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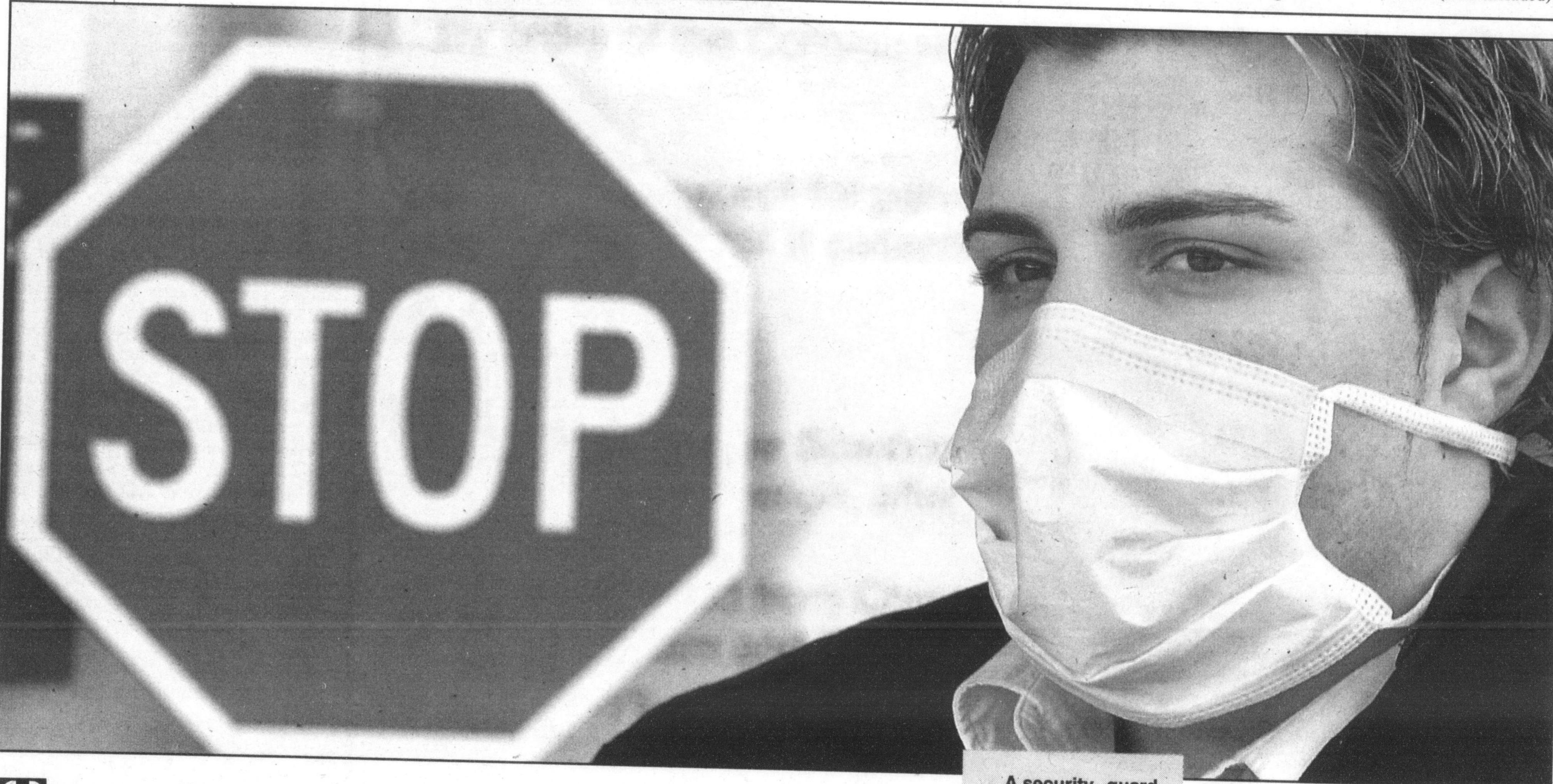
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Twenty area residents under quarantine in SARS scare

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More than 20 Halton residents are under voluntary quarantine as local health departments and Ontario's top doctors try to stem the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that has killed four people in the Toronto area, the

most recent death Sunday.

Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal said he wasn't sure of the age range or how many people are under quarantine locally, but that it exceeded 20.

Those under quarantine, a kind of house arrest, are people who were at Toronto hospitals — like Scarborough Grace where SARS was first documented — in the last two weeks.

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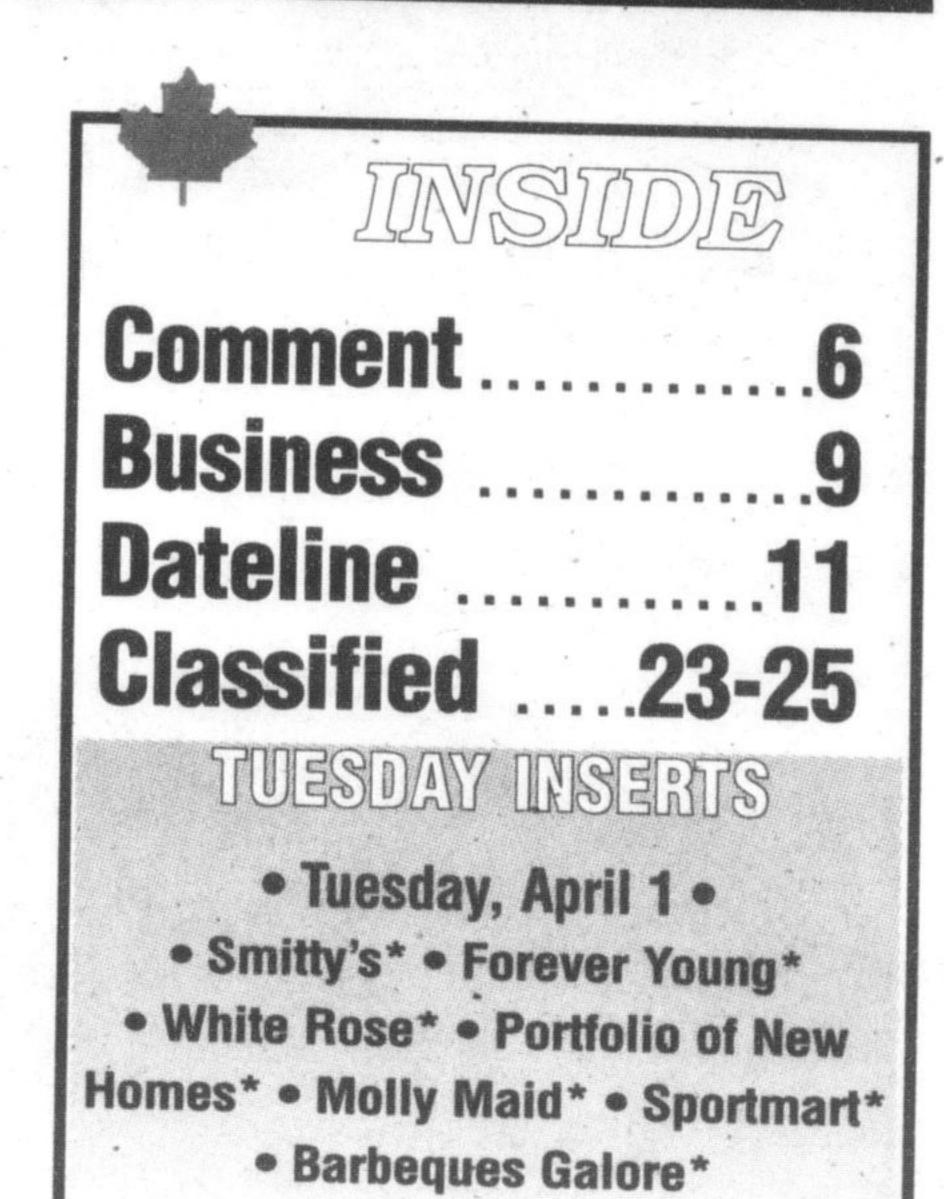
SARS is suspected to have first started weeks ago. It's a highly contagious illness with symptoms that include high fever of more than 38 degrees Celsius, shortness of breath, sore throat and coughing.

The residents were encouraged by the Toronto hospitals they were either discharged from or visiting to contact their local health department.

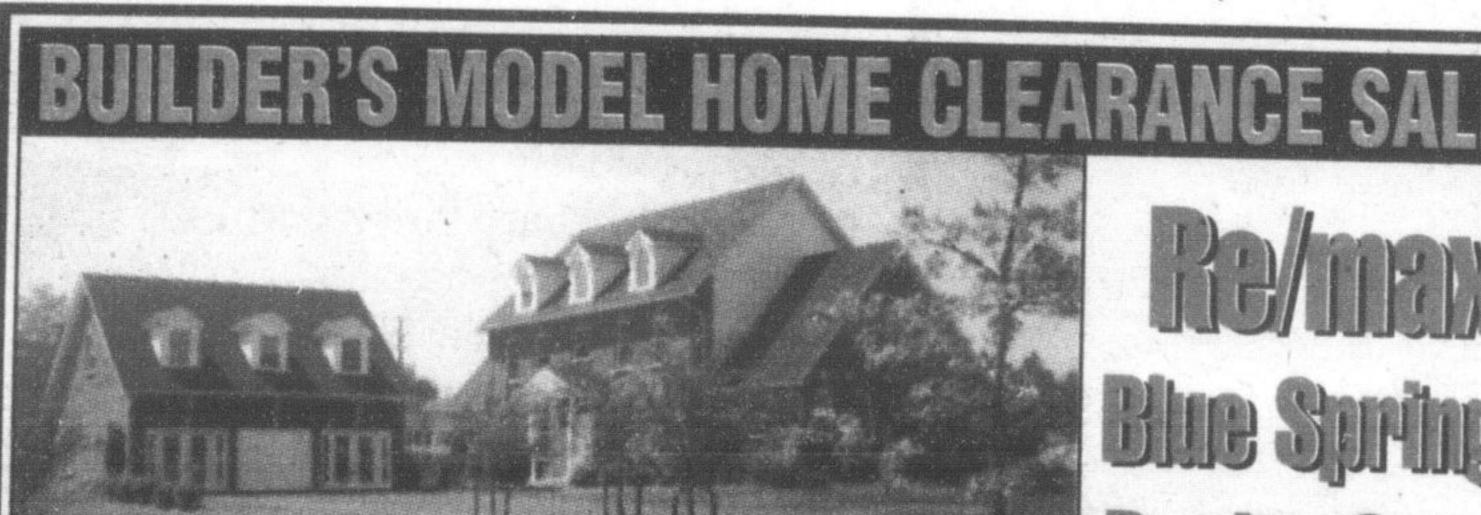
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A security guard wearing a protective mask stands at the main entrance of Milton District Hospital. He was restricting access and handing out masks to family members of critically-ill and pediatric patients in the wake of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Health officials warn cases of the mysterious illness may spread.

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