

Eilander instantly knew that train had to be stopped

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took place years ago as a train made its way from Etobicoke to Vaughan.

But that incident ended much differently; a rail car came off the track on a bridge overpass and killed the occupants of a van.

"I thought, 'I know exactly what this sounds like. That train has to stop,'" Eilander

said.

Why the brakes were left on, nobody knows. It could have been an oversight of the crew or a group of kids who decided to get into some trouble.

Eilander has been a train enthusiast since he was a kid and it's no coincidence he lives so close to train tracks.

Mother and daughter suffer minor injuries

A Milton woman and her daughter were sent to hospital Monday evening after their car was struck by a pick-up truck while exiting the GO Transit lot on Main Street.

A spokesperson from the Milton Fire Department said that at about 5:30 p.m. an eastbound motorist on Main Street stopped to let the female driver exit the GO lot.

But the woman then drove into the second eastbound lane, not seeing a pick-up truck approaching, and the truck rammed

into the driver's side door.

The woman's five-year-old daughter was sitting in the back on the passenger side.

The woman was extricated by Milton Fire Department personnel and transported to Milton District Hospital with injuries believed to be non-life-threatening along with her child, who suffered minor injuries.

Both were wearing their seatbelts.

There were no injuries to the driver of the truck, which suffered minimal damage.

"I work my hobby," he said.

He's proud to be a yard co-ordinator for CPR, which he said was declared the safest railway in North America, not for the first time. Last year, it was fatality-free, which is rare for a railway, Eilander said.

His wife, Dawn, couldn't be happier about the recognition Bert's receiving.

"Simply put, my husband's love for trains

prevented what would no doubt have been a major derailment in the town of Milton," she said.

Anyone who sees something amiss on a passing train or railway property can call the CPR Community Connect Line at 1-800-766-7912.

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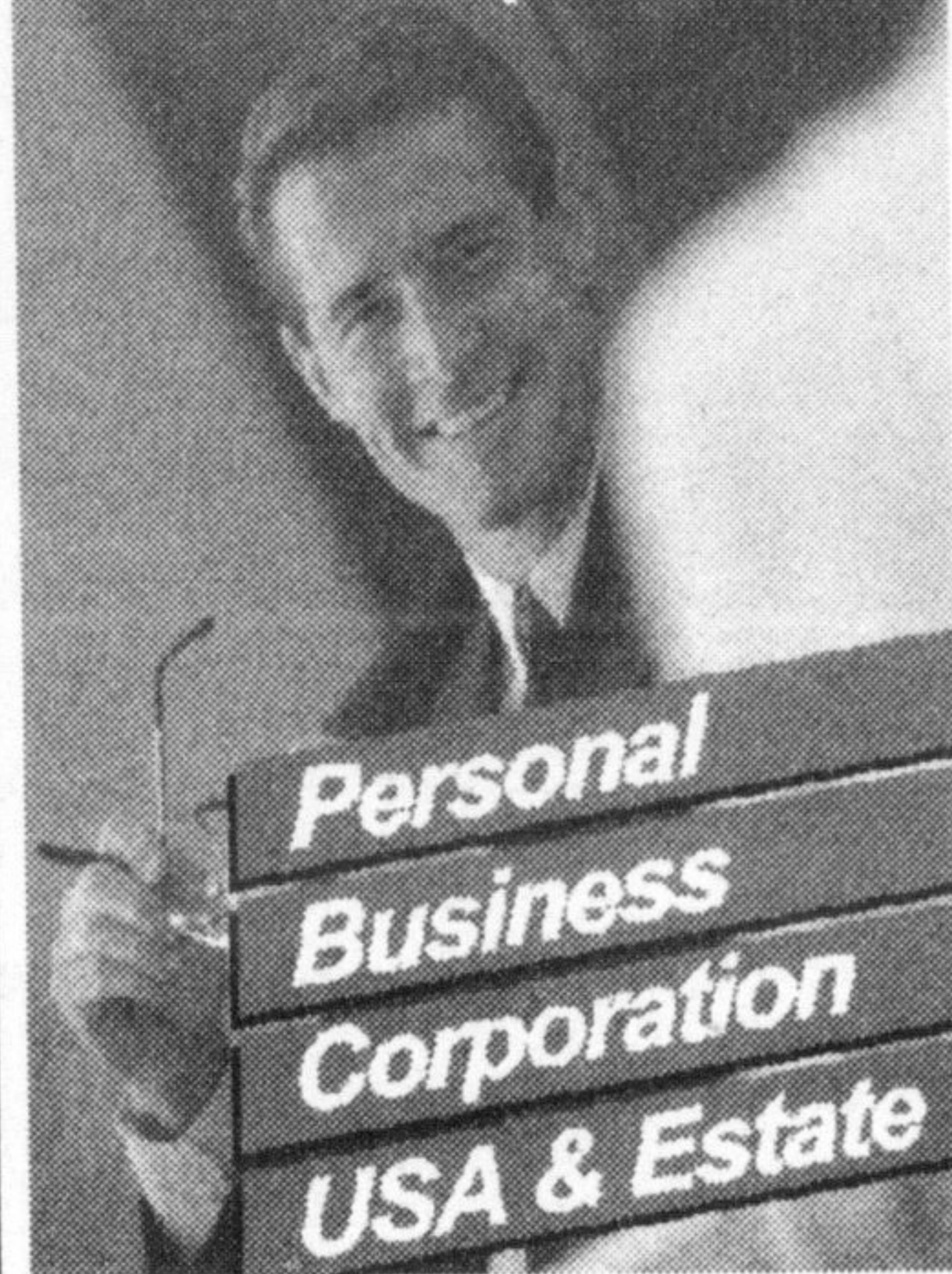
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