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Celebrating independence

Children wave flags during a performance at the Milton Centre for the Arts, where the Canadian Pakistani Association of Halton hosted its second annual Pakistan Independence Day celebration Sunday. The festivities were attended by the Consul General of Pakistan, Imran Ahmed Siddiqui, who also turned out to the Multicultural Azaadi Festival and Harmony Concert at the Mattamy National Cycling Centre, where a flag raising ceremony was held to celebrate India and Pakistan's independence. For more photos of independence day celebrations in Milton, please see page 22 and online at

Police smash window, rescue dog in hot car

Incident follows one that saw three children left in parked vehicle during heat wave

Halton Regional Police rescued a large dog that was inside a hot car with all the windows up in a Milton parking lot.

Police say they had to smash the rear window

of a Volkswagen around 1 p.m. Saturday. The vehicle was in the parking lot of the Metro store on Kennedy Circle, near Thompson Road and Louis St. Laurent Avenue.

A call from someone inside the grocery store tipped off police to the situation, said Milton Staff-Sgt. Chris Newcombe.

The dog, a vizsla named Leo, was in the back seat of the VW. Police believe the canine had been in the vehicle at least 30 minutes,

based on video footage of the owner entering the store.

The temperature in Halton hit 41C (106F) with the humidity Saturday.

"The dog was clearly lying down and panting heavily," according to an officer on the scene, said Newcombe.

Police took the dog into the backseat of their cruiser to help it cool down.

Right after police broke the window and

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