Being Road Knight life-long distinction

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Transportation in Milton, Mr. Morley, 57, of Halton Hills often takes one of his employer's rigs to the school or parking lot, to allow people to see what life is like up in the cab of a Freightliner.

"They find it's another world," he said. "The tractor-trailer truck might be a familiar sight on the road, yet few ever sit behind the wheel and see it from our perspective."

In 16 years, Mr. Morley has seen significant changes in the world of trucking, with the addition of tracking systems on trailers and cabs so the company knows exactly where the vehicle is at any given minute, and mechanical innovations in the trucks themselves.

His new Freightliner is equipped with a 10-speed automatic transmission, which would have been unheard of a few years ago.

Mr. Morley said being a good truck driver is more than just stepping behind the wheel. A driver must be able to drive a truck (obviously) but also navigate through numerous maps, know the rules of the road, be aware of the truck's safety and be able to recognize truck problems when he breaks down so that he can tell his dispatcher (or service man) exactly what is wrong with the truck.

Being a Road Knight is a life-long distinction, but Mr. Morley and his colleagues are only active for two years, volunteering and talking to groups.

Mr. Morley is reimbursed for travel expenses by his employer, who actually encouraged him to apply for the position.

Having a Road Knight driving one of your trucks is considered quite an honour by the trucking business world.

Showcase Milton to open Friday

It's that time of year again for Showcase Milton — the Milton Chamber of Commerce's consumer shopping show.

Showcase will open Friday at the Milton Sports Centre and run through to Sunday afternoon.

It'll feature more than 100 exhibitors offering products for home and garden, travel, entertainment, fitness, automotive, real estate and insurance.

Visitors will have the chance to win numerous prizes, including an all-inclusive trip for two to a Sandals Beach Resort in Cuba and a special Mother's Day package for those who attend on Sunday.

The show will run Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. A special Mayor's Breakfast will kick off the activities Friday morning. Call the Chamber at (905) 878-0581 for tickets.

Events throughout the weekend include demonstrations, kids' activities and charity Pilot Insurance hot air balloon rides, weather permitting.

The tethered balloon will be hosted by McCuaig Insurance, with proceeds from rides going to the Milton District Hospital Foundation. Donations to the foundation for rides are optional. There'll also be a draw for a sunrise or sunset balloon flight for two.

Balloon rides will be available from about 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday morning starting at around 9:30 a.m. and possibly on Sunday in the late morning.

Professional daycare services will be available Saturday and Sunday. Admission costs $2. Children under 12 years old get in free. Friday admission is free for seniors over 60.

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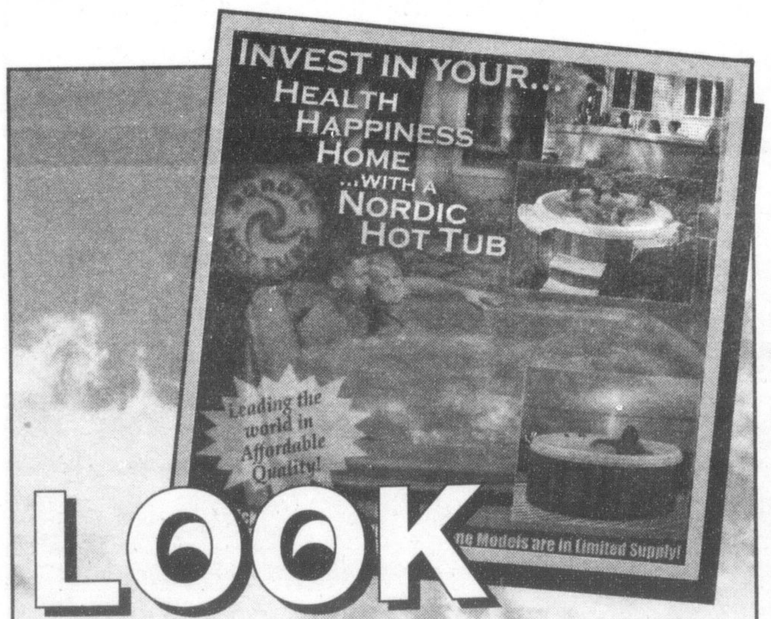

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