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Things are looking up

Elizabeth Ganton, 19 months, looks up, way up, at the works of artist Alex Davidson during the Milton Area Studio Tour on the weekend. The original oils depicting fall and winter scenes must of had special appeal to the youngster, who dons her own snowsuit. The century-old barn on First Line played host to six of the 38 artists in the tour.

Krantz calls e-mail from mayoral candidate Malboeuf 'sleazy politics'

But Malboeuf denies having bad intentions

By **JASON MISNER**
The Champion

Mayor Gord Krantz is calling a private e-mail sent to him from fellow mayoral candidate Rick Malboeuf late last month a case of "sleazy politics."

The Wards 2 and 4 regional councillor wrote Mr. Krantz a six-paragraph e-mail advising him to drop out of the municipal race to avoid facing impending allegations that he accepted improper political contributions.

While Mr. Malboeuf said he meant no harm and his intentions were admirable, Mr. Krantz doesn't

see it that way.

"Certainly I took the letter there as a little bit of a threat, with those allegations he was making about me not reporting funds," said Mr. Krantz, who sent a copy of the e-mail to *The Champion*.

"It's very poor and sleazy politics as far I'm concerned."

But Mr. Malboeuf said the allegations in the e-mail aren't his but those of others who plan to make them public. He wouldn't divulge who's making them.

"They're not allegations I'm making," he said. "There are people who plan to make them public during the campaign."

In the e-mail, Mr. Malboeuf states some people are saying a \$750 donation from Dufferin Aggregates — which Mr. Krantz accepted for his 2000 municipal election campaign while he was a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission — was a conflict of interest.

But Mr. Krantz denied there was a conflict of interest in accepting the contribution.

"I haven't got a clue where the conflict might arise."

Mr. Krantz also defended contributions he received from consultants and developers, saying he sees no conflict of interest.

The e-mail also alleges Mr. Krantz didn't file a donation made to his 2000 municipal election

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