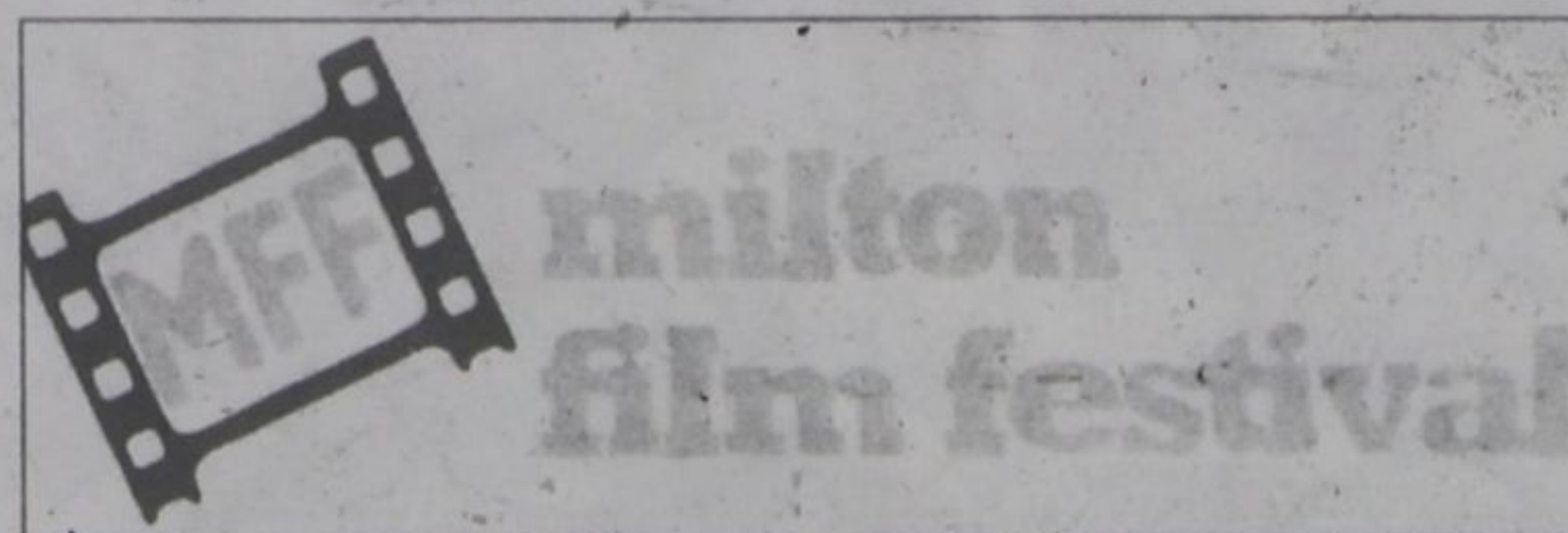


Turtle documentary wins best short film at Milton Film Festival

The Milton Film Festival's 2018 KKP Audience Choice Award for Best Short Film has been awarded to Toronto filmmaker Scott Dobson for his documentary short film, *Fix and Release*.



The film, which screened ahead of the documentary feature *Only 78* on Jan. 28 at FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton, profiles the work of the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, a small turtle trauma centre in Peterbor-

ough, as it fights to even the odds for survival that freshwater turtles face in a modern world. The audience was charmed by the reptilian patients profiled in Dobson's environmentally-themed documenta-

ry. "All seven shorts were rated very highly by our audience members, but they responded especially warmly to this one," said festival founder and director Jennifer Smith. "Dobson has rather artfully

managed to create empathy and compassion for these amazing animals through this film, drawing us into their stories as if we were watching a medical drama." Surprised and delighted when told of the win, Dobson said, "It's a great honour to win an Audience Choice Award. At the screening I was amazed at how many people came up to me and wanted to talk further about the film. Milton has a super festival and very very engaged film go-

ers." An award winning producer/director with over 25 years experience in documentary filmmaking, Dobson most recently directed for the CBC's *The Nature of Things*, was story editor for *Viceland's* new documentary series *Payday* in 2016, and in 2012 directed *Church Of Elvis* and its sister show, *Elvis In Love*. The KKP Audience Choice Award is sponsored by the Anders family of KKP Printing Milton and includes a \$100 cash award.

Audience members at each screening are asked to rate the short films from one to five stars on a ballot, and the winner is chosen by the highest average rating.

The second place short film, *The Suitcase*, used live action and animation to tell the story of a mother trying to smuggle her daughter out of rural China. The other films in the short film program were *Pollyanna*, *Such Devoted Sisters*, *It's all in Your Head*, *The Talk* and *45*.

Chinese New Year celebration at Milton Mall

It's nearly time to celebrate the Year of the Dog, Milton.

Independent Living Halton — together with the Milton Chinese Association, Milton Chinese Arts Society and Dr. Sheila Wong — will host the Lunar New Year Festival

at Milton Mall on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Year of the Dog celebration kicks off at 10 a.m. It starts with the Milton Monkey Kids' Club, with children aged four to 12 invited to make traditional crafts, join in games and get a photo taken to

commemorate the occasion.

From there, the eye-dotted ceremony will be held at noon.

It will be followed by the traditional lion dance.

Dance and song performances will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.



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Dancers from The Milton Chinese Arts Society and the Milton Chinese Association performed last year.

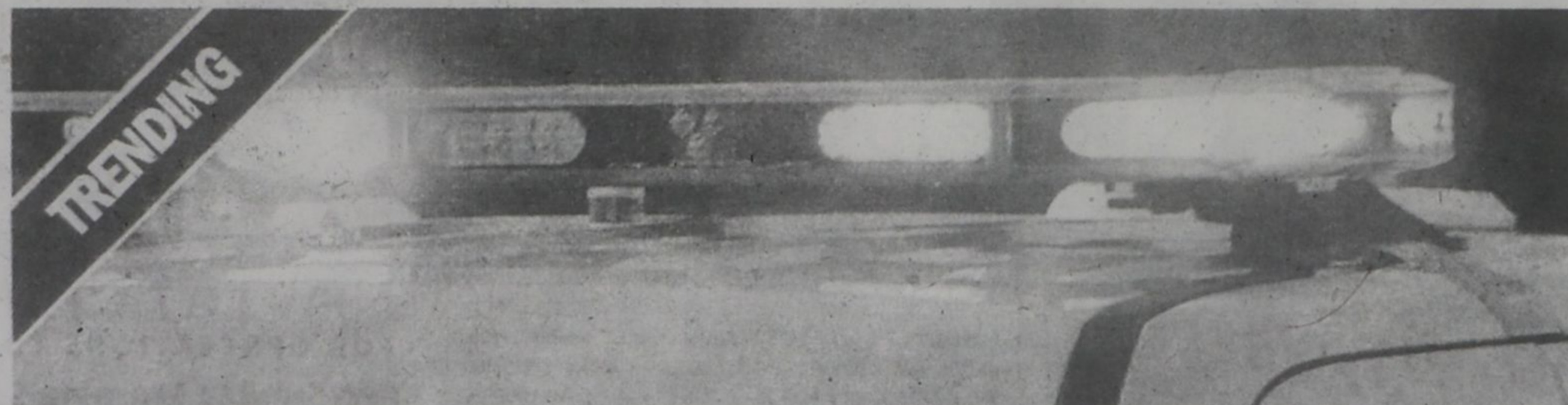
Halton MPP holding annual Family Day movie day

Halton MPP Indira Naidoo-Harris will be holding her annual free movie day over the Family Day weekend. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Milton Cine-

plex Cinemas, 1175 Maple Ave. This year's family film will be *The Lego Movie*.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m., with the movie set to start at 10 a.m.

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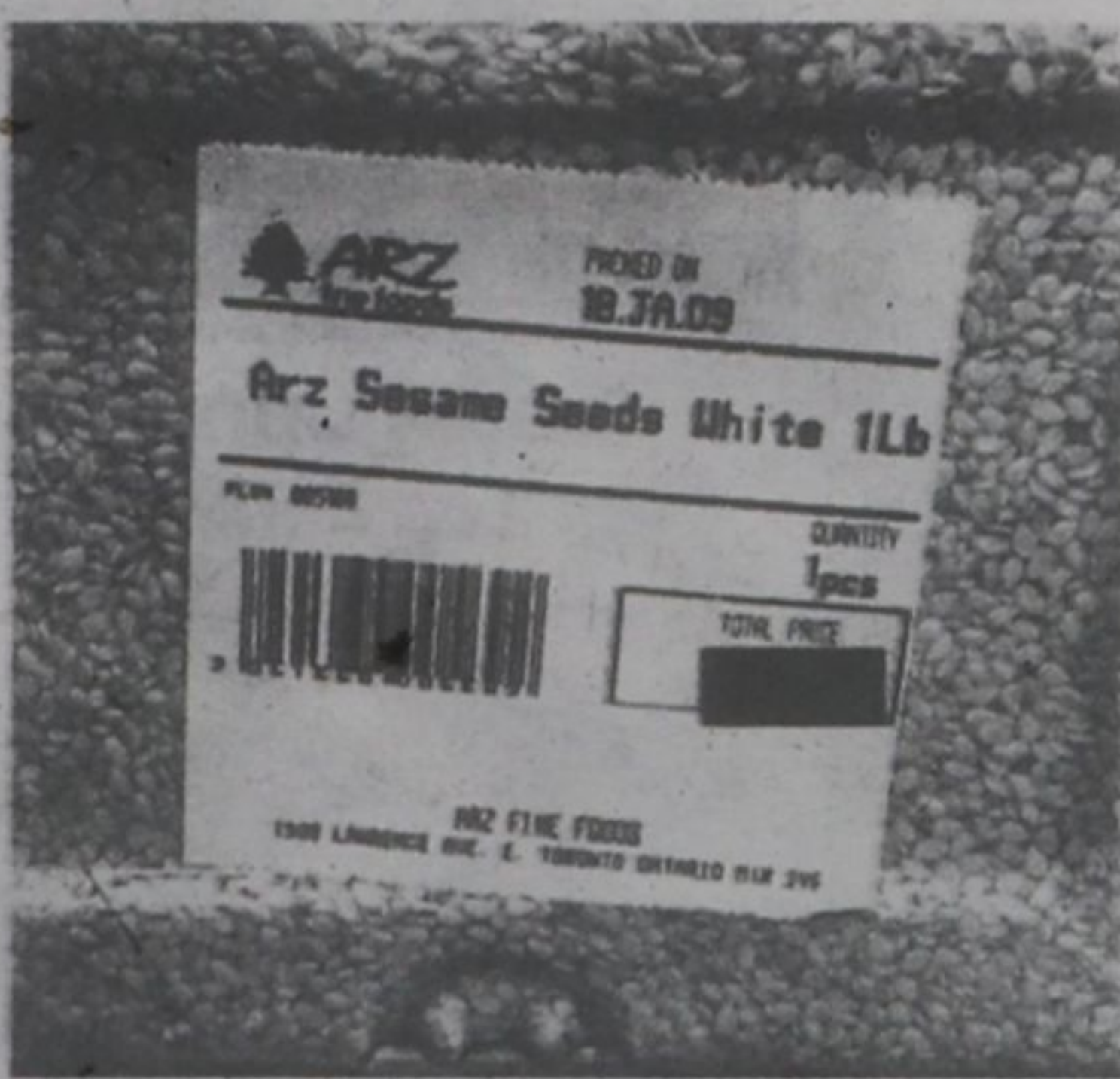


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