

Province gives go-ahead for more Halton officers

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six officers to ensure that at least one is on the street 24 hours a day.

On Tuesday Solicitor General Bob Runciman explained that Halton will receive the new constables under the Community Policing Partnerships program at a cost of over \$5.2 million.

"With these new officers, a total of 1,000 province-wide, patrolling our communities, we will see increased police visibility in our residential neighborhoods, in local parks and especially in areas of high criminal activity," said Runciman.

Henshaw said the HRPAs had been expecting 26 new officers for 1999. Of the 42 new officers, he said the union will accept a minimum of 24 for next year, with the balance in 2000.

"We want these hirings," said Henshaw. "We do not want to see the process prolonged."

According to Oakville South MPP Gary Carr, the Ontario Police College will increase its class sizes to accommodate the additional recruits.

"The focus will be on increasing police presence in our communities and enabling our police to target enforcement initiatives such as residential break and enters, vehicle thefts, crimes that are having a significant impact on neighborhoods and street crime, including school, youth and gang-related violence, as well as vandalism and graffiti," said Carr.

To ensure the program increases the ranks of police, the program will pay for constables hired above the net strength of officers reported to Statistics Canada on June 15, 1998.

"It will not pay for the replacement of retired or resigned officers," said Carr. "This will ensure an increase in the number of officers and provide greater security for the people in our community while sending out the message that we, in Ontario, will not tolerate crime."

LaCourse said the HRPAs will make it clear to the Halton Regional Police Services Board that the new officers should not be used to replace officers due to attrition.

Halton Centre MPP Terence Young explained that under the program Halton

will be reimbursed in arrears for 50 per cent of the salary-related costs of hiring the officers and for 50 per cent of transitional overtime costs incurred by existing officers until March 1999.

"Most of the new officers will be on the street, protecting the people of Halton," said Young. "It will mean a more visible police presence in our communities which should help to deter crime and increase public safety. Some of our new officers will be working in the community with the public and students."

According to Queen's Park, the program generated 1,450 requests from 71 police services across Ontario for the 1,000 officers. These constables are in addition to the 720 recruits that are trained annually outside the Community Policing Partnerships program.

LaCourse explained that his and other police associations are lobbying Queen's Park to change legislation to allow the Ontario Police College to increase its three intakes of new recruits to four.

—By Howard Mozel, special

Christmas cheque program returns under new name

The popular "Our Town Christmas Cheques" program is back again this year, but with a new name. It's now called the "Halton Hills Christmas Cash" program.

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is offering the program this year in conjunction with local branches of the Bank of Montreal. In the past Halton Community Credit Union co-sponsored the program.

The Bank of Montreal will be offering loans of up to \$5,000, subject to approval,

for those who want to shop locally. No interest will be charged for six months. The money can be spent at any of the participating local merchants and this year there are more than 50 to choose from. A list of participating merchants can be found in the November 25 issue of the The Independent & Free Press on page 8 or the November 18 gift guide.

In 1997 the program approved loans totaling \$210,135 and of that \$180,550 was spent locally.

The program runs through January 9. Loan applications are available at the participating local merchants and at the Acton and Georgetown branches of the Bank of Montreal. For more information on the program or to sign up as a participating merchant call Anne Sidebottom at the chamber at 877-7119. For loan information call Barb Durham at the Georgetown Bank of Montreal branch at 873-2772 or Linda Ford at the Acton branch at 853-1102.

CORRECTION

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Should Read: Blade size 2 1/2, 3 or 4", Handle size 3 1/4, 4 1/4 or 5".

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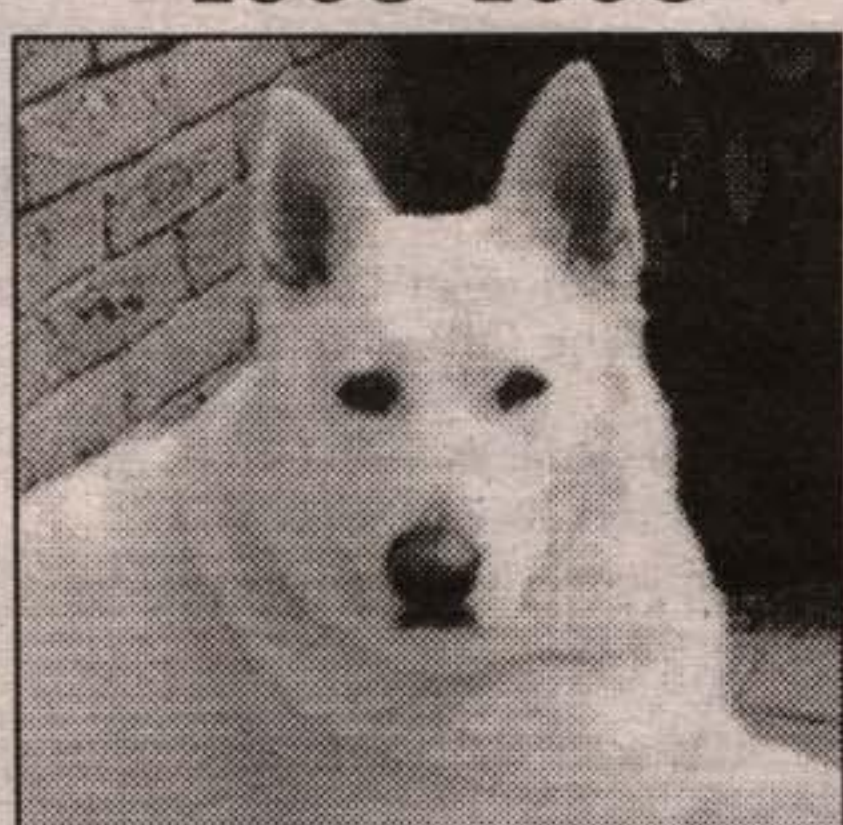
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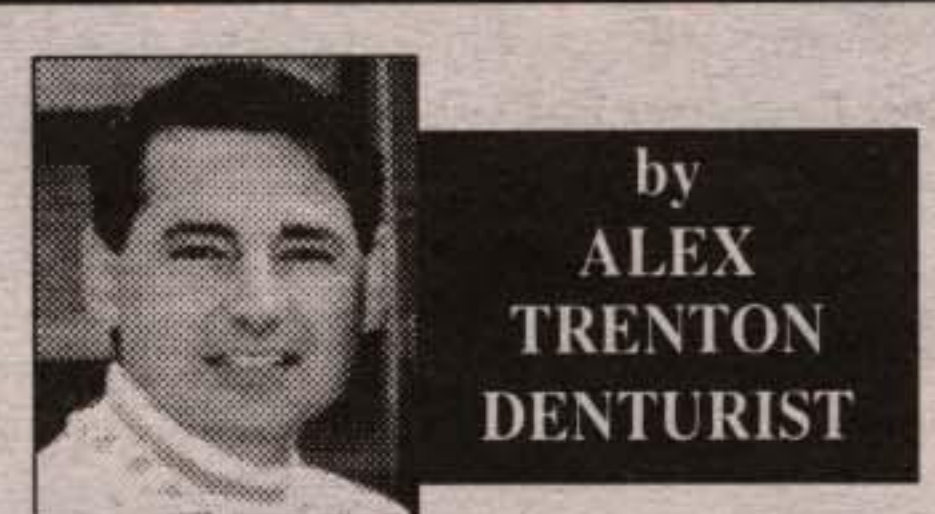
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