



CAR ACCIDENT: Halton Regional Police responded to a car accident that happened at the corner of Main and Mill St., early this morning. Some local residents gathered as paramedics cared for the injured individual. Further information was not available at press time. — *Deslyn Diaram photo*

Meets queen, wins gold

Chatting with the Queen and being part of the Gold medal-winning Canadian lifesaving relay team are two lifetime highs for Acton's John Eddolls.

While Eddolls, 23, may have been a bit nervous as he rubbed shoulders with royalty, he was confident with just a "twinge of cockiness" as he competed at the Commonwealth Games last month in England.

Canada sent four men and four women to the pool events which test the lifeguard/athletes for skill, fitness, knowledge and judgment in water rescues, line throws, manikin rescues, obstacles, resuscitation knowledge and skills and staged emergency responses.

While somewhat disappointed with his 5th and 6th place finishes, Eddolls said he wouldn't trade the relay team's gold medal win over dominant Australia, for anything.

"I would have liked to have had a personal medal — I was just out-touched for a medal by 15/100th (of a second) — but I wanted the team Gold in the rescue tube relay more," Eddolls said on Sunday, adding it was particularly sweet because they beat out Australia who are seen as the "Gods" of lifesaving.

"We beat Australia in the preliminaries, and then in the finals we beat them by nearly two seconds, and in a event that takes maybe a minute and 30 or 34 seconds to complete that translates into three or four metres so we beat them in convincing style." In the overall competitions, Australia finished first, Canada was second and Wales finished third.

On the second day of competition, the Commonwealth competitors were invited to a reception at Buckingham Pal-

ace, a "wicked" experience, according to Eddolls, especially when the Queen and Prince Philip engaged himself and a small group of other Canadian athletes in a 10 to 15 minutes wide-ranging conversation.

"I did say 'wow.'" I said, "you'll have to excuse me, but wow. This is just amazing. I never expected to be here," Eddolls said.

"It seemed kind of surreal — you're talking to the woman on the back of your money, surrounded by the Palace that is like a movie set with priceless works of art on the wall. It was a unique experience."

Eddolls, who is working as a lifeguard and assistant pool manager for the Town for the summer, plans to tryout for the Goodwill Games at a selection camp July 9 in Halifax. Long-range plans include competing at the World lifesaving competition in Florida next year.

"I've met the Queen and that's a life high point, but I still want an individual world medal."

Ted says Julian should shoot for 50-50 cost agreement

Following is a letter to Halton MP Julian Reed filed with The New Tanner for publication"

Given the huge pressures on health care in Ontario and indeed across Canada I call on you and your colleagues in the Government of Canada, 101 of which represent Ontario ridings, to restore the necessary funds to meet the original 50-50 cost sharing agreement on health care between the federal government and the provinces.

Currently the federal government is only providing 14 cents of every health care dollar in Ontario.

Presently health care spending constitutes 44 per cent of the provincial budget. When I was first elected in 1995 health care spending stood at 36 per cent of the provincial budget. If the recent dramatic rise in health care spending is continued,

it will consume 60 per cent of the provincial budget in five years.

With health care costs skyrocketing and demands for service showing no signs of slowing down, it is apparent the current direction is unsustainable. If you and your colleagues are unable to make substantial personal tax cuts, then you should direct taxpayers money to health care, where there is broad public support for it to be spent.

While we continue to search for ways to more efficiently spend health care dollars, those measures are ultimately finite. Restoration of the federal government's 50-50 cost sharing commitment to health care allows a much more flexible response to health care requirements.

Sincerely
Ted Chudleigh
MPP Halton

Antique show had helpers

Dear editor,

The Acton Branch (Wellington County Unit) of the Canadian Cancer Society, wishes to thank the many individuals, businesses and media who helped us to present the 4th Annual Antique Show and Sale.

Before the show opening, media coverage was generously given by COGECO, The New Tanner, The Independent and Acton Free Press, Doug Platt Promotions and CITY TV's Breakfast Television. Strong support was received from businesses — Acton IGA, M & M, MacMillans, Chudleigh's, Tuitman's, Goy Cartage, Jon

Hurst, Acton Precision and Steve Dawkins.

The management and staff of the Acton Arena were most helpful before, during and after the show.

The volunteers of the Acton Branch, some friends and family members spent endless hours preparing food and welcoming the public to the show. None of this would have been important without the attendance by our neighbours in Acton, Georgetown and surrounding communities.

We appreciate everyone's support.

Nadine Eaton, Show Convener

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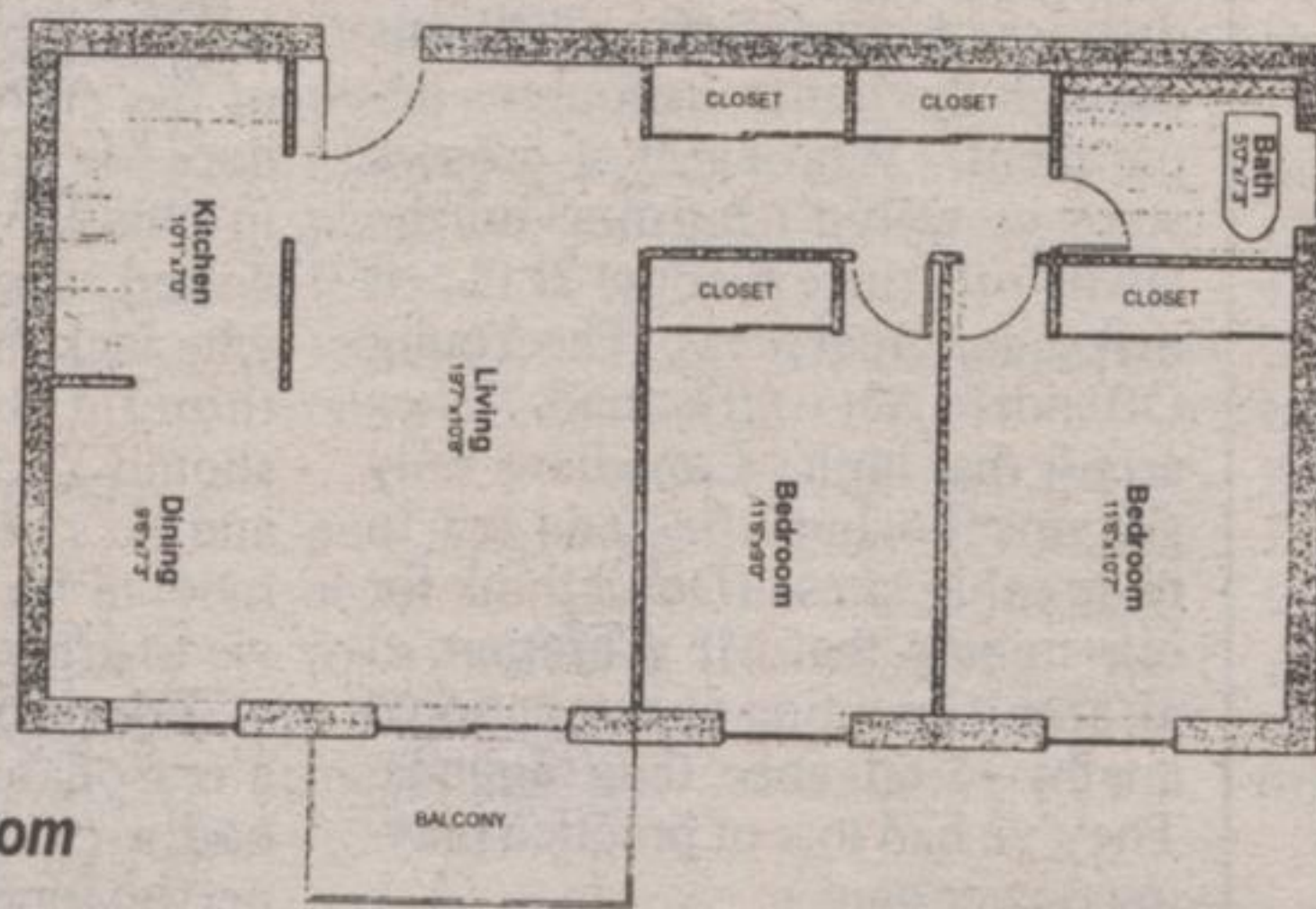
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