

Rodent knocks out power

A large number of Milton residents found themselves without hydro early Wednesday morning.

Affected residents were in the dark from about 6:20 a.m. to almost 8 a.m. before power was restored.

Richard Murray, vice-president of operations at Milton Hydro, said the problem started with a furry critter.

"A rodent got into a high voltage compartment of one of our sub stations," Mr. Murray said, adding that the culprit damaged a breaker mechanism.

The sub station is located on Wilson Avenue, just north of Main Street.

Mr. Murray said the power failure affected "a large residential area" including Dorset Park — the area bordered by Main Street, Thompson Road, Steeles Avenue and Ontario Street — and houses along Childs Drive.

Mr. Murray said the hydro was restored quickly with a back-up power supply. And the sub station was expected to be in working order today.

Advance polls up

Turnout at advance polls for this year's municipal election jumped by a staggering 88 per cent compared to the 2000 election.

And Town clerk Troy McHarg said a combination of those increased numbers and some intriguing local election races could lead to a higher voter turnout overall.

There were some people "who were in town in the area and thought they should cast a ballot," Mr. McHarg said. "On the first day there were some line-ups because the turnout was greater than anticipated."

In total, 1,210 of an approximately 29,000 eligible voters visited polls held at Milton Mall Saturday and Wednesday.

In 2000, 643 voted over two days of advanced polls.

The total voter turnout in 2000 was 38 per cent.

The average voter turnout in Ontario hovers in the mid-30 per cent range.

Polls will be open Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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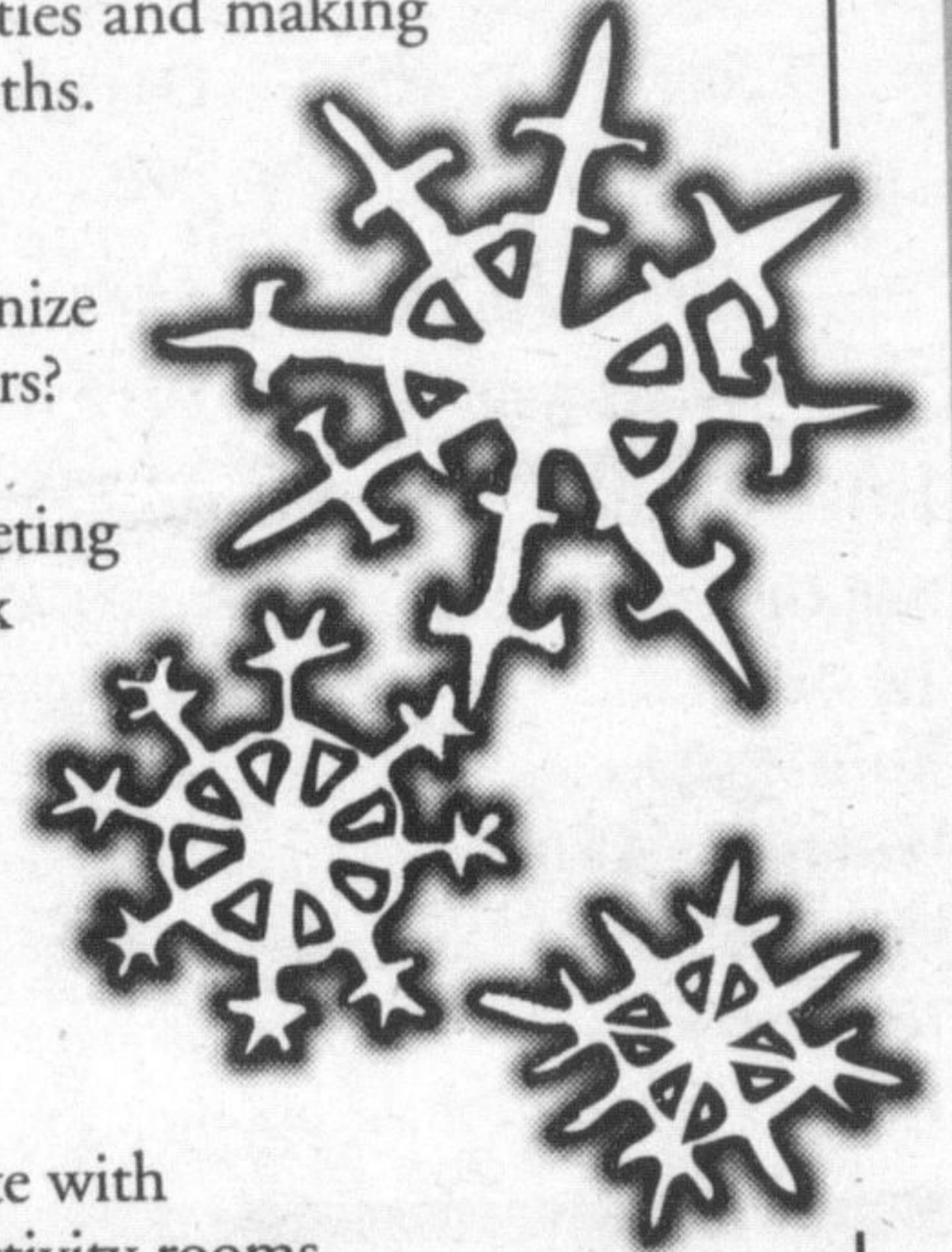
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Weathering the winter

With the cold weather setting in, it's time to turn our thoughts to Christmas celebrations, frosty leisure activities and making the most of Milton during the winter months.

Rooms for all seasons

'Tis the season for socializing! Need to organize a social get-together for friends or co-workers? Planning a Christmas party for employees' children or maybe you need space for a meeting for members of your volunteer group? Look no further than the Town of Milton to book just the right gathering place for adults and children alike.



Milton Leisure Centre: The gymnasium is routinely transformed from the "everyday" into the "extraordinary" to accommodate up to 300 people, complete with large, functional kitchen. Meeting and activity rooms, complete with TV, VCR, kitchenette and microwave provide an all-inclusive package for 30 guests.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre: From a 200-seat auditorium with stage and kitchen servery, to the restful atmosphere of the library with skylight, stained glass windows and comfortable armchairs, there is a variety of rooms to fit every occasion.

Milton Sports Centre: Milton's newest indoor leisure facility boasts a banquet room with pantry and bar to accommodate 180 guests with ease. Meeting or party rooms overlooking the ice present a unique atmosphere for a gathering.

Hugh Foster Hall (beside Town Hall): Consider the historic ambience of Hugh Foster Hall to assemble 60 people in a relaxing environment. The window view of Victoria Park provides a picturesque setting in both summer and winter.

Nassagaweya Community Centre: Small groups of up to 20 people can make use of the boardroom while up to 160 people can be accommodated in the banquet room with food prepared and served from the on-site kitchen.

Additional meeting and banquet rooms are also available at Boyne Community Centre, Campbellville Lions Hall, John Tonelli Sports Centre and Milton Lions Club Hall.

Searching for facility and meeting room information?

Complete details on all rooms are available on the Town of Milton website by selecting *Facilities* from the Pick List or by selecting *Milton Online Services* from the home page and then choosing *Registrations* and selecting the *Facilities* tab.

Winter entertainment

Embrace winter with a skating party by booking an ice rink at John Tonelli Sports Centre, Milton Memorial Arena or the Milton Sports Centre. Interested in a unique birthday party for children? Book the Milton Leisure Centre's leisure pool for up to 110 guests to enjoy the warm water and the giant waterslide with lifeguard supervision.

Looking for an outing? Visit the Town of Milton website at www.milton.ca and select *Tourism* from the Pick List. Surf the Milton Chamber of Commerce's Escarpment Country Tourism site at www.escarpmentcountry.on.ca. Want to know more about the shops and services in our charming historic downtown area? Visit Milton's Downtown Business Improvement Area website at www.miltontd.com. Pop in to chat with the staff at Milton Visitor & Community Information Services on Chris Hadfield Way (in the former train station) or call 905-693-1157. Not just for out-of-towners, this centre is a haven of useful information with everything you need to know about living and playing in Milton — they can even provide you with information on planning a wedding and details about local restaurants.

Milton is a place for all seasons — indoors and out!

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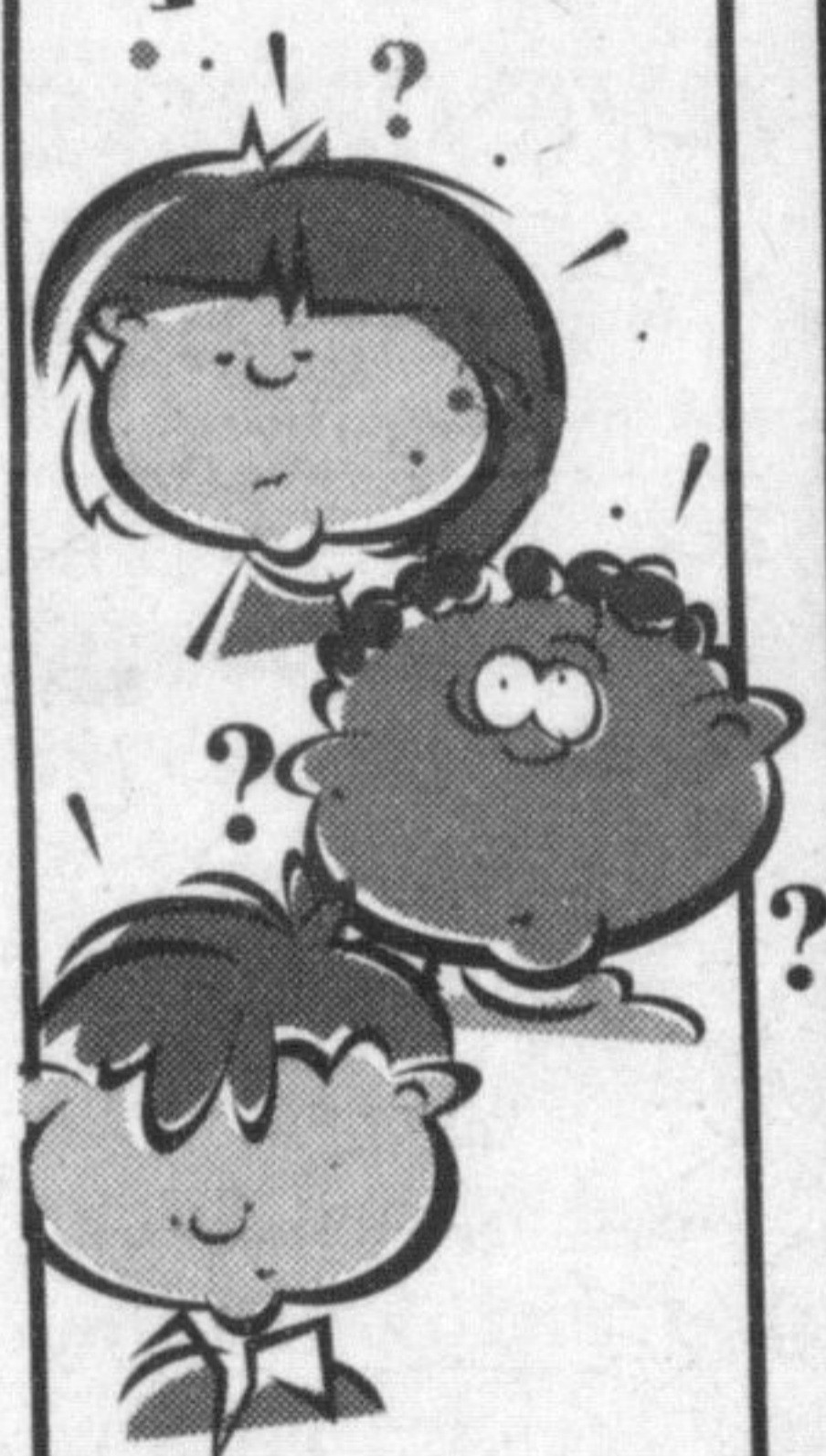
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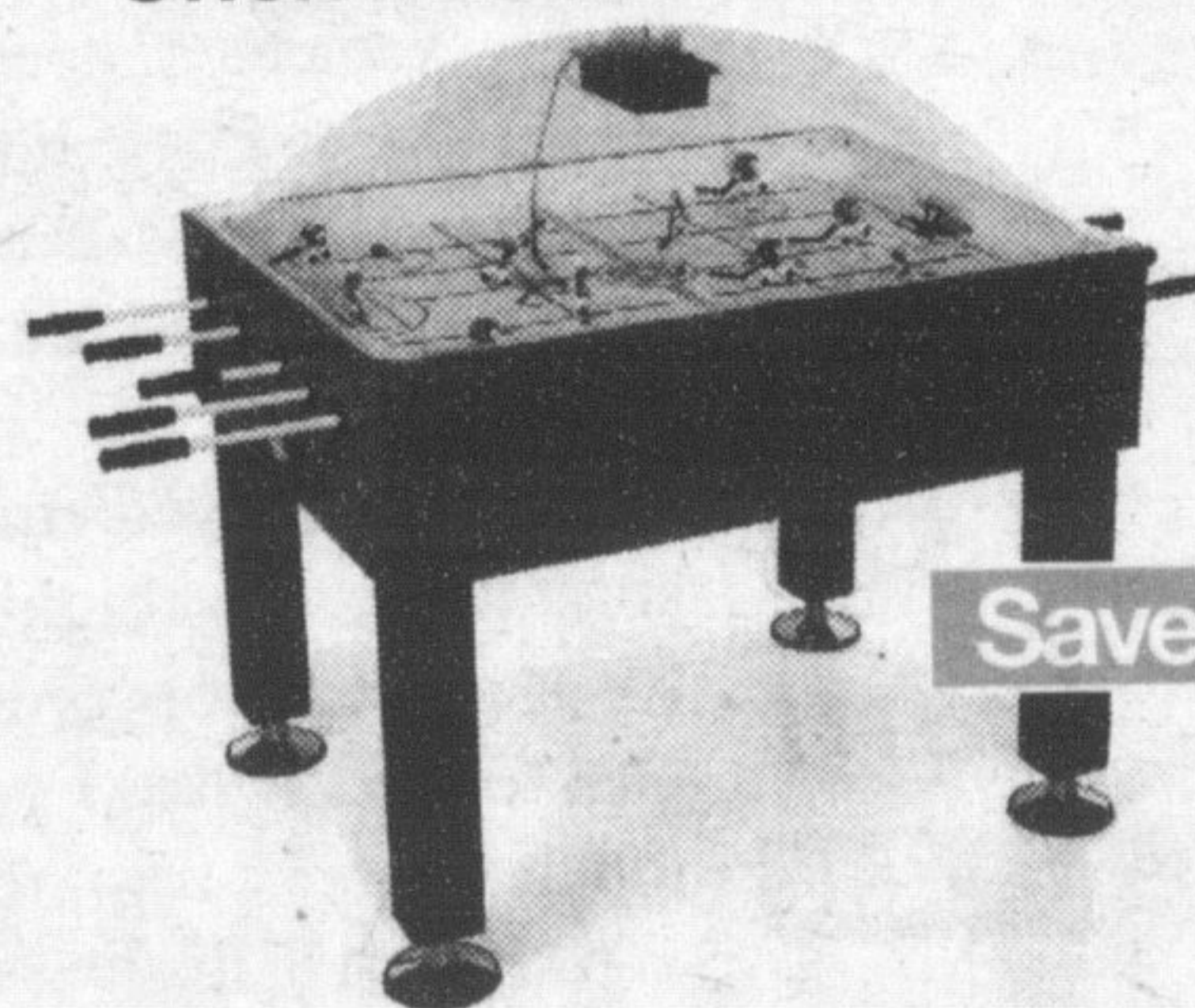
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