

# Drunk driving charge laid after car hits pole

A driver and his passenger suffered non-life threatening injuries Saturday night after the vehicle they were in left the road and hit a pole at No. 15 Sideroad and Amos Drive.

A Toronto police officer stopped to tend to the scene of the 6 p.m. accident until Halton police arrived.

A man was taken into custody. Charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm, over 80 and driving while disqualified is a 37-year-old Guelph man.

## Cocaine found

Police pulled over a vehicle for a spot

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# Smash and grab at lot

Halton Regional Police are investigating a smash-and-grab style car entry in the Milton area.

On March 29 at about 10:20 a.m., the owner of a blue 2000 Ford Windstar locked and parked his vehicle at Hwy. 401 and Regional Road 25.

Upon his return at about 11 p.m., the victim noticed that the driver's side window was smashed with a brick and a black Nokia cell phone was missing.

There was no attempt made to steal the vehicle and the loss is estimated at \$180.

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check Saturday night and found a small quantity of cocaine.

The vehicle was stopped at about 8:15 p.m. at Morobel Drive and Steeles Avenue and the vehicle was searched.

Charged with possession of a controlled substance was a 38-year-old Toronto man.

## Donation box stolen

Police received a call Sunday afternoon reporting that a man had removed a Tim Hortons Children's Foundation donation box from the store.

Police arrived at the Tim Hortons in the Laurier Avenue plaza just after 1 p.m. and arrested a man at the scene.

Charged with theft under \$5,000 and obstructing police is a 32-year-old Hamilton man.

## Public drunk charge

Police received a call early Saturday morning from a Centennial Forest Drive resident reporting a man sleeping on the porch.

The call was received just after 3:30 a.m. Police found the man walking northbound on the street.

Charged with public intoxication is a 20-year-old Woodward Avenue man.

# Large grass fire threatens safety of highway drivers due to smoke

By STEPHANIE THIESSEN

The Champion

It took firefighters almost an hour to bring a large grass fire under control Sunday.

Firefighters received a call at about 4:30 p.m. reporting the fire, which covered two fields near Tremaine Road.

"It was quite the blaze," said Capt. Doug Shortt. "Flames were 15 to 20 feet high once they crested."

When Capt. Shortt arrived and

saw how quickly the fire was spreading, he called in personnel from a second station.

The flames began to head into a farmer's field, Capt. Shortt said, and when the wind rose up, it was a matter of chasing the flames to contain the fire.

"We were concerned because the smoke was going over the 401," he said, adding that driving through heavy smoke would be like driving through a blizzard.

The 20 firefighters at the scene

used support units, portable water pumps and brooms to squelch the blaze and then spent another hour sifting through the grass looking for hot spots.

"They did a commendable job," Capt. Shortt said of the firefighters. "They worked their hearts out."

The cause is under investigation.

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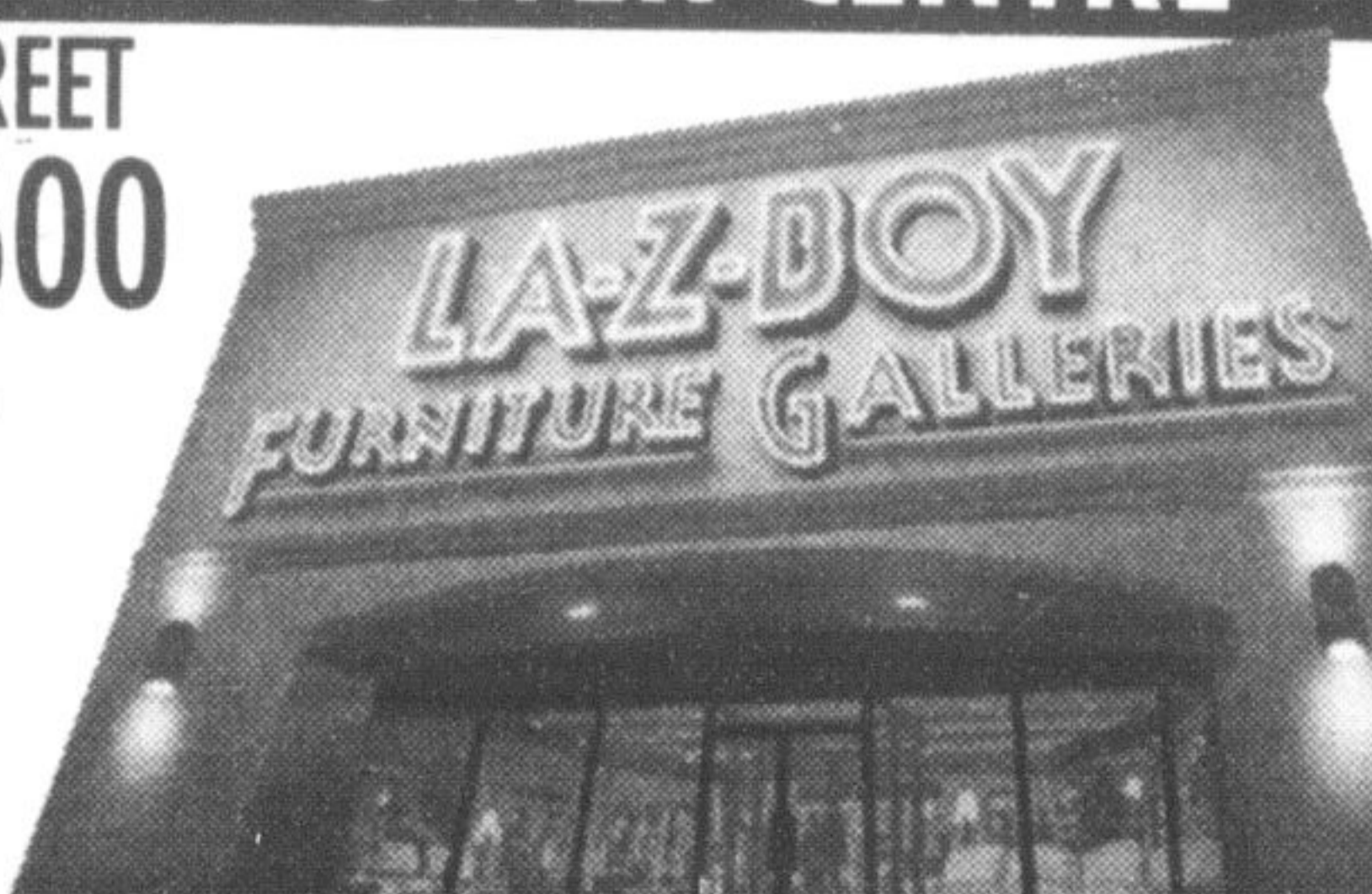
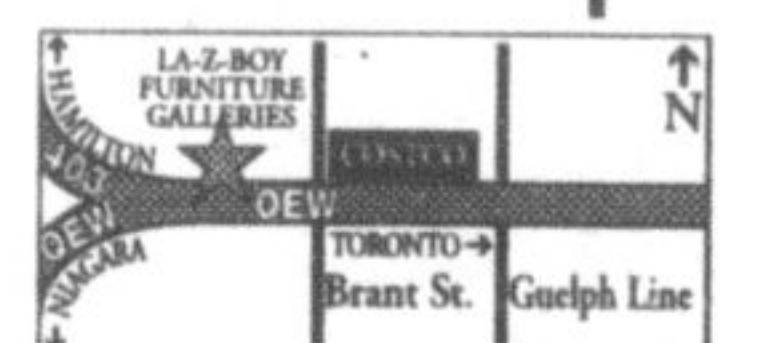
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