

Officials return from recruitment drive Region joins search for doctors

Halton joined 90 communities suffering from a physician shortage on a five-day recruitment drive across Ontario.

The tour, which was limited to communities that are considered underserved, wrapped up last Friday after visiting five medical schools in Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, London and Toronto.

The tour was set up like a trade show and communities set up booths to highlight the benefits they have to offer. More than 200 people visited Halton's booths over the five days and were attracted by the region's proximity to Toronto and Hamilton and the small-town appeal of north Halton communities.

Visitors to the Halton booths had a chance to win prizes donated by the olde Hide House in Acton.

Halton representatives on the tour included Halton Healthcare Services-Milton District Hospital, William Osler Health Centre-Georgetown Campus, Halton Region's physician recruitment coordinator and various community representatives.

Angela Sugden Praysner, Halton's physician recruitment co-ordinator said Halton currently needs about 40 doctors but the most acute need is in north Halton. Both Milton and Halton Hills are officially designated as underserved by the provincial government.

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Sugden Praysner said with 90 communities across Ontario seeking an estimated 600 physicians, the tour can be quite competitive.

In time for the tour Halton launched its Physician Opportunities Web site at www.physicianopportunities.ca which is designed to provide future and current physi-

cians with information about physician opportunities, lifestyle and location, the medical community and incentives in Halton. The Web site can also be accessed by going to www.region.halton.on.ca and clicking on the physician opportunities icon.



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Janet Markoc, of Georgetown, carries her dog Chico during Sunday's Walk for Guide Dogs sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club. A total of 71 walkers took part and raised more than \$13,500. Thirty-one Lions and Lionesses walked or volunteered their help. Photo by Trish England

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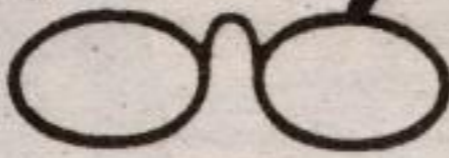
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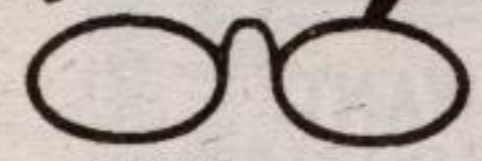


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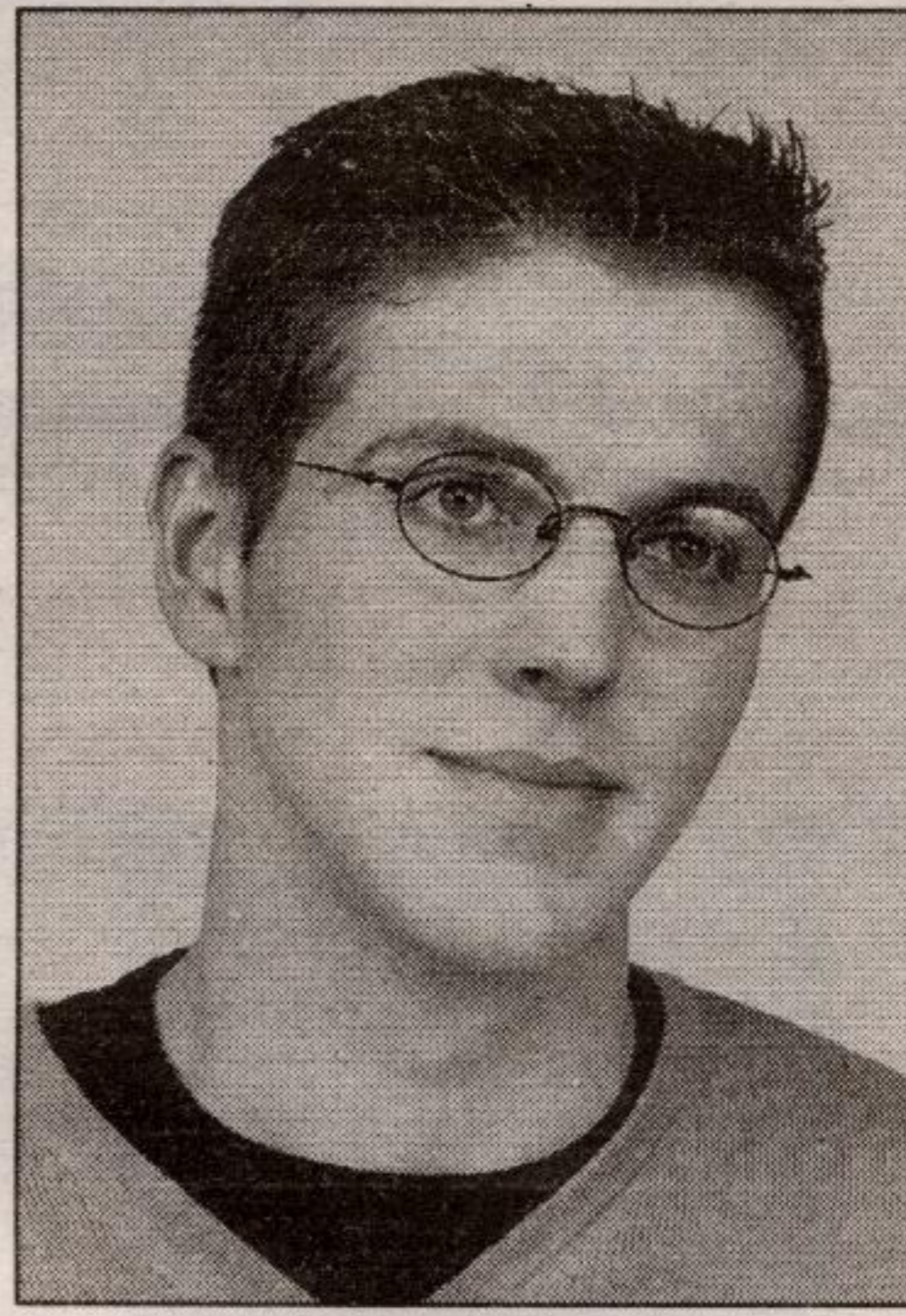
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