



Sigms of the times

Matthew Rowe enjoys unique Mexico mission

Matthew Rowe of Glen Williams had the trip of a lifetime when he represented Halton Region's business community as part of a recent Junior Team Canada trade mission to Mexico.

Thirteen youth from across Canada met in Ottawa on March 2 to prepare for their mission.

During the intensive training session, the team members were briefed on the culture and language, as well as having meetings with top leaders to learn first hand about the opportunities for our key growth sectors in the Mexican marketplace.

Once in Mexico, Matthew and the rest of Junior Team Canada toured around the country meeting with diplomats, government officials, politicians and Mexican businessmen. First stop on the tour was Mexico City, an urban area with a population close to that of Canada. From Mexico City the delegates travelled to Pachuca in the state of Hidalgo where they were personally received by state Governor Nunez, who many are expecting to succeed Vicente Fox as the next President of Mexico.

The last stop on the mission was Monterrey, Mexico's third largest city and the twin city of Hamilton, ON. Monterrey is located approximately three hours south of the American border and is home to Mexico's most prestigious university, Monterrey Tech.

Overall the mission was a success. Each of the delegates is now able to take their unique experience back to their respective areas of Canada to share them with sponsors and communities.

Matthew and the rest of Junior Team Canada appreciated the support of their spon-



Mathew Rowe along with **Commercial Officer Marco** Rodriguez at the Canadian embassy in Mexico.

sors in Halton Region.

Students of Halton Hills who are interested in participating in one of Junior Team Canada's future missions can get all the necessary information from Global Vision's web site at www.gvconnects.com. Recruiting has already begun for the annual training centres, which take place this May at University locations across Canada.

Matthew is the son of Mark and Kelly Rowe, both former Acton residents, and grandson of John and Helen Rowe of Acton.

Greenscape daffodil sale for Cancer Soc.

One way of showing support for the fight against cancer is to participate in the daffodil campaign.

Greenscape Nursery is supporting the April cancer society campaign by selling daffodils at their location at the corner of Con. 3 and Hwy. 7, one km. West of Rockwood.

All proceeds of the sale go to the Cancer Society.

Churches crowded for Easter services

Easter Sunday dawned bright and balmy as Christians of all denominations greeted the promise of resurrection at a sunrise service at Churchill Community Church let by Rev. Emrys Jenkins and Father Bob Bulbrook of St. Joseph's Church.

Later in the morning it was standing room only in all this community's churches as Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Services and masses reflected the joyful notes of the Easter exclamation: Christ is Risen," and the reply, "Christ is Risen, Indeed."

Easter Sunday marked the end of Holy Week with the sombre services of Good Friday and Maunday Thursday which commemorated the Last Supper and the first Eucharist.

The final ecumenical Lenten service and luncheon was held at St. Alban's Church and hall. They were held every Wednesday at noon with attendance growing as the 40 days of Lent went on with the clergy of the Acton Ministerial Association serving lunch prepared by the different churches in their

Although clouds gathered and rain fell late on Good Friday, the procession of a cross from Churchill Church through Acton to Trinity Church for a Tenebrae service took place and several people joined in the remembrance of Jesus carrying the cross through the streets of Jerusa-

The joy and celebration of Easter was maybe best illustrated publicly by the sign in front of the Salvation Army citadel on Mill St. It read: "Cheer up, the Son has Risen."

Region looking for young entrepreneurs

Halton Region Business Development Centre is embarking on a month-long advertising campaign to increase awareness of the Summer Company program, which provides hands on training and mentoring together with awards of up to \$3,000 to help enterprising young people start up and run their own summer business.

The financial awards for the program, targeted to youth between the ages of 15-29 who are returning to school in September, are made available through the Ministry of Economic Development & Trade but the program is delivered locally through the Region.

In tandem with the ads, the successful candidates from last year's Summer Company program are available for interviews and testimonials. Two area students are available for interviews:

Déjà Vu operated by Sarah Kobsa in Acton. Déjà Vu, a consignment shop at 16 Mill St. East in Acton, features new and secondary items ranging from gifts and collectibles to antiques, small furniture and clothing.

Heather's House Cleaning operated by Heather McNutt in Milton. Heather's House Cleaning focuses on providing quality house cleaning over the summer months so clients can enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperature rather than being in-

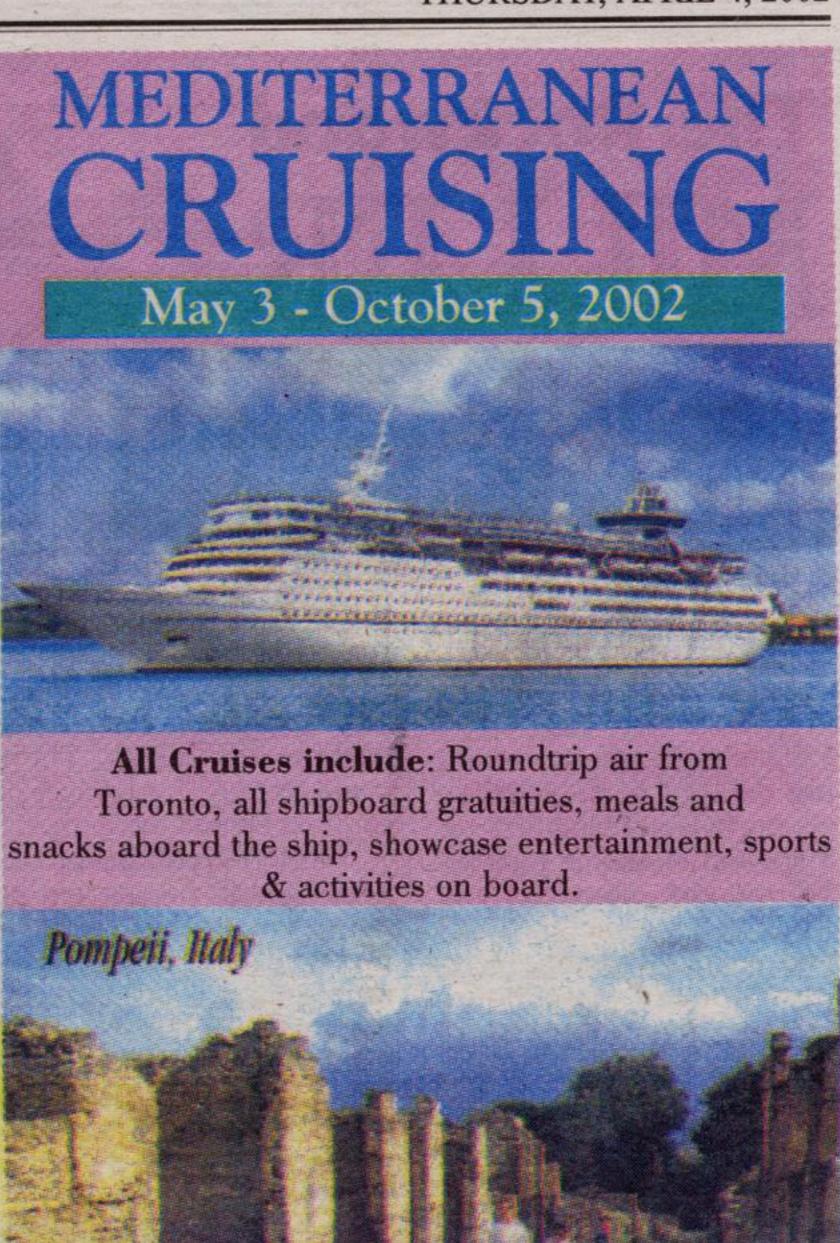
Halton Region Business Development Centre is currently accepting applications for the program. The deadline for submissions is April 2, 2002.

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