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GUINNESS WORLD RECORD BROKEN

Georgetown District High School has apparently set a new Guinness World Record. **Pg. 17**



WHAT A RUSCHE FOR IRONMAN

Georgetown native Bryan Rusche was pushed to the limit at the Hawaii Ironman. **Pg. 45**



UNITED WAY HOUSE TOUR 2016

The annual fundraiser is heading back to Halton Hills. **Pg. 38**



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MONSTER MOSH:

Organizer Douglas Sinclair of Shoe Tree Productions (centre with beard) shows some of the non-perishable food donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket by locals attending the recent concert. Surrounding Douglas are members of the band The House of Haunt, one of the local groups participating in the event.

Photo by Ray Lavender

Racing may have led to fiery Brampton crash

By Pam Douglas
Metroland Media Group

Peel Regional Police say video evidence near the scene of a fiery Thanksgiving Day crash that killed four people suggests one of the vehicles was racing with another just prior to the collision.

And now police want to speak to that other driver, who did not stop at the scene.

Police say they have confirmed Calisto Mendonca, 49, of Brampton

was driving at an extremely high rate of speed west on Bovaird Dr. around 8:40 p.m. And video evidence retrieved near the crash scene has confirmed a second vehicle was also travelling west beside Mendonca's Trans Am, also at an extremely high rate of speed, according to police.

Evidence suggests that the two vehicles were racing, according to Peel Regional Police Major Collision Bureau investigators.

Police say as the two vehicles

encountered other traffic, Mendonca abruptly changed lanes, lost control and crossed into oncoming lanes of traffic, crashing into a Kia Soul driven by Brian McGinnis, 24, of Georgetown, killing McGinnis, his girlfriend Lauren Bouchard, 22, and her sister Michelle, 16.

Mendonca also died in the crash.

Investigators are appealing for witnesses and video to further the investigation, and they want

to speak to the other westbound driver, and anyone who may have seen it before or after the crash.

It is very likely that the other driver involved is aware of this collision, said Peel Staff Sgt. Gary Cary of the Major Collision Bureau. Our investigators would like to speak with that driver.

So far, 27 people have died in 22 collisions on Brampton and Mississauga roads this year.

Witnesses can call 905-453-2121, ext. 3710.

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