## Teamwork results in three arrests

Police canine unit tracks suspects to parked car at Percy Merry School

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The Champion

Police arrested three break-in suspects early Wednesday morning thanks to the keen observations of a snow plow operator and an officer.

The ordeal began at 2:30 a.m. when police received a call from a snow plow operator who saw suspicious activity — a bag being thrown out of a window — at the closed Esso gas station at 6004

Trafalgar Rd.

When police arrived on the scene, they discovered a break-in had occurred. Constable Rui Freitas quickly left to check on a parked car he had observed on his way to the gas station at nearby Percy Merry School, suspecting a connection.

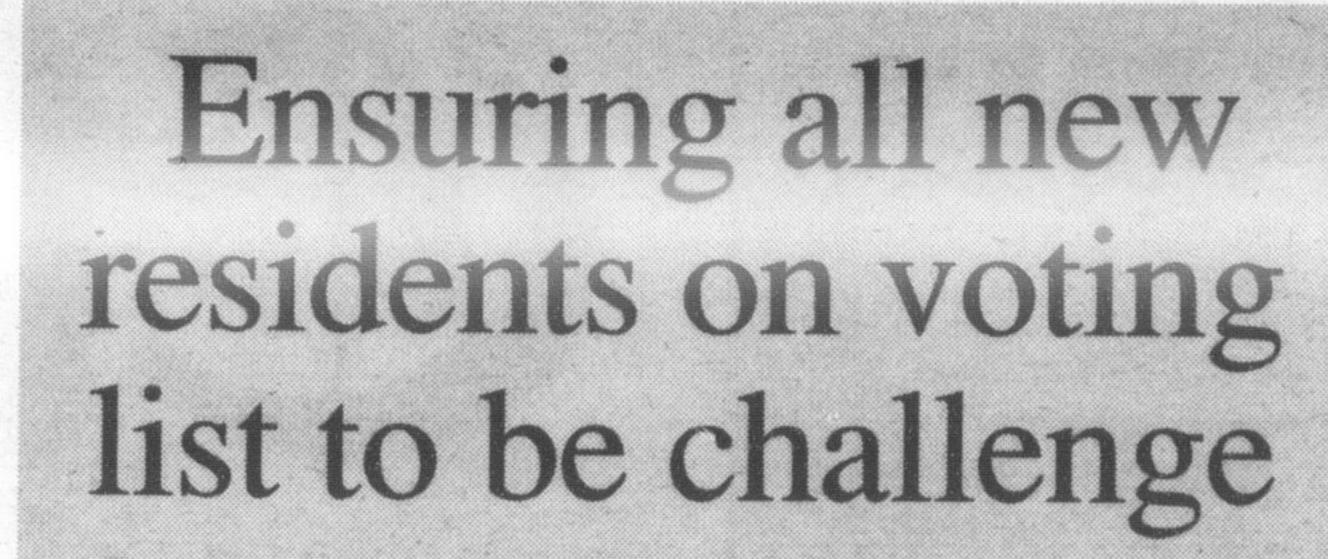
Constable Lisa Scott and her canine partner Gage followed the suspects' trail aided by footprints in the snow — which led from the gas station directly to the parked car, confirming Const. Freitas' suspicions.

Three men were found in the car along with stolen property, mostly cigarettes.

Det. Sgt. Don Cousens said it was the teamwork of responding officers that resulted in the arrests. He also credited the snow plow operator with playing a pivotal

"Just as important was the citizen who called information in (to police) due to his observations. It was a combination of the citizen calling, and the follow up with good police work."

Charged with break, enter and theft as well as possession of burglary tools is a 26year-old Childs Drive man a 29-year-old Jasper Street man and a 22-year-old man of no fixed address.



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the role and requirements of a municipal politician or school board trustee.

The nomination papers and affidavits must be signed in front of and personally handed to the clerk or law clerk. At that point, you will swear an oath that all of the information you have submitted is true.

Selena Campbell, administrative assistant and election coordinator for the Town's clerks department, said a candidates guide is available outlining the responsibilities and requirements of the mayor, councillors and school board trustees. All candidates will receive the 48-page booklet, she said.

She said a challenge for the clerks department this election year is getting all of the new Milton residents on the voting list. Many are new to the Town and some may not be on Milton's voting list, Ms Campbell said.

"Trying to determine who are in the new subdivisions is not going to be an easy task," she said.

To ensure everyone has the opportunity to get on the voting list, the Town will also advertise to the public what they need to do to ensure they're legally eligible to vote, she said.

Ms Campbell noted new residents should inform their former municipality they have moved to make sure they're off its voting list.

In the 2000 municipal election, the number of eligible voters was 24,333, and the Town expects this number to increase due to the new development, Ms Campbell said.



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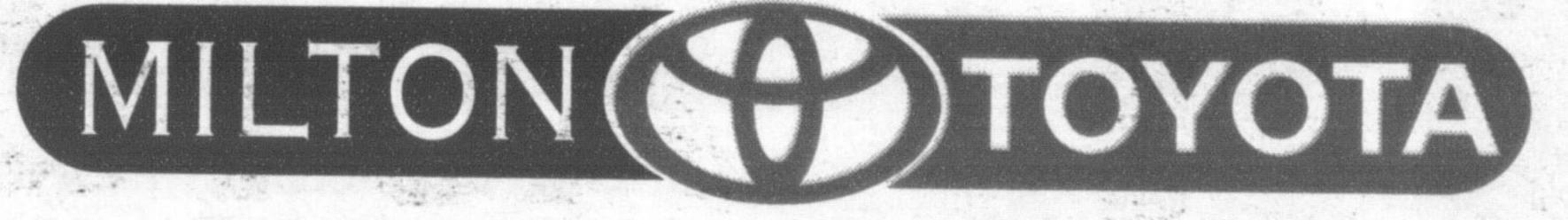
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