check the hoses occasionally for holes," said the chief.

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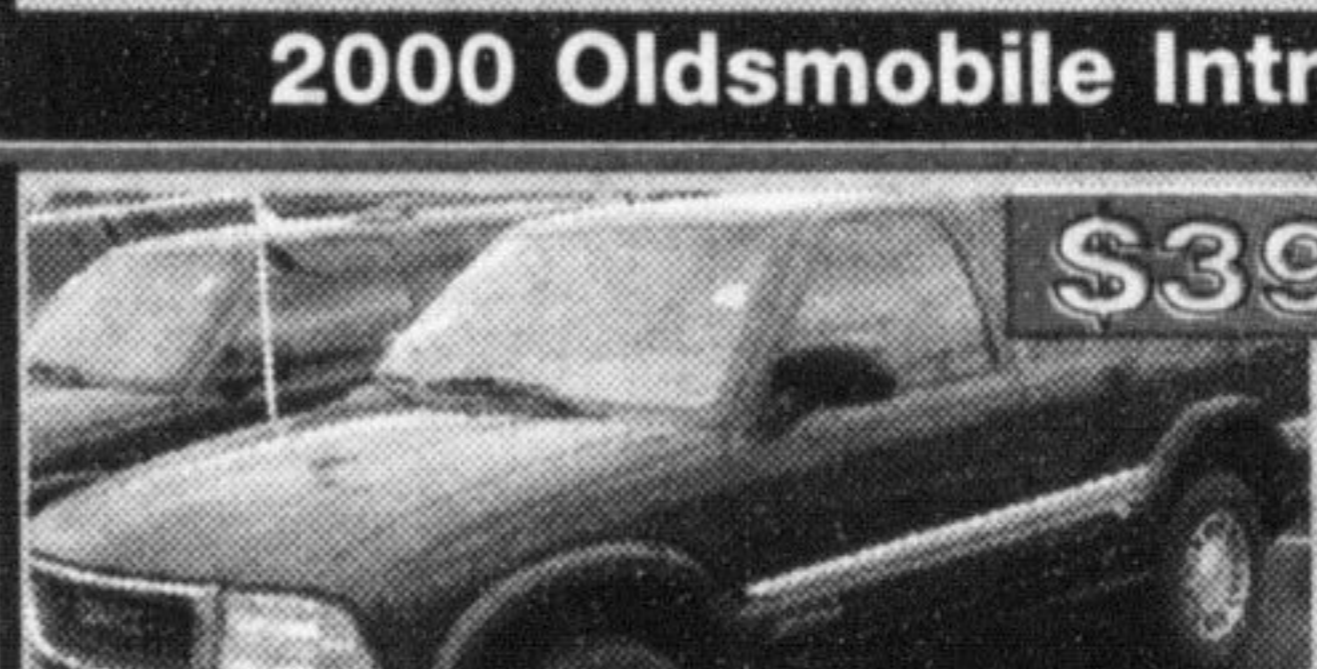


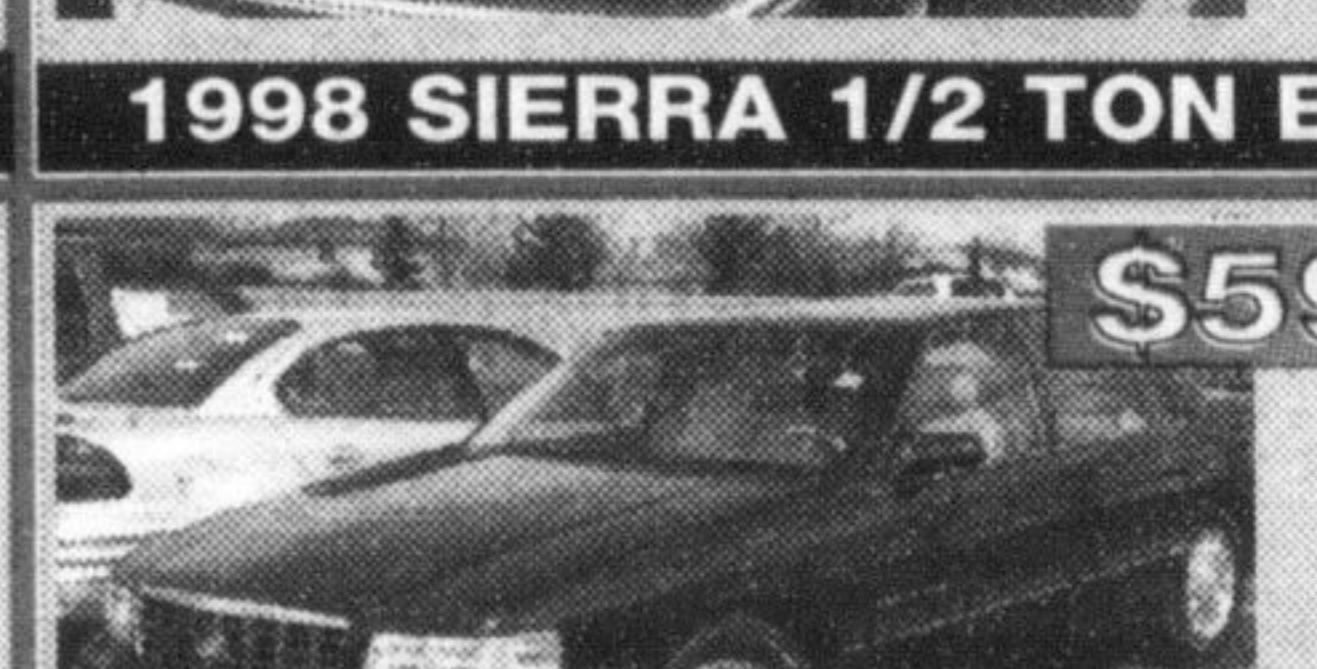


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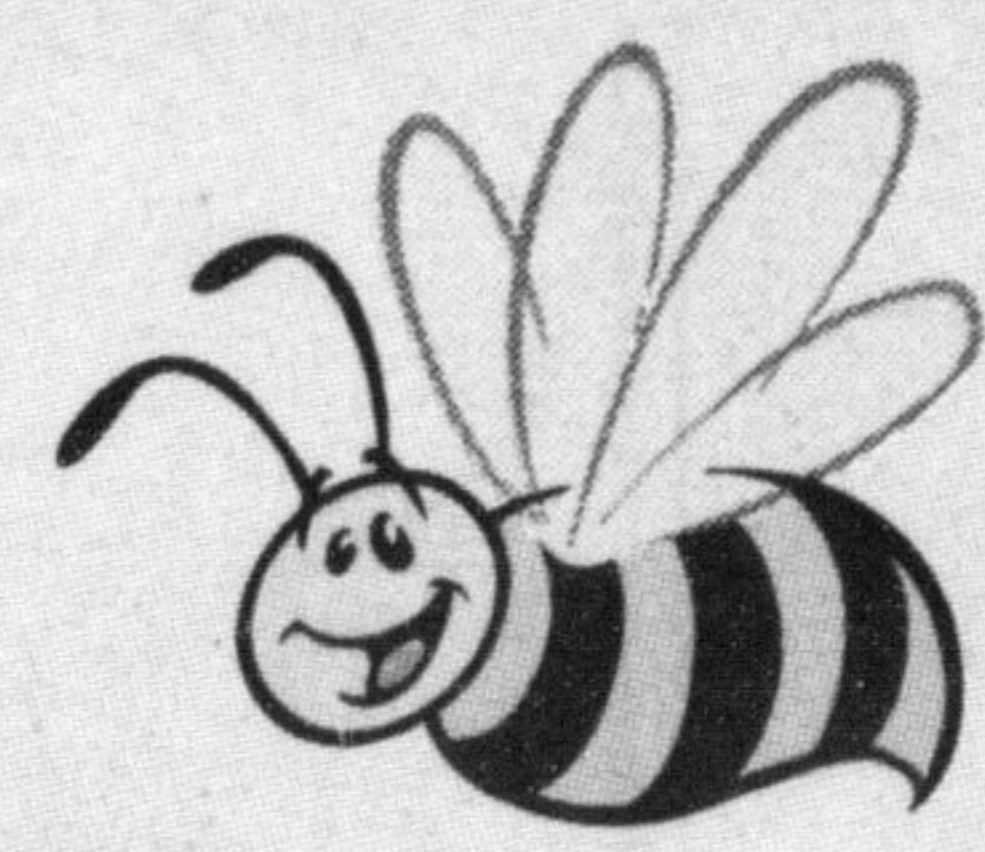
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