

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

That's good medicine

It is easy to smile when you come bearing \$2.6-million as Health and Long Term Care Minister Deb Matthews did on Wednesday when she announced funding for the renovations to the Georgetown Hospital's emergency and diagnostic imaging departments..

Before making her funding announcement – just days before the start of the provincial election campaign – Matthews toured the overcrowded and dated emergency department and heard Dr. Don Trant say that not a lot had changed since he joined hospital staff in 1977.

One of the major parts of the project is expanded space for the diagnostic imaging department, including room for an already approved CT scanner, meaning 1,500 patients each year will no longer have to be transported to other hospitals for a scan.

Matthews seemed especially impressed by the "robust" partnership between Town councillors, hospital officials, doctors and staff and Halton Healthcare Services, who made a "very compelling" case for the funding.

Cynics may point to the timing of the announcement and the election – criticism likely silenced the first time that they, or a loved one, can get a critical scan without leaving Georgetown, or be cared for in an emergency department designed to handle 12,000 people, which deals with 30,000 annually.

Better access to high quality care, closer to home – that's good medicine.



SUCCESSFUL TOURNEY: Proceeds from the annual 3 Musketeers golf tournament, held on Saturday at Acton Golf Course, will help pay for an outdoor hockey pad in Acton. The organizers include, from left: Dougald Dick, Gord Toth, Colleen Wilson-Dick, Kathy, Jenn and Rick Everson, Kathy Toth, Brendan Dick, Rob McIntosh and Ron McKnight. – Ted Tyler photo

Back to school, not easy for all students

A National charity that focuses on Anti-Bullying efforts, reminds parents and students that people are here to help with it comes to schoolyard bullying.

"Bullying is a very complex issue and charities such as BullyingCanada are there to help and support you when dealing with the issue of bullying" said Rob Frenette, one

of the Executive Directors of BullyingCanada.

"Going back to school is a very difficult time. You have to get back into that routine and if you're dealing with bullying, it will become an even more stressful time," added Katie Neu, an Executive Director of BullyingCanada.

BullyingCanada provides confidential, free support, infor-

mation and resources on dealing with the issue of bullying via a 24/7 support line, online chat, email and Website support.

For support, information, or resources on the issue of bullying visit BullyingCanada's website: www.bullyingcanada.ca, or call 1-877-352-4497, or, email: info@bullyingcanada.ca as well as a online chat via the organizations website.

Looking Back

Ten Years Ago

• Hard work and plenty of sleep – that's what Acton's Jessie Robertson credited for her long life as she celebrated her 90th birthday.

• A mini-mall, office space and a hotel are proposed for property including the Cogeco building, the vacant Manor rest home and the former Herrington Printing building on Main Street North.

• Acton's Sandy Chapman – known as a fast and fearless player – was the Toronto Rock lacrosse team's first pick in the National Lacrosse League draft.

Five Years Ago

• The Acton Agricultural Society hit the first goal – \$350,000 – in its fundraising campaign for a new fair building in Prospect Park.

• Halton police kicked off a back-to-school "Safe Start" program, focusing on speeding, seatbelts, stop signs, school zones and school buses.

• Halton Chair Joyce Savoline denied a Toronto newspaper story reporting Halton would build a waste-to-energy plant and take 70 per cent of Greater Toronto Area garbage.

Letters

Hit and run driver a coward

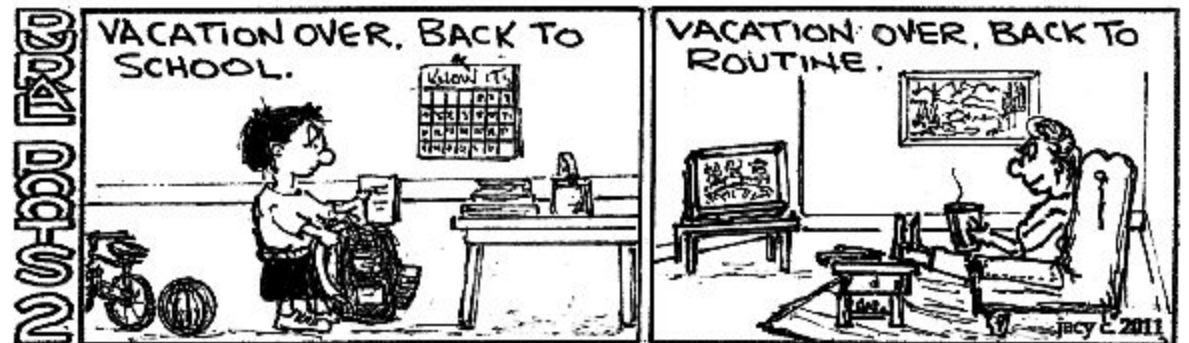
To the editor,

This is to the coward that rear ended my car at the intersection of 25 Side road and Nassagaweya/Esquesing Townline on August 24, and sped off without checking to see if I needed any assistance.

You must be very proud of yourself, you got away with it, for now. Along with the deductible that I am now out of pocket, I am offering a \$100 cash reward that will lead to your arrest. If anyone knows of someone out there that has re-

cent damage to the right front fender of a black Mazda, Please call me at 905-873-5023, or the Halton Regional Police, your name will remain confidential. Let's start reporting these people or you could be next.

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