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Royal wedding watchers off to England

By David Lea
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For some people Friday's Royal Wedding will mark an important moment in history, one which two Oakville women refuse to simply watch on television.

Carroll Castle and Marianne Hawthorne left for London, England Monday evening with the intention of getting some prime spots at what Hawthorne referred to as 'the wedding of the century.'

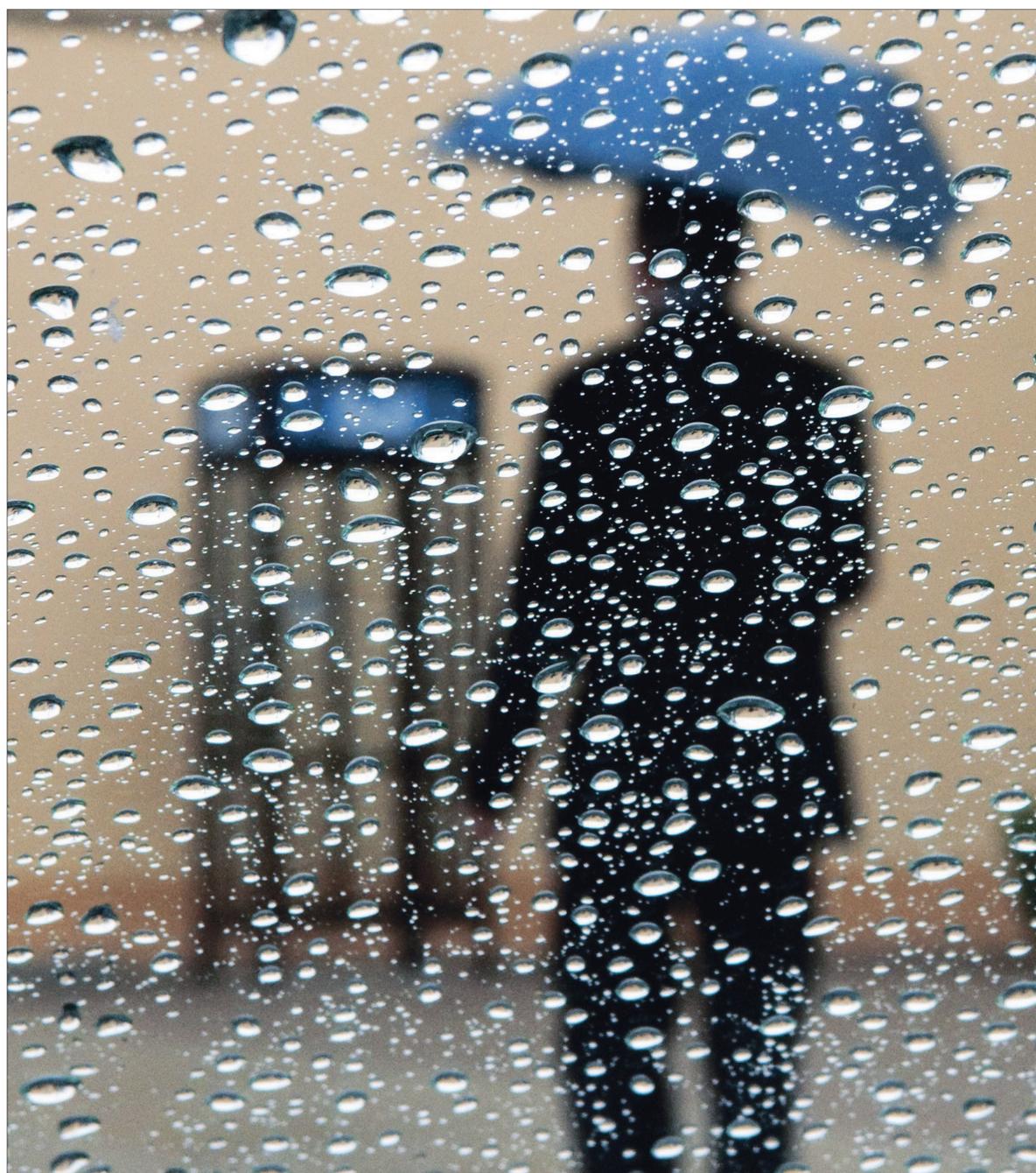
"It think this is the opportunity of a lifetime to see this wedding of this darling couple in England," said Hawthorne.

"We're grandmothers, so you don't know when you are going to get the chance to do this again. We're both nearly 70 years old so we want to do this together."

Castle, who said her mother passed her royalist tendencies onto her, said she and Hawthorne had been planning to take a trip together at some point, but the announcement of the engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton spurred them into action.

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April showers



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BRING MAY FLOWERS: Residents are ducking downpours, hopping puddles and wondering where the sun is as this week began with a steady rain followed by heavy downpours and thunderstorms Easter Monday that had this man puddle jumping on Lakeshore Road in downtown Oakville. Close to 20 mm of rain was expected to fall Tuesday night through today with higher amounts in thunderstorms. Forecasts call for more showers throughout the rest of this week.

Four charged with arson

By David Lea
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Four Oakville youths are facing multiple arson-related charges after a fire broke out at the abandoned Oakville Life Care Centre, located at 599 Lyons Lane, on Good Friday.

Police said the fire began at around 7:50 p.m. after the suspects gathered up wood from the nearby Home Depot and broke into the Lyons Lane building.

"Once inside they started a fire, which caused damage to the interior of the building," said Sgt. Dave Cross, Halton Police Public Information Officer.

A subsequent investigation resulted in the four arrests.

All of those arrested, including three youths who cannot be identified because of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, have been charged with arson and breaking and entering with intent.

The four suspects also face additional charges:

- An 18-year-old male and a 14-year-old youth were charged with breaching probation.
- A 16-year-old youth was charged with possession of break and enter tools.

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