

While at the Hamilton Automobile Club Officer's Safety Patrol Training Camp, Halton Hills patrollers (from left) Adrian Coe, Tara Rafferty, Meghan Gogan, Kim Hoch and gaelan Leckie stopped to pose with their safety officer, Cst. Ken Hannah of the Halton Regional Police Service.

The week long event held recently in St. Catharines is designed to teach patrollers the essential skills needed to successfully patrol on foot and on buses while making new friends and having fun. These patrollers will take the skills back to their schools to help train their peers.

School starts early for local safety patrols

School started early for 124 students this month as they attended the Hamilton Automobile Club's Safety Patrol Officers' Training Camp held at Ridley College, St. Catharines, August 24 to 28.

The patrol camp - held annually by the HAC and participating communities is designed to teach the youngsters to become captains of their patrols so they will be fully trained to take on the first day of school.

Eleven Police Officers as well as school teachers instruct the students on all aspects of safety - from emergency bus evacuation, first aid training and how to train their fellow patrollers once back at school.

The Police Officers instruct the patrollers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then assist in organized programs through til 10:30 p.m. each night. The free time is for crafts, swimming and organized sports.

HAC President Richard Congdon says, "the purpose of the camp is to provide intense safety instructions to the students, and build a good working relationship with each other for the upcoming school year."

Congdon commends the students and officers for their devotion to the safety of others.

The Patrol Camp started 28 years ago. Since then, the accident rate of students going to and from

school during the opening week has greatly decreased. Over the past couple of years, only minor accidents to a couple of students have been reported.

United Way kicks off fundraising campaign

United Way of Halton Hills kicked off its commuter awaredrive Thursday, September 24, 6-8 a.m. at the GO train stations at Acton and Georgetown.

To encourage commuters to donate to the United Way, and ensure that their contributions are directed back to the local agency in Halton Hills, Bob Malcolmson, 1992 United Way campaign president, Ted Fry, past president, and a number of other local volunteers from Halton Hills were on hand to pass out Tim Bits and information for everyone!



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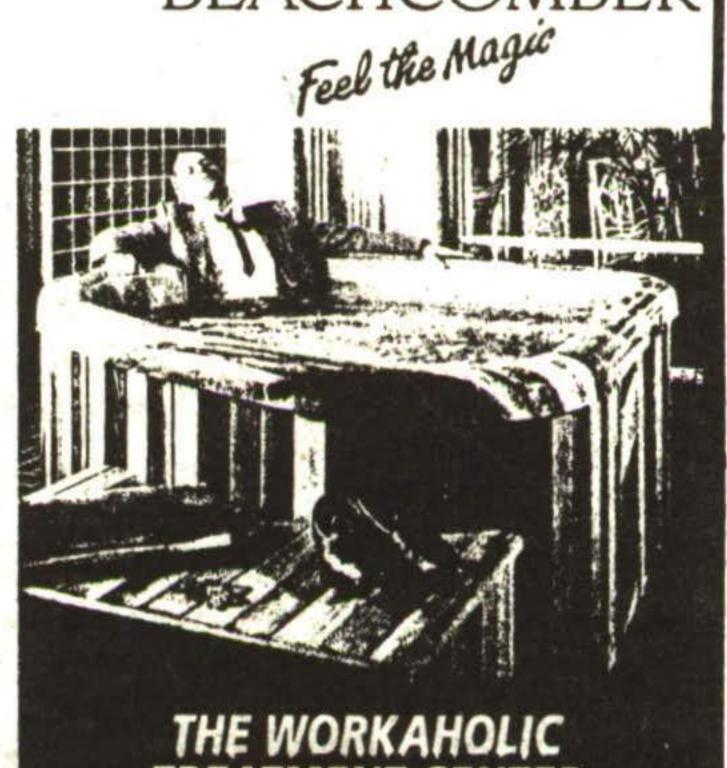
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