

Acton Red Cross out of blood collection business

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The New Tanner

The Red Cross ends 25 years of blood collection services in Acton with a blood donor clinic today

(Thursday) at the Legion. Before December's scheduled clinic the Canadian Red Cross will turn over control of the national blood system to a new agency - Canadian Blood Services.

Local Red Cross officials are confident Acton donors will continue to give the gift of life, regardless of which agency collects and handles the blood, but they are also concerned the change will cost them volunteers.

"Some volunteers will find it's time to leave and some will choose to say 'I've done what I was supposed to do,' and then I think others will continue on," Halton Hills Red Cross branch manager Marlene Beitz said recently, stressing that while the blood system is changing, the need for blood is not.

Last year 329 units of blood were collected at Acton's four clinics with the

help of 17 Red Cross volunteers. Donor/volunteer Henry Kroes said reaction to the Red Cross getting out of the blood business is mixed.

"I know that some of the (blood) clinic volunteers are going to help in other areas with the Red Cross and some will go with the new agency. As long as the blood gets to the people - that's all that matters," Kroes said.

The Halton Hills Red Cross branch will continue its services and programs including health care equipment loans, transportation services, first aid and emergency services training.

Blood clinic co-ordinator Marianne Clarke said they

don't expect a major exodus of volunteers or donors.

"The name isn't an issue and other than a change in the logo the donors won't notice a difference because it's same place, same station, you might say," Clarke said.

For 59 years the Canadian Red Cross ran the national blood system but was forced

to bow out following the tainted blood scandal of the 1980's. All assets, buildings, equipment, procedures and 3,000 staff will be transferred to the new agency.

The Halton Hills Red Cross branch will thank its volunteers and clinic sponsors at an open house Sept. 17 in Georgetown.

Catholic Board penalizes teachers on strike

The Halton Catholic District School Board is docking pay to secondary school teachers who refuse to teach more than three periods a day

and participate in co-curricular activities.

In a press release the board says a special meeting was held Tuesday and the decision made to deduct one quarter of a teacher's daily pay rate for each period they refused to "deliver the instruction assigned to them."

Further negotiations are scheduled for Friday between the Board and the teachers' union.

POLICE BEAT

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and thieves got away with \$2,000 worth of home electronics including a VCR, cassette player and computer. Entrance was gained through a small rear window.

B&E and assault

A 20-year-old Acton resident has been arrested and charged with break and enter, uttering threats and assault following a 3 a.m. incident on Saturday, Sept. 5. The man forced his way into a residence, assaulted the tenant and threatened further violence before his arrest. He was also charged with mischief on another matter. His court date is Oct. 26.

Car stolen

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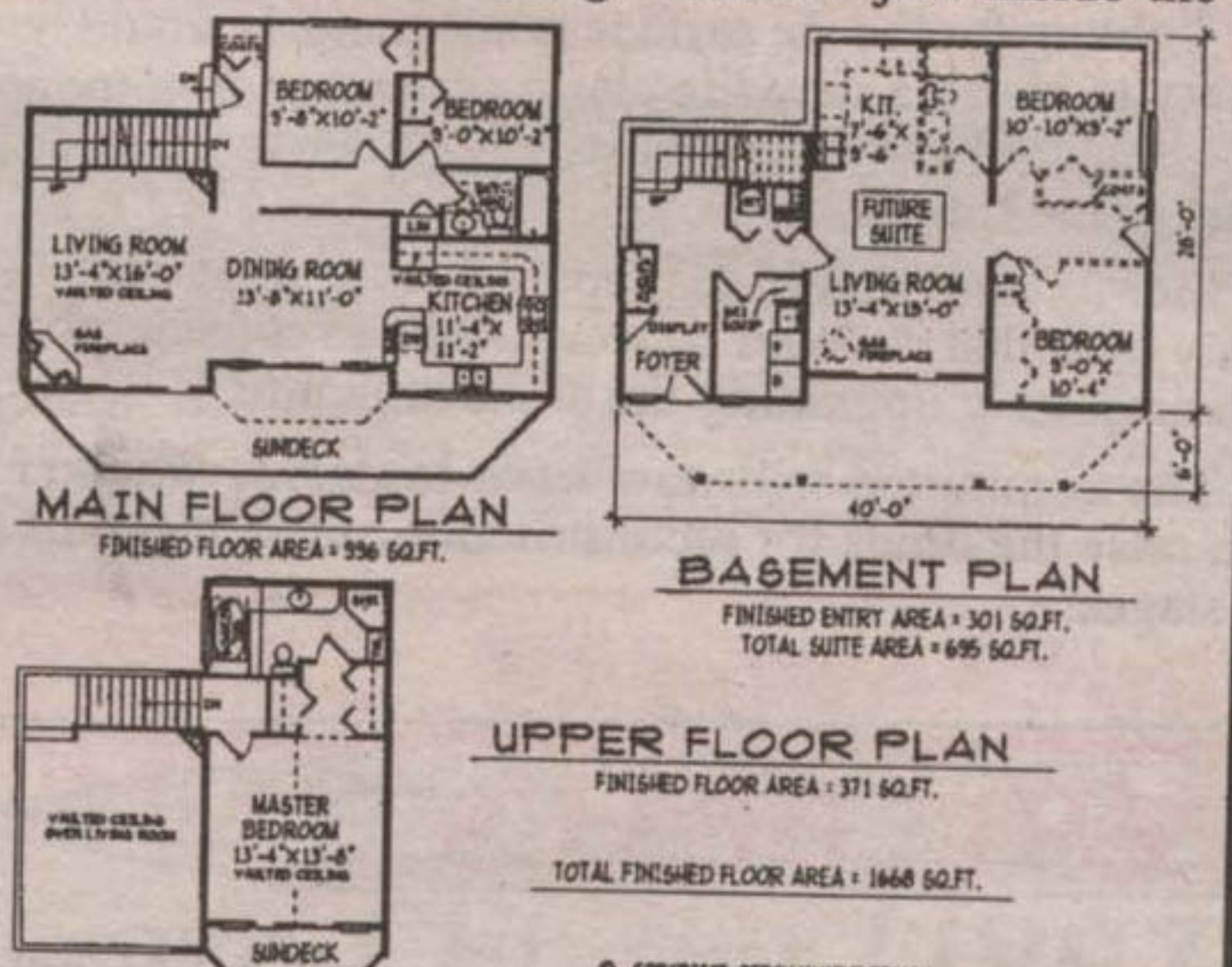
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