

100 devilish youths splatter Acton with eggs

By STUART JOHNSTON
Well over 100 youths dominated Acton's downtown core for several hours Tuesday night as they pelted passers-by, vehicles and each other with eggs and pumpkins, according to police.
Eyewitnesses to the Devil's Night event claim the Main and Mill St. intersection was carpeted with pumpkin debris, causing

several vehicles to skid out of control along the road. Fortunately, no accidents were reported.
In addition, passing vehicles were pelted with raw eggs, including several Halton Regional Police cruisers. Damage to the vehicles was minimal, according to a police report.

A large group of youths are said to have gathered at Prospect Park around 7 p.m. before

moving to the downtown area, and were later joined by more groups of teenagers as the night progressed. The youths are believed to be from both Georgetown and Acton.

Rural resident Eric Doubt angrily described to the WeekEnd in an interview Wednesday what he termed as a "mob scene controlling Acton."

"It absolutely screams disgust

that this can happen in our community," Doubt said. "People were pelted with eggs and pumpkins. The police were pelted and their cars were rocked. I think that it's really terrible. I talked to (Mayor) Russ Miller about the whole thing, and he thinks it was the worst situation in 25 years."

Acton councillors Norm Elliott and Rick Bonnette were also

victims of the tomfoolery of the evening. Elliott told the WeekEnd that he and Bonnette were driving through the downtown core at 10 p.m. when his car was attacked with a barrage of eggs. He added that the sidewalks were covered with broken pumpkins, and he could barely see the concrete underneath the mess.

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Gunman holds police at bay for 18 hours



Members of the Halton Regional Police Tactical and Rescue Unit discuss tactics early Wednesday afternoon, a short time after a heavily armed gun-

man barricaded himself in a First Line house near 22 Sdrd.

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Suspect found dead

By SCOTT KLINE

A 29-year-old Acton man kept Halton Regional Police at bay for almost 18-hours before taking his own life Wednesday night.

According to Staff Inspector Richard Kivell the stand-off started at about noon Wednesday when a man was observed by Halton police loading a long barrelled gun while driving a car in the Acton area.

Police followed the suspect — 29-year-old William Andrew Frank — to a small farmhouse on the First Line about 2 kilometres south of 22 Sdrd.

Kivell — the commanding officer for One District which includes Acton, Georgetown and Milton — said police learned the suspect was wanted in Guelph for uttering death threats and failing to appear in court last Friday.

The man had told acquaintances that if police tried to arrest him, "there would be a shoot out and they (police) will get hurt," Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett said.

"He had a high powered rifle and lots of ammunition," Kivell said. "He made it well known that if we went in for him he was going to take some of us out."

At about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, as members of the Tactical and Rescue Unit (TRU) moved into position around the farmhouse, police initiated negotiations with the gunman. "We talked on and off with Frank until approximately 7 p.m.," Kivell said. "There were breaks in the talks."

He said the gunman did not make any demands "but there was talk of injury to himself and others."

Police said the man's mother, father and young son were in the house when the stand-off began. They were however, released unharmed early in the afternoon.

As darkness fell, TRU members

tightened their circle around the house as the tense stand-off continued.

"In our opinion we were dealing with someone who was serious and

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Bill Smith killed in car crash

Well known Acton resident and travelling barber William Leslie (Bill) Smith died Tuesday evening as the result of a two-vehicle accident.

According to police, at about 11:50 p.m. Tuesday a vehicle driven by his wife, Karen Smith, was southbound on Hwy. 25 north of Acton when it collided head-on with a northbound vehicle driven by Peter Timmerman.

Mr. Smith was rushed to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital where he was

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