Peace gathering to support two causes - local, abroad

By STEPHANIE THIESSEN

The Champion

Milton residents are invited to show their support for neighbours far and wide Sunday afternoon during a peace gathering at Hawthorne Village North.

Beginning at 2 p.m., participants are asked to gather at the Derry Road subdivision's Trudeau Drive park to link hands and form a peace symbol to show their support for the citizens of postwar Iraq.

Participants will have an opportunity to donate money to the Red Cross to support the organization's work in Iraq.

Money will also be collected for a young woman a bit closer to home who's fighting a dif-

ferent type of battle — Sarah Burt, a Milton resident who was recently diagnosed with Myelofibrosis, a rare form of bone marrow can-

Residents are asked to bring a loonie or a toonie for the two causes.

The gathering, said organizer Karen McCall, is non-political and simply a way of remembering that we're all neighbours no matter how far apart we live.

"We're taking the opportunity to show solidarity for (Iraq citizens)," Ms McCall said, adding, "I've never tried to do anything like this before. I've never even been to a peace rally."

Ms McCall said she got the idea for the peace rally about two months ago when she was at the post office and noticed flyers advertising a

fundraising event for Ms Burt. This was about the same time as the conflict in Iraq, and she decided she wanted to do something to help both "neighbours."

"What the people of Iraq and our sister here in Milton have in common is nothing more than the aid was asked for at the same time. Our Milton sister and our middle-eastern neighbors are still in need and not forgotten," she said.

Deciding to help Ms Burt is what Ms McCall sees as a way of giving back to Milton and adding to its community spirit, she said. After moving here two years ago, Ms McCall said it quickly became obvious to her that Milton is no ordinary town.

"Milton is a magical town. It's a town where young people sport shaved heads to show

warmth and love for a young lady fighting cancer," she said, referring to last month's headshaving fundraiser to help cover Ms Burt's medical costs.

The gathering will also be a way for residents of the older sections of town to meet some of Milton's newer residents.

The gathering will be reflective of Ms McCall's desire for world peace.

"Whether near or far, neighbours are neighbours — whether across the street or (across) the earth," she said.

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Religious Service Directory

SUMMONING GOD'S GRACE FOR YOUR PRIVATE PAIN

Few people are exempt from some degree of heartache. Pain is a part of life. Embarrassment, broken relationships, terminal illness, guilt, disappointment, loneliness, suppressed anger, the loss of a loved one, depression, the God.

No one likes pain! God is the only one who can bring joy and victory out of the hardships of life. Like a skilled surgeon, sometimes God needs to cut into our life and remove unhealthy tumours in order of us to continue with health and success in life. Emotionally, mentally, financially, physically, relationally - He alone can heal and restore. But it can be a painful process.

A godly perspective and time allow us to see that what harms us can actually help us. Let me illustrate.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed fervently for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually heartbreak of... far too many suffer from scars that no one managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect can see. In the difficult hour, we need to know the grace of himself from the elements, and to store his few posses-

> One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

> Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal!" they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground; it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

Milton churches are here to help you understand God's grace and to find peace and pardon. Make plans to visit a local congregation this week. Service times and locations are published in the Religious Directory below.

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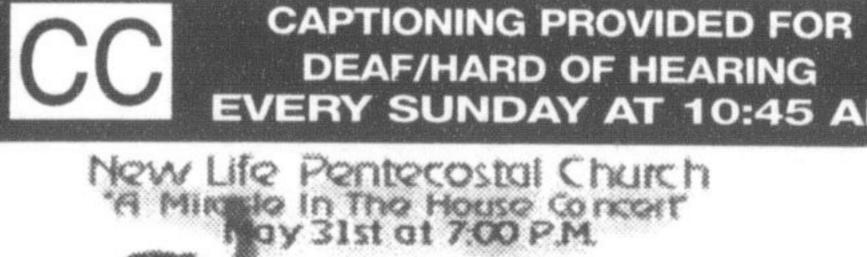
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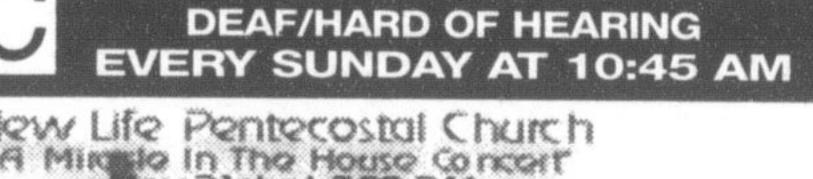
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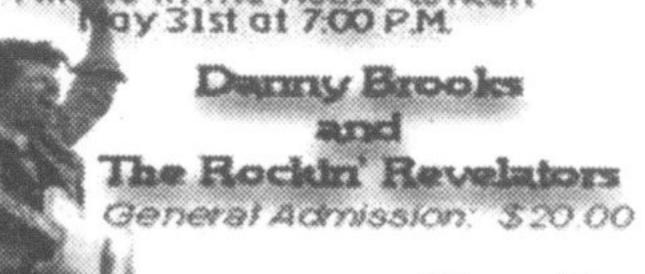
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