

Student job centre reports increase in summer work

There was a 20 per cent increase in the number of summer jobs created for students this summer in Halton.

Both a strong economy, as well as provincial and federal financial incentives to hire students, are credited with helping to create the additional student summer jobs, said Lynne Murray, Sheridan College Skills Training Centre. While unemployment rates are generally declining, youth unemployment remains high at 16 per cent, approximately double the adult rate.

Some employers hired students because of incentives, such as the provincially-funded program, Summer Jobs Service, with a \$2 per hour wage subsidy. A federally-funded program, the Summer Career Placement Program, also offered incentives for employers who hired a student.

Summer Job Partnership is a newly formed association with Human Resources Development Canada, Sheridan College and the YMCA Career Development and Learning Centre.



GHVA's new executive

Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association elected its 1999-2000 executive recently. Front (from left), Carol Lawrence, corresponding secretary; Ken Kavanagh, president; Susan Ferenczy, coordinator of volunteer services. Back (from left), Judy Wroblewski, treasurer; Marilyn Beeker, recording secretary and Ellen Phillips, past president. Kavanagh will be the volunteer representative on the board of the Northwest GTA Hospital Corporation and also chair of the joint executive committee of the Georgetown, Brampton, and Etobicoke Hospital Volunteer Associations.

Distress Centre volunteers wanted

The deadline to apply for volunteer training at the North Halton Distress Centre is Sept. 18. The fall training program will begin, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. For information or application forms, call 877-1211. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.



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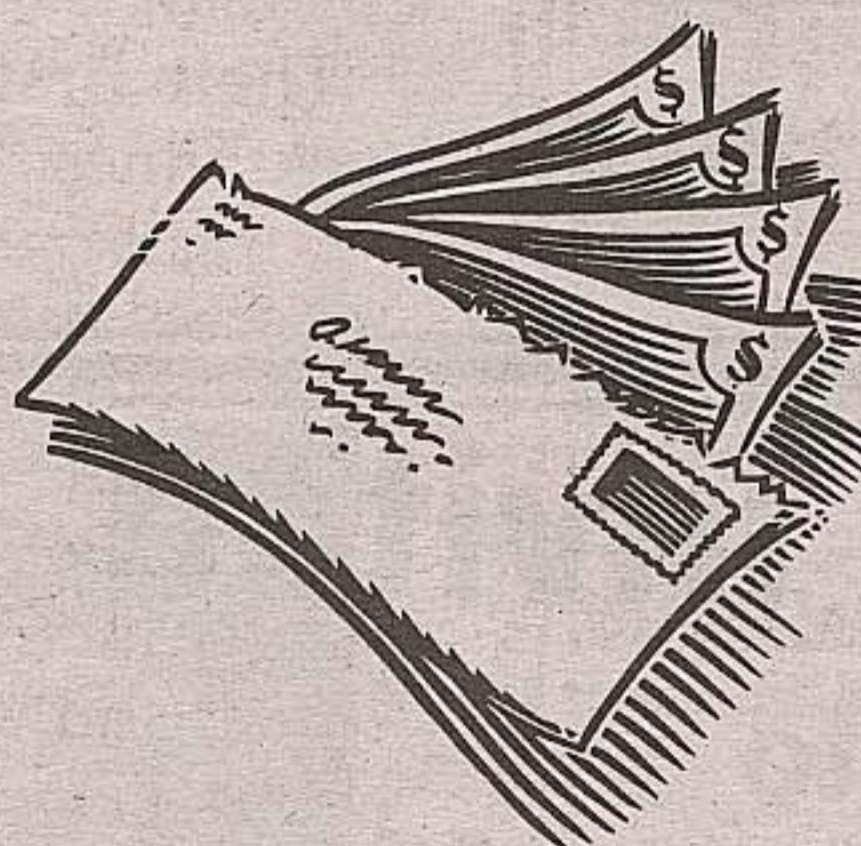
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