

As I write this week, the car is being packed for a quick trip to Montreal. I can feel my stomach churning knowing that soon I will be saying goodbye to my daughter as she embarks on the next precious step of her life, university. I've been through this twice before, but it does not make it any easier this time. I keep telling myself it's only a 5-hour drive, but in my heart I know that 5 hours or 5 days makes no difference - things will never be quite the same.

This event also brings to mind the number of clients that have come to me over the past years and told me that their homes are now too big, too empty and too hard to keep clean and heated, with the event of their children now leading different lives. The "empty next syndrome" happens to most of us. Now that I'm about to experience it first hand, I know that I will remember all those comments vividly, in the next few months. However, I know that I will always feel that there must be a place for each returning child, a room that they can call their own in their own home, and precious ties with their past. So, when does one really have the courage to move into something smaller? Even when the kids get married, there is still the need for larger family entertaining - and then there are the grandchildren. I find it really hard to imagine the day that smaller quarters are an option. Of course things change, and that's what makes life in this profession so interesting. Families grow, families diminish, and families adjust to their situations by moving and changing their lifestyles to fit their new patterns. If they didn't, there would be a lot of real estate agents without jobs.

However, I for one, will always have a room ready for returning children, a cake in the oven, and a welcome mat on the front door.

Be gentle with me when you run into me these next few weeks. I'm suffering like a lot of moms have in the past with the mixture of joy for the happiness of their kids, but with the sorrow for the end of an era.

## "Homes Sold Creatively"

Glenda Hughes is a Sales Representative with NRS Brand Realty in Georgetown.

## Police seeking public's help

Halton Regional Police require the public's assistance to provide information leading to two males seen firing handguns two mornings last week.

Detective Mike Kingston said police received the second report of two males firing handguns about two miles behind a Sideroad 25 residence Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. The first report of shooting occurred Aug. 20 at approximately 11:45 a.m. in the same area.

Police have not established a motive for the males being in the bush, although police do not believe the men are hunters. No

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description of the males has been obtained.

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## Campbell House Gallery is forced to close down

By GARRY J. MURDOCK The Herald

Today, Georgetown will lose the Campbell House Gallery on Main Street when it closes down for good.

Having opened a year ago June 1st, Janice Campbell (owner and operator) feels she can no longer afford to keep the Gallery running.

Ms. Campbell receives her paintings through other galleries, directly from other artists and various representatives. From the beginning Ms. Campbell felt that the paintings wouldn't support the business so the gallery sells furniture as well.

The idea behind the gallery was to bring in 'interesting and original art to draw people,' said Ms. Campbell. Unfortunately, three months into the business, the economy started to drop and the big ticket items stopped selling. For example, prices of paintings in the gallery range from as little as \$48.00 for a print to \$26,000 for an original painting.

Ms. Campbell said there has

## United Way plans kick-off

Halton Hills residents can show their support for the local United Way by joining fellow business and community leaders for the 1990 campaign kick-off luncheon at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$15 per person.

United Way Executive Director, Arlene Bruce and Campaign Chairman, David Mcnally, ask those interested in attending the luncheon to respond to the United Way office at 877-8335 by Sept. 10. never been a lot of customers. The regular ones she did have were happy she was there, but are disappointed the gallery is shutting down and not moving to a new location.

Ms. Campbell feels the lack of business stems from the fact that a lot of people don't even know of the Gallery's existence, or what is on Main Street itself for that matter. People who have lived in town all their life assume they know everything Georgetown has to offer and where it is. It is the new people to town, according to Ms. Campbell, who seek out and find

the Gallery.

Ms. Campbell also said that there is a surprising number of people who don't do their business in town. For example, 30% of Georgetown residents don't buy their groceries in town. She also feels that people are intimidated by the fact that there is no store front and that they have to come up the stairs to the Gallery's second storey location.

The store will be closing this Saturday. The remaining furniture not sold will be auctioned off, the paintings returned to other galleries or the original artists.



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