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NEWSLINES

Donation box money stolen

Police are looking for the culprit believed to be responsible for stealing Deidre Scholtz Fund donation boxes from area businesses.

Sometime between May 4 and 5, someone nabbed the donation box for the ill five-year-old girl from Subway on Market Drive.

The thief took the box in the washroom, emptied it, and left the empty holder behind, Halton Regional Police said.

The boxes were also reportedly taken from the Golden Griddle Restaurant, Kelsey's and one other business.

It's unknown how much money was stolen, said Staff Sgt. Roy Smith.

The boxes were set up to raise money for Deidre, who suffers from aplastic anemia. Following the thefts, the fundraising committee has removed the boxes, police said.

Alzheimer help needed

The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) is looking for volunteers to help with an Alzheimer support group. The group meets in Milton every two weeks on Thursday afternoons.

Those interested can call Melanie Harman at 847-9559.

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BILL'S AUTO BODY SHOP

Working Harder to Stay #1 in Milton

155 Nipissing Rd., Milton
(905) 878-2721

Crash blocks highway

Three people were sent to hospital following a three-car crash on Highway 25, south of Derry Road, Saturday.

The crash occurred shortly after 12:30 p.m. when a southbound pick-up truck driven by Percy Cooke, 62, of Milton collided with a northbound vehicle operated by Alexi Tchepetov, 61, of Milton.

The second vehicle then collided with a northbound BMW driven by Timothy Cain, 31, of Toronto.

All three drivers were sent to hospital with injuries described as not life threatening. None of the vehicles carried any passengers.

Highway 25 was reportedly closed for an hour while police sorted out the mess.

No further details were released. The accident is under investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call the Burlington OPP at 681-2511.

Facing 22.4% hike

Town gets whacked on insurance policy

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion
The Town of Milton has been nailed with a 22.4 per cent increase for insurance in 1996.

Though little can be done this year, town officials agreed Monday night to investigate a tendering process for next year. Currently the Town uses the municipal insurance firm Frank Cowan Company to broker their insurance package.

The premium this year has been pegged at \$187,562 including provincial taxes, with the largest increases coming in liability insurance and in the errors and omissions coverage.

Al Forbes, representing the Cowan Company, explained premium increases average 20-25 per cent across Canada while those municipalities with poor claims' histories are facing 40 per cent increases.

He said his company is working directly with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to make changes in the Municipal Act which would limit liability for local governments.

"Court awards are driving the cost of insurance up," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "Someone, somehow is going to have to get a rein on awards."

Mr. Forbes said while Milton is receiving credit for its low incidence of claims, the municipal insurance industry as a whole has

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A bouquet of flowers

Elise Clements of the Milton Horticultural Society admires this first place winner by Joyce Haslam in the miniature hummingbird category. The colourful flower arrangement is set in a miniature tea cup with saucer. It was all part of the society's annual show at Milton Mall on Saturday.

Alex reaches for distant worlds as teen Lego star

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to The Champion

There's no telling what can grow, with a child's imagination and a little Lego. Just ask Alex Luyckx.

Since before he could even talk, the Milton youngster has enjoyed building and creating with Lego playsets. At 13, his love for this pastime — combined with a fascination for space exploration — has now garnered him national recognition as well as a chance to reach beyond the stars.

Alex was recently selected as one of six finalists in the Lego Space Challenge national building contest, a collaborative effort of the popular toy company and Space Centre Houston to "spark kids'

interest in space exploration and intervention."

Having sent in his entry last summer, he was officially notified of his finalist status • see LEGO on page 4



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Alexander Luyckx, 13, with the "Galactic Explorer" he built to qualify in this weekend's Lego National Championships at Ontario Place.

MILTON MALL

OPEN DAILY: MON.-FRI. 9:30-9:00
SAT. 9:30-6:00 SUN. 1:00-5:00
55 ONTARIO ST.
(905) 878-3900

POLICE WEEK

From May 16-18 Police Exhibits will be throughout the mall

Canned Art for the Salvation Army

Schools, churches, organizations, and local businesses are invited to support the community, by collecting dry goods and sculpturing a piece of art in the mall from May 21-25th.

