

# Downtown businesses close for a few hours after five pipes break

By **FANNIE SUNSHINE**  
*The Champion*

Several areas in town were without water Wednesday morning after a pressure surge caused five water mains to break, a Region official said.

Bob McMurray, manager of system operations for Halton, said workers were swabbing pipes Tuesday night to help rid the water system of manganese when the pressure surge occurred, prompting the breakage.

The breakage meant business and residential areas along Laurier Avenue, Main Street, Woodward Avenue, Maple Avenue and Childs Drive were without water for several hours Wednesday while the problem was fixed.

"When there is a pressure surge in the lines, it could affect all the pumps or it could be scattered," Mr. McMurray said. "Every street in Milton has a watermain and they are all connected. It just so happened those specific areas were affected by this. Right now we are looking into exactly what went wrong. Our best guess now is a pump came on at Kelso (Conservation Area) and caused a pressure surge."

Andrew Casale, manager of Quality Greens on Main Street, said the store was shut down for several hours Wednesday morning while the watermain was fixed.

"We couldn't really cook. The kitchen was shut down. Anytime business is inter-

rupted it hurts."

He said staff used bottled water to wash hands and dishes.

"This goes to prove how vital it is to always have water provided."

Andy Wilson, co-owner of Espress Yourself Caffé, said the coffee house had to turn away about 85 customers due to the water shut-off.

"We missed the morning crowd but we were able to get the tail end of the lunch crowd. I was quite frustrated. Morning and lunch are our two busiest times."

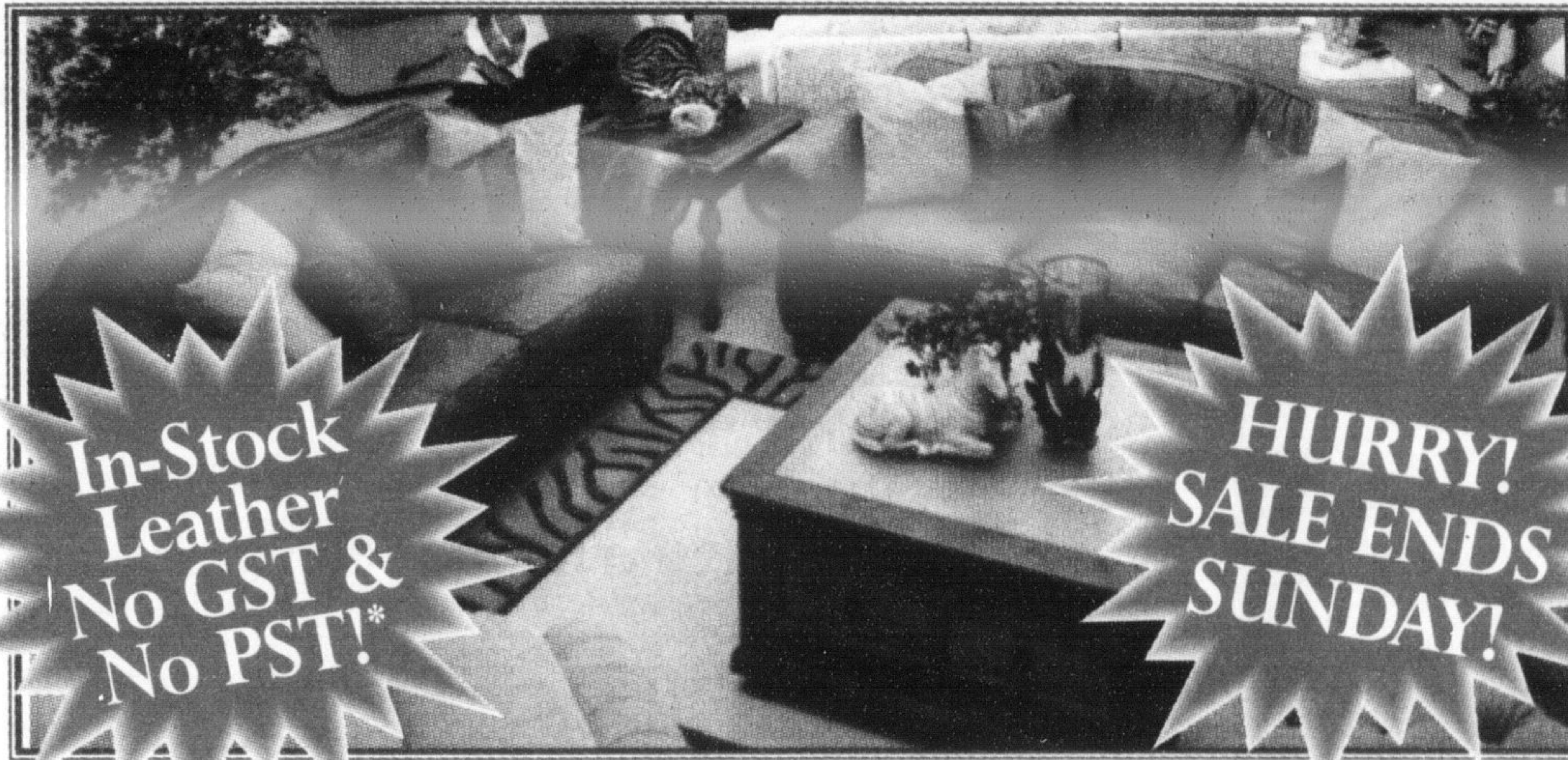
The Ivy Arms also shut down for about two hours Wednesday morning.

Roseheath Drive resident Kevin Powell said he woke up Wednesday morning to "black tar" coming out of his taps.

"Usually when the pipes are swabbed there's a little bit of brown water the next morning, so you just run it for a bit and it clears up. The water this morning was black. Now that it's settled I can see big chunks of brown stuff. This is the worst I've ever seen it."

Mr. Powell, who's lived in town for 26 years, said he now refuses to drink the tap water.

"It smells like Javax. It's like walking into an indoor pool. Five (watermain) breaks is excessive. I have to wonder what the infrastructure is like if a pressure surge like this can happen. How this happened is totally bizarre."



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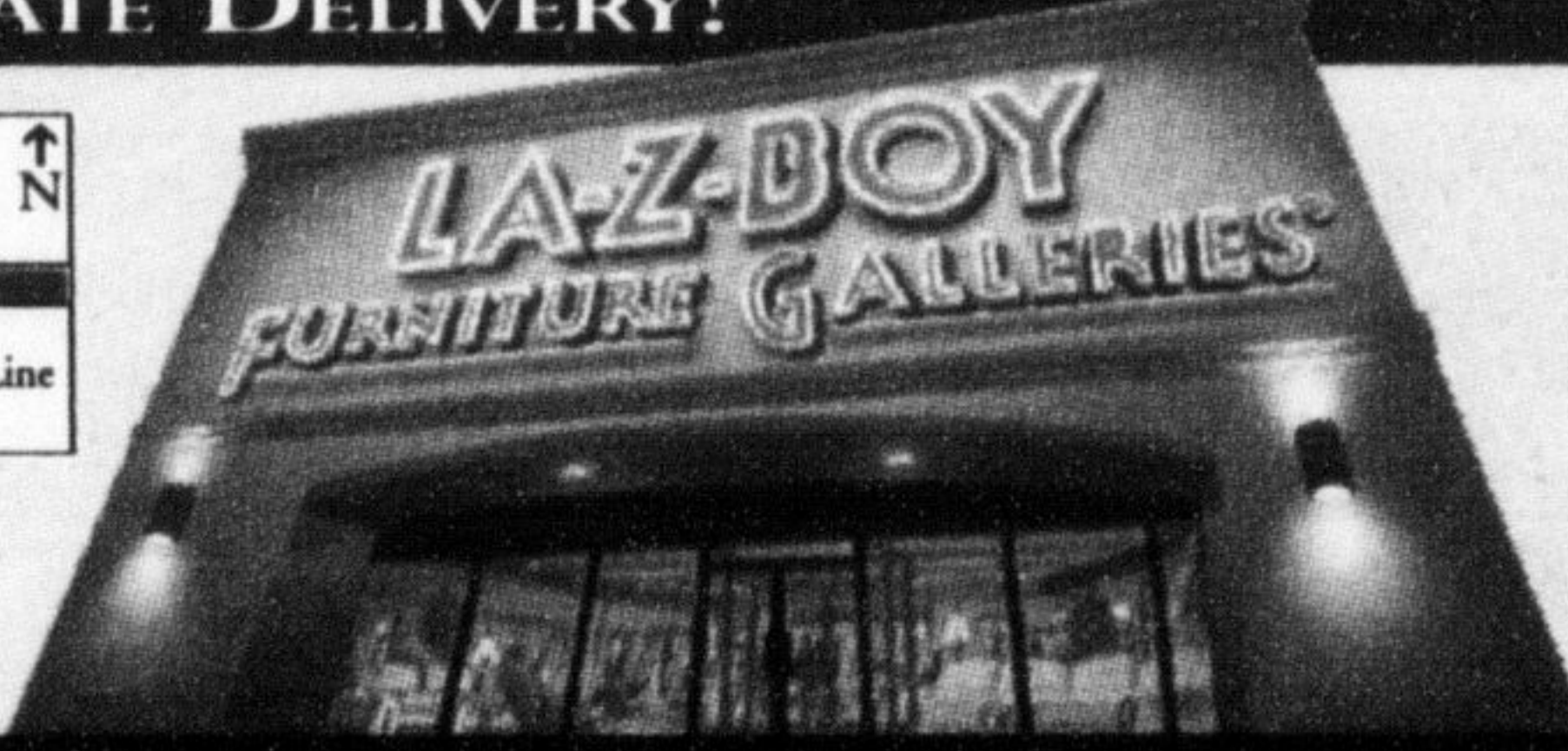
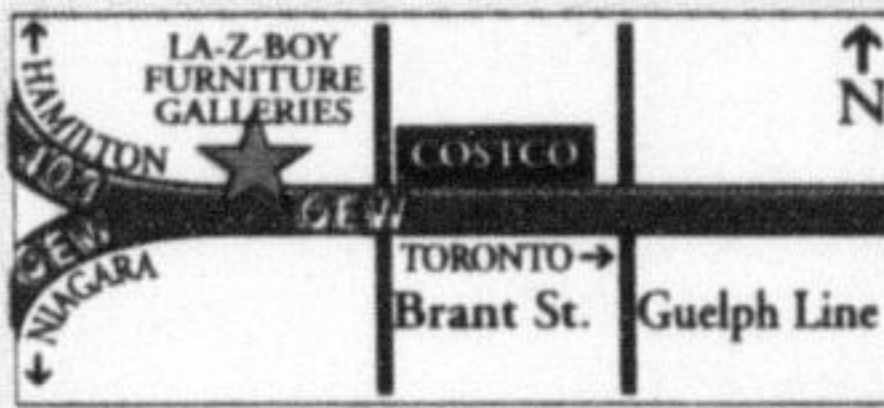
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**When: Tues. September 17, 2002**

**Time: 11am (rain or shine)**

If you require any additional information please contact Leslie Williamson at 905-878-7252 ext. 2138.

## Employment Opportunity

The Milton Fire Department is accepting applications and/or resumes for Part Time Firefighter Positions. Preferred qualifications "DZ" license, First Aid, CPR, Grade 12 and any other fire related courses. You must reside in the Milton/Campbellville area to apply.

Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please forward your application by September 26, 2002 in confidence to

Coordinator, Human Resources, Town of Milton  
43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2  
Or by fax to (905)878-4231

An information Session for **all applicants** will be held at:  
Central Fire Station  
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**Tuesday October 1, 2002--7:00 p.m.**

**Please note: You will be required to register for the written entrance test (to be held October 5, 2002) at the above noted Information Session.**

We would like to thank all applicants who apply for this position, but we must advise that only the applicants chosen for the hiring competition will be contacted. In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection.

## Notice to Pet Owners

*By-law No. 70-95, as amended, regulates the licensing and control of the keeping of dogs and animals other than dogs within the Town of Milton.*

### Take notice that:

• Every owner of a dog shall, within seven(7) days of ownership, cause each dog to be licensed and registered with the Clerk's Office. The owner shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog at all times;

• Every cat owner shall place on the cat a collar on which is permanently inscribed the name and address of the owner;

• No person shall keep more than two (2) dogs in the Urban area; three (3) dogs in the Rural area;

• No person shall keep more than three (3) cats in the Urban area; Five (5) cats in the Rural area (unless in barns and other agricultural buildings);

• No animal owner shall permit his or her animal to be at large on any public place;

• No animal owner shall permit his or her animal to be at large on any private property without the consent of the property owner. Note: An animal shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than the premises

of the owner and not under control of any person;

• **The owners of dogs and cats shall be responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any excrement of the animal from any private or public lands and failing to do so is guilty of an offense.**

All residents are requested to adhere to the requirements of the By-law No. 70-95

**DOG TAGS ARE YOUR PET'S PROTECTION.** By licensing and ensuring that the tag remains on the dog at all times, increases the chances of having your pet returned home. **Please note there is a 'Lifetime' License fee for dogs with microchip.**

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Helen Lisi,  
Town Clerk  
Town of Milton