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NEW LINES

Pay as you learn

Secondary school students in Milton will be paid to attend classes beginning in September as a pilot project of the Ministry of Education.

The pay-as-you-learn program is the result of a 10-year study which has indicated most high school drop-outs claim they want to be gainfully employed. The goal of the project is to cut the drop-out rate to zero and help families cope with the rising costs of raising teenagers.

Grade 9 students will be paid \$50 a week, providing they attend all classes and complete all assignments. The rate increases by \$10 a week per grade.

"I just want to know if we get overtime pay, you know for like when we have a school dance or something," said Grade 9 student Patty Paymore.

Snow Beltway

The James Snow Parkway will be renamed the James Snow Beltway, the Ministry of Transport announced Monday.

The new name is the result of a change of direction for the road to nowhere. The Beltway will circle urban Milton, providing better traffic flow while diverting vehicles from the inner-town. Ministry spokespeople say the shape of the Beltway was not derived from the actual belts worn by the road's namesake.

Mayor wounded

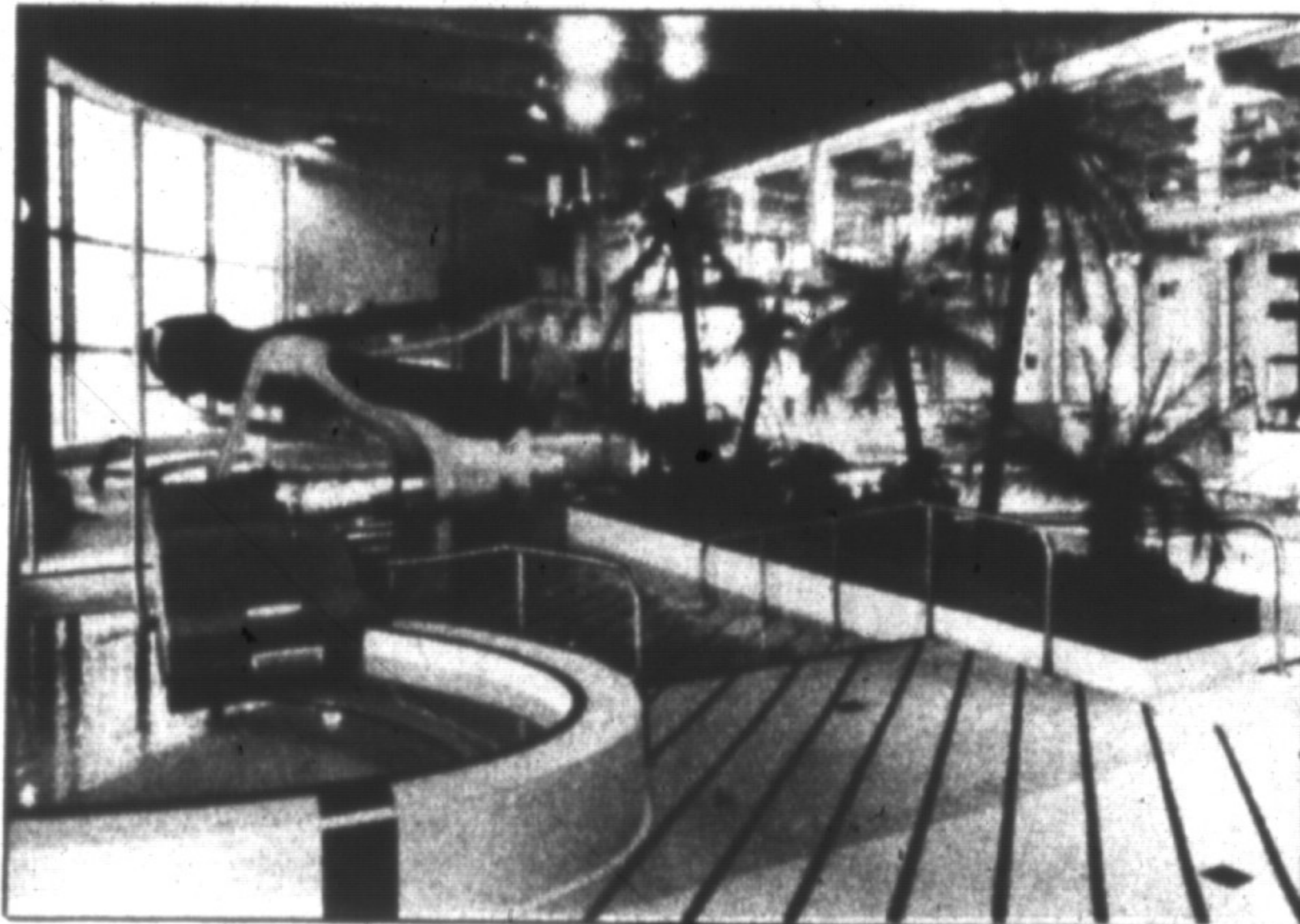
A ribbon cutting ceremony turned into a tragedy last Saturday when Mayor Gord Krantz accidentally cut off the tip of his left index finger.

Witnesses reported everything was going as planned until the ill-fated snip when the mayor finished his famous ribbon-cutting count-down. The seasoned ribbon-cutter didn't miss a beat however and used part of the ribbon as a bandage.

Personal ozone

Just as the ozone layer protects the earth from the sun's harmful rays, ozonewear will protect people from the rays that get through.

The new transparent clothing can be worn over clothes, covering exposed skin. Ozonewear is the brainchild of local designer Alfred Sunnot. He claims the high-tech fabric is as light as air and will not raise the body temperature of the wearers.



The leisure pool was closed Sunday after zebra mussels clogged the water out-take pipes. The water was drained and the offending mollusks removed in a matter of hours. Police and Ministry of Natural Resources biologists are investigating the infestation of zebra mussels.

Mussels put pool out of commission



Zebra mussels pull plug on pool

Authorities are baffled by an infestation of zebra mussels in the free form leisure pool at the new Milton Leisure Centre.

The crustaceans were discovered Sunday after the filtration system appeared to be clogged. Ministry of Natural Resources biologists were called in when staff at the pool found zebra mussels were muscling in on the pipes which lead from the pool to the water cleaning mechanism.

Pool staff were alerted to the problem when they arrived Sunday morning to find the leisure pool overflowing with water, according to Brent Page, aquatics supervisor. The scuba diving class members who were getting ready for a session in the lap pool were pressed into service to investigate.

When it became evident the out-take pipes were clogged, Mr. Page contacted Milton Fire Department. Firefighters reversed the flow of their pumper truck and pumped the pool dry.

It took several hours for pool maintenance staff to chip away the mussels which had systematically infested each of the pool's seven outflow pipes.

Mr. Page said fortunately none of

the pipes was damaged and the system was functioning again late Sunday night.

While the plague of the zebra mussels had previously been limited to fresh water lakes, a new strain now appears to have been cultivated.

"These particular zebra mussels seem to thrive on the chemicals used to keep pool water clean," said a ministry spokesperson.

Halton Regional Police have been

called in to investigate the matter. The biologists suspect the mussels were introduced to the pool environment by someone who genetically engineered a chemically dependent variety. Like their fresh-water cousins, these zebra mussels multiply quickly and tend to congregate in pipes.

Police believe the culprit may have sabotaged the pool as a protest over the closing of the water slide. The

slide was closed three weeks ago when it was discovered the Town did not have the proper operating permit. They say a note was found in the men's change room shortly after the slide was closed which stated "Open the slide or you'll be musselled into it."

At the time the pool staff thought the note was more of the joke from an illiterate prankster than a threat.

Several of the mussels were taken to the Ministry of Natural Resources laboratory in Cambridge for study. The biologists hope to find some clues as to how the new strain was developed and in turn help lead police to the person responsible.

Bob Afloat, a lifeguard at the leisure centre said he recalled having to evict a young man from the centre shortly after the slide was closed. The man was attempting to go down the slide at the time, even though he was told it was off-limits.

The man returned several days later wearing an extra-large swim suit with bulging pockets. No one noticed if the pockets appeared to be empty when he left the pool area.

Security has been tightened at the pool and those wearing suits with pockets must pull the pocket lining inside-out so it is visibly empty.

Steam-Era goes high tech to attract larger following

After 31 years as one of Milton's premier events, the annual Steam-Era Reunion is changing its name to Techno Era in an effort to reflect a new '90s theme.

Some of the original steam powered engines and farm machinery usually featured at the Labour Day weekend show will be back however many will be modified using solar, wind and even nuclear power.

Organizers of the three-day event say the show seemed to be losing its appeal as an attraction for the general public. Also, they explain, some members of the Antiques and Steam Preserver Society are looking for new challenges. This fringe group is satisfying this desire by modernizing their steam engines.

They expect the main draw will be a computer controlled, solar powered engine which will be used to drive a threshing machine. The owner, Hugh Smoke-Nomore, says he'll have to revert to burning wood for power if the sun doesn't co-operate.

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