Meals on Wheels in need of volunteers

Got a few spare hours to help out? If so, Meals on Wheels would love to hear from you.

The Milton organization is in dire need of volunteers to fill a number of positions on Mondays and Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

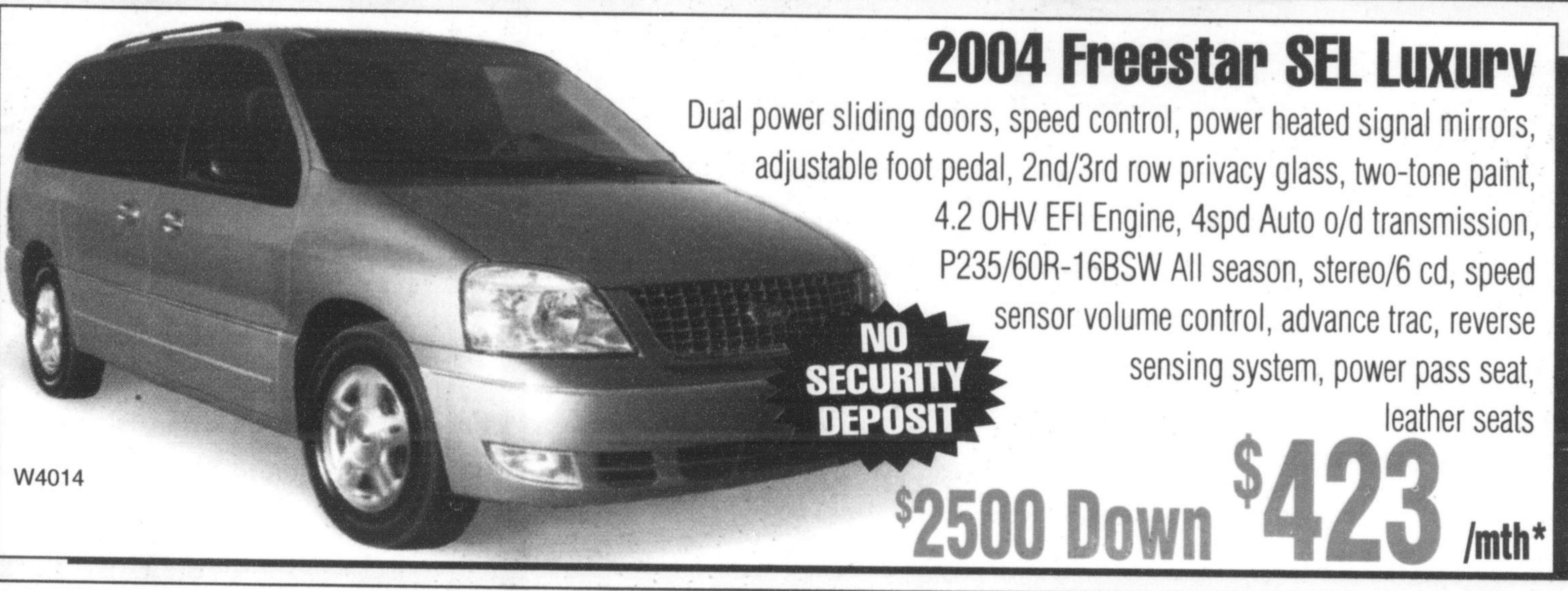
Those interested in getting involved can find out more about specific opportunities by calling (905) 878-6699.



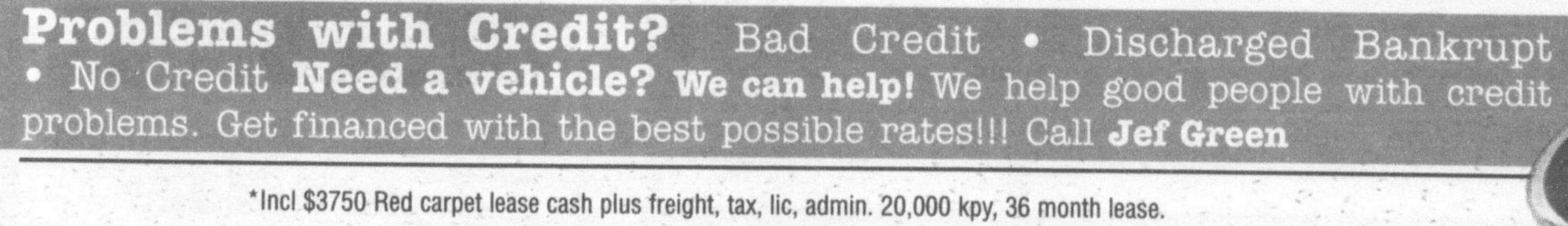
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Union in opposition • from REGION on page 2

tions with the union representing the four employees, has extended the hair and foot care jobs beyond September.

"There have been negotiations with the union to further adjust the timeline," Ms Urbanski said, adding she can't say anything more because of privacy issues surrounding the con-

But the intention is still to eventually contract out hair and foot care, Ms Urbanski said.

"We don't recommend to go into nursing or dietary (for example)," she said. "They are such core, key care issues that we weren't even going anywhere near there."

The Region said previously it made the original decision to lay off the hair and foot care positions because Allendale is one of the few longterm-care facilities in the GTA that have them as staff positions.

Terry Moore of OPSEU, the union which represents the 35 employees, is upset by the contracting out issue.

"The whole contracting out issue, to us, is fundamentally obnoxious," he said. "The source of any savings always comes from driving down wage rates."

The contract for the 35 workers expires May 31, 2005. He said if a decision to source out laundry, maintenance and/or housekeeping services is made, it wouldn't be able to take effect until after the contract has expired.

In the meantime, Mr. Moore said OPSEU is trying to get the Region to agree — if the decision to contracting out is made — to ensure that the private sector company gives the current employees first right to accept a job to provide laundry, maintenance and/or housekeeping services.

"I'm not holding my breath the Region will do it voluntarily," he

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More tenants on the way

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The current lack of adequate retail space has forced as many as 65 per cent of Miltonians to shop outside of town.

Mr. Gibson couldn't provide exact numbers, but said "we have a lot of the tenants either in the process of being signed up or actually committed."

Now that Wal-Mart and Canadian Tire have been signed on as the site's anchor retailers, he said it's expected the power centre will fill up, and will benefit Miltonians tremendously.

"Once you get the major (retailers) the rest fall into place. A lot of good things are going to happen."

Meanwhile, Zellers is poised to expand its store at Milton Mall, with it potentially opening in the fall. Also, the new owners of the mall, PenRetail 11 Ltd., are looking at redesigning the mall, starting in the fall, with the possibility of adding more stores on the outside.

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