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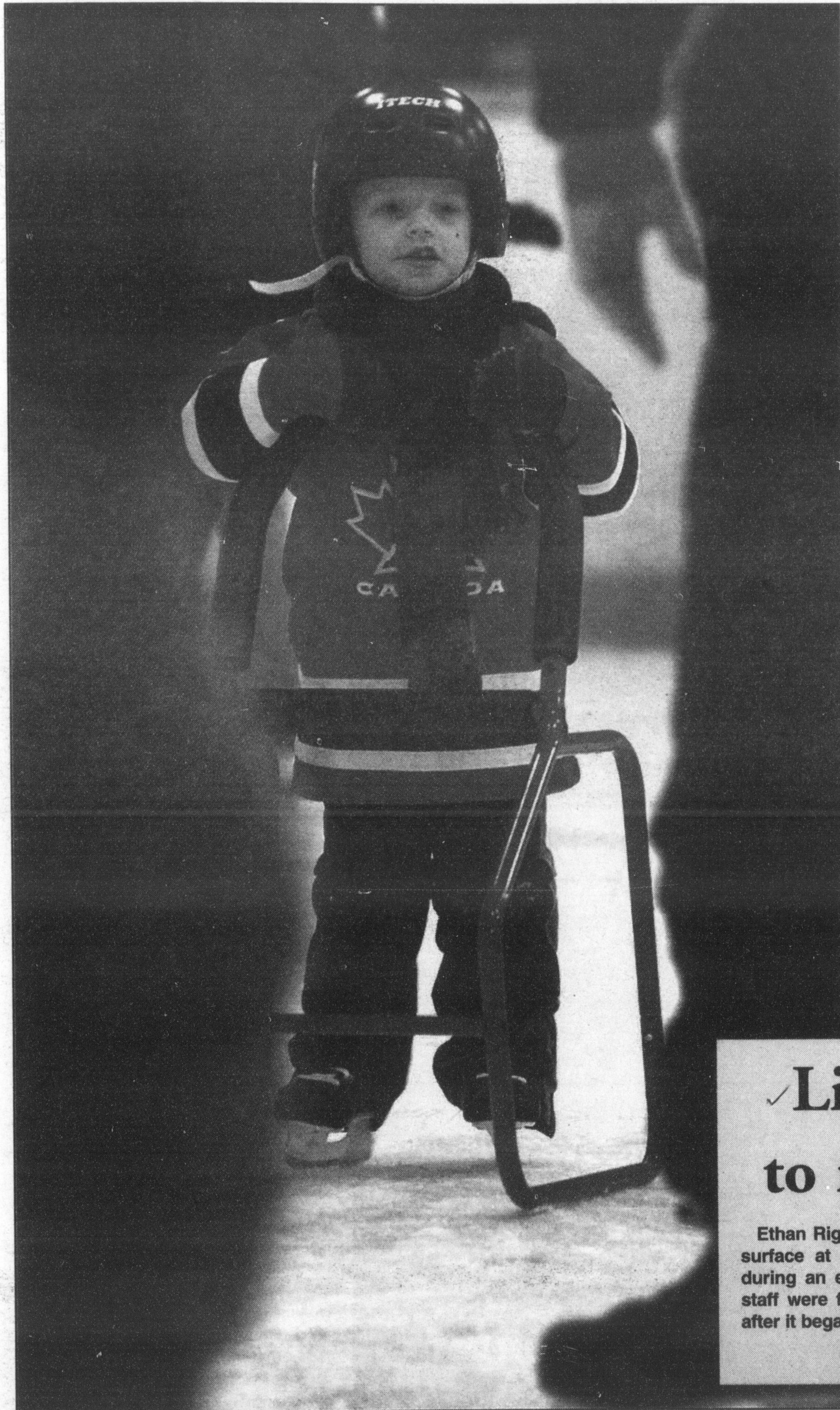
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"Using Communication to Build Better Communities"



Challenging year ahead, says mayor

Krantz feels 2004 will have plenty of tough issues

By **JASON MISNER**
The Champion

Gazing into his crystal ball, Mayor Gord Krantz sees 2004 as a year bubbling with tough issues

"That's (transit) going to be one that will be a tough nut to crack. We can provide it, but at what cost?"

MAYOR GORD KRANTZ

Champion to get fresh, new look

Out with the old and in with the new. That's The Champion's thinking in 2004 as readers will see some major changes in the look of their community newspaper Tuesday.

The Champion has undergone a re-make aimed at giving the newspaper a fresh, new look.

We hope you like it. "It's time for a change," said Champion editor Karen Smith. "Our new look is modern, refreshing. We're updating the paper along with changing times in Milton."

Readers will see changes in the editorial content of The Champion in 2004 as well. We'll keep you posted.

that could test the mettle of his 10 political colleagues and the financial resolve of Miltonians.

"It's going to be a challenging year and an exciting year," said Mr. Krantz, upon reflection of what this new year might bring.

Among those issues include transit, ward redistribution, ensuring a strong and vibrant business base and the so-called 'New Deal' that has been talked about between the provincial and federal governments.

And that's in addition to the overriding objective of maintaining a healthy community, both economically and socially, which

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Little room to manoeuver

Ethan Riggs, 3, tries to navigate the busy ice surface at Memorial Arena Sunday afternoon during an especially busy public skate. Arena staff were forced to turn skaters away shortly after it began. For related photos, see page 10.

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