Federal help centre now open

Newly-elected Halton MP Garth Turner opened a help centre last week that'll assist residents with everything from passports to pension cheques.

The new facility, located in the downtown core, will aid area citizens in accessing federal government services.

The MP Help Centre is located at 86 Main St.

The initial office hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Hours may change as new staff is brought in to assist constituents.

The centre's services are also being provided by phone and over the Internet.

The centre can be reached at (905) 875-0769, and service resources are also available at www.garth.ca.

"As most homes in this riding have high-speed Internet access, it just makes sense to provide as much as possible through that channel," Mr. Turner said.

"Halton residents will see a steady roll-out of on-line features over the next few weeks and months, including the ability to vote on important issues, right along with their member of Parliament. I look forward to giving people here a strong, strong voice in their government."

Single car crash claims driver

A Friday morning collision on Lower Base Line has claimed the life of a 59-year-old Etobicoke man.

Just before noon, a vehicle was traveling westbound on Lower Base Line between Trafalgar Road and Sixth Line when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle crossed the centre line, police said. It landed in the south ditch and collided with a tree.

Police and Halton EMS found the victim, the only person in the vehicle, with no vital signs. He was extricated from the car and EMS unsuccessfully attempted to revive him.

The identity of the man hasn't been released pending notification of next of kin.

Halton Regional Police is continuing to investigate the incident and is asking any motorists in the area who saw the collision to call (905) 825-4777, (905) 878-5511, ext. 2405, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).





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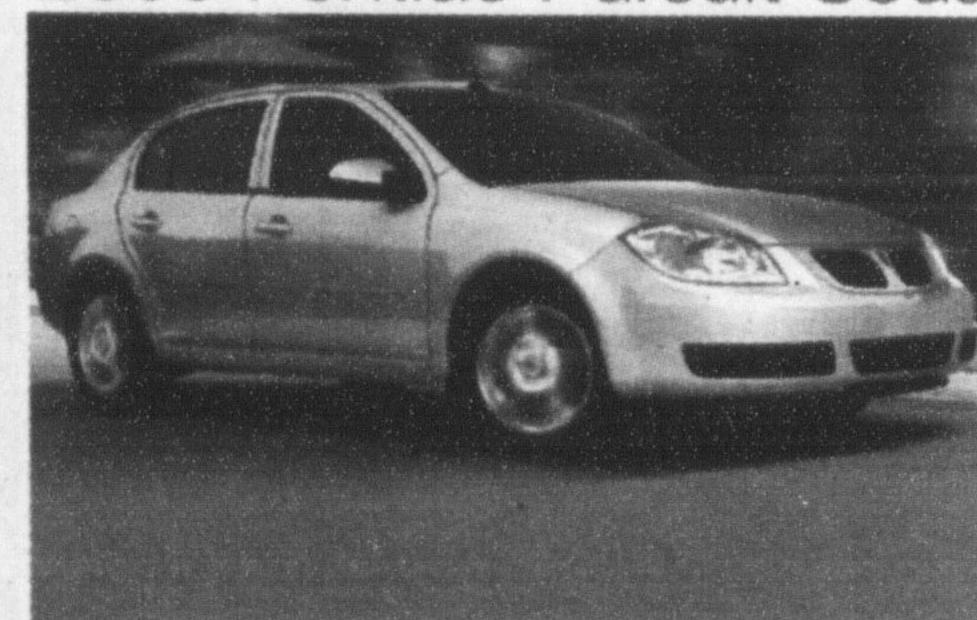
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