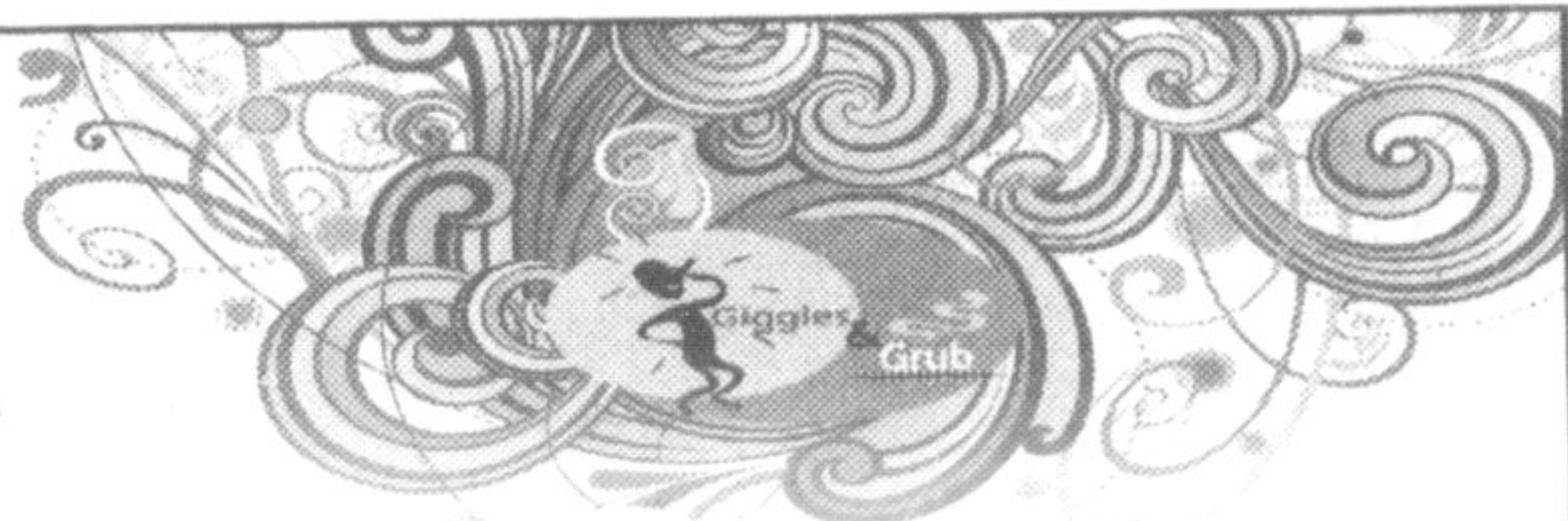




Rotary presents



Giggles & Grub

Dinner, comedy and live auction in support of the Halton Down Syndrome Association, breast and prostate cancer.

Tickets only
\$125* per person
includes hors d'oeuvres,
dinner & drinks

Featuring Top Canadian Comedian
David Merry
Master of Ceremonies **Rob MacIsaac**

Friday, April 3 at the Burlington Convention Centre
5:30 pm cocktails & hors d'oeuvres - 7:00 pm dinner

Tickets & information ★ visit www.gigglesandgrub.ca or call 905-521-5171

Early Bird Draw for tickets purchased before February 28, 2009.
Your chance to win 4 tickets to Giggles & Grub.

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Uniform issue to be addressed

If you're the parent of Catholic elementary school students in Halton, it may be that you can't wait to see them trot off to class in a mandatory uniform.

Or, it may be that you can't abide the thought of seeing them dressed in the required clothing.

Either way, you'll want to mark this Tuesday on your calendar. That's when the issue of mandatory school uniforms for elementary students with the Halton Catholic District School

Board will return to the board table, along with a recommendation on how the board should move forward.

Since September, 2007, students at St. Gabriel elementary school in Burlington and Guardian Angels elementary school in Milton have been taking part in a pilot project to test out mandatory uniforms.

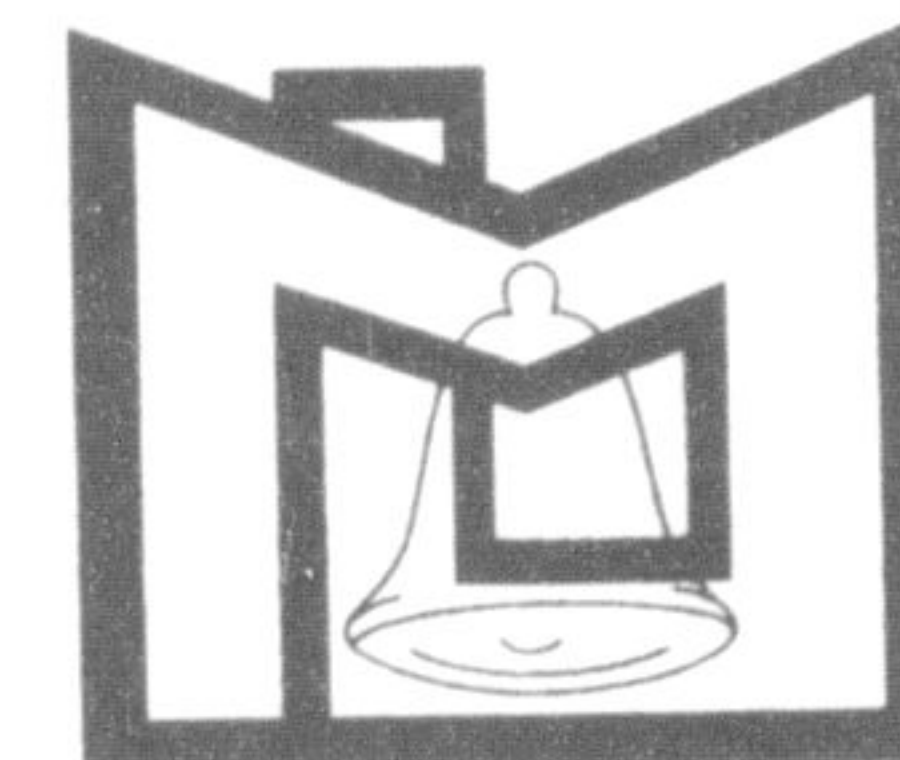
While reports from principals at the schools have suggested good compliance with the uniform requirement, the issue has resulted

in a number of delegations to the board from parents opposed to the idea of a mandatory uniform.

Surveys to families involved in the pilot project are currently being distributed and will make up part of the information used to form a recommendation on how the board should proceed with the issue, said superintendent John Langill.

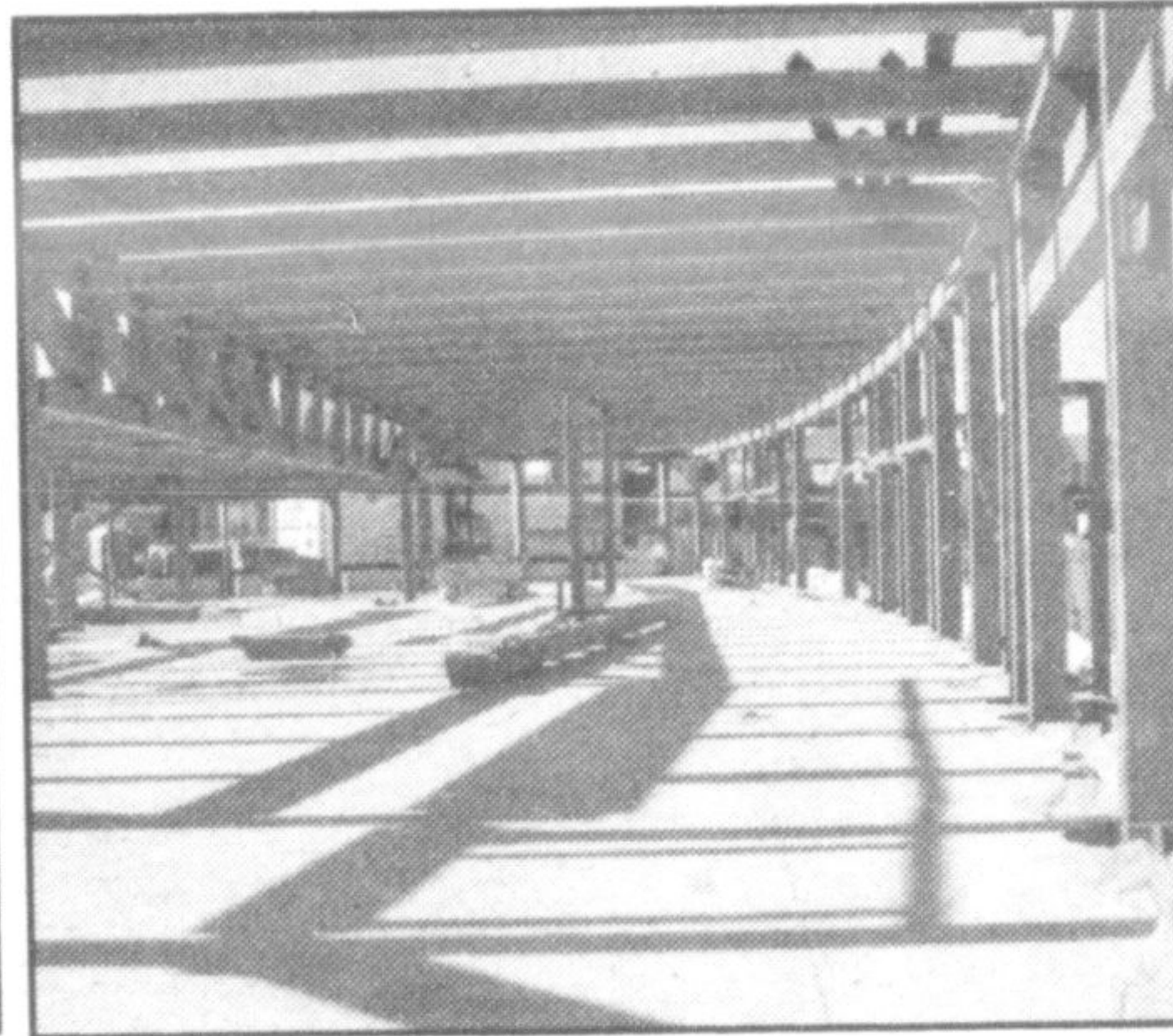
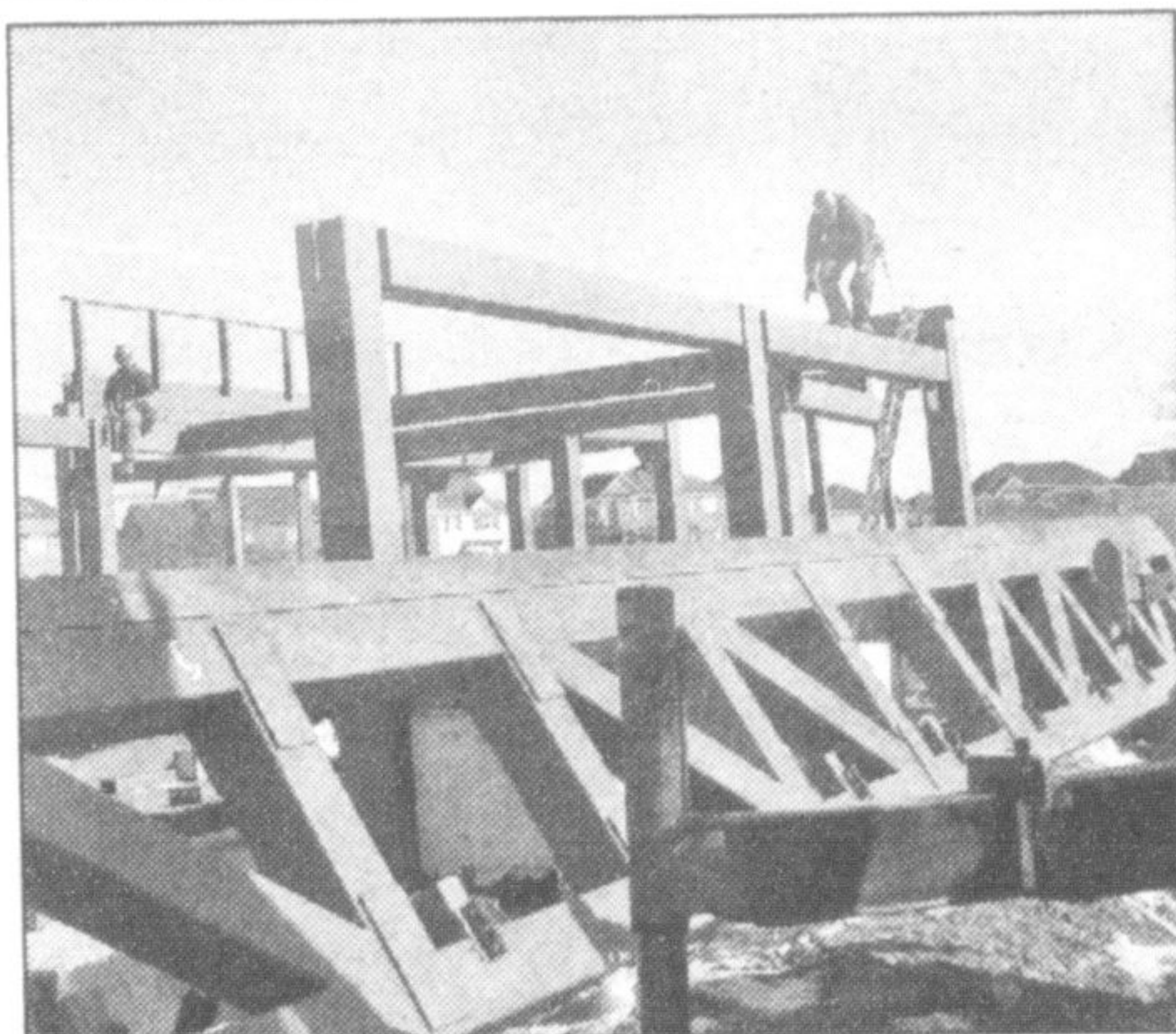
A final decision on uniforms needs to be made to allow schools and students to prepare for September.

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Beaty Branch

Steel has arrived and construction is underway
Drive by the site on Fourth Line, South of Derry
or Visit our website and see photos
of Beaty Branch



FEBRUARY'S CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REMARKS



LESLIE FITCH
Chief Librarian

branch is just south of Clark Boulevard, on the left side of the street. When you have a chance, drive by and see what you think so far.

March Break is right around the corner, and for those of you who will enjoy the Break at home, check out some of the programs, for children and teens, that will be held at the Library. You'll see more information about the events elsewhere on the page.

Could there be any more important news this month than to tell you that the Structural Steel for Beaty Branch is here at last? Along with everyone else on the project, I'm delighted to report that the steel is on site. You can see pictures of the branch on our website (check under Beaty Branch news) and even more pictures on FlickrR, as we track the progress from week to week with photographs. It was particularly exciting in early February, when the site seemed to transform hourly. Now that much of the steel is in place, the changes are more subtle, but no less real for all that.

It is too early to confirm an opening date, however early fall is certainly a reasonable goal.

If you aren't quite sure where the branch is, when you are travelling east on Derry, turn south on Fourth Line. The

Just a reminder, too, that the fine and fee changes that I talked about in last month's column will go into effect on March 1, 2009. Check our website for more details about the changes.

I'm keeping the column as short as possible this month, in order that there will be lots of room for pictures, program information, recommended reading (and watching) lists, and I look forward to talking with you next month, where I think spring will be very much on all our minds.

Leslie Fitch
CEO

Game On @ Your Library

Play Guitar Hero and Rock Band on the Big Screen

Thursday, March 5th
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
This program will run the first Thursday of each month

Drop in program
Ages 11 and up



Preschool Programs
@Milton Public Library

Babytime
Tales for Twos • Preschool

Registration week:
March 3 - 8, 2009
Programs April 7-May 30

Can't get south for March Break?

Join us for one of our Fun in the Sun programs

For ages 6 - 10
\$3.00 per program
2 p.m.
March 17 - Mexico
March 18 - Caribbean
March 19 - Hawaii

Pre-register at Children's Information Desk



Love to Garden & Can't Wait for Spring?

Try reading some fiction books with a GARDENING THEME.

OR Browse our non-fiction gardening books and

Make Plans For Spring.

Press Play @ Your Library

Experience Teen Tech Week

Enter to win an MP3 player
March 17 - 20 — 3 - 5 p.m.
For Students in Grades 7 - 12

Test Drive the Library's Audiobooks
Play Rockband / Guitar Hero
Check Out Our Anime and Books on CD

No registration required



Two New Databases

www.mpl.on.ca

Auto Repair Reference Center

This database includes automotive repair information on most manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles.

Canadian Points of View Reference Centre

This full-text database is designed to provide students with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue

Amendments to Library Fines and Fees

Effective March 1, 2009

Adult material fines to increase to 20 cents per day to a maximum of \$7.00 per item

Children's material fines to increase to 20 cents per day to a maximum of \$3.00 per item

Seniors to begin paying fines (same as Adults)

Library fines can be avoided by renewing

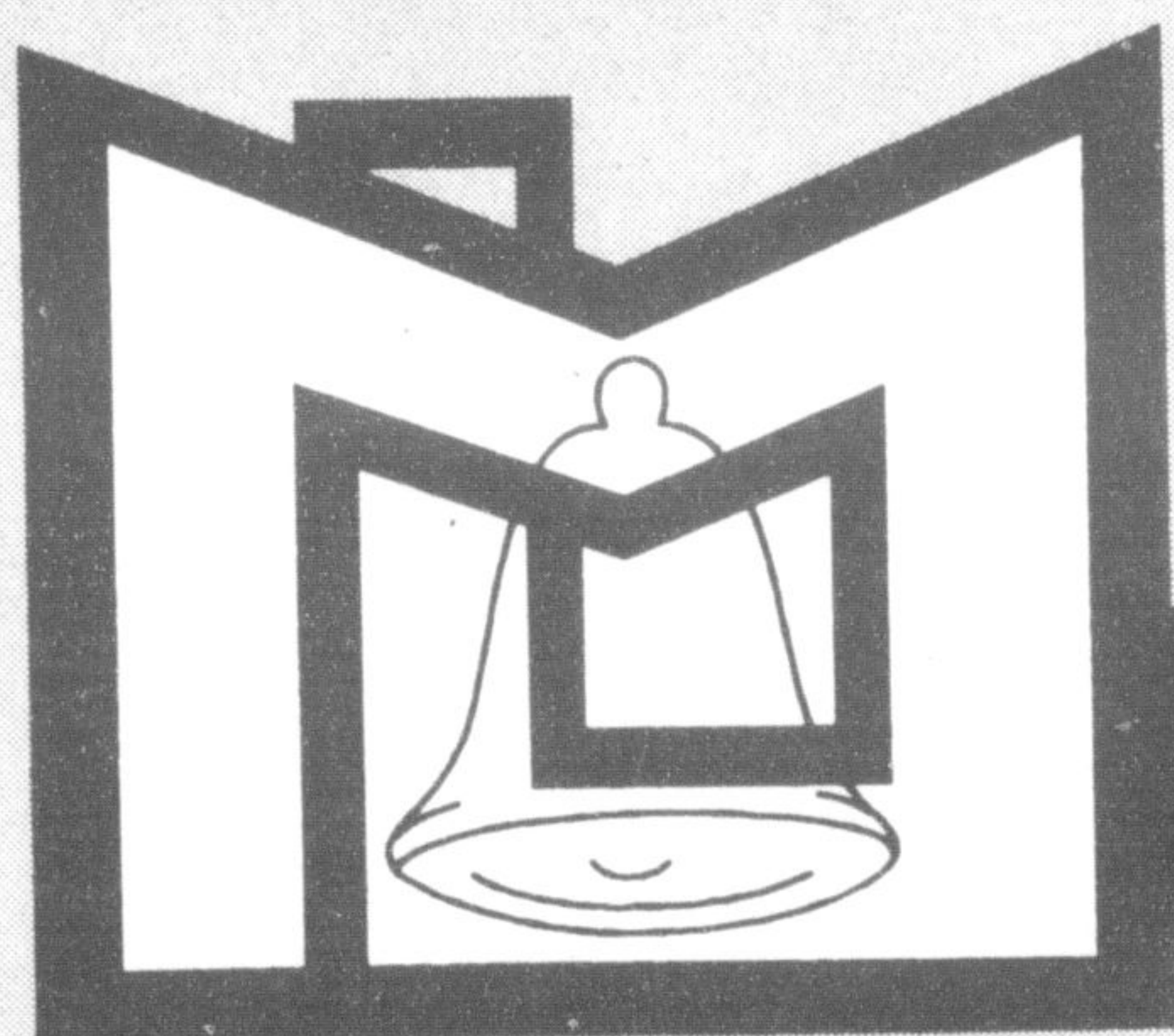
There are three easy ways to renew your items:

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in person

Sign up for email notification for holds and to receive a courtesy reminder of your due dates



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