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Dreams of racing Formula 1 cars...

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interview, will take place before the field is narrowed to 300. The entire process, designed in stages to assess fitness, aptitude, driving and communication skills, will be filmed, edited and broadcast at a future, unscheduled, date.

The contestants will compete against each other in Go-Karts, then sedans, sports cars and finally open-wheeled formula cars.

Matthews said it took him about "13 seconds" to e-mail his entry to the contest after reading about it in a racing magazine this summer.

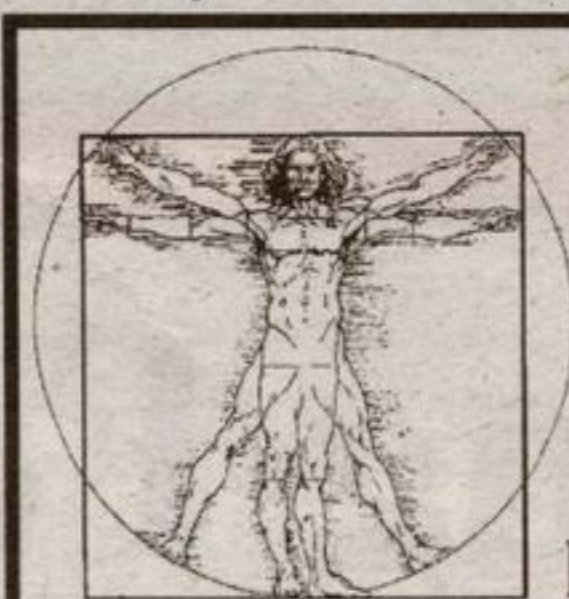
"I've always enjoyed the need for speed," Matthews said recently, adding he raced his bicycle as a kid, and has

raced Go-Karts, Formula 2000 Fords and dirt stock cars and taken a track marshalling course.

"I always wanted to race, but never had the money to buy a race car, so three or four years I got into the Karts - it was a mid-life crisis, or something," Matthews said, adding membership in a Hamilton-area G-Kart club allows him to race their Karts competitively for about \$1,000 a season.

While he's confident his racing skills are up to snuff, he's a little concerned that his age will hurt his chances, so he approached Tomas, of Personal Fitness with Tomas on Mill Street, to whip him into shape.

Tomas liked Matthew's



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NEED FOR SPEED: Under the watchful eye of personal trainer Tomas Apulnario, rural Acton's Bill Matthews is getting into shape to compete in a British reality television show that ends with the winner driving a Formula 1 race car. - Frances Niblock photo

can-do attitude and offered to sponsor him and prepare him for the gruelling selection process. Contestants will race in karts, saloon cars, and single-seaters in testing sessions

to weed the field down to 10 drivers, then two and then the winner.

Tomas is proud of his pupil who cut his body fat almost in half and bulked up with muscle, in the four months since he started training.

"Physically, he's feeling good - I think he's doing awesome," Tomas said, adding Matthews "wants it bad," and will be physically and mentally ready for the testing process.

Matthews says he's "chomping at the bit" to get racing and to test his driving skills, and actually try to fulfil his dream.

While he usually keeps his speedy driving to the track, Matthews sheepishly admitted to losing three points and \$125 recently after getting nailed in a radar trap on his way to Guelph.

"That was an unscheduled pit stop," Matthews said, adding his love of speed is tempered with a respect for safety.

Lift for Eden Mills hall

Renovation work begins this week to make the cultural and recreational hub of the Eden Mills community fully accessible to all.

The Eden Mills and District Community Club has awarded a contract to Delvin Construction of Guelph for a lift to serve all four levels of the Community Hall, which dates back to 1895. The lift is being supplied by Niagara/Belco Inc. Project architect is L. Alan Grinham Architect Inc. of Guelph.

The Accessibility Project began in 1997, with considerable volunteer hours by members in researching the task of making a Century building open to the physically challenged.

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa has issued the Building Permit, and the Trillium Foundation has granted \$71,200.00 and the township has given \$27,000.00 towards the estimated project cost of \$160,000.00. Fundraising continues.

The lift is expected to be complete for the summer.

The first phase of construction involves volunteers breaking concrete in the hall and installation of new drains to serve the new wheelchair accessible washroom.

On hand Thursday will be Architect Lloyd Grinham, Project Manager Paul Kuhn of Delvin Construction, EMCC president Chris Wilson and volunteers from the EMCC "Hall Accessibility Renovation Project" Building and Fundraising Committees.



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

CONTRACT P-2002-C-10

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Purchasing Department at the Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills (Georgetown), until 2:00 pm, local time.

Tuesday, March 26, 2002,

for the Watermain installation, and reconstruction of Poplar Avenue and Crescent Street Phase 2 (Acton).

The major items of construction are:

150mm Watermain	- 240m
Earth Excavation	- 4,200m ³
250mm to 450 mm Storm Sewer	- 590m
Granular "B"	- 4,200t
Granular "A"	- 2,000t
Concrete curb and gutter	- 1,140m
Hot Mix Asphalt	- 1,100t

Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained from the office of the Town's Purchasing Department upon payment of \$65.00 (GST included), non-refundable deposit.

A certified cheque in the amount specified in the tender documents must accompany each tender.

Inquiries relating to the project should be directed to Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Manager of Capital Works at (905) 873-2601 extension 2310. Inquiries relating to the Watermain installation should be directed to Mr. L. Verway, C.E.T. at (905) 825-6000 extension 7616.

Tenders will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at the Civic Centre. Those submitting tenders are invited to attend.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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I had an Acton resident do exactly that, only to discover a male stranger staring her in the face. The man made enquiries about buying old home furnishings and actually stepped inside the residence. They had some further conversation and the man left.

Fortunately nothing more serious happened.

Just because it's daytime, on a weekday, doesn't mean you can let your guard down. Always check to see who is at the front door before opening the door.

Take a second and look through a front or side window to see who's at your door. If there isn't a window nearby, consider installing a "door viewer" like you see in your apartment doors.

You may want to install a two-way voice monitor. So you needn't open the door when talking to someone.

This isn't being paranoid, it's just common sense and taking personal safety seriously.

If you do have cause for concern about someone at your door, do not open the door, call the police and ask for an officer to check on the individual.

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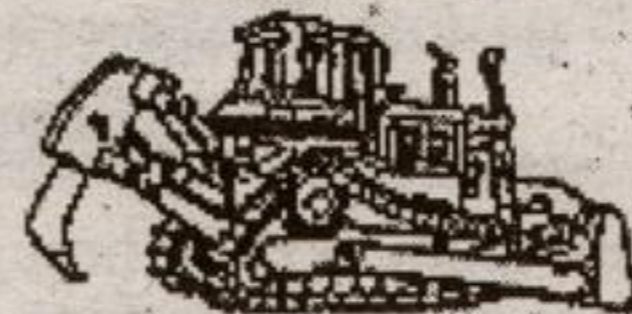
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