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# Truck thief crashes and flees

The driver of a pick-up truck which police say was stolen from the backstretch of Mohawk Raceway late Monday night fled when the vehicle crashed into a tree on Guelph Line.

Witnesses told police they saw a man who wasn't the owner of the vehicle get into the 1990 Ford pickup and drive away. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys in cassette recorder, and coin collecthe ignition.

The suspect drove the truck several miles south on Guelph Line before it went out of control, causing

extensive damage to the vehicle. A short search failed to turn up a suspect. Police are investigating.

#### House ransacked

About \$3,500 worth of property

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was stolen from a 6th Line house in a break-in Friday.

The owner of the home returned at 5:15 p.m. to find he had been a victim of thieves. Among the stolen goods were his stereo system, video

#### Impaired charges

A 52-year-old Hamilton man faces two impaired driving related charges following a minor accident on Derry Road, west of Appleby Line, Sunday night. The accident occurred at about 6:38 p.m.

Halton police charged a Burlington

man with having car and control of a vehicle while impaired after finding a suspect asleep in the front seat of his car on the shoulder of Derry Road near Appleby Line Sunday morning.

#### Money missing

About \$100 cash has disappeared from the court house on Steeles Avenue in Milton.

The money was stolen from three different areas of the facility sometime between moon Thursday and 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Cash was also stolen from a jar in the cafeteria recently. Police are investigating.

> CRIME STOPPERS OF HALTON

### Acton arsonist sought

Halton Regional Police and Crime Stoppers are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible for a house fire in Acton.

On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m., a citizen driving by 3 Young Street in Acton noticed smoke and flames coming from a south window of the home.

The Halton Hills Fire Department was summoned and the fire was extinguished.

Investigation by fire officials and Halton police indicate that the home had been set ablaze after being ransacked. The owners of the property were away at the time of the fire.

Damage to the home is estimated at \$120,000.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other case, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name. Call 1-800-668-5151 or 825-TIPS (8477).

## Man killed crossing tracks

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An inquest won't be held because CP Rail wasn't negligent in the accident, but a youth awareness program warning local students about the dangers of railway tracks will be conducted by Halton police in Milton schools, said Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett.

The program will also focus on teenage drinking since alcohol was a factor in the two deaths on the tracks this year, he said.

Kirk Wiens, 19, of Randall Crescent was killed April 6 after being hit by a train while walking with a friend on tracks near Court Street North, the same tracks where Geoffrey Vanderholt died in 1990. The pair had just finished splitting a 24 case of beer at Rotary Park.

A 16-year-old Markham boy attending Trillium School on Ontario Street was hit by a train while walking along the tracks west of Fourth Line May 11, He was struck on the right arm, but suffered minor injuries.

In April, a Hamilton man was seriously hurt when his truck collided with a train on tracks near No.1 Sideroad and Tremaine Road. just north of Burlington.

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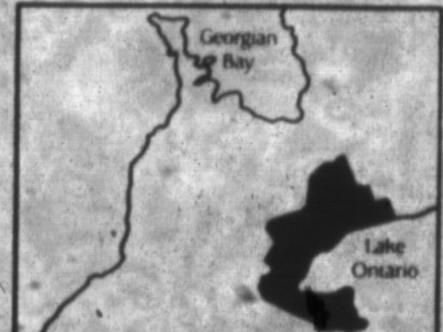
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