Spot check, car seat clinic part of seatbelt campaign

Spot checks and a car seat clinic are being held today as part of this week's Spring Provincial Seat-Belt Campaign.

The focus of this year's campaign is booster seats.

Halton Regional Police are conducting a spot check on Ontario Street, and a car seat clinic is being held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Milton Fire Department's central station on Steeles Avenue.

The goal is to raise public awareness about the importance of correctly using child car seats and booster seats while transporting children in family cars.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety, and is by appointment only.

More Canadian children die of road traffic injuries than any other cause. A properly used child car seat reduces a child's risk of injury in a motor vehicle collision by as much as 75 per cent.

Yet as many as 80 per cent of child car seats are used incorrectly, Halton Regional Police said.

The campaign will also be promoting regulations, which passed in December. For the first time in Ontario, booster seats will be mandatory for anyone transporting a child weighing between 40 and 80 pounds, under four-foot-nine, and under the age of eight.

To register for the car seat clinic, call (905) 878-5511, ext. 3954.

Police are reminding Miltonians that wearing a seat-belt is mandatory under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for ensuring all passengers under the age of 16 are properly restrained.

Local man turns himself in after hit-and-run accident

A man turned himself in to Milton police Friday, two days after a cyclist was injured in a hit-and-run accident on Derry Road.

The accident occurred just before 10 p.m. Wednesday. A 21-year-old cyclist was riding on the south shoulder travelling eastbound on Derry Road, near Holly Avenue, when he was sideswiped by a vehicle.

The car spun out on the gravel shoulder, recovered and continued travelling eastbound, Halton Regional Police said.

Fortunately, the cyclist received only minor injuries, and was taken to Milton

District Hospital by a witness.

Police were asking for the public's help in locating a grey, late model BMW with damage to its right side, including a missing mirror.

Police said the man who turned himself in provided investigators with details of the incident.

A 51-year-old man of Allan Crescent has been charged with one count of failing to stop at an accident. He's scheduled to appear at Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington May 10.





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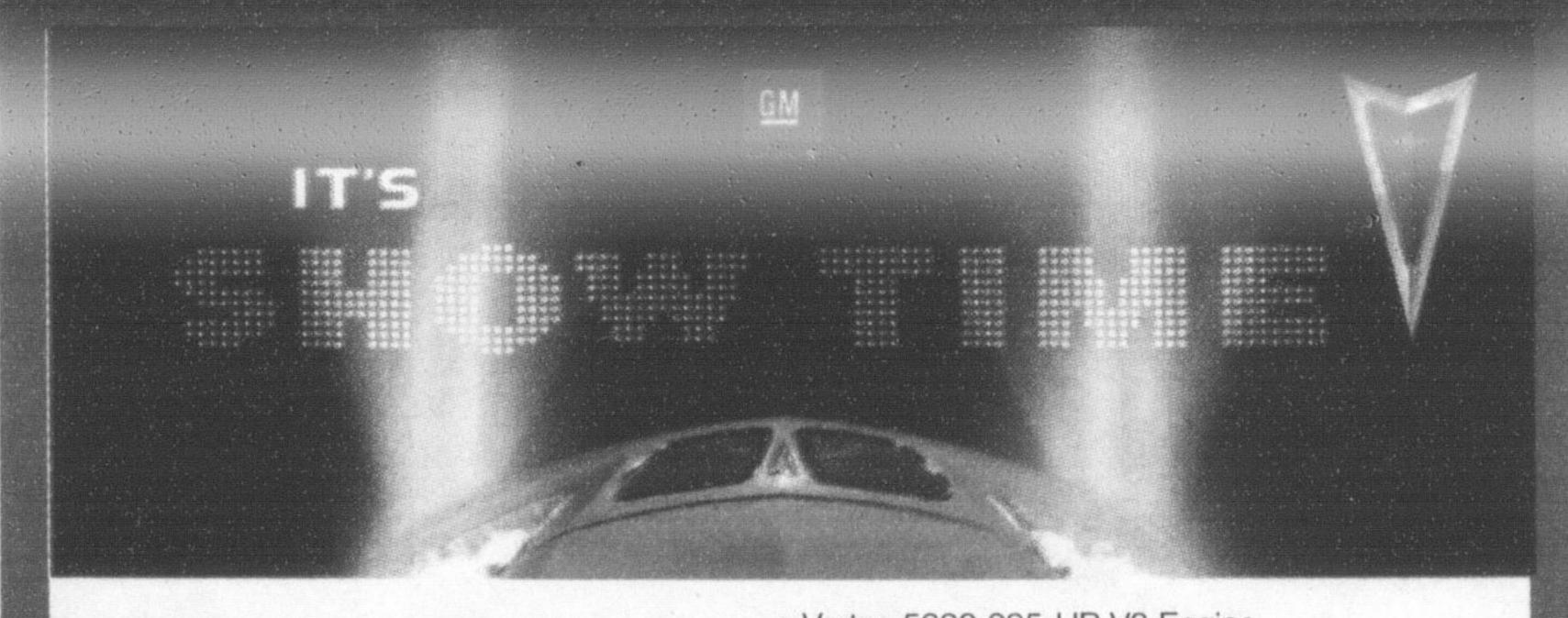
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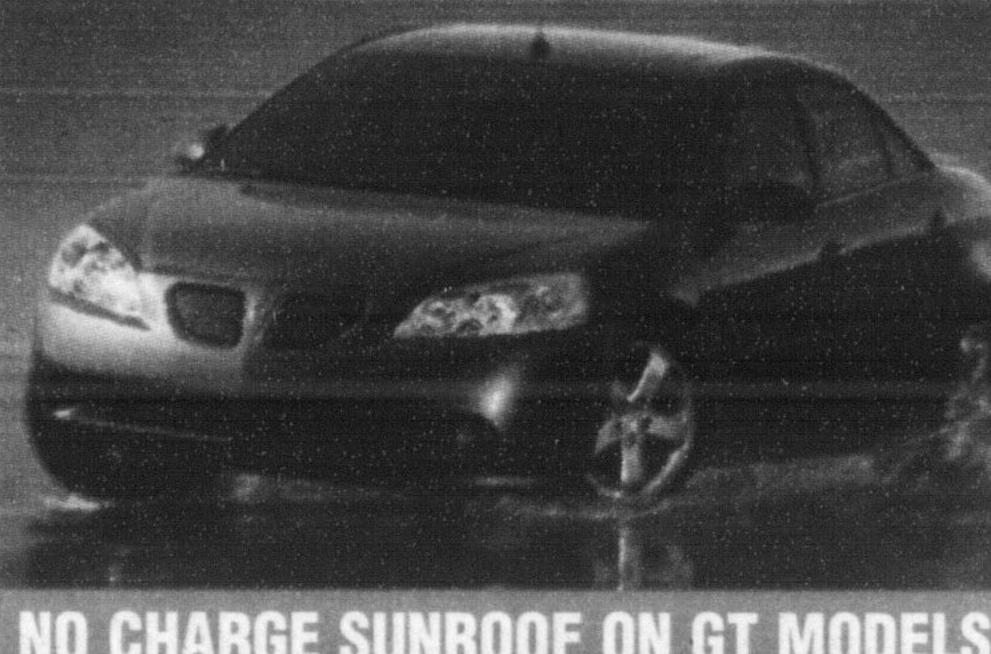
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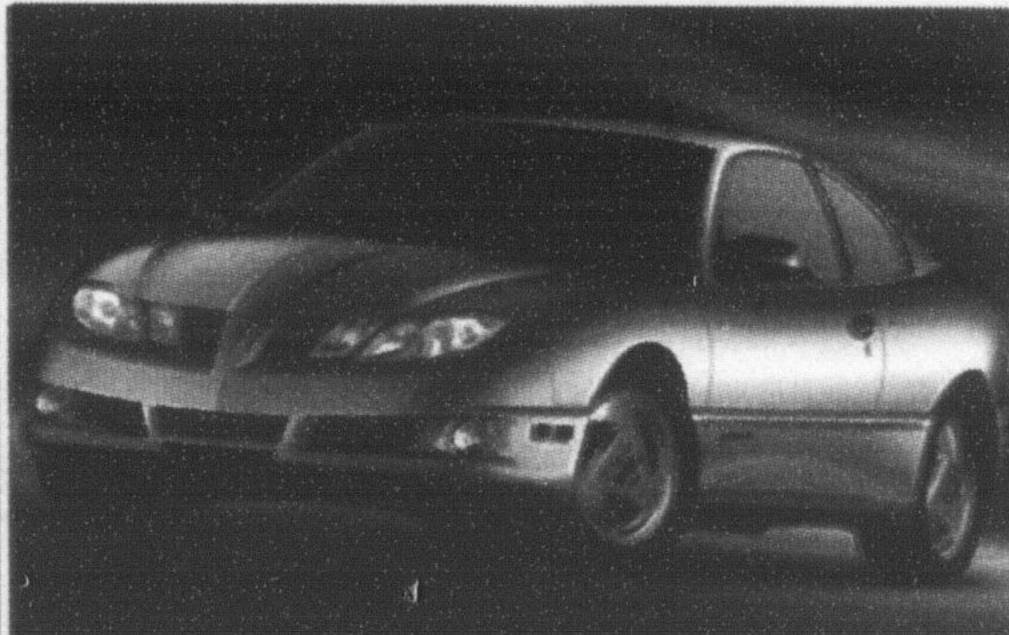


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