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Baseball strikes out in jail expansion

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• The Cedarbrook Home in rural Milton was struggling financially in July. "Right now we just go from donation to dona-

tion," said acting executive director Maggie Waligora.

• The home served as a place for seriously ill children to stay.

• Two Halton Regional Police officers and three citizens were being hailed as heroes for pulling a woman out of Lake Ontario.

The two officers were taken to the woman by the three citizens, and the officers took her from the water. The woman, believed to be suicidal, had jumped from a breakwater at Burlington's Spencer Smith Park.

• A planned expansion at Maplehurst prison was to wipe out a municipal baseball diamond, much to the frustration of Milton ball players and their parents.

"I think it's absolutely brutal," said Larry Black, the Milton rep midget team manager. "I'm worried, upset, ticked off — the whole works — especially when you think it's government."

• Philadelphia Flyers star Eric Lindros was in town in early July to play in a charity golf tournament at Greystone Golf club. Mr. Lindros was mobbed by fans, and obligingly signed autographs while greeting the gallery.

• Local firefighters said the recent firing of colleague Rick Rivett was the last straw in their disillusionment with the Milton Fire Department.

The firefighter association, what amounts to a union, took out an ad in The Champion citing several "demoralizing acts" and indicating firefighters would have to reassess involvement in community activities. Fire Chief Harold Penson said that as far as he knew, morale was not low.

• Despite the efforts of Milton Trustee Tim Kingsbury, the Halton Board of Education was moving slowly on the question of reimbursing five trustees, including Milton's Flo Belford, for money they spent defending themselves against conflict of interest allegations brought in a lawsuit by a taxpayer watchdog group.

The suit was withdrawn by the Taxpayers Coalition Burlington when the provincial government changed conflict of interest regulations for trustees. Each of the five defendants owed approximately \$7,000 to lawyers.

• A Burlington public school board trustee said her colleagues had failed to do what was financially necessary in passing an annual budget. Diane Leblovic said the board "caved in" when it came to facing tough funding decisions and was not "up for the challenge."

• The former director of the Halton Board of Education, Bob Williams, took a leave of absence (unpaid) to begin in September. He said he planned to pursue further education.

• During late July a Halton Regional Police detective testified that a colleague had suggested suppressing videotaped evidence of a police officer slapping a murder suspect during an interrogation. Detective John Stonehill said now retired Inspector Les Graham had suggested getting rid of

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