

Masked man robs bank at busy core intersection

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The hustle and bustle of early-morning downtown Milton took an unusual turn Wednesday morning when the TD Canada Trust bank was robbed by a suspect who remains at large.

At 8:07 a.m., minutes after the bank opened, a man entered through the front doors of the bank at Main and Charles streets and approached a female teller, police said.

He handed her a note demanding money and received an undisclosed amount. He then exited through the Main Street doors and fled on foot southbound on Charles Street and eastbound on Pearl Street.

No weapon was seen or indicated, but Halton police Det. Sgt. Murray Drinkwater said the teller was threatened.

"There was a comment made by the individual that



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Police secure the scene of a bank robbery Wednesday.

violence would be used if the teller didn't comply," he said.

Throughout the morning, onlookers glanced curiously at the bank, which was temporarily marked off with yellow police tape.

Police are seeking the public's help in locating the suspect, particularly since the robbery occurred during a busy time when there were lots of vehicles and pedestrians around.

"Anyone who saw anything out of the ordinary — even a small tidbit — is urged to call us," Drinkwater said.

The suspect is described as a man with a dark complexion, between five-foot-eight and six feet with a medium build. He wore a mask across his mouth, a ball cap with a cream-coloured brim, a black hoodie with long sleeves and the hood pulled up, washed-out black jeans and black gloves.

Anyone with information can call police at (905) 825-4747, ext. 2415, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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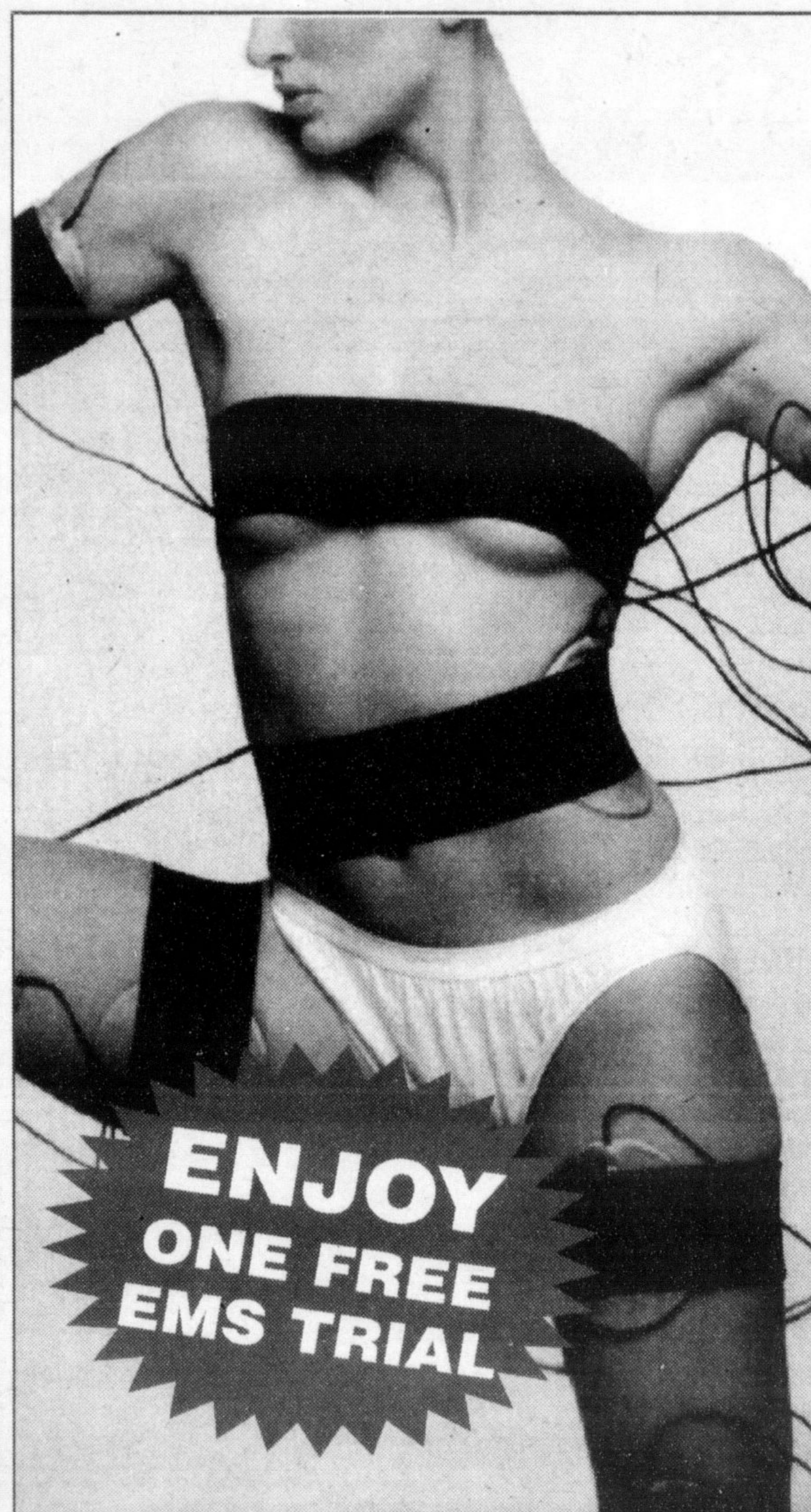
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