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Letters



News of Milton running 'master' Ed Whitlock's passing March 13 was received with great sadness by many *Champion* readers, who turned to the newspaper's Facebook page to offer condolences and share their memories of the 86-year-old local running icon.

Anne Donohoe Courtney: I remember him well from the times I used to see him running around the cemetery. What an amazing man.

Linda Kivell: Amazing man!

Caren Howard: I remember running the Chilly Half Marathon with him on his 82nd birthday. He was so friendly and willing to talk to anyone who approached him in a very humble way. He will be missed by so many that he inspired. I really hope that there will be a tribute for him at Around the Bay Road Race which will be just after his funeral.

Patricia Anne: He was a wonderful man and athlete.

Donna Blair: Condolences to the family. I so enjoyed reading of his outstanding accomplishments.

Christopher Heaney: Oh no. What an inspiration. God bless this man.

Nancy Cameron Sims: R.I.P. A Milton hero.

Running into Milton's ageless wonder

Dear Editor,

I probably would not be sending this email had I not literally bumped into Mr. Ed Whitlock and wife Brenda at the Real Canadian Superstore on Main Street East last summer. I recognized him from photos published in the *Champion* and, of course, appearances on national television. As we have the same colour

hair and, being fairly healthy myself, I wanted to thank him as well as ask him about his life-long endurance qualities and foods of choice. Ed, with no hesitation replied, "My wife Brenda here, we both eat lots of bread pudding." To fellow seniors, the recipes for bread pudding on the Internet are many.

Paul Foreman, Milton

MTH thankful for financial support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Milton Transitional Housing and the organizing team for the Coldest Night of the Year event in Milton, we want to thank participants and sponsors for supporting our fundraising walk on Feb. 25.

The Milton Coldest Night of the Year event was a wonderful success, raising more than \$48,000 for Milton Transitional Housing — a number we expect to climb above \$50,000 once all of the registrations from walk day are processed.

The funding will go a long way to supporting our participants through the coming year. We are grateful that Milton has such caring volunteers to help with community initiatives like ours.

Milton Transitional Housing is a not-for-profit charity dedicated to helping Milton's homeless individuals and families overcome their problems and achieve housing independence within their own community.

As Milton's population explodes, homeless-

ness is becoming more of an issue and is more visible within our community. Halton Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy has identified transitional housing as an essential part of the solution to the problem of homelessness since it is designed to bridge from the short-term emergency shelter system — often as little as 30 days in duration — to affordable, long-term housing.

The transition period can extend from four to 24 months and offers housing at subsidized rental rates, along with requiring participants to set goals that will help them overcome their obstacles, and undertake counselling and training to help achieve those goals. Milton Transitional Housing helps people move from hope to home.

Thank you very much for your support for this initiative. We look forward to your support and participation at next year's walk, set for Saturday, Feb. 24.

Lorna Turner, Co-Director of Events
Milton Transitional Housing

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The 411 on velodromes in North America

RE: McLean sets new Canadian record on the track, *Champion*, March 16 issue

Dear Editor,

On the front of the March 16 *Champion* Sports section, track cyclist Michael Foley indicates that there are no velodromes in France.

While there are a number of outdoor tracks throughout the country, there are two indoor tracks in the Paris Metropolitan area, including in Vincennes and in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, where the 2015 World Championships were held.

Although the old open-air velodrome in Roubaix is better known for being the finish of the 'Hell of the North' classic Paris-Roubaix, Roubaix is home to the Jean Stablinski indoor velodrome inaugurated in 2012.

I would also like to correct some earlier articles about Milton's velodrome, which claim that ours is one of only two UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) legal velodromes in North America.

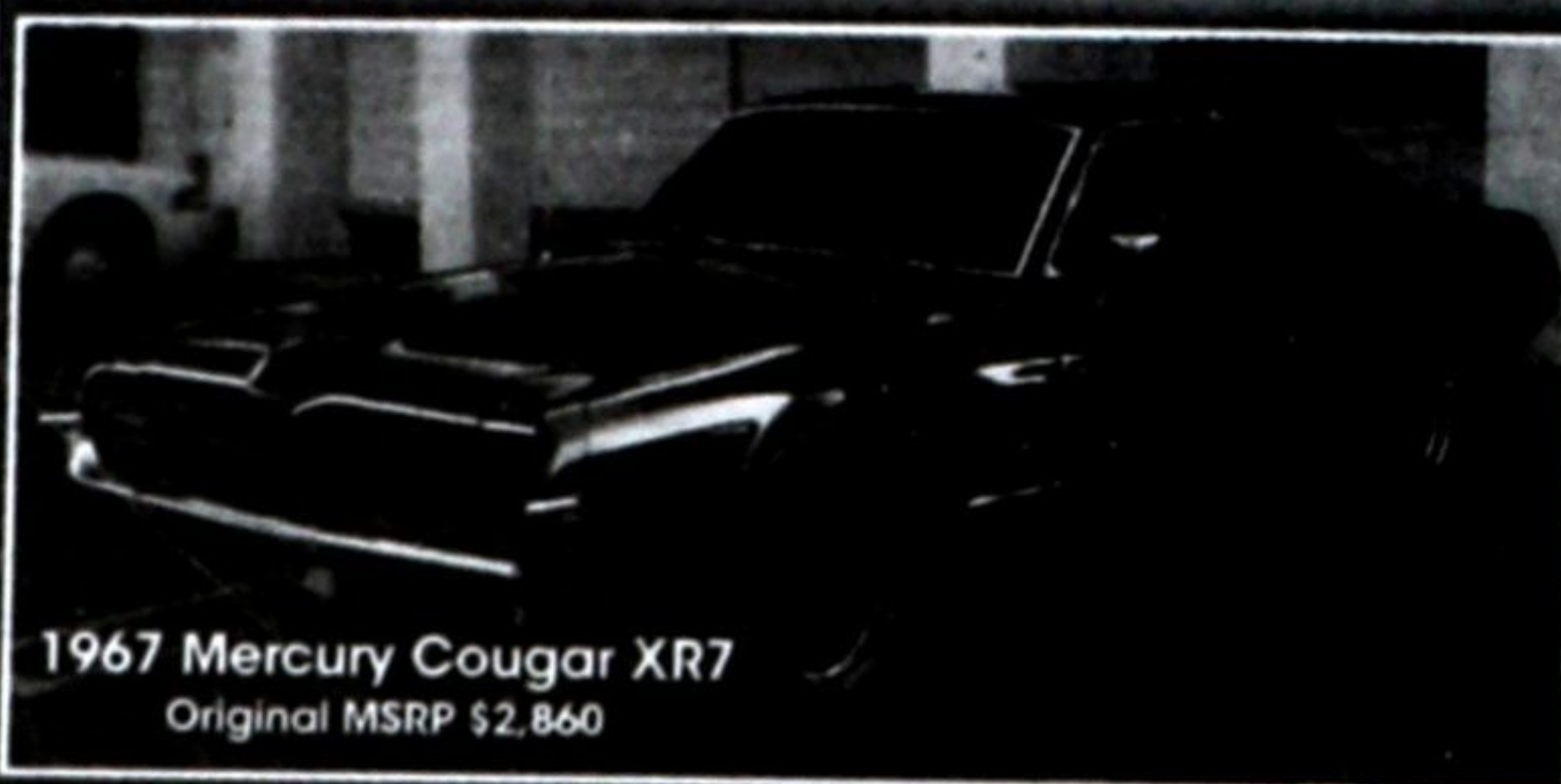
The Mattamy National Cycling Centre is in fact one of four, since there are two in Mexico, including one in Aguascalientes, which is used frequently as one of the World Cup venues leading to the World Cup Championships. It was built for the 2010 Pan American Track Championships. And then there is the Guadalajara Velodrome built for the 2011 Pan American Games.

Joachim Wulfers, Milton



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