

# Halton Women's Place gets grant

Halton Women's Place will receive \$33,918.68 under the Ontario government's Pay Equity Downpayment Program, MPP Noel Duignan announced May 13.

"The downpayment program, which totals \$50 million, will give thousands of women an early and meaningful start on the achievement of pay equity," Duignan said. "It reflects our government's deter-

mination to keep fighting wage discrimination against women in spite of difficult times."

Duignan said the main beneficiaries of the program are women who have not been able to achieve pay equity under the original provisions of the Pay Equity Act because their workplaces had no or too few predominantly male positions with which to compare.

Generally, the women receiving downpayments will be eligible for pay equity adjustments after passage of Bill 102, the Pay Equity Amendment Act, expected this spring.

Duignan said, "Pay equity is one step toward enabling women to receive wages that reflect the value of the work they do."

# GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE  
**ROSES**

Roses have the potential to be the glory of every garden. However, many rose bushes do not display their full beauty due to the presence of insect and disease damage. But these disorders can usually be easily corrected.

It is crucial to keep in mind that a healthy plant is the best defense against insects and diseases. Every spring, the first effort toward achieving a healthy plant is a thorough spring cleaning. This includes removing all the dead leaves on the ground from the previous season, and a complete spray with dormant oil. This application of spray removes overwintering insect eggs and disease spores. Once the dormant spray is applied, the amount of pest control that you employ during the growing season will depend upon the presence of various pests and of course the amount of damage that you, the gardener, are willing to withstand, without affecting your enjoyment of the rose bush.

Insects that can be found feeding on rose bushes are many and varied. One of the most common insects that enjoys rose plants is the aphid. These small, soft-bodied insects feed on the tender new growth. If there is a large population of these insects on the rose bush, they can ultimately stunt and deform these areas on the plant. These insects can be easily removed from the plant by washing them off with a strong water spray from the garden hose, and/or may be controlled with contact chemicals such as malathion, diazinon, and sevin. Other insects that may visit your rose bush are various caterpillars, beetles, mites, midges, and borers.

The worst foliage disease that can infect a rose bush is known as blackspot. As the name suggests, this disease produces distinctive black spots on the leaves, with a yellow zone around the spot. This disease has the potential to completely defoliate a rose bush during the season, especially during warm, moist weather. The application of fungicides is the best cure for this disease. Other diseases that may also attack roses include powdery mildew and rust.

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