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Grizzly grooming

Curator Dave Bedore gives this 650-pound grizzly bear a last minute touch-up prior to this week's opening of the wildlife exhibit at Milton Mall — which runs through until tomorrow afternoon.

Town councillors in hot pursuit of second ambulance

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

A request to beef up ambulance services in Milton will likely meet with success at the Region, said Councillor Rick Malboeuf.

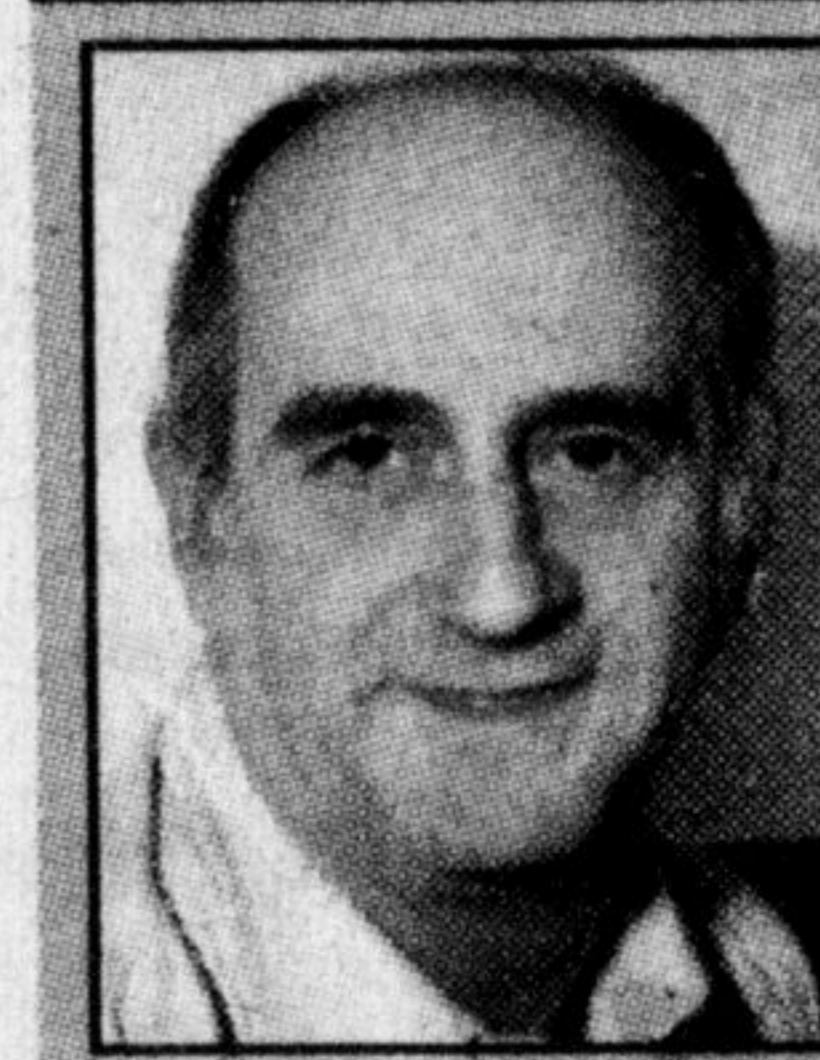
But a lack of funding could potentially put the bid for a second ambulance in critical condition, cautioned Mayor Gord Krantz.

Despite the warning, the Town's community services committee approved a recommendation to fire off a written request to the Region for a second ambulance in Milton.

If approved, the additional ambulance would be dispatched to respond to emergencies in both rural and urban Milton as well as Kilbride and Halton Hills, south of No. 10 Sideroad.

As a member of Halton's land ambulance committee, which advises Regional staff and councillors on the issue, Mr. Malboeuf reported that Milton's appeal will likely be met with sympathy.

"The committee does understand and realize we need a second ambulance in Milton," he said. "The committee is in favour of it."



"I'm very confident we will get a second ambulance."

RICK MALBOEUF

And Halton's ambulance director Jim King also appears to stand behind the idea, he noted.

"There will be increased coverage, that's where we stand right now," said Mr. King. • see KRANTZ on page 11

NEWSLINES

Chopper to patrol on Halloween

Goblins and witches won't be the only things flying in the Halloween night sky.

Halton Regional Police Service will have its helicopter on skyward patrol on both Saturday and Sunday from dusk until the early morning hours.

Inspector William Ford said he believes this added level of patrol will enhance normal operations.

"We are extra vigilant on Halloween nights to keep the young trick-or-treaters safe and out of harm's way," he said.

"This extra resource will help us accomplish this. The ability of the helicopter to respond quickly to an area coupled with its infra-red system and high-intensity spotlight will assist ground officers responding to any problems."

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Electronics wiz to represent Canada in international skills competition

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

It is a good thing that Milton's Glenn Wurster doesn't mind toiling in isolation.

Recognition has been hard to come by despite the Milton District High School graduate's string of successes in various national and international electronics skills competitions.

In the past 18 months, Mr. Wurster has juggled his computer science studies at the University of Waterloo

with the contests in which he pits his wits against other wizards of electronic circuitry.

And in November, the ace will travel to Montreal for a grueling four-day run at the top spot in the prestigious World Skills Competition.

He got there by winning a series of smaller events, starting off with a regional contest here in Halton.

That led him to the provincial, and then the national competitions, where he consistently placed in the top three spots.

"I don't go in with the attitude of 'I'm going to win.' I go in thinking I'm going to do my best."

GLENN WURSTER

After taking second place in a national competition, Mr. Wurster was invited to take part in an interna-

tional event.

And though he was given the option to train with an electronics expert of his choice, he chose to make it entirely on his own steam.

"I didn't have someone I knew who would be around all the time to train me," he said. "So what I did was basically a self-study program."

Despite his lone wolf status, Mr. Wurster went head-to-head with his opponent (a third challenger had for some reason dropped out of the competition) and emerged victorious.

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