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Spring for block

The Milton Springers Gymnastics Club sprung for a glass block in support of the new Milton Leisure Centre. Handing over the \$300 block is special events chairperson for the campaign, Rose Harrison (left) to Springers representatives Karen Anderson, Carol Russell (right) with her son John, 2.

Callers want your credit card number

No matter how slick the sales pitch, giving your credit card number over the phone is usually "not a good plan," according to Halton Regional Police Sergeant Al Nikitin. He'd get no argument from Karen McIlroy.

Last Friday Ms McIlroy was contacted at her Milton home by an outfit identifying itself as Better Life International Inc., out of Tempe, Arizona. Ms McIlroy said the company offered to trade prizes worth a minimum of \$1,000 for a \$625 shampoo and personal care products order, if it was made on the buyer's credit card.

"They said they would give me a new car, a diamond bracelet or \$1,000 cash," Ms McIlroy recounted. "They just wanted my credit card number."

Ms McIlroy said the company representative identified himself as Bob Snyder, and "I must have spoken to him for 25 minutes. I was trying to get as much information

as I could. I could not believe he was trying to do this." She added that "no legitimate business is going to keep pushing and pushing and pushing you," to divulge credit card numbers. She called the police. "I just don't want anybody to get scammed."

Sergeant Nikitin said, "we run into these things periodically — people trying to get credit card numbers over the phone." Giving them out "is not a good plan." The information is passed on to the regional police intelligence unit. As far as the company in question goes, "I'm sure it's an outfit we're aware of," Sgt. Nikitin added.

While in Barrie last weekend, Ms McIlroy read an article in *The Champion's* sister paper, the *Barrie Advance*, in which another woman recounted a similar experience and warning regarding the same company.

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