

SPECTACULAR SIGHT: Despite plunging temperatures and threat of rain, thousands of spectators lined the banks of Fairy Lake Sunday night for the annual Firefighters' fireworks display. Large crowds were at Prospect Park, Acton Legion, St. Joseph School and along Elizabeth Drive for one of the most spectacular displays ever.

Alliance votes for review

Members of the Halton Canadian Alliance Riding Association voted overwhelmingly, June 27, to ask the national council of the party to hold a national assembly as soon as reasonably possible, to resolve the party's leadership issue.

The vote passed with a 90% majority in favour of an

early assembly to resolve the leadership.

Several MPs have left the Canadian Alliance in protest against the leadership of Stockwell Day and they are trying to gain party status in the House of Commons. It has precipitated a crisis in the party which members want resolved.

POLICE BEAT

SMASH AND GRAB

A thief used a rock to break a front window and then reached in to steal a portable stereo and VCR from Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances on Mill Street early last Monday morning. The stolen goods were valued at \$500. The repair bill for the window was \$2,000.

MAN ELUDES POLICE

A 35-year-old man, covered in mud, wet and shaking, was arrested hours after eluding police at a spot check near Silver Creek on Highway 7 last Wednesday morning.

The man pulled into a driveway and took off on foot to avoid the spot check. A search by the canine and tactical units failed to locate the man, who walked into the Silver Creek gas station several hours later.

The suspect, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with personation, possession of stolen property (the car he'd been driving,) obstructing police and possession of stolen credit cards. He remains behind bars after being denied bail.

GAS VENT

Acton firefighters were called to a Gordon's Creek Drive home at 3:09 Saturday afternoon after a relief valve on a large propane tank began to vent. The tank had been filled the previous day and the extreme heat caused the leak. Acton firefighters responded but left the scene when the propane company arrived.

Five charged in mailbox damage

Five Guelph men were charged after an early morning vandalism spree on County Road 29 in Eramosa Twp.

The suspects drove along the county road armed with a sledgehammer and destroyed about 15 mailboxes. A homeowner heard the noise and called police and then followed the suspects towards Guelph.

The car was stopped on County Road 124 where officers found a video camera which the suspects had used to record themselves committing the crimes.

The video shows the suspects laughing as they pummelled their targets with the hammer. The tape will be used as part of the crown's case. Charged with mischief under \$5,000 are: Andy Cheung,

19, Tristan Davis, 19, Marco Jordan, 18, Daniel McIsaac, 18, and Kevin Trento, 19.

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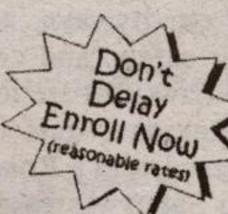
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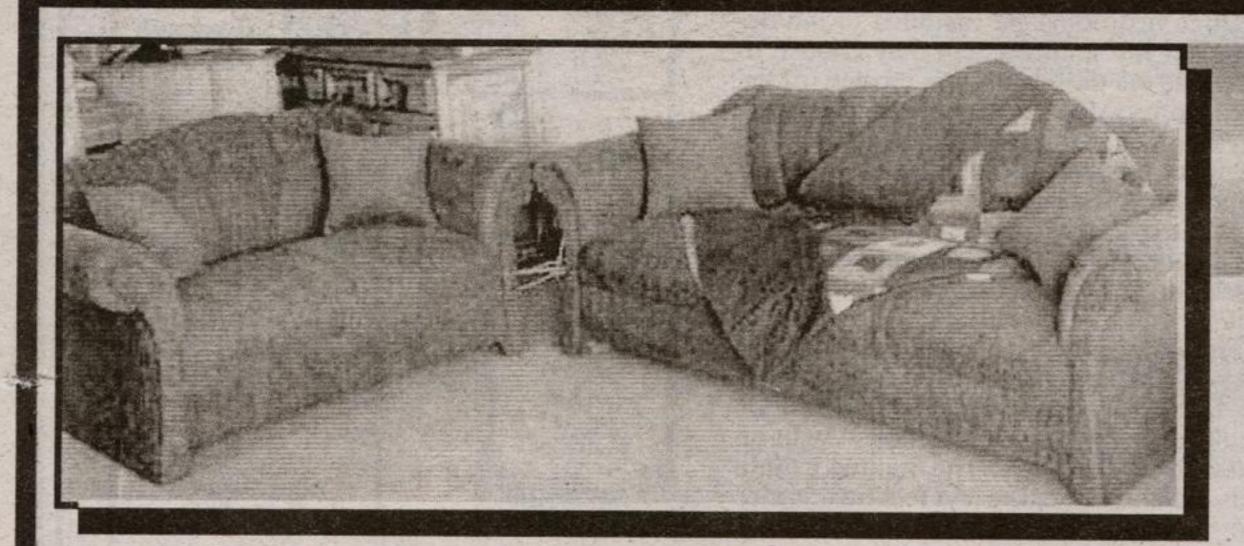
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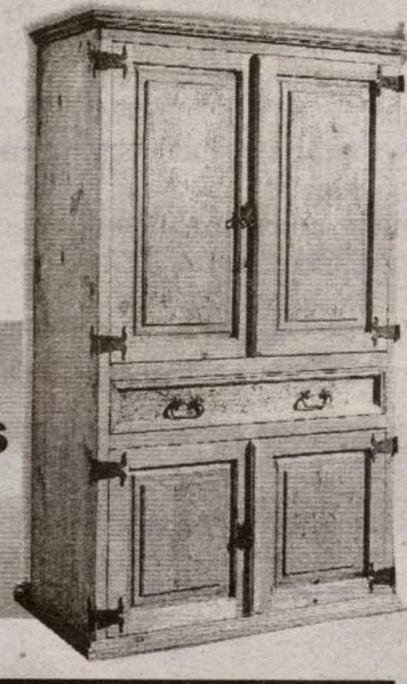
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