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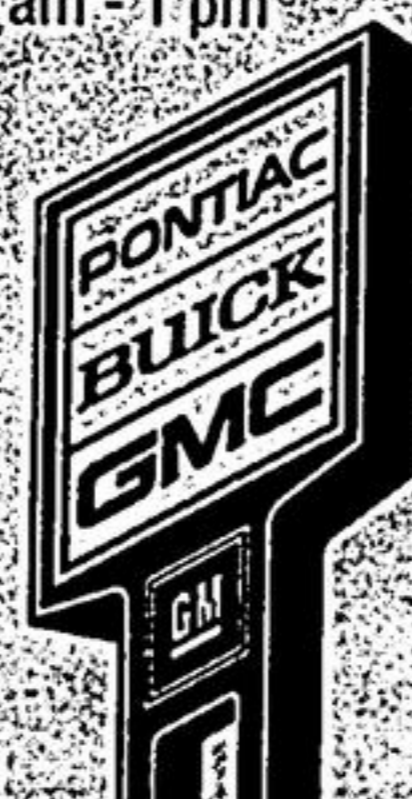
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CRIME

Suspect spotted

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an unknown means.

And on Monday, between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., three Main Street businesses were broken into and cash was stolen.

At Basically Bagels, thieves punched the front door locks about 4 a.m., getting away with \$100 cash, while causing \$300 damage.

Suspects netted \$1,000 from Good Eat Restaurant, just after 3 a.m., after suspects spun the front door locks. Damage is estimated at \$50.

And around the same time, Manos Hair Design was also broken into by thugs who punched the locks.

They caused \$100 damage for a \$20 booty. The suspect was spotted at one location and is described as male white, clean shaven, in his 20s, five-feet-eight-inches tall wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue pants and a dark blue jacket. Witnesses say he had a very round face.

Anyone with information is asked to call 881-1221 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

TRANSPORTATION: Push on for subway link

Get people 'out of cars'

Vaughan will revive the Loop Group, with partners York University and the Chamber of Commerce, to push for a subway extension into York Region, Mayor Lorna Jackson told a collection of Vaughan business leaders last week.

Speaking at La Pineta Banquet Hall as part of the chamber's monthly luncheon, Jackson announced she'd push for extending the Yonge/Spadina subway to York University, bringing it into York Region up Keele Street to Hwy. 407, across the Yonge Street and then back down to Finch Avenue.

"We're going to try and re-ignite the Loop Group," she said. "We have to get people onto public transit, the roads are simply not going to be wide enough to handle traffic."

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One of the board's first tasks will be to set up its first standing committee on sustainable transit. That is expected to be up and running within two months, with the first policy decisions expected within six months, said Alan Tonks, chairperson of the Greater Toronto Services Board.

"If you want to get people out of their cars, expand the subways," he said. With the growth that is occurring at the south end of York Region, it's an ideal opportunity to increase public transit use, before those new residents get too used to using their cars, he said.

Markham Mayor Don Cousens said the region needs a large transit expansion and a loop makes sense.

But the loop's proponents are "smoking on an empty pipe," he said, because no one has any money for such an expensive project, he said.

"I don't think it's realistic at all."

Members of the region's transit task force have labelled a subway extension north on Yonge "essential" for the success of Langstaff Gateway — a Yonge and Hwy. 7 property supposed to one day become the focal point for transit routes in the region.

Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert said he's lobbying the federal Liberals hard for a national transportation infrastructure program that would support such projects, but added the government has other budget priorities.



ALAN TONKS
Expanding subways will get people out of cars



DON COUSENS
Subway loop not realistic — no funds available