

Photo by STEVE LeBLANC

Staff and students protest a Health Canada blood donor policy outside the E.C. Drury complex. The policy states no third parties, including interpreters, are allowed during donor screening.

No interpreters permitted at blood donor screenings

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Feelings of bad blood have emerged over a cancelled blood donor clinic at the E.C. Drury complex Friday.

The clinic was to be held jointly for the Deaf and E.C. Drury High School.

In its place, students picketed outside the complex, carrying signs

Donations'.

The planned event unravelled over a standard Health Canada (HC) regulation preventing third parties, including interpreters, from being in the room during the screening of donors.

Communications Ian Mumford. dals. "(HC's) concern is the donor may

such as 'No Interpreters, No feel uncomfortable answering some of them (with a third party in the room)."

> In order to protect the blood supply, donors are now asked if they have AIDS, have used certain illicit drugs or indulged in specific risky behaviours.

"There's a series of questions The CBS took over the helm of with the Ernest C. Drury School that are quite personal," explained blood donor clinics about two Canadian Blood Services (CBS) years ago after it had been rocked Vice-President of Marketing and by a series of tainted blood scan-

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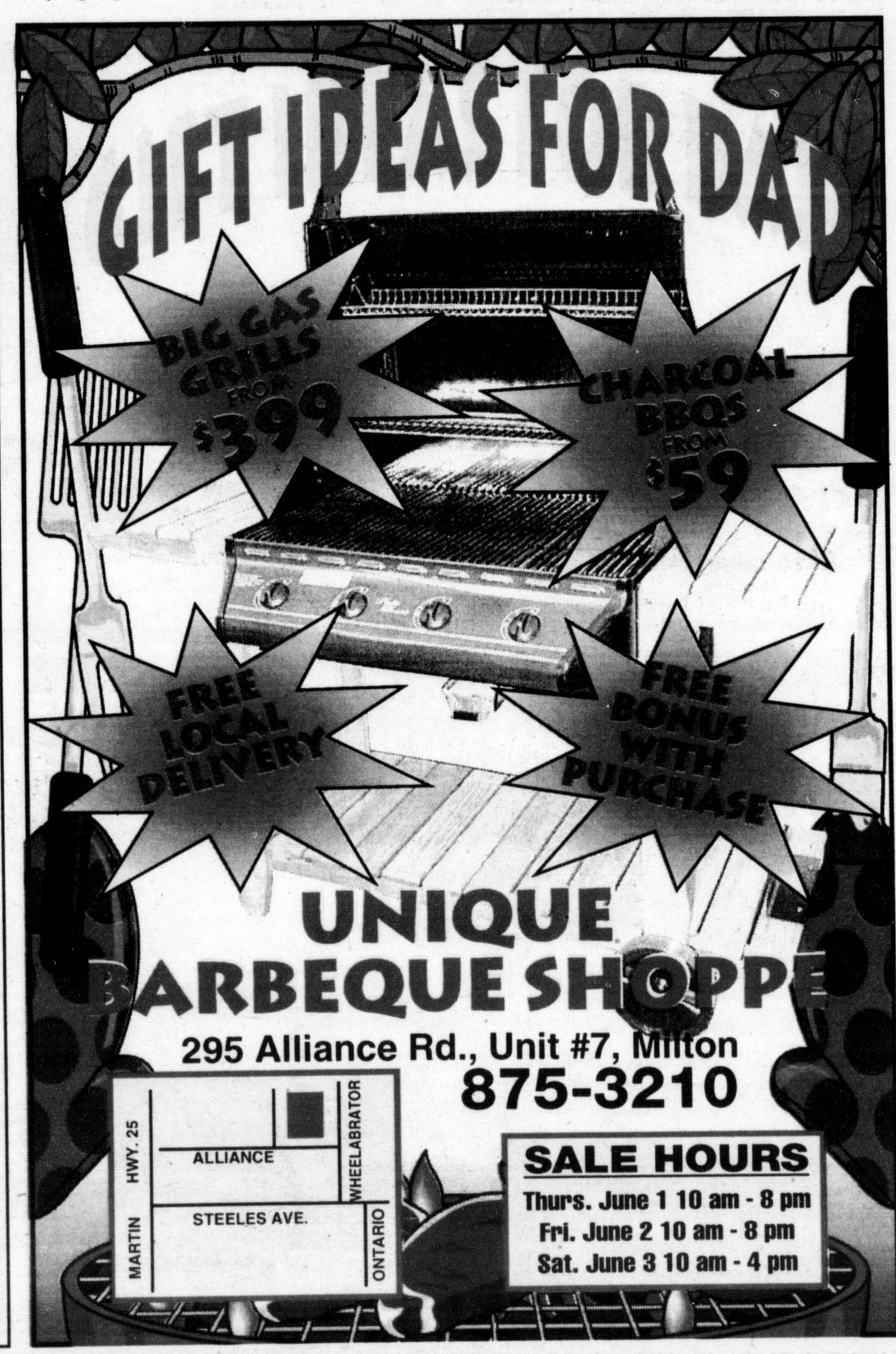
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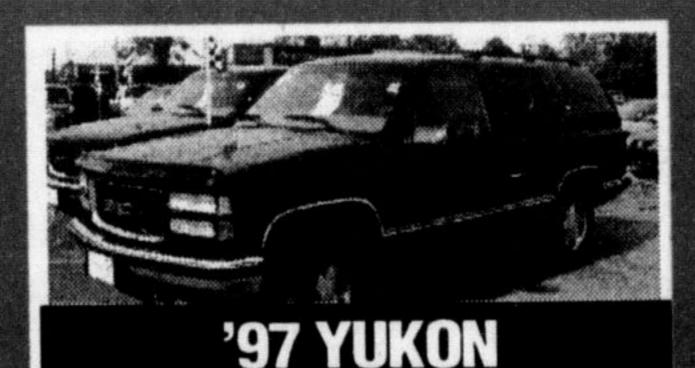
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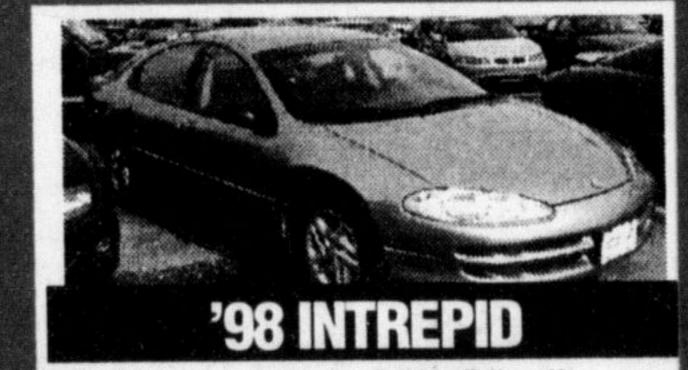


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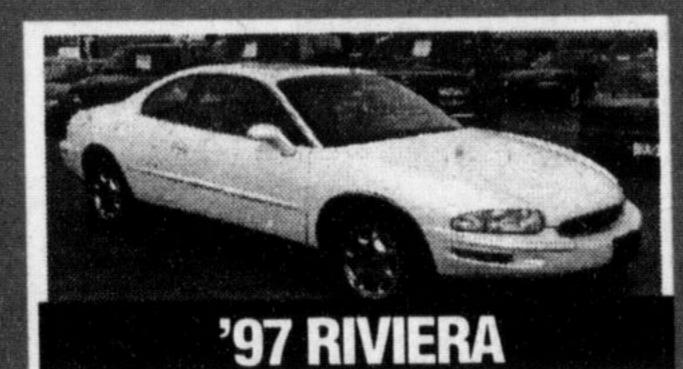


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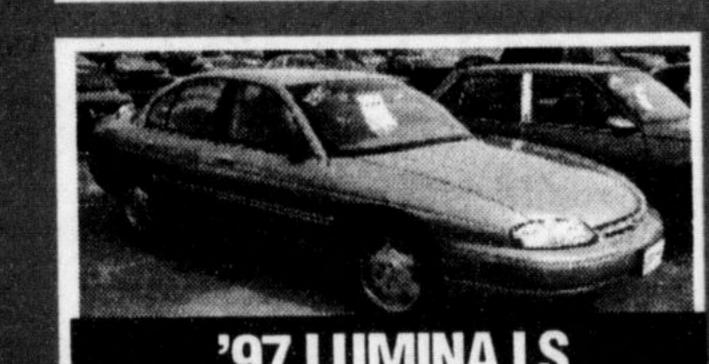


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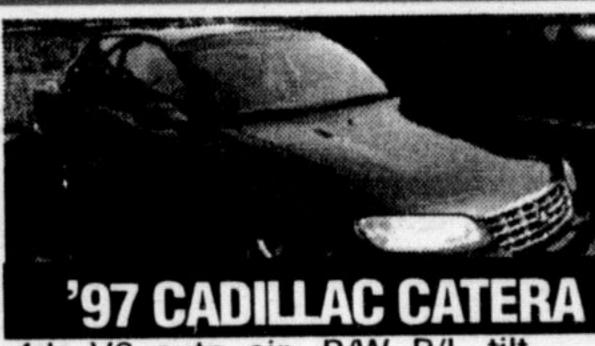
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