

Dateline

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Friday Feb. 5

The Milton Community Resource Centre offers a **P.A. Day program** for children aged 6 to 11 years. Participants enjoy a variety of activities including arts and crafts, co-operative games, baking, science experiments and outdoor winter play. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$22 for the day.

The **Canadian National Institute for the Blind** — Halton/Peel — hosts a Rita MacNeil concert at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. The cost is \$100, which includes a dessert buffet, live performance and a tax receipt. Contact Franca Mancini at 1-905-275-7710.

Saturday Feb. 6

The Halton Region Museum Foundation presents **Blues on the Rocks**, an evening

of Blues and Swing Jazz Music with Toronto's George Grosman Swingtet. The event at Halton Region Museum runs from 6 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a southern style buffet dinner. A cash bar is available. Seating is limited. Call 875-2200 to purchase tickets.

The Halton Rape Crisis Centre holds its fourth annual **Silent Auction** at the Galaxy 707 Club (North Service Road, just east of Trafalgar Road, in Oakville). The preview opens at 6:30 p.m. followed by silent and live auctions from 7 to 11 p.m. The event also features live entertainment, hors

d'oeuvres, a draw for a get-away weekend and wine tasting. Tickets cost \$15. Call 825-3622.

Monday Feb. 8

The Milton Community Resource Centre presents **Puppets and Playprops**, a nine-week program for children aged 3-and-a-half to 5 years old. The cost is \$45. To register, call 876-1244, ext. 10.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre hosts a trip to **Casino-Rama** in Orillia. The cost, which includes bus transportation, is \$45. **• see more DATELINE on page 11**

Impaired charges laid after single car accident

Impaired driving charges resulted from a single-vehicle accident in which a car crashed into a ditch at Fifth Line and Main Street Sunday.

A citizen contacted Halton Regional Police after witnessing the 10:30 p.m. accident, said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon.

No one was hurt.

A 58-year-old Brampton man faces charges of impaired driving and driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

Assault charge

A Bronte Street man faces an assault charge in connection with a disturbance outside The Dickens restaurant early Sunday morning.

The 20-year-old man allegedly twice

Police Blotter

punched a 28-year-old Cambridge man in the head at 12:50 a.m.

The victim suffered minor injuries, police said.

House break-in

Thieves made off with jewelry, liquor, stereo equipment and a television after forcing open the front door of a Britannia Road home Saturday.

The break-in occurred sometime between 8 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

No value on the property was available. Police are investigating.

Car sales intrigue Gorrud's founder

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Gorman.

A former bank executive, Mr. Gorman and his family moved to Milton from Toronto on Halloween Day, 1971. Then four years later he moved his used car business, which originated in Elmira, to town — at Derry Road and Ontario Street.

"This was in no small way thanks to the co-operation and help of Fred Arnold, who operated his John Deere business from this location," Mr. Gorman recalls.

Mr. Arnold, who left his own business nine years ago and works for Gorrud's today, watched over and tended to both businesses from that location.

In 1982, the company acquired its current Steeles Avenue home — the old Superior Propane property — where both businesses moved.

Gorrud's is genuinely a family firm as, in 1989, Mr. Gorman's oldest son Andrew left university to devote his efforts to the auto business.

"Today he is general manager and has been the driving force in the growth and success of the business," says Mr. Gorman who, himself, retired from the corporate world five years ago and brought his presence to the operation.

"He came on board and never looked back. He's a workaholic."

Andrew was later joined by Mr. Gorman's youngest son Joel.

Mr. Gorman said Gorrud's is far from a stereotypical used car dealership that is "here today and gone tomorrow" and doesn't protect customers from the risk of buying a used vehicle.

He said Gorrud's provides warranties and pays close attention to detail, particularly when it comes to the quality of vehicles for sale.

"They have to meet our standards," he said. "We really genuinely try to make sure that everyone is happy."

Mr. Gorman says he has a fascination with the auto business — a feeling he may have inherited from his father, who was general manager of a car dealership.

"The car business has always intrigued me," he said. "Sales intrigue me."

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OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND

The Marian Courtyard Retirement Centre is dedicated to serve mature persons by providing affordable, high quality, comfortable, pleasant and secure living accommodations, along with opportunities for social, spiritual and recreational interaction within a caring community.

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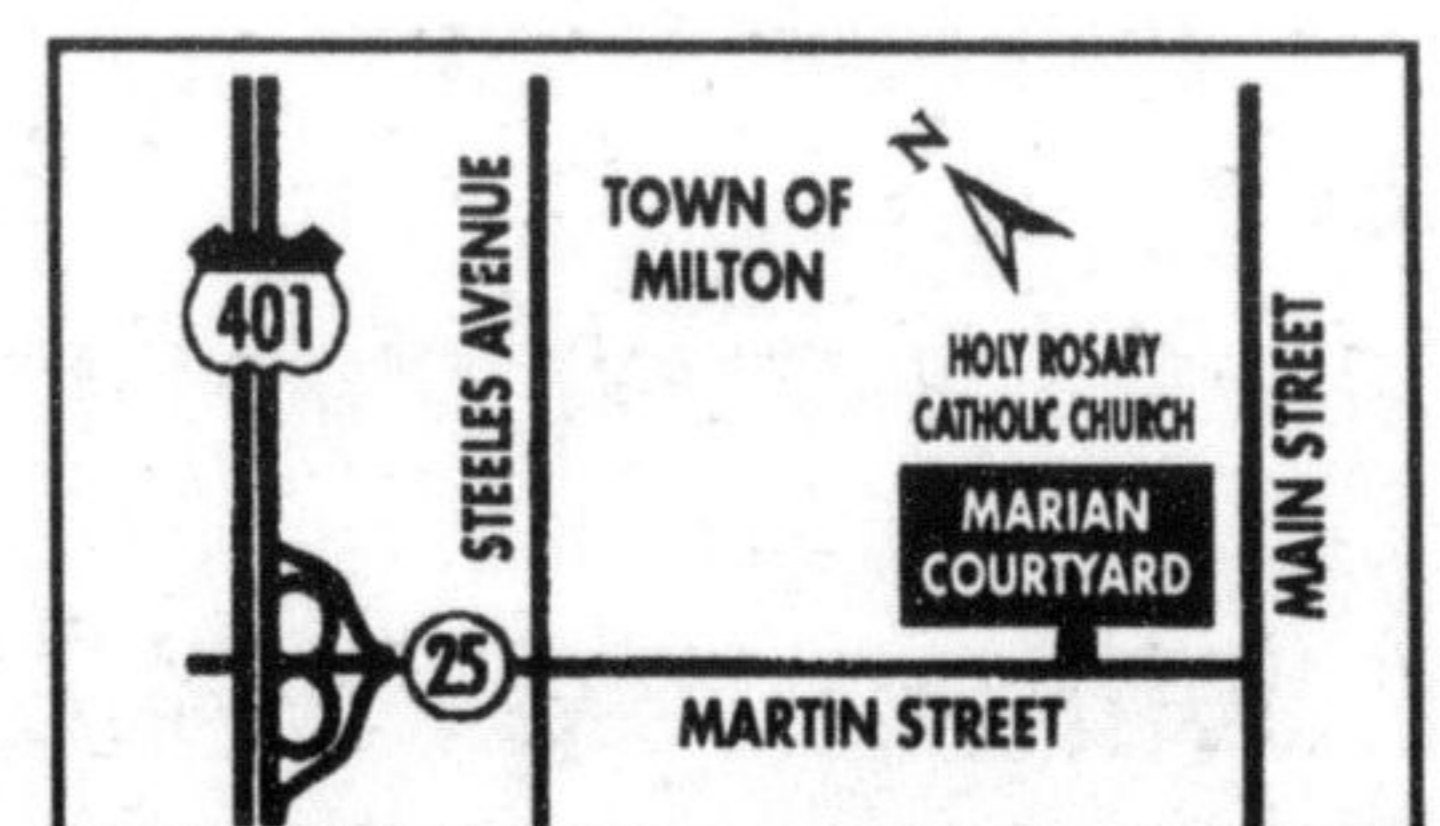
- Four-storey building
- Fifty-one self contained residences
- Six unique floor plans
- Option to customize*
- One bedroom, one bedroom plus den
- Two bedroom plans
- Optional solariums, fireplaces*
- Balconies & Patios are standard*
- Sizes from 680 to 1140 Square Feet
- Heated underground garage

Amenities Include:

- Dining area
- Library
- Games Room
- Wellness Centre
- Leisure and social activities
- Anticipated housekeeping, hairstyling & banking services
- 24 Hour Security
- Landscaped Gardens

PRESENTATION CENTRE HOURS
Sat - Sun - Mon 1:30-4:30 p.m.
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THE MARIAN COURTYARD
139 Martin Street, Milton



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