

# COMMENT

## Awareness can protect your assets from thugs

There are enough bumps along the road of life without falling victim to scam artists.

And the best protection against such lowlifes — who would prefer to lazily steal the hard-earned money of others than to roll up their own sleeves for a hard day's work — is awareness.

As seen in the bank card scam that came to light here over the Easter weekend, it pays to be vigilant.

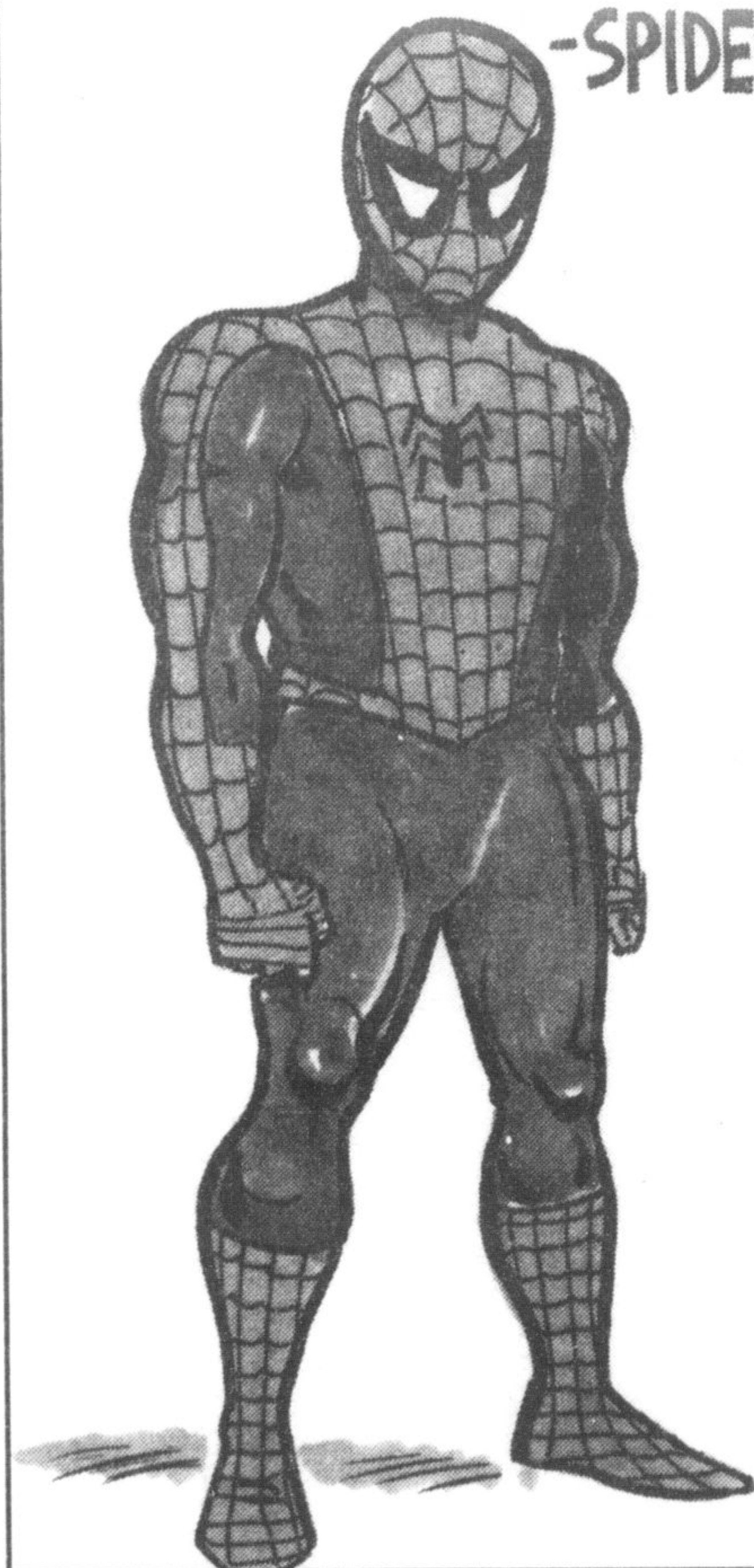
If you weren't a victim, be glad. If you don't want to be a victim, Halton Regional Police suggest cardholders take precautions.

Cardholder safety tips were published in a story on the bank card scam in Friday's Champion, but it can't hurt to go over them again.

- Never let your bank card out of sight when conducting a transaction.
- Never lend your card to anyone, including friends and family.
- Memorize your PIN. Don't write it down or tell it to anyone.
- Don't select a PIN based on the obvious — name, street number, telephone number or birthday.
- If you believe someone is watching your transaction too closely or takes your card out of sight, ask questions or call police.

"WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY."

-SPIDERMAN



"WITH GREAT POWER COMES ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY."

-LIBERALMAN



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## OUR READERS WRITE

### Thanks to all who cleaned up fairgrounds

Dear Editor:

The Halton Agricultural Society would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to our good neighbours for the care and consideration regarding the Milton Fair Grounds.

What a pleasure it was to hear that the neighbourhood dog owners gathered to clean up the grounds. Not only did they clean up after local pets, but also the garbage.

With this display of community pride, the membership of the Halton Agricultural Society is appreciative and happy to keep the grounds open for pub-

lic use.

Last spring, the Milton Fair Grounds experienced in excess of \$6,000 worth of vandalism. This is a substantial loss for a non-profit organization.

In an effort to curb vandalism, our volunteers canvassed our neighbours to ask for their help. Again, we were pleased with the attitude and care displayed.

Our neighbours' efforts to provide a safe and clean environment on the fairgrounds for everyone's enjoyment is greatly appreciated.

**Halton Agricultural Society  
Board of directors**

### Seeking court injunction the best way to deal with adult video store, says couple

(The following letter was addressed to Mayor Gord Krantz and members of town council and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

I have read with interest the stories and letters in The Champion in regards to the adult video store Exxotica that has recently opened in town and the controversy over the bylaw that the Town has in place to deal with this situation.

I must tell you that for 32 years I was a peace officer in this province and during my career I witnessed the passing of many municipal by-laws that were questioned, as is the case now.

However, when a law was being challenged, it was never left to lawyers to resolve — because, inevitably, one lawyer sides with the municipality and the other sides with their client.

Instead, law enforcement officers did their job — they enforced the law that was on the books and then the lawyers fought it out in front of the courts — who ultimately made the decision that resolved the controversy.

I would suggest that the best way to resolve this is to (a) have appropriate charges laid, thus placing the issue immediately before the courts, and (b) obtain a court injunction to close them down, for

operating a business without first being issued a proper business permit.

Personally, my family is opposed to this store and what it represents by setting up in Milton — not only because of the products it deals in and the negative effects these products can and do have on a community, but also because the owner has blatantly snubbed his nose at the town and, thus far, gotten away with it.

If this is permitted to continue, it will have set a dangerous precedent.

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