Summer is the season for tornadoes

Summer is tornado season. They aren't abundant in Milton, but that doesn't mean the town is immune to them.

Most Canadians have never experienced a tornado, but they still pose a real threat to life and property.

There are, on average, 75 tornadoes a year in Canada causing deaths and injuries — not to mention millions of dollars worth of damage.

If you do experience a tornado, you'll want to be prepared.

The best place to hide during a tornado is in your basement under a work bench or table. This will protect you from debris hurled into the basement. If you don't have a basement, seek shelter in a small interior room such as a bathroom or closet. Stay away from windows and outside walls.

It is extremely risky to try to drive to safety. Given the unpredictable nature of tornadoes, it is far better to get out of the car and seek shelter in a ditch, depression or culvert. Make sure you're a good distance from the car so it can't roll on you.

Avoid seeking shelter in buildings with wide free-span roofs such as gymnasiums, church sanctuaries and auditoriums. These types of structures are far more likely to collapse if hit by a tornado. If you are in one of these buildings and have no time to get out, seek shelter under a table or some other kind of sturdy cover.

While the basic structure of a highrise provides protection, the windows still present a considerable danger during tornadoes. You should take shelter in an interior hallway or room, preferably on the lower floors or in the basement. And don't use the elevators.

When severe thunderstorms threaten, turn on your radio or television and listen for local weather information. If a tornado has been reported or sighted, a tornado warning will be issued. If you seek shelter, take a battery-powered radio so you can find out what is happening.

Baseball to brides to California

Bookmark

with ESTHER CALDWELL

This week's Bookmark column contains a variety of books you'll find at the Milton Public Library.

If the constant threat of earthquakes doesn't deter you from considering relocating to California, Helena Barreto has written just the guide for you.

California: Where to Work, Where to Live provides information on employment opportunities, housing costs and commuting conditions, schools and colleges, cultural activities and weather conditions. California must have something to offer people; 350,000 newcomers arrive in that state every year.

Backyard birds

Kit and George Harrison give you an inside look at the little-known and fascinating personal lives of *America's Favorite Backyard Birds*.

The book doesn't overwhelm you with too many species. In fact, the Harrisons have chosen just 10 birds: American robin, black-capped chickadee, northern mockingbird, northern cardinal, mourning dove, American goldfinch, downy woodpecker, house wren, blue jay and white-breasted nuthatch.

True Canadian War Stories is the first collection of its kind. From the pages of Legion Magazine come these first-hand accounts of Canadians in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

As well as recollections of experiences of those on the front lines, the stories also recall the families who were left at home to wait and worry. At times, the writers can even remember the lighter side of war.

W. A. B. Douglas, the official historian in the Department of National Defence has compiled papers by leading authorities in naval history and defence policy.

The RCN in Transition, 1910-1985 records the Canadian naval problems and the navy's search for solutions and discusses its future prospects.

Pete Rose played in more winning games than any other player in the history of baseball. Unfortunately, his gambling led to lifetime banishment from the sport.

Writer Roger Kahn started work on *Pete Rose: My Story* in 1986, three years before the scandal. He and his publisher decided to continue with the project and to include Rose's suspension as part of the chronology of events.

Campeau — The Building of an Empire by Michael Babad and Catherine Mulroney tells a different story.

Robert Campeau was born into a low-income family in Sudbury. Quitting school in Grade 8, he swept floors at Inco Ltd. That was before he went on to become a successful real estate developer.

In 1988, he executed the fifth-largest corporate takeover in history and as a result he now owns one of the biggest department stores in the United States.

(Editor's note: Mr. Campeau's business reversals since the height of his corporate success are amply documented elsewhere).

Colour-coded

"First comes love, then comes colour." Lauren Smith's *Colours for Brides* will help you apply the seasonal colour theory to all phases of your planning — from the engagement party to the ceremony and reception, from engagement ring to wedding dress, makeup and hair style, from attendants' dresses to flowers for the entire wedding.

This colour theory extends to the choice of home furnishings, dinnerware and linens, too. Even the groom can be colour coded. (Is he in for a surprise.)

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