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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Worker falls
■ A 31-year-old Toronto man received minor injuries when he fell 17 feet from the second floor of a home under construction in the Guelph St. and Hall Rd. area Monday afternoon. The man was taken to Georgetown Hospital where he was treated and released. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

Officers wanted
■ Halton Regional Police is looking for about 20 new mature and community-minded volunteers to be auxiliary police officers. Many of the openings will be in Georgetown, Acton and Milton and training for the successful candidates will begin in January 2000. Anyone interested in becoming an auxiliary officer should attend an open house at the Georgetown police station Sept. 9 from 7 to 8 p.m., or Sept. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Acton at a location to be determined. For info call Sgt. Ray Hendry at 878-5511 ext. 5064.

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They're back!

Well, not officially until next Tuesday when classes begin across the province. Making that big step from middle school to high school can be a little intimidating, as former Centennial students Lisa Clarke, Justine McDonald and Kilian Walker learned Thursday at Georgetown High School's Grade 9 orientation day. After attending an assembly, the new students waded through a load of paper handouts to learn where their classrooms were located.

Photo by Ted Brown

Students return to class in record numbers

The halls in Halton Hills schools will be busier than ever before. When the school bells ring in the new year on Tuesday, 8,174 Halton Hills students will return to the classroom. That's 240 more than last year. Both the Halton Catholic District School Board and the Halton District School Board will see their enrolment increase by more than three per cent. Following an increase of more than five per cent in enrolment last year, the Halton

Catholic District School Board enrolment will increase by 3.6 per cent in 1999. Projected figures indicate there will be 23,283 students in the board's 37 schools. The growth rate is slightly higher in Halton Hills. Locally, 2,078 students return to school on Tuesday, an increase of 4.6 per cent. The Halton District School Board will have 42,935 students in 84 schools. That includes 6,096 in Halton Hills' 13 schools. That represents a 3.1 per cent increase in local elementary schools (last year's

enrolments were not available for secondary schools). For the second year in a row, Georgetown District Christian School saw an increase in enrolment of just under 10 per cent. The school will have 250 students this year, up from 228 in 1998/99. After completing an addition three years ago, principal Treena Sybersma said the Kindergarten to Grade 8 school will soon be looking at expanding again.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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