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Drug-theft link already right before our eyes

A story in today's Champion states that due to a lack of information police were unable to find a direct link between the drug trade and theft crimes after carrying out a project aimed at forming that conclusion.

However, the results certainly don't leave doubt in our minds that there is a definite connection. It's been understood for years through incidents of crime that drugs -- whether it be usage or trafficking -- have a strong connection to break-ins, robberies and other thefts.

We've seen it in Milton, especially in scenarios of theft-related offences committed out of desperation for funds to support drug habits. Particulars of court proceedings indicate this.

Although the recent police project couldn't prove this outright, it did clock in 74 arrests leading to 48 charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act.

Most of the arrests involved possession of marijuana. But hashish, methamphetamine, ecstasy, psylobin and GHB, which is one of the so-called rape drugs, were also found.

It's clear to us that combating drug problems can also mean a reduction in crime.



OUR READERS WRITE

We're all going to pay for equity decision

Dear Editor:

The creation of all-powerful tribunals staffed by idealistic do-gooders has come home to roost. And you and I face the reality of paying for it.

Employment equity officers compared federal government jobs and determined that implementation of the "equal pay for work of equal value" ideal necessitated billions being paid retroactively to civil servants.

Awed by the magnitude of their appointees' decision, the government took it before its Human Rights Commission appointees only to be sand-bagged again.

It lost and must pay out an estimated \$170 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Of course it could take the case to the Supreme Court. Personally I hope it doesn't.

The \$170 is bad but the \$180 or \$190 it would be when this third set of appointees passed judgement would be worse.

There ought to be a law against governments giving away such awesome decision-making power to handfuls of unelected individuals.

Joe Hueglin
Niagara Falls

Shopper grateful to man who hands in lost purse

Dear Editor:

Just a note to share with Milton readers an experience I had this week.

I inadvertently, or just plain carelessly, drove off and left my purse sitting on the curb in the A&P parking lot. Breaking all speed limits, I returned (when I realized what I had done) to find a gentleman coming toward my car asking if I was looking for something.

When I informed him of my dilemma, he graciously escorted me into the A&P supermarket, where he had handed in my purse.

He had also taken time to leave a note with instructions where my purse was located, in case I did not return before he left the area.

He also refused any reward.

It's encouraging to know that there are still individuals who

feel that honesty is the best policy.

Many thanks once again go to the 'good Samaritan'.

I sincerely hope this gentleman recognizes himself as the person to whom I am referring.

Mary Ann Marshall
Childs Drive

This procedure isn't such a blessing

Dear Editor:

I was interested in your article (Oct. 19 by Irene Gentle) regarding Lynda McKenzie and Parkinson's Disease.

I notice that 40 people in the U.S. have received transplants. Lynda refers to this procedure as a "hoped"-for miracle.

I wonder if your readers realize that for each of these transplants, babies have to die?

Their lives are taken at the point of birth. They are still living and a nee-

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dle is inserted into their brains to draw out the needed cells.

I understand Lynda's suffering because my husband died of Parkinson's disease.

I hope she never realizes the terrible cost of the subtle improvement that she has received by this procedure.

How can you refer to this as "blessings"?

Mary Cummings
Campbellville



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