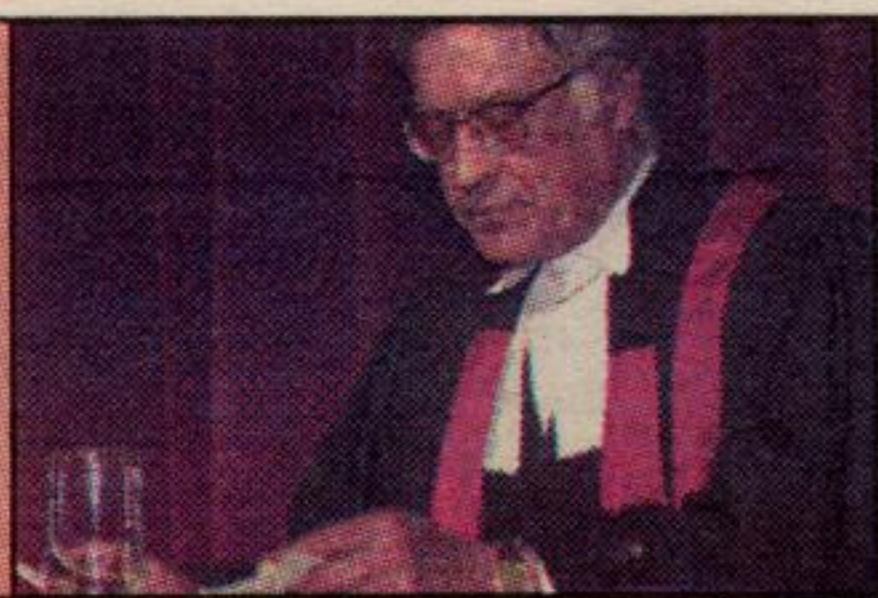


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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Woman killed

■ A 75-year-old Acton woman was killed in a head-on collision that occurred at Trafalgar Rd. north of Lower Base Line Thursday morning.

Pronounced dead at the scene of the accident was Jean Heintzman of Acton.

Police say the accident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Thursday when a southbound 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Heintzman crossed into the northbound lane and collided head-on with a Maple Lodge Farm tractor trailer driven by Paulo Valente, 36, of Brampton. Valente wasn't injured.

Witnesses are asked to contact Const. Doug MacIntosh at 878-5511 ext. 5057.

Western gear taken

■ Police are investigating the theft of about \$50,000 worth of western riding gear from a business on Steeles Ave. in Hornby that occurred during a break-in sometime Thursday night or early Friday.

Police say several oilskin coats, western boots, saddle pads and 13 saddles, five valued at \$3,000 each, were stolen.

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Trunk sale troupers

Nicholas Rogers, 5, and his two-year-old sister Rachel, were among the many people who braved the cool weather to take in the first Acton Trunk Sale of the year Saturday at the old Hide House's Eastern Ave. parking lot. The sale, now in its fourth year, runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until September.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Jobs the key issue in cable TV debate

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
Special

Debate over the future of Canada sparked the most emotion during Friday's Halton all-candidates forum broadcast live on Halton Cable System's Channel 14 MAX TV, but job creation, not national unity, appears to be the number one issue with both voters and candidates in Halton.

During the two-hour forum, sponsored by Kentner's Social Catering, more than half of the nine callers who phoned in directed their questions about job creation, the economy and MPs' pensions to incumbent Liberal MP Julian Reed, who was also peppered with the most questions from his fellow candidates.

Reed, a three-term provincial politician, actor and farmer, was poised and confident as he defended the Liberal's cost-cutting programs and thanked all Canadians for paying the price to turn the country around.

"The message I get talking to people across this riding is 'stay the course' and 'get the job done' and don't go off on tangents, but anchor this country so that its future will be realized the way that it should," Reed said.

Progressive Conservative candidate Ralph Scholtens, a small businessman and member of Burlington and Halton councils for nine years, said that after being soundly defeated in 1993 the PCs took a long, hard look at their party.

"That's why we have a plan today that is, in fact, more conservative than any plan or program that this country has to offer," Scholtens said as he appealed to voters to elect him as the "voice of choice" in Halton.

NDP candidate Jay Jackson, a Sheridan College employee and chair of the Halton Hills Library Board, appeared tentative and

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