

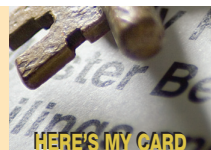
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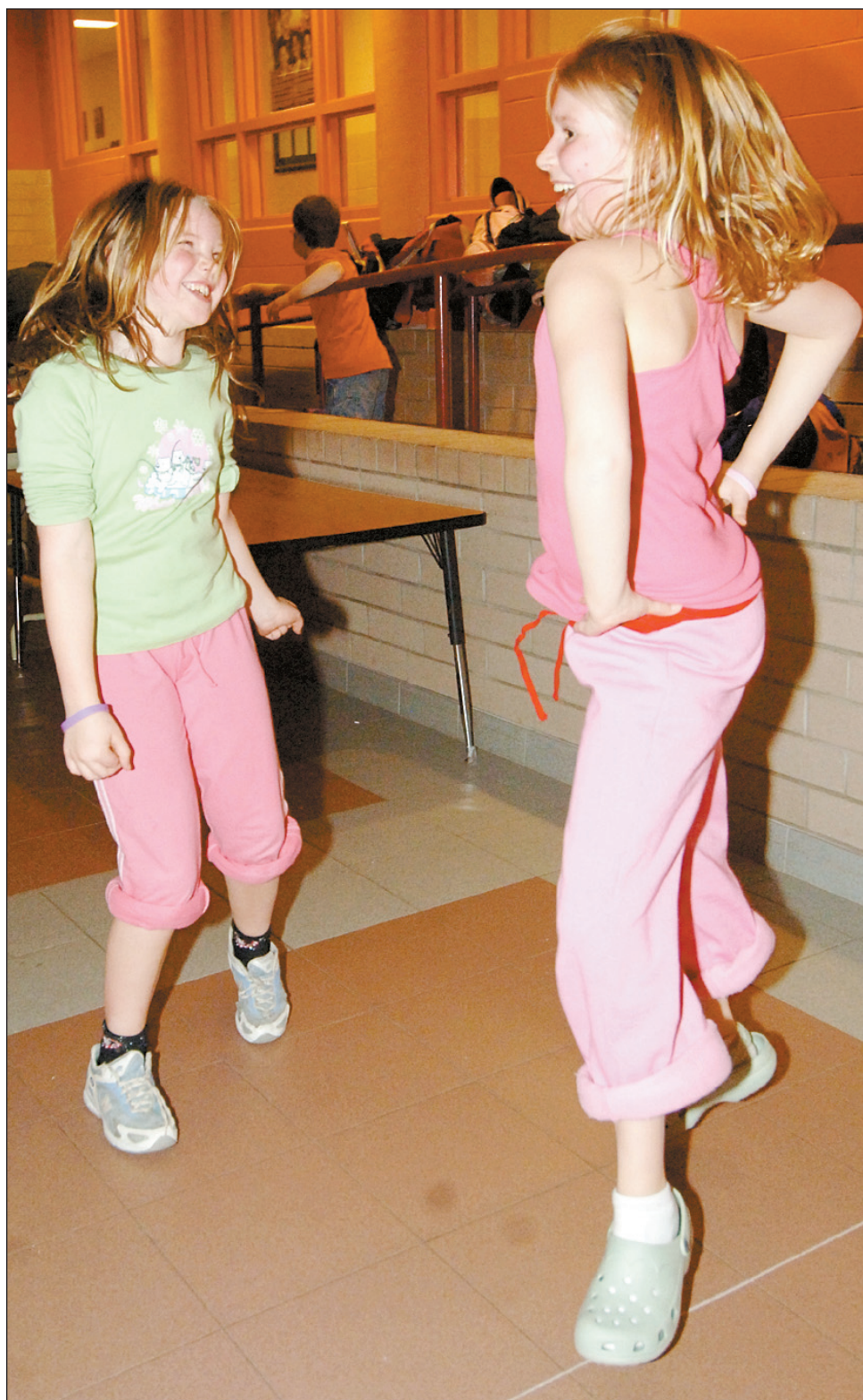
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FRIDAY...

The Georgetown Raiders could sweep the Brampton Capitals tonight in their Jr. A hockey playoff series. For details see Friday's edition.

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Shakin' all over

At the St. Brigid Catholic School YMCA dance-a-thon, Meghan Praught (left) and Kennedy Watchorn, both 9, got right into the spirit of things showing off their many cool dance moves as they danced their hearts out at the event last week.

Photo by Ted Brown

Gas pains

Some local stations temporarily affected

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

The Ontario gas shortage hit Halton Hills over the past few days with some local stations having to shut down temporarily because they didn't have any gasoline.

Although the shortage originally affected only Imperial Oil's Esso stations—the station on Steeles Ave. in Hornby was closed at times on Sunday and Monday—it has also hit some Canadian Tire and Petro-Canada stations.

Locally the Petro-Canada stations in Georgetown South, at Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd. and at Guelph St. and Sinclair Ave. were out of gas at some time over the past few days, but as of Monday the Canadian Tire station on Guelph St. had not yet experienced the shortage firsthand.

At press time yesterday (Tuesday) the Beaver gas bar and station at Toth Motors in Acton had not been affected.

Industry officials said Tuesday the gas shortage is spreading and it will be several more days before all stations are fully resupplied.

Monday's snowstorm further delayed repairs to Imperial Oil's Nanticoke refinery near Hamilton where a fire two weeks ago cut production in half.

The two-week old CN Rail strike also delayed deliveries, but now that a tentative settlement has been reached, oil companies say prospects have brightened, depending on when conductors report back to work across the country.

Nobody, however, is prepared to put a timeline on resolving the gas-supply problem.



Pumps at the Petro-Canada station on Guelph St. and Sinclair Ave. were taped up Monday but were working again Tuesday.

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