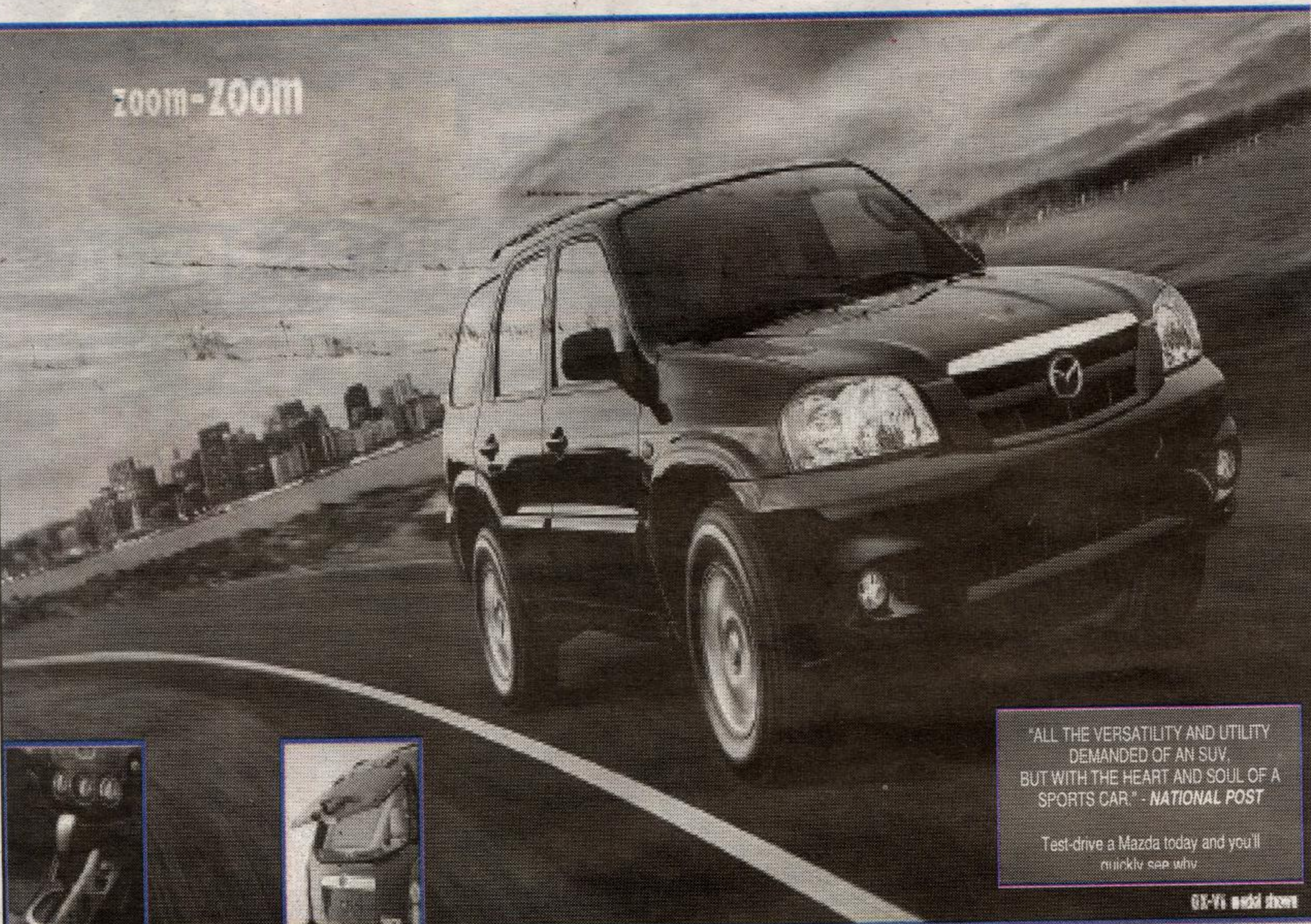


Halton Hills firefighters were called out to a large shed fire early Wednesday to battle a blaze that caused \$60,000 damage. Small machinery, roofing and other construction materials were destroyed. At one point 25 firefighters were called out to battle the blaze.

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Damage set at \$60,000 as large shed on Eighth Line gutted by blaze

Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services is investigating an early morning blaze that destroyed a large shed at an Eighth Line residence Wednesday.

The contents of the shed— small machinery, roofing and other construction materials— were destroyed in the fire resulting in approximately \$60,000 damage.

Halton Hills firefighters were called to the blaze north of 22 Sideroad at approximately 6:40 a.m. after a neighbour called 911.

When fire crews arrived (at one point 25 firefighters were on the scene) the shed was fully involved. Firefighters worked for 30 minutes bringing the fire under control and remained there throughout the afternoon extinguishing hot spots.

"Despite the rain outside and fire and smoke conditions, firefighters performed extremely well getting the fire under control very quickly," said Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education Harry Olivieri.

"While access to the fire was very difficult, firefighters were persistent in their efforts to get to the seat of the fire," said Fire Chief Bob Meads.

Santa pays evening visit to Georgetown tomorrow

Organizers of the Georgetown Lions Club Santa Claus Parade wanted to do something special to recognize its 75th anniversary so they have decided to hold it in the evening instead of the afternoon this year.

The parade, hosted by the Lion's Club tomorrow (Saturday), will begin at 5 p.m. at Sinclair Ave. and Guelph St. and follow its traditional route down Guelph to Mill St., then along Mill to Charles St., onto Park St. ending at Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Lions Club member and chair of the parade committee Al Watt said the approximately 60 floats in the parade will be decorated with Christmas lights in keeping with the parade's theme— "Twas the Light Before Christmas.

Watt said five bands are expected to take part in the parade including the Georgetown Pipe Band, York Lions Steel Band, Acton Citizens' Band, Dutch Boy Drum and Bugle Corps and the 756 Squadron Air Cadet Band.

Prizes will be awarded to parade participants in several categories including best theme, best band, best commercial entry, best community entry and most creative entry.

As in the past, children are encouraged to bring their letters addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, HOH OHO, Canada to the parade as Canada Post letter carriers will be walking the route collecting them. All letters should include a return address.

Children can also check out Santa's special web page at www.canadapost.ca/holiday.