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For a good cause

Canadian Cancer Society volunteers Suna Reay, left, and Marlene Kawalez are just two of the volunteers who will be out today, tomorrow and Sunday selling bunches of fresh daffodils at various locations around town (including Milton Mall, A&P and Loblaws) as part of fundraising for Cancer Awareness Month in April. Here, the pair gets ready to distribute the flowers kept fresh at The Beer Store on Millside Drive. See the official Cancer Awareness Month flag-raising ceremony on page 10.

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NE development hearing underway

By **JASON MISNER**
The Champion

A joint board hearing into the controversial development proposal from Central Milton Holdings Ltd. (CMHL) on Niagara Escarpment lands resumed yesterday, with the likelihood a decision will come this year.

Developer CMHL has proposed to build 500 units of various housing types, ranging from \$1 million executive-style homes to townhouses, built on a 63-hectare (150-acre) site northwest of Bronte and Main streets.

The Town of Milton, Halton Region, the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and CMHL provided opening statements yesterday. The hearing, held at Town Hall's Council Chambers, is sched-

uled to continue today, next week and the week starting Easter Monday. The board at any time could decide to hold additional hearing dates.

Also, members of the public and environmental groups registered with the joint board earlier will get their chance to speak starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Council Chambers. The board meetings are open for the public to attend.

CMHL's proposal is currently before the board of the Ontario Municipal Board and Environmental Review Tribunal because it requires a change to the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Region's Official Plan.

The proposal has drawn fire from local politicians and environmental groups who insist it resembles a regular subdivision.

The developer maintained its intent is to build a

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Train cars come off tracks

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

Drivers heading along Trafalgar Road near Hwy. 401 Tuesday afternoon were met with flashing cruisers and instructions to take another route after

a couple of train cars derailed. Just after 11:30 a.m., two train cars carrying transport truck trailers along the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) track came off the rails at a switch

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