



Seat Sale

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Nothing was sacred in the recent giant garage sale organized by Milton District High School's rugby team and cheerleaders — not even the chair Ryan Moore was sitting in. The rugby team is raising money for a trip to the United Kingdom and the cheerleaders need new uniforms and want to go to a summer camp. With some of the items for sale are: (l-r) Cathy Ferri, Laurie McDonnell, Lisa Boyland, Nia Llewellyn, Alex Isings, and sitting down on the job (barely), Mr. Moore.

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Party time this Sunday

A neighbourhood can be as big as the town or as small as a block when it comes to the National Neighbourhood Party on Sunday.

The June 14 celebration is part of the Canada 125 program to mark the country's 125th birthday. The whole town is invited to Milton Senior Citizens Recreation Centre's party at Victoria Park. The finale to Seniors Awareness Week in Halton includes a picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with food and entertainment.

The National Neighbourhood Party will be held across Canada. Participants, whether they're taking part in big events or their own backyard and block parties, are encouraged to raise a toast to all their neighbours at 2 p.m.

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Strawberries will be the order of the day June 20 at the annual hospital Strawberry Fair

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OPP to investigate alleged police cover-up

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

The Ontario Provincial Police will investigate allegations of a cover-up by Halton Regional Police senior officers contained in an anonymous letter distributed to regional councillors last week. The decision was announced Wednesday by the

Halton Police Services Board, the civilian group which oversees police operations. In a brief press release, the board said its five members, as well as Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding, are "concerned about the allegations regarding the integrity of the Halton Regional Police."

"If there's a problem, we're going to deal with it. We're going to get to the bottom of it," said

police board vice-chairman Barry Quinn. "The public needs a response."

Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding has roundly denounced the anonymous letter, which was distributed on June 3 by Halton Hills regional councillor Pam Johnston. It alleges senior police officers derailed an investigation into a possible wife-beating incident involving a Halton policeman in the early 1980s, and then tampered with the case records.

The anonymous letter is "slandorous and scandalous," Chief Harding said Tuesday. "I totally reject its contents." Chief Harding said he supports an investigation into the matter, and in fact it was he who initially attempted to solicit outside investigators from Waterloo Regional Police last week.

But the Halton police board chose the OPP instead to avoid any possible impression that Chief Harding is directing the inquiry, police sources have said.

Mr. Quinn said initially he wasn't sure what to do with the anonymous letter, which is signed, "a

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DARE graduates drug-proofed

More than 100 Holy Rosary School students successfully completed a Halton Regional Police drug prevention program yesterday.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program is aimed at giving Grade 6 students the knowledge and confidence to help them stay away from drugs.

A 17-week program, DARE teaches participants about decision-making, problem-solving, and peer pressure while increasing

their self-esteem, according to Halton Regional Police spokesman Carey Smith.

A police officer visits the school once a week. Participating students undergo oral and written exercises related to the attributes which help kids keep off drugs, he said.

About 110 Grade 6 Holy Rosary students yesterday morning received certificates and T-shirts in a special ceremony recognizing their participation in the program.

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