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Through the generosity of members of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams, Literacy North Halton and Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) received donation in support of their programs. Literacy North Halton received \$500 and HHCSI received \$2,000 in support of their transitional housing project and an additional \$1,000 supporting their youth programs. Making the presentation were (front, from left) Sharon Foster of Literacy North Halton, Joan Barham of HHCSI and Rev. Grahame Stap of St. Alban's. The funds were raised by the parishioners' fundraising and givings.

Photo by Ted Brown

Local man accused of posting hate messages on Internet leaves Human Rights Tribunal

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The hearing was adjourned and Harrison did not return.

Michel Doucet, who is chairman of the hearing, said a letter would be issued to Harrison informing him the hearing would continue whether Harrison appeared yesterday (Tuesday) morning or not.

Harrison did not return yesterday.

Warman said Tuesday afternoon that when Harrison was served with the letter from the tribunal he indicated he would no longer be participating in the hearing.

He said a representative from Bell Sympatico appeared at the hearing Tuesday and stated Bell corporate security records show that six or seven different posting times he (Warman) attributed to Harrison on the Freedom site matched times that Harrison and his wife Susan Holmes's computer was logged onto the Internet.

If found responsible for the postings, Harrison may have to pay a penalty of up to \$10,000 and face a permanent court order preventing him from posting hate propaganda on the Internet.

Elizabeth Carmichael, chair of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council, said police face many challenges when investigating hate propaganda on the Internet.

"It's so difficult to charge a person," said Carmichael. "It goes across countries. Many times

the person can be living here in Canada and the message can be originating in the United States."

"The danger of the Internet is the facelessness of it," said Carmichael.

Hate propaganda on the Internet was also a topic of discussion at the Canadian Telecom Conference in Mississauga, where Bernie Farber, CEO of the Canadian Jewish Congress, spoke of the challenge balancing the right of freedom of speech with the right of individuals not to be the object of hate speech.

"Since the mid-'90s, they've moved from street corners to the Internet cafés," said Farber.

Abbe Corb, with the Hate Crime Extremism Investigative Team, of which Halton Police and several other police services are members, said the Internet "has made hate more accessible."

"Like-minded people can reach others with the click of a mouse," said Corb.

Law enforcement officers face several challenges, including dealing with outdated laws, given the speed at which Internet access has developed in recent years.

"It can be derogatory and illegal for a long time before anything is done to declare it illegal," said Sgt. Don McKinnon, detective with the youth and hate crime branch in London, Ont.

Corb said identifying the individual posting propaganda on the Internet is also a challenge for police.

—With files from Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Erin man charged after Acton woman seriously injured

An Erin man is facing several charges after an Acton woman jumped or fell from a moving van on Cleaveholm Dr. Monday morning.

Halton Police report at approximately 9:50 a.m. area residents were shocked to see a woman leaning out of the open door of a moving van shouting for them to call police. Seconds later the woman, 40, jumped or fell from the moving van landing on the road. The driver of the van continued on without stopping.

The woman, who was unconscious with serious head injuries, was taken to Milton Hospital in critical condition then later airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Tuesday afternoon she was reported in very serious but stable condition.

As a result of investigation, police arrested a man as he returned to a vehicle parked on Main St. in Acton later that morning.

Police believe the man was known to the injured woman and that they had previously been involved in a relationship.

Charged with uttering death threats, forcible confinement, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and failing to remain at the scene of an accident is Clair Newell Dolson, 54, of Daniel St. Erin.

Dolson is to appear in Milton court on July 17.

Halton Police continue to investigate the incident and ask anyone with information to contact District One investigators at 905-878-5511 ext. 2420 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Police blotter

Alert neighbour credited by police in helping nab break and enter suspects

Four youths were arrested and charged after an attempted break and enter was interrupted by an alert neighbour on Bowman Street in Georgetown South on Friday evening.

Five youths initially fled the crime scene in the Gellert Recreation Centre area before police arrived and established a perimeter with the use of a canine unit.

Four of the youths were apprehended and found to have break-in instruments in their possession and were charged with intent to commit theft, while a fifth person was able to escape police.

Two of the youths were also charged in connection with an evening break and enter that occurred June 2 in a Davis Crescent residence.

Police have also identified other youths involved and further arrests are "imminent."

The involved youths cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, but will appear in court July 13 in Milton.

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A Brampton man is facing charges

after Halton Police checked a vehicle parked on Guelph St. last Sunday afternoon.

Police say a man was found in the vehicle.

Charged with care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired and refusing to provide a breath sample is Darrin Landry, 33, of Heart Lake Rd.

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Police report items were taken from two vehicles parked at Mowat Cr. homes early Saturday morning.

CDs and papers were taken from a Subaru Outback and discarded along a nearby bicycle path, and a cell phone, valued at \$200, was taken from a Mercury Mystique.

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A mentally challenged man who went missing from Acton Monday evening returned home safe and sound Tuesday morning.

Halton Police issued a missing person release on the 21-year-old man after he walked away from the home where he was staying. He was last seen in the area of 160 York St. at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The man was reliant on medication that he didn't have with him.



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