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Red Cross needs help in Rwanda

The Canadian Red Cross Society is appealing for donations to help Rwandan refugees.

"Due to the sudden exodus of Rwandan refugees into Zaïre (between 10,000 and 16,000 per hour), the needs are still enormous," said a press release issued by the Red Cross.

"Financial contributions are required to sustain Red Cross operations in this region."

The most urgent needs are for shelter and blankets. The nights are cold and the daytime temperatures can go as low as 18 degrees Celsius. There is no need for clothes.

One hundred per cent of donations will be forwarded to help the refugees, said the press release.

Tax creditable donations can be made in person or by mail. All cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Red Cross Society and earmarked Rwanda. All major credit cards are welcome.

The address is: The Canadian Red Cross Society, Milton Branch, 42 Bronte St. S., Milton, Ont., L9T 5A8. The office is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 875-1459.

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Shirley Wilson

Town forms committee to probe tree compromise

By ANGELA BLACKBURN
The Champion

A new five-member community liaison committee of residents and town staff was sanctioned by council Monday in an effort to come up with a reconstruction plan for Martin Street, between Woodward Avenue and Main Street, that will meet residents' approval.

Last week, town public works director John Matthews told *The Champion* he was considering recommending postponement for a report to council on the issue, originally slated for August, so the town could further explore alternatives with residents.

Councillors had sent the \$835,000 road reconstruction issue back to staff in June after residents showed up en masse to oppose a staff recommendation — and general committee endorsement — to widen Martin Street between Woodward and Main to three lanes, a move that would have meant the loss of 17 trees. The plan was to accommodate a centre turning lane on Martin Street.

Residents, who've since been collecting signatures on a petition (over 800 to date), have been vocal in raising concerns about pedestrian safety and tree preservation.

Mr. Matthews reported to council this week that he'd met Monday with Martin Street resident Bruce Smith, one of the new committee's members.

Another Martin Street resident who had voiced concerns about the plan at town hall, Cathy McKinley, has also been invited to sit on the committee, however Mr. Matthews said Monday he'd as yet had no response from Ms McKinley to his letter of last week.

Mr. Matthews said, at Mr. Smith's urging, a third resident will be added to the committee, one who doesn't reside on Martin Street.

The public works director said it was Mr. Smith's opinion the large number of signatures on the residents' petition from those not living on Martin Street indicates the reconstruction is an issue for all of Milton, not just residents of the street.

Resident committee members are being chosen on an "ad hoc" basis, said Mr. Matthews, who himself is on the committee along with John

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Let's face it

Wow! What a face! One-year-old Stefanie Proulx can't believe how great her painted face looks. The work was done by Melissa Harrington as part of Kids' Day festivities Saturday morning. The event, organized by the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area, took place downtown during the Farmers' Market.

Tiger Jeet Singh free on bail

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

Asian wrestling star Jagjit Singh Hans turned himself in to RCMP officials in Milton at noon Thursday.

The 50-year-old Milton man, known in the wrestling world as Tiger Jeet Singh, was charged last month with conspiracy to defraud the public of over \$1,000 in connection with an Alberta real estate investment.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. Hans because he was out of the country and could not be located. He arrived back in town last week.

"He attended the Milton detachment with his lawyer," said RCMP Inspector Walter Somers.

He was taken into custody, escorted to the Steeles

Avenue provincial courthouse, and released on \$100,000 bail.

Mr. Hans, who lives with his wife and two sons in a palatial, 14,000-square-foot home on First Line, appeared in Milton provincial court Monday morning. He's scheduled to return August 22 to set a trial date.

Known as the Hulk Hogan of Japan, the wrestling star is alleged to have made misrepresentations to 10 Canadian investors in real estate deals involving Rundle Park Village, an Edmonton townhouse and apartment complex. It is alleged the investors were defrauded of more than \$500,000 between 1989 and 1992.

Also charged in connection with the alleged fraud are three Brampton men, aged 55, 45 and 41. The charges followed a two-year RCMP investigation.

Main Street construction work to end soon

Miltonians who've been dodging watermain construction along Main Street most of this month can soon return to their old routes. Construction is expected to wrap up this week.

A report to town council Monday indicated an expected early end to the construction last week was derailed, when a sewer no one knew existed was found by workers. The discovery, which entailed digging up the Main Street/Martin Street intersection, inspections and digging a test pit on Main Street near Montgomery Lane, put work back

on schedule for a July 31 target completion date.

Paving along the north curb line should be completed by tomorrow (July 28).

Earlier this month, safety of both passing drivers and construction workers became an issue in the Main Street East construction, and council approved closing the road.

Originally the contractor was going to keep one or two lanes of traffic open through the work area but the safety concerns prompted the closing, with periods of single lane traffic.

FREE GIFTS

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Sand Sculpture

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