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## HOMELESS

Melanie Hennessey's series on Homelessness in Halton Hills continues. This week, she focuses on the plight of adults in the community. See page 3



## Good citizen

Elizabeth Skuriat is the recipient of the Atlantic University Sports' female athlete-student Community Service Award.

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**DOWNED WIRES DISRUPT TRAFFIC:** A section of Sinclair Ave. just south of Guelph St. was closed after a transport truck exiting the Georgetown Toyota lot pulled down some wires at around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. A Halton Hills Hydro crew was working to repair the downed power line and a Halton Regional Police officer said that Bell Canada was also sending technicians to determine whether telephone service in the area had also been affected. There were no reports of power disruptions in the vicinity.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

# Want to live longer? Live in Halton

By Bob Mitchell  
Special to The IFP

Want to live longer?

It seems as if moving to Halton Region will do the trick.

Halton residents have a longer life expectancy than other Ontario residents, according to a report filed this week with the Region's Health and Social Ser-

vices committee.

If you want to squeeze out a few more years then it seems Oakville is the place to be. Residents living there have the longest life expectancy followed by Milton, Burlington and Halton Hills.

But even those living in Halton Hills are out living the rest of the province.

Income apparently is one

of the driving factors of good health, according to Hamidah Meghani, Halton's Medical Officer of Health.

"The social and economic environment has the greatest influence on health as there is a strong connection between higher socioeconomic status and better health outcomes," Meghani's report indicated.

It's also true that good health

can be a factor in income earning because those with good health generally are able to hold onto their jobs and retain their income for the lifestyle.

"Income does play a much larger role than getting care from your physician," Meghani told committee members last week.

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