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Mayor's Golf Tournament in need of more sponsors

More hole sponsors and prize donors are needed for the upcoming Mayor's Golf Tournament for the United Way of Milton.

The sold-out event is set to take place September 8 at Granite Ridge Golf Club, with a goal set to exceed last year's record net proceeds of \$103,576.

Volunteer tournament co-ordinator Hal Watson said while a great deal of prizes have already been donated for the upcoming tournament, there's always room for a few more.

Hole sponsorships are available for

\$200 and include signage and program recognition.

The tournament already has 14 major gold sponsors and its silver lunch/dinner and cart sponsors are also at an all-time high, United Way campaign chair Mayor Gord Krantz reported.

Over the past six years the event has brought in more than \$455,000 in support of the United Way of Milton and its funded agencies.

Sponsors and donors are asked to call the United Way at (905) 875-2550.

My evening walk was a real scream

What would you do?

I was walking along in the early evening, minding my own business, when all of a sudden I heard a scream coming from a house I had just passed. Then another, and another.



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All three of the screams sounded identical, about a second apart. They were from a woman's voice I'd say was older than 20 and younger than 40.

I froze on the sidewalk. What should I do? Should I go up to the door and check to see if everything was okay? In the movies, the star would burst through the front door and save the day.

This wasn't the movies, but I had to do something. Perhaps I had better analyze the screams first. They didn't sound like they were coming from somebody whose life was in peril. I didn't think immediate action was warranted.

If it was an intruder, I don't expect they'd have time to get off three screams. Plus, I think they might have used the time taken for one of those screams to yell "Help!"

They sounded more like surprise screams. What could surprise somebody enough to make them scream like that? A mouse would do it, but why three screams? Three blind mice?

A spider? I doubt it. One scream maybe. And spiders are plentiful enough that they're not usually scream-worthy.

Anything worse in the animal kingdom I didn't want to think about. I've known several cases of people who found snakes in their house, but they were out in the country. And once my dad went into the kitchen in the house I grew up in, and there was a raccoon sitting on the table. I've personally dealt with a squirrel, a bird and two bats.

I wouldn't be much help in those situations anyway, nor did I want to be. That's why I always have a cat. Once as a teenager I saw a mouse in my house and screamed (just once) and stood on a chair until my parents came.

Could it have been a happy scream? I didn't think so, but she could have checked her numbers and won the lottery.

Maybe a shocked scream? If she had kids maybe one of them shaved their head and painted their skin blue.

Now I was just reaching for straws, looking for any excuse not to have to deal with this. I looked around the neighbourhood to see if there was somebody else who heard the screams. Nobody. It was all up to me. What to do?

My scream analysis was getting me nowhere, but then I heard another voice, a female voice I couldn't quite make out, but I assumed was asking what was wrong. And then incredibly, another scream.

Okay, three screams, a lengthy pause and then another scream - I was done trying to figure this out. At this point I could safely say nobody's life was in danger and I could continue on my way, which is just what I did while looking back every once in a while.

Still, I was curious and as I drove by the house the next day I saw a woman in front putting out her sprinkler. I stopped and considered asking her what all the screaming was about.

What would I say? That I heard some screams from there and was wondering if everything was okay? Well, if I had heard the screams the previous day, why didn't I ask then when I might have been of some use?

I kept going.



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Correction

An error appeared in an August 15 story regarding Town transit service improvements. The adult price for a monthly transit pass will actually be \$56. The Champion regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.