

DATELINE

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Notices for DateLine should be written and handed in at the office of The Champion, 191 Main St. E., mailed to us at Box 248, Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9, or faxed to 878-4943. The final deadline is noon Friday for Wednesday's edition and noon Wednesday for Friday's edition. No items for DateLine will be accepted by phone.

Friday Feb. 19

The Milton Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre on Charles Street holds a **lunch counter** from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Lunch includes soup, sandwiches, tea, and coffee. The cost is \$3.

The Milton Players Theatre Group presents dinner theatre **Don't Misunderstand Me** at the St. Clair Masonic Hall on Highway 25, south of Derry Road. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the play starts at 8 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$28, are available at the Paper Factory on Main Street.

Tuesday Feb. 23

Pot Luck and Games Night takes place at the Milton Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre from 5-8 p.m. Games include bingo, bridge, euchre, and board games. Admission is \$2. Everyone is welcome.

The **Halton Vaginal Birth After Cesarean/Cesarean Prevention (VBAC/CP)** holds monthly meetings to provide information and support to interested parents. The next meeting takes place in Oakville and starts at 8 p.m. For more information and location, call 842-3385 or 854-2623.

The Ashgrove Women's Institute holds a **euchre party** at Boyne Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. The night also includes an early bird draw, silent auction, and lunch. Admission is \$2.50.

Grace Anglican Church holds **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** from 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

Thursday Feb. 25

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a **foot care clinic** at Milton Community and Information Services in the Optimist Centre from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15. For an appointment, call 875-4636.

The Canadian Red Cross Society holds a **blood donor clinic** at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 139 Martin St., from 1:30 to 8 p.m. Donors aged 17 to 71 years are urgently needed.

Bishop Reding Secondary School holds its annual **Coffee House on Human Rights** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Proceeds go to an AIDS charity.

The **Milton Children and Youth Centre** holds a seminar for adults on "Family Safety" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Nipissing Road facility. To register, call 876-1244.

Saturday Feb. 27

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board hosts its annual **Science Fair** at St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary School, 1550 Nottingham Gate, in Oakville. The public open house runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony. The board's students from across the region are participating.

Grace Anglican Church invites Miltonians to its "**Leap Into the Sun**" Restoration Dinner and Dance at the Lions Club hall (atop Memorial Arena) at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is west Indian cuisine. Tickets (\$20) can be purchased by calling the church at 878-2411, or call 878-5084, 878-3156, 878-6732, or 875-2614.

Real estate sales down from last January

"Slow and Steady" is the word for real estate this month with figures from the Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board (OMDREB) showing January's overall sales were down slightly from a year ago.

A total of 122 properties changed hands last month, compared with 143 in January, 1992 and 141 in December, 1992. The dollar sales volume last month was \$20 million, 17 per cent lower than the \$24.1 million recorded in January, 1992, and 14 per cent lower than December's total of \$23.3 million.

"December and January are traditionally the slowest months of the year in real estate," notes OMDREB president, Richard Weima. Many people are preoccupied with holiday preparations — and the cost of paying for them — and cold weather can also act as a deterrent to shopping for a new home.

"This year, we have the added complication of an economy that is still in transition and I suspect many people are concerned about their finances. Discretionary moves may not be a very strong part of the market yet," he adds.

"In fact, that's emphasized by the fact that fewer properties came on the market during January than we usually expect to see: the OMDREB processed 537 new listings last month compared to 648 in January, 1992, 680 in the same month of 1991 and 886 in 1990. There were 569 new listings processed in the Oakville/Milton area in January, 1989."

Mr. Weima said although sales figures for the total area are down, sales activity in the Town of Oakville alone has remained fairly constant, with 73 residential sales last month, compared with 72 in January, 1992 and 78 in December.

"That could be because the market is favoring

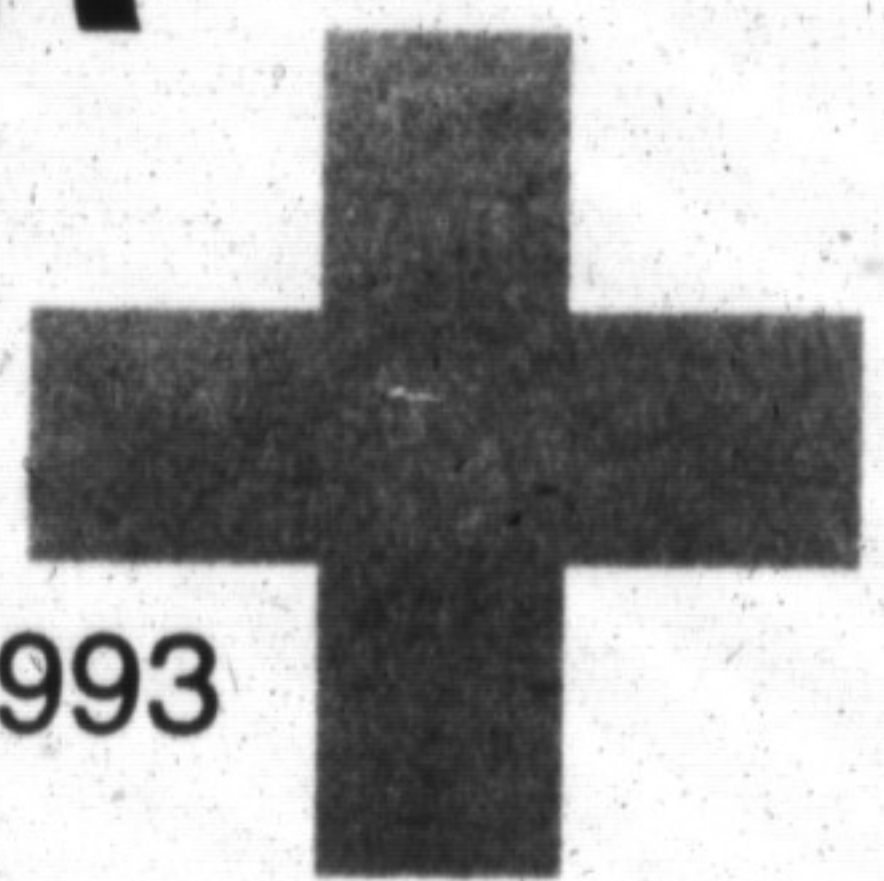
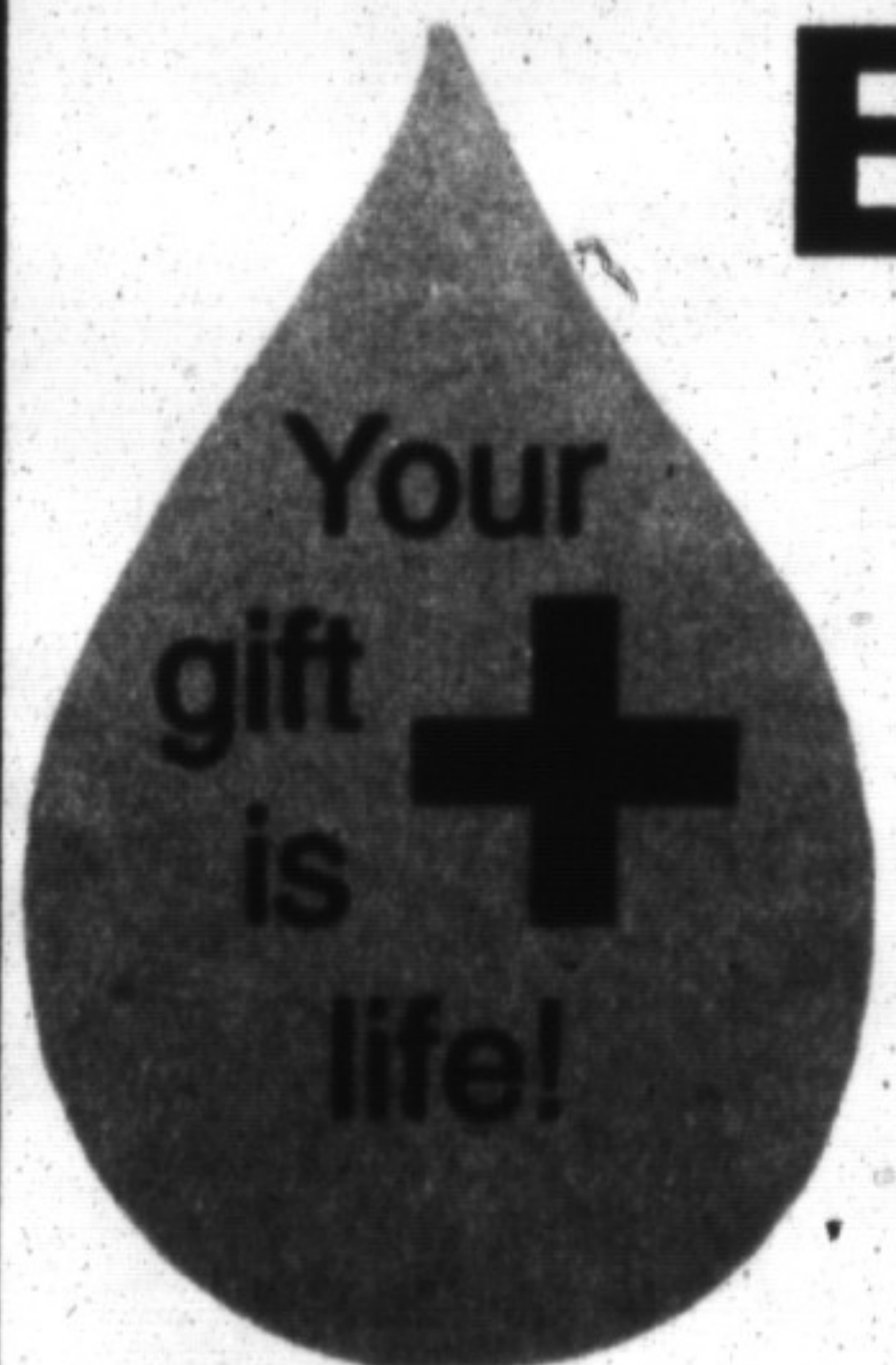
first-time buyers now and the supply of entry-level homes in the rural and outlying communities of our Board is very limited," he says. "Sales appeared to pick up towards the latter part of the month, however, and that could translate into a stronger market in February. We'll be watching to see what happens with great interest, especially as we move into the traditional spring market."

"Some properties obviously take longer to sell than others," he says. "Anyone who needs to sell quickly should price their property at the lower end of the price range suggested by an OMDREB sales person."

"Our members receive detailed information on the list and sale prices of every property listed with a member of our Board on a daily basis," Mr. Weima notes. "That information represents an important benefit to vendors and purchasers alike, and we're pleased to be able to supply it."

The Canadian Red Cross Society

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC



WHEN? Thursday, February 25, 1993

TIME? 1:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE? HOLY ROSARY PARISH HALL

Please help us to maintain the blood bank quotas, by coming out to the Blood Clinic. Please Bring a Friend.

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