

# Vandals dim Christmas spirit for homeowner

There was good and bad news for an industrious Milton resident bent on spreading yuletide cheer.

The good news was that the Maple Avenue resident succeeded in solving the recurring headache of scrooges stealing outdoor Christmas lights by applying vaseline to them.

The bad news was that last Thursday the outsmarted thugs simply smashed the lights instead.

## Shoplifting attempt

Police say a rather bold shoplifting attempt was thwarted at Zellers on Saturday.

Two suspects were observed by store security selecting numerous items, removing the price tags, and placing them in a bag on their shopping carts. They were approached as they departed the store without paying, said police.

Charged are two Milton women, aged 29 and 30.

## Night visitor

A Childs Drive resident, quietly watching television just before midnight Saturday evening, was shocked when an intruder burst into the room.

Appearing equally surprised, the intruder fled out the front door.

## Police Blotter

Police said entry was gained through a second floor patio door. Police have a description.

## Construction theft

Two construction companies — Suburban Lathing and Acoustics of Woodbridge and Nutech of Hamilton — working at the Village Parc on the Pond condominium project on Millside Drive both reported tool boxes broken into sometime overnight last Wednesday.

Missing items amounted to a value of more than \$2,000 for each box.

The previous night, a Toronto firm working at High Point Industrial Park near Highway 401 reported the theft of 80 feet of four inch copper wire valued at about \$1,500.

## Crimes and misdemeanors

A CD player was stolen during an unusual break-in at the Laurier Avenue A&P on the evening of Nov. 25. A tractor trailer was backed tightly up to one of the loading docks.

Police said the culprit apparently broke into a side door of the tractor and then into the store.

A small amount of jewelry was reported stolen during a break-in at a Tremaine Road residence last Thursday. Entry was gained by prying open a rear patio door.

A flower arrangement, valued at \$75, was reported stolen from a grave in Evergreen Cemetery sometime between November 27-29.

Three storage lockers at an apartment building at 13 Charles St. were broken into overnight Wednesday.

A Valleyview Crescent resident reported that two arrows were fired into his back yard, slightly damaging the pool liner.

A 41-year-old Ottawa area resident was charged following an incident at Mohawk Raceway in which a stolen credit card was used to make a purchase.

Three remote control model cars, valued at about \$1,000, were reported stolen following a break-in at a Pine Street residence last Wednesday evening.

## Rough week

It was a rough week for cars and trucks in Milton with at least half a dozen break-ins reported and two tire slashing incidents. At Rattlesnake Point two cars were broken

into while the drivers were off on the trails. Three vehicles parked in the visitors' lot at 371 Bronte Street had their tires slashed on Sunday. Also on Sunday, the wheels were removed from a 1986 Toyota parked at Milton Honda.

## OPP report

Milton OPP charged two drivers

with drinking and driving offences and handed out four 12-hour suspensions.

Police are reminding everyone that this year's festive season RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program is in full swing and they urge drivers to help make the Christmas season a safe and enjoyable one by drinking responsibly.

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Overnight on October 24, the victim's car, which was parked on Butternut Crescent, was entered and his Canada Trust passbook and Canada Trust Mastercard were taken.

On October 25, a suspect turned up at three Canada Trust offices in Oakville and Burlington and, using the stolen credit card as identification, removed \$3,900 in cash — including \$2,700 in U.S. funds — from the victim's accounts. The stolen card has also been used to purchase gas and merchandise in the Oakville area.

The stolen card is a Canada Trust Mastercard and the suspect is described as male white, early to mid-30s, just under six feet, about 200 pounds, muscular build, short brown hair and wearing neat, casual clothing.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

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### CORRECTION

We regret that due to limited supply, the following items may not be available at all store locations during the "Gifts to Cherish Sale" flyer.

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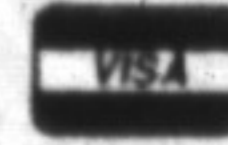

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