Events for U.S. relief raise lots

Fundraising events held over last weekend in Milton to aid disaster relief efforts in New York City raised \$6,690.

The fundraising events were held for the Canadian Red Cross Society's USA Appeal Relief Fund.

A donation booth was set up at the Farmers' Market Saturday by Mike and Janice Clouston, Chris Burke and Paul Hollingshead of the Milton Fire Department and Lynn McBratney, Suzanne Bedard and Bob Fisher of Halton Regional Police.

"Many people stopped to make a donation, often waiting in line to do so and some of the people were from out of town, stranded because of the tragedy," said Susan Neely, who also manned the booth along with her colleague Jane Wright of Air Canada.

A barbecue fundraiser was held at Loblaws the following day. The grocery store donated 100 per cent of the food for the event.

"Mark Richards, the manager, did not hesitate to help," said Ms Neely.

The McClelland, Bassil, McLardy, Quinlan and Wright families helped make the fundraiser a success.

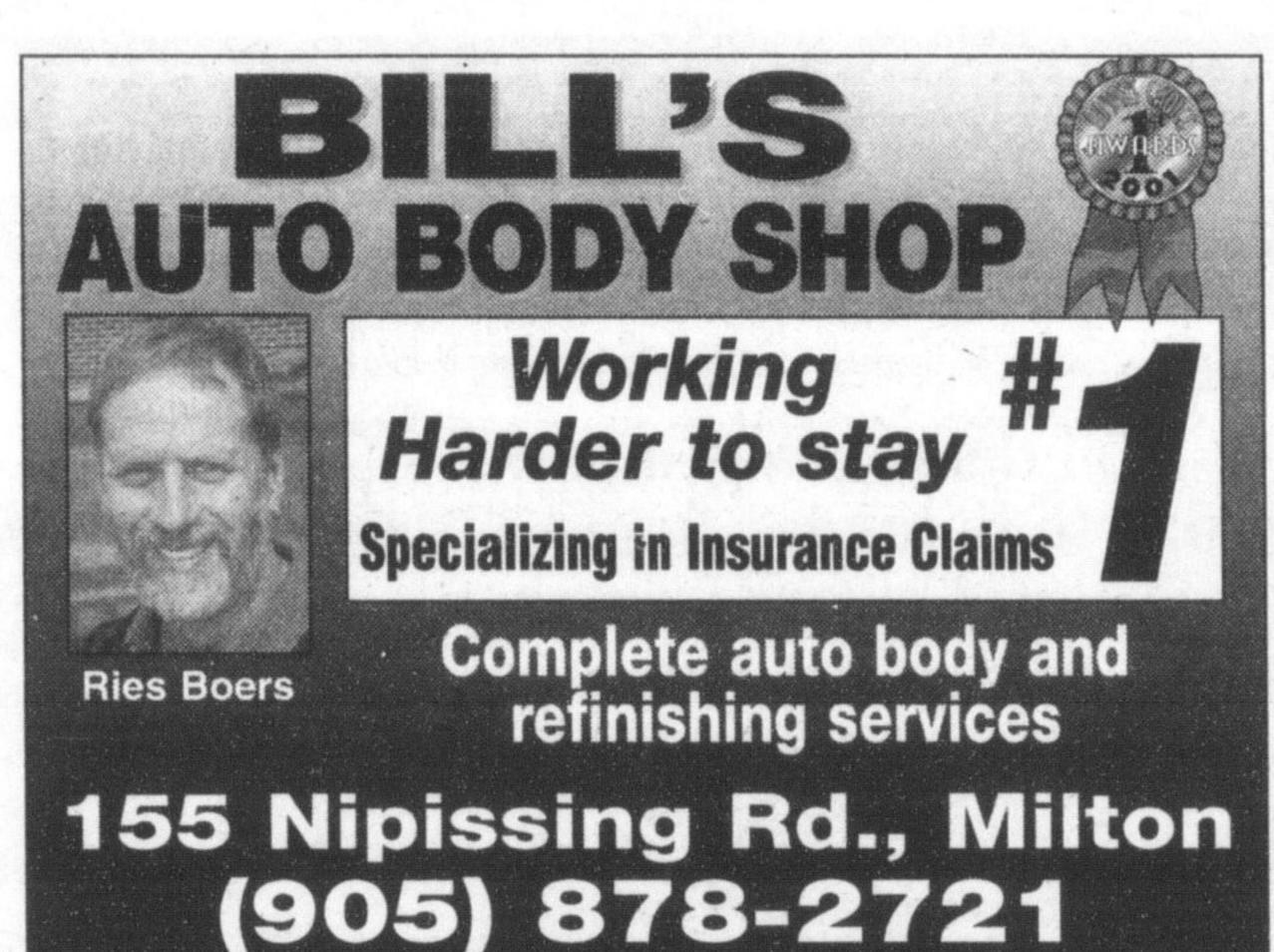
Town's severance fight OMB-bound

The Town on Milton is headed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), arguing against a Fourth Line land severance approved by the Committee of Adjustment.

Council voted 6-4 Monday night in favour of appealing the severance granted to Angelo Gardin as a retirement lot.

The basis for the appeal is Town staff's opinion that Mr. Gardin isn't a "bonafide farmer" as outlined in the Official Plan and his farm isn't commercially viable because only 17 acres are farmed.

But Bruce Ketcheson, representing Mr. Gardin, says his client has met the requirements of a bonafide farmer and the farm is commercially viable because of the specialty crops produced. No date has been set for the OMB trial.





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