

# Lifestyle

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## Community Notebook

**Entertaining Break:** Kids looking for something to do during March Break are invited to Milton Public Library this Friday afternoon at 2. Entertainer Deborah Dunleavy will perform selections from her latest recording *Talking on the Telephone*. For spots call the library at 875-2665. On Thursday the original full-length *Star Wars* will be shown on the big screen at 2 p.m.

**Bateman Video:** Robert Bateman's original painting, *The Air, the Forest and the Watch*, valued at \$175,000 will be on display at the Harrop Gallery on Sunday from 5-8 p.m. A Bateman video presentation will be shown during the day and information will be available concerning Earth Day 1990. A selection of Bateman prints will also be available.

**Costumes Come Back:** The rain last Sunday drove skiers away from Glen Eden Ski Area where a costume contest and fun ski races were to have taken place. Organizers will try again this Sunday. There are lots of prizes to be won including one for the best costume. There'll be an obstacle race, a balloon release and a slalom race. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Lawn Chair Repair:** A spring fever workshop sponsored by Halton District Women's Institute couldn't have been better timed considering the spring-like temperatures we've been experiencing. The workshop will provide instruction on reviving worn lawn chairs with a simple technique using macrame cord. Bring your own lawn chair frame, two skeins of 6-mm round cord and scissors to Nassagaweya Community Centre on Saturday, March 24. Cost is \$5. The session runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register by calling 877-2438 or 877-6838.

**Choristers In Concert:** The Milton Choristers, directed by Brainerd Blyden-Taylor will present Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and the *Durufle Requiem* on Sunday, March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and students and are available at Peggy's, Milton Mall and at Delacourt's downtown.

**Spring Fashions:** Start spring on a fashionable note at the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary's Spring Fling Fashion Show on Sunday, April 1, at 12:30 p.m. The show and luncheon at Halton Hills Place will feature fashions provided by local merchants as well as a lunch. Tickets cost \$20 each. Reserve by calling 878-3628 or 854-0256.

**Remodel Your Garden:** Give your garden a facelift with the help of an expert horticulturalist from the Royal Botanical Gardens. George Pagowski will be at Milton Public Library on Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. to discuss landscaping gardens. Tickets cost \$3. For information call 875-2665.

**Ten Pound Pizza:** Staff at *The Champion* were treated to one of the biggest pizzas available in Ontario recently by the Laurier Plaza location of Pizza Pizza. The Party Pizza weighs 10 pounds and measures 18" by 24". They'll guarantee delivery in 45 minutes and will prepare a maximum of three of these pizzas per order.

## Donations are down

# Red Cross pumping blood donor clinics

By KAREN SMITH

**M**ARCH IS Red Cross Month across Canada. Locally, the Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is hoping to make more people aware of the need for help from the community.

Last year, 1,040 units of blood were collected by the Main Street branch through four public donor clinics and one corporate clinic at the Karmax auto parts plant. But there's a problem.

"Support for blood donor clinics is steadily decreasing," said Susan Lynch, secretary for the Milton Red Cross. "We have tried different ways to bring out more people."

The next blood donor clinic in Milton will be held Thursday, May 17 at E.C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired. The Red Cross needs a large turnout because the February clinic was cancelled due to bad weather.

Donated blood is taken to Hamilton for testing and eventually supplies Milton District Hospital, said Ms Lynch, who has worked with the local Red Cross for the last two years.

"You feel really good once you've donated because you know you've done something valuable."

The Red Cross Homemakers Service is another valued program. It provides 24-hour assistance in the home to the sick, elderly, families with dependent children, and to people in many other circumstances who are unable to care for themselves.

Assistance includes personal care, food preparation, grocery shopping, laundry service, light housekeeping as well as emotional support, said Valerie Cook, manager of the Homemakers Service, which covers all of



The Red Cross flag is flying at town hall in recognition of Red Cross Month. Mayor Gord Krantz had some help raising the flag with (from left) Susan Lynch, secretary of the Milton branch; Ann Sharpe, transportation chairman; Ed Boer, board member; Cindy McDonald, chairman of blood donor clinics; and Brittany McDonald, youngest Red Cross volunteer, attending the ceremony.

north Halton.

About 41 employees provide assistance as needed to about 100 clients per month. To arrange service, contact Ms Cook at 878-5626.

Other programs offered by the Milton Red Cross include transportation services, which provided one-way trips to 59 clients last year.

The branch supplies caring volunteer drivers to transport elderly and frail citizens to medical and therapeutic appointments. Service covers Milton and neighbouring towns as well as Hamilton and Toronto.

The Milton branch also has a well-stocked sickroom equipment loan cupboard from

which items can be borrowed on a short-term basis.

The Red Cross carries crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bathseats, tub bars, commodes and raised toilet seats which were loaned to 177 clients last year.

The programs wouldn't exist without the help of volunteers, who are always in demand, said Ms Lynch. "We're constantly in need of volunteers for all our programs."

For more information about either of these programs or to volunteer, contact Susan Lynch at the Milton Red Cross between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Call 875-1459.

## Kids provide an excuse for adults to play

Boy, am I glad I have kids. Under the pretense of instructing the children, I have a great time modelling with Plasticine, playing with balloons, and cutting, pasting and colouring.

A long-time proponent of make-your-own greeting cards, I was delighted when I came across Joan Irvine's *How to Make Pop-Ups*, because her patterns added a whole new dimension to our family's custom-made cards.

Ms Irvine has designs for all occasions: hearts for Valentine's Day, a funny face with a huge pop-up nose for a friend who has a cold, a slithery snake to pop out just for fun.

Once my children get going on their cards, there is no squelching their enthusiasm.

Another section of her book shows you how to use slots, sliding strips and circles to help objects move by, pulling, pushing and turning. I must admit that we haven't yet tried any of these projects, but in reading over the instructions, they look as straightforward as those for making the pop-ups.

At the end of the book,

### Books for Kids

with ESTHER CALDWELL

Ms Irvine takes you through the steps for making your own pop-up book using the story of Little Red Riding Hood for her example. Now that looks like fun.

I remember modelling with Plasticine when I was a child. It stank. And if I worked all the colours into one glob, it turned into a yucky grey-brown. But I decided to set those bad memories aside and try some of Barbara Reid's creations in *Playing with Plasticine*.

I picked up the Plasticine months ago and threw it into the top left-hand drawer of my desk. Every time one of the kids opened the drawer, they would ask me what the packets of multicoloured whatevers were and I would put them off, but

last week, I procrastinated no longer. I carried the Plasticine and the book upstairs to our worktable — otherwise known as the kitchen table — and got to work.

My 11-year-old skipped the easiest projects, moving straight into a complicated scene with dinosaurs, and once he had completed the prehistoric figures, he built a medieval castle with Merline standing in the tower.

For us slower mortals, Ms Reid described 10 basic shapes, such as the ball, snake, pancake, and box. The three year old specializes in snakes (and mixing colours), while the six year old has advanced to three-dimensional animals and most recently created a beach picture. As for me, I've modelled a passable seal balancing a colourful ball on its nose.

What I particularly appreciate about Ms Reid's excellent instructions is that she always refers back to the basic shapes in every model.

Initially, I had bought a small package of six colours, but realizing that wouldn't be enough for the four of us, added another small package. Finally, I went whole hog and bought one-pound bars of yellow, blue, red, white and black. I have yet to come across any product called Plasticine, but other brands of similar modelling clay are available.

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