

Run for Terry

Terry Fox's mother Betty chatted it up with public school trustee Arlene Bruce during a visit to Halton Hills last Friday. Terry Fox runs are being organized in Georgetown, beginning at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, and at Acton at the high school this Sunday.



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Now you can add books, magazines to blue boxes

Halton Region is now accepting magazines, books and catalogues formerly banned from the blue boxes.

Halton's waste technician, Jake Westerhof, said the Region purchased a book-binding cutter that is now in operation. Books with glossy pages and glued seams can be used for recycling. "We were accepting staple-backed magazines previous to this. Now we can accept all types of magazines," he said.

Phonebooks are also allowed in

the blue boxes.

The material is being picked up on part of the regular blue box route along with newspapers, corrugated cardboard, glass jars and bottles, metal food and beverage cans, and plastic soft drink containers.

Savings derived from the recycling of the new materials has not

been determined, Mr. Westerhof said. But he said there are no added costs associated with picking up the extra paper.

The Region asks that residents separate their books, magazines and catalogues from the rest of their recyclable goods. Although the Region prefers residents to wrap paper in string to keep the paper apart from the glass and cans, a shortage of string in today's home means more people are using plastic bags, Mr Westerhof said.

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Regional waste recycling staff are now discussing with the municipalities in Halton how to get the program going "en masse."

"There is a market for glossy material otherwise we wouldn't be collecting it," Mr. Westerhof said.

Fires kept sirens wailing this week

The sirens of the Halton Hills Fire Department have been loud and clear these past few days.

Firefighters responded to six calls on Tuesday and Wednesday alone. Late Tuesday morning they doused a grass fire on Lot 14, Concession 6 in Halton Hills. There were no damages. Shortly after that firefighters were called to a rubbish fire at the Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Limited on Mountainview Road North. The cause of the fire is unknown. Once again on Tuesday, firefighters also helped remove someone from a vehicle involved in a collision at Lot 9, Concession 8 in Halton Hills.

The next day the department responded to a small grease fire at a Mill Street, Georgetown catering service. The fire broke out in an oven when some grease ignited, officials say. A staff member had put out the fire by the time firefighters arrived. Less than an hour later firefighters extinguished a car fire that caused \$1,000 damage on Sideroad 10 east of the Eighth Line in Georgetown. The cause of the fire was an electrical mechanical failure. Later that afternoon part of a large bonfire on the Watch Tower property on Highway 7 was extinguished by the fire department.

Halton looks at funds for hospital

pay \$1.6 million for the reconstruc- Rinaldo, but there is \$1.62 million tion project of Georgetown and in the Region's operating and District Memorial Hospital and capital budgets that can be The Bennett Health Care Centre -allocated to Georgetown hospital. recently approved by the Ministry of Health.

Georgetown hospital. Regional mandate is to pay for one-third of the project while the home. province pays two-thirds.

available to Georgetown at the present time, according to Regional

Halton Region could decide to finance commissioner Joe

The Bennett Health Care Centre and Georgetown hospital will The Ministry of Health approved merge as one corporation, exa \$6.2 million expansion of 36 ecutive director Mark Rochon chronic-care beds and to pay for a said. The 47-bed health care facilire-roofing project at the ty will be converted into a 36-bed The chronic care centre. The hospital will then build a 57-bed nursing

Residents of the nursing home The Region's share of \$2.1 and the chronic care centre will not million for the project is not be asked to leave their facilities. Beds at the chronic care centre will be reduced over time. Those at

the nursing home will get increased services, Mr. Rochon said.

The hospital executive will plan for the reconstruction of the hospital and health care facility by the end of this year, he said. The combined facility could be in operation in as soon as two years.

Halton Regional council will vote on its health service committee's decision to give the hospital the funding at a meeting this Wednesday (Sept. 20). If \$475,000 from the Region, earmarked for other projects, is not used by the Region's other hospitals in the next year, the funds could go to Georgetown, a staff report says.



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Two-car collision

This is one of the vehicles demolished in a two-car collision which occurred at the Eighth Line and Sideroud 10 in Halton Hills, Tuesday afternoon. A 62year-old Milton woman suffered severe internal injuries. Lois Marion Swan was taken by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Medical Centre and is-currently listed in critical condition. Sergeant Bonham

of the Halton police Regional Traffic Bureau said Ms. Swan was travelling southbound on the Eighth Line in a 1985 Buick when the car failed to stop at a stop sign, When the Buick entered the intersection a

1988 Buick collided with the car. Both vehicles landed in a nearby field. John Blakeloc't, 76, of Oakville was the other driver.

Volunteer positions open

The following volunteer opportunities are presently available in Halton Hills: Work in an exciting TV environment as an interviewer, camera operator, typist or editing assistant.

Drivers are needed by a local agency to transport clients, mostly seniors, to out-of-town medical appointments.

Give support and encouragement to a frail elderly shut-in. Do some shopping or run some errands.

Enjoy the rewarding experience of assisting in the development of an innovative program designed to help seniors

or disabled persons to contact assistance in an emergency.

Be a public awareness promoter for an organization working toward the prevention of child abduction.

Work as a typist one or two days each month and be trained in using a computer.

For more information on these or on the many other volunteer opportunities in our community call or visit the Halton Hills Volunteer Centre, 164 Guelph Street in Georgetown, telephone number 877-3219. Open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Fall training at **Distress Centre**

Fall training program for new volunteers for the North Halton Distress and Information Centre will begin on Tuesday evening, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, and application forms, please call 877-1211. The cut-off date for applications is Saturday, Sept. 30. If you can spare four hours per week and are a good listener, please help us to help others and maintain this 24-hour service.

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