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## An on-line threat

Is your child a cyber bully or the member of a fight club?

Or perhaps he/she is the victim of this technology-driven, sick form of entertainment among some of today's youth.

While we think it's great news that Halton police are teaming up with the region's two publiclyfunded school boards to combat cyber bullying activity, there's a third party that needs to be part of the solution — the parent.

Halton police report that acts of cyber bullying - often involving viciously violent attacks on unsuspecting students by schoolmates — are being recorded with videophones and posted on the popular site YouTube with greater frequency.

While some of this disturbing footage involves fight clubs groups that gather to engage in so-called consentual fighting police note that this kind of activity is illegal as soon as anyone is

**DEAR EDITOR:** 

Over the next few weeks,

good citizens of all ages, in

communities across the coun-

try, will be out in their neigh-

bourhoods cleaning up debris.

ing in the clean-up for many

years. They've also been help-

ing their more senior neigh-

the cold streams to pull out

shopping carts, bicycles and

many other large items that

have found their way into the

roads are made clean again by

**DEAR EDITOR:** 

attractive country

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr will be a

Hopefully there can be some improvements

made in the system with quality people such as

good addition to the Greater Toronto

Transportation Authority's board of directors.

Some have climbed into

bours with yard work.

water.

Miltonians have been join-

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seriously injured.

While some of these planned fights are taking place on school property, at least one Halton police is aware of was hosted in the backyard of a north Oakville residence.

For this reason, parents need to be an active part of uncovering suspected incidents of cyber bullying and fight club activity.

As Halton schools become more aware of student abuse of computer equipment to post these disturbing video images online, so too must parents become proactive in their monitoring of cellphone and home computer use.

If left unchecked, incidents of cyber bullying have the potential to escalate to a lethal outcome.

By either taking away or, at least, monitoring the use of technology that makes cyber bullying possible, we may be able to prevent such a tragedy.

Let's work to keep Milton clean

How lucky we are to have

Why do we still pollute our

Let us now think twice

all those good people who

beautiful world when we

before throwing that cup out

the car window. Let's speak

with our families about how

we can all manage our dis-

carded fast food containers so

they don't end up as litter for

We live between E.C.

Drury High School and Milton

District High School. For

some years the Town has pro-

Carr will make a good addition to GTTA

others to pick up.

want to volunteer their help.

those in the rural areas.

know better?



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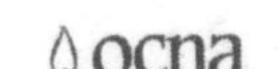
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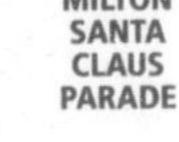






















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user friendly.

A website address included in a Friday letter was inadvertantly missing a few charac-

ters. The letter — entitled 'Town's proposal for renaming

streets is extremely concerning' — stated a petition against the Town's plan to rename a number of streets could be viewed on a recentlyestablished website.

website correct address is www.petitiononline.com/orms.

vided a can for garbage at the

footbridge, used by students

on our trail pathway. One

would hope that after the

clean-up, the litter, broken

bottles and other items that

haven't made it into the con-

tainer will now be directed

Students may not read let-

ters to the editor, but their

parents do, and it is time to

give our young citizens of the

It is not cool to pollute.

**ANNE PTOLEMY** 

JACK VERDUYN

MILTON

future a pep talk.

lion vehicles carry 518 million passenger trips

annually, that means each bus carries 259 pas-

sengers trips in a year. Why? My car does twice

that much easily, and probably more, each year.

can integrate the whole system to make it very

All the best to Carr. Let's hope the GTTA

into it.

The Champion regrets the error, as well as any inconvenience it may have caused.

### Support for walk much appreciated

**DEAR EDITOR:** 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff at Vanier Centre and Maplehurst for actively helping me get closer to my fundraising goal for the upcoming Weekend to End Breast Cancer, in support of Princess Margaret Hospital.

They recently held fundraisers, including a well-attended luncheon on March 22. The events have raised over \$1,180 to help get me closer to my personal goal for the 60km walk.

A third-year veteran of the event, I am looking forward to the walk, despite last year's cold night sleeping in the tent.

On March 23, Milton's Wal-Mart hosted a pot luck and dress down day to raise funds for my walk. Many thanks to all Wal-Mart staff, in particular Suzanne Tait and her special events fundraising team.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Milton's Loblaws and Sobey's Express, Shear Pleasure Salon and Spa, Shopper's Drug Mart (Main Street), Acton's Giant Tiger, Sobey's, Pharma Plus, Shopper's Drug Mart, Home Hardware and Georgetown's Real Canadian Food Store, A&P and Brian's Food Basics for donating products and raffle prizes to assist us in our events.

**SUE HAMILTON** PERSONNEL CLERK VANIER WOMEN'S CENTRE