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Little helper goes a long way

Tam Kilbourn, 7, gets a little help from Salvation Army Captain Dan Broome in pushing a loaded shopping cart into the local food bank. The youngster recently collected the donations in lieu of presents for his birthday.

Man falls 40 feet from tree

A 39-year-old Mississauga man was listed in stable condition after falling 40 feet out of a tree early Tuesday evening.

The operator of an Oakville-based tree service was trimming a 100-foot hickory tree with a chainsaw at a Southcott Drive residence at 6:18 p.m. when his safety

harness disconnected and he fell backward.

Suffering from back, head and shoulder injuries, he was taken to Milton District Hospital and then transferred to Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto.

The accident is under investigation by the Ministry of Labour.

Police involved in Bourgon probe

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

A confidential draft report has been issued four months after Michael Bourgon left his company, Bourgon Financial Services, in a cloud of suspicion.

Concerns about client service had led the London, Ontario based Investment Centre Financial Corporation (ICFC) to launch an investigation.

At that time, the ICFC severed its ties with Mr. Bourgon.

That means he is no longer authorized to conduct any business on behalf of the parent corporation.

The third party investigation is being conducted by the Toronto based forensic accounting agency Lindquist, Avery, Kroll and Associates.

The police have been notified of the investigation and have conducted interviews with several of Mr. Bourgon's former clients, said Halton Police Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon.

"We are in the early stages of the investigation," she confirmed.

The police have also been in contact with Lindquist Avery and are awaiting their final report on the matter.

The confidential draft report is currently being scrutinized by legal counsel, said ICFC president Paul Hogan.

"I had a meeting with the investigative team and legal counsel last week," he said. "There were a number of other questions that came up that I'd like to see answered."

"I'm anticipating weeks, not months," for the final report, said Mr. Hogan, who added that Milton clients have been very

patient throughout the process.

The investigation consists of going over every account held by Mr. Bourgon with a fine tooth comb.

"We're investigating each and every client at this point, looking for any inconsistencies," he said. "It's about searching records."

So far, there appear to be no hitches in the progress, said Mr. Hogan.

"We don't have any significant issues that are still outstanding," he said.

All Mr. Bourgon's accounts have been re-assigned to other financial advisors during the course of the investigation.



Michael Bourgon

Flatten Martin House?

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Allendale's antiquated Martin House may need more than a makeover to bring it up to provincial standards, Halton Region's community services committee heard recently.

Instead, consulting architects Eric

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