

Symbols depict parties

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The Family Coalition hopes to catch voters' eyes with their party symbol—a green olive branch. Both the New Democrats and the Tories employ the three-petaled trillium as their party symbol, while the Liberals use a picture of the rising sun. Family Coalition campaign manager Rene Zajner said the party based its selection of the olive branch on Psalm 128 of the Bible.

The psalm reads: "Your chil-

dren will be like olive shoots around your table."

Mr. Zajner said the olive tree grows for hundreds of years before it begins producing olives, and is therefore an apt symbol of strength and longevity.

"The olive branch is something long-lasting, something rich and strong," he said.

He added that the olive branch is also the traditional symbol of peace and harmony—the key ingredients necessary for stable families.

"There are a number of forces

in society today moving to break up the family," said Mr. Zajner.

Provincial party president Vince Higgins said the party's mandate is to preserve the family as "the building block of society."

The Family Coalition is opposed to abortion, homosexuality, birth control, sex education and Sunday store openings. It advocates greater concern for senior citizens and the need for moral education.

The party, which received official status on June 10 this year, promotes itself as an alternative for voters.

Police Briefs

Sex attack at Fincham plaza

A Markham girl was sexually molested at Fincham Plaza, not far from her Meyer Circle home, said police.

The attack took place around 9:30 on Monday night. A 32-year-old Oak Ridges man was apprehended shortly after and charged with sexual assault.

Local charged in hotel brawl

A 28-year-old Markham man was charged with assault following a fight several weeks ago inside the Sheraton Parkway Hotel.

According to police reports, a Richmond Hill man was punched in the face and received a broken jaw and other injuries.

Woman struck during dispute

A Markham woman was grabbed by the throat and struck in the head during a dispute at her Mercer Cres. home Tuesday afternoon, police said.

A 54-year-old man of the same address was charged with assault.

Man charged in price tag switch

A 40-year-old Toronto man was charged with fraud following an incident at the Sears store in Markham Place mall Monday afternoon.

According to police reports, a man switched price tags on two different circular saw blades.

Tires stolen

Police said four tires and rims were stolen from a parked car at the Neil Patrick Motors Ltd. dealership on Main St. in Stouffville.

The tires and rims, worth \$800, were taken sometime last weekend.

Motor stolen at dealership

A 33-year-old Toronto man was charged with theft and possession of stolen property following a theft at a Gormley pleasure boat dealership.

According to police reports, witnesses observed a man removing a boat motor and trailer from the Kelley Marshall Sales lot Sunday night.

Charges laid after rash of break-ins

A 23-year-old Scarborough man was charged with stealing more than \$30,000 in jewelry and electronic equipment from various Markham homes.

York Regional Police said the break-ins occurred during July and August at seven Markham residences.

According to police reports, \$2,833 worth of property was stolen from a Cherry Blossom

Lane home sometime in mid-July.

The following week, a VCR and jewelry valued at \$1,100 were stolen from a Bakendale Rd. home. A portable stereo and jewelry worth \$9,475 were taken from a Cobblestone Dr. residence during the same period.

One week later, a stereo and jewelry valued at \$1,620 were pilfered from a Warton Ct. home.

In August, a large cache of jewels worth \$10,155 was stolen from a Cartmel Cr. home. During the same week, a camera, two VCRs and jewelry valued at \$4,100 were stolen from a Kings College Rd. residence and \$2,075 worth of jewelry was snatched from a Cairns Dr. home.

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