

Evacuation was routine safety precaution

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Gas to shut down a line feeding 34 homes. It took nearly two hours to locate the shutoff valve and repair the broken gaspipe.

The break was caused by a contractor who was digging out a tree stump for a new sidewalk when the bucket from the backhoe slipped and caught the gasline.

"These (gas leaks) are generally not very dangerous," said Robert Feldmann, operations manager for Union Gas. "It's a fairly common occurrence.

"When gas is blowing or has been ignited in an open area there

really is very little danger. The danger occurs when you have gas in a confined space with a source of ignition."

Feldmann says the evacuation of residents when there is a broken main is a routine safety precaution.

Broken gaslines are usually caused by contractors and homeowners who neglect to phone Union Gas for line locations. In this case the contractor had located the line and dug it out by hand, but was unable to successfully work around it.

Fall Fair winners

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY NATHAN WILLIAMSON & JESSICA CRAIG

Another week at M.Z. Bennett has started. The school had a fun time at Acton Fall Fair. We won a lot of awards. The first prize winners were:

Penmanship: Grade 1 — Beth Clayton; Grade 2 — Matthew Dayman.

Poetry: Grade 4 — Jessica Craig; Grade 5 — Cara Reynolds.

Storywriting: Grade 1 — Natalie Dawkins; Grade 2 — Ashley Lima; Grade 3 — Jera-Lee Lambert.

Art: Grade 3 — Mark Chumley; Grade 4 — Patricia Bishop; Grade 4 — Paul Schiller; Grade 5 — David Coles.

Abstract Design: Grade 2 — Justin Wright; Grade 3 — Britany Youngblut; Grade 4 — Ashlyn Tumukas.

Posters: Grade 2 — Ashley Lima and John Clayton.

We had a fun time at the Fall Fair. The Grade 1s especially liked the animals.

Mr. Waitson's Grade 4-5 class are studying Medieval Times and Mr. Mashinter's Grade 4 class are studying plants.

Miss Lawson, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Bannerman's classes are looking forward to their trip to Ontario Place to see "The Greatest Show Unearthed." The children are looking forward to that. They're also looking forward to learning about Dinosaurs and doing exciting activities on this topic.

Mr. Shrubsole's Kindergartens are finished their upstairs loft to their house. They are very excited about trying it out.

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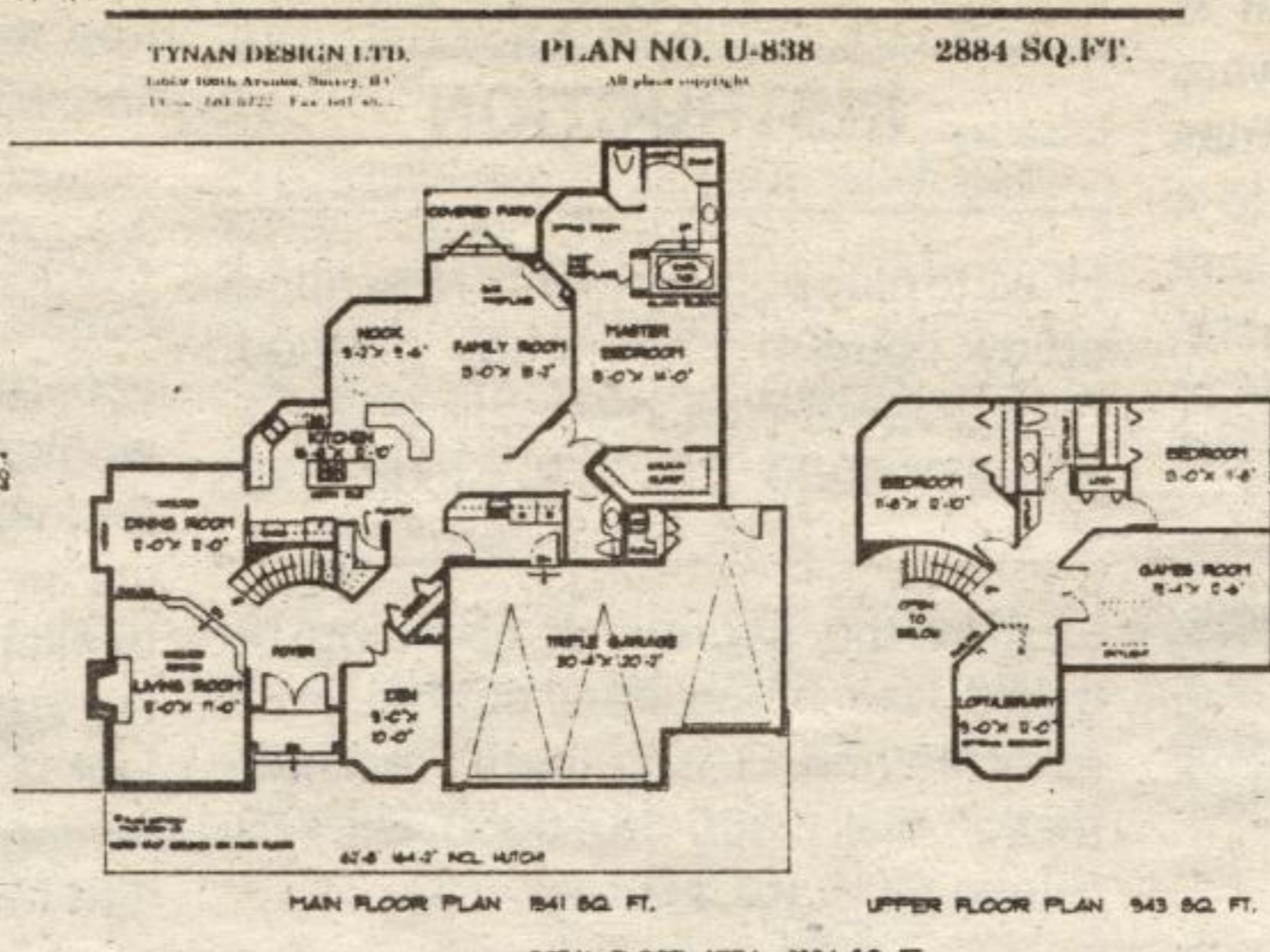
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Enter into a spacious foyer open to the second storey. A den just inside the front entrance would make an ideal home office. To the left, a sunken living room features a dramatic vaulted ceiling and feature windows. The dining room also is vaulted and receives plenty of natural light from windows along the rear. A sliding pocket door separates the dining room from a gourmet style kitchen complete with a walk-in pantry and a work island. An open counter acts as a handy pass-through to the nook. The family room, open to the kitchen, has a cosy gas fireplace and French doors which lead to a covered patio. An increasingly popular feature, and one you won't be surprised to find in this plan, is to have the master bedroom on the main floor. French doors lead into this deluxe master bedroom which features a walk-in closet, a glass block accent wall, a two-way gas fireplace which services the sitting room and the tub area, and a four piece

ensuite with a raised swirl tub and a vanity.

A curved staircase leads to a deluxe bedroom area. Both bedrooms are a good size; the left bedroom features a bay window, and the right bedroom features a boxed out window seat. The loft/library could be converted into a third bedroom if required. French doors lead into a spacious games room brightened by an overhead skylight.

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