

NEWSLINES

Milton mail shipping out

Four Milton post office workers will be re-located to a giant Mississauga plant under streamlining plans announced by Canada Post yesterday (Thursday).

Currently mail is sorted by hand in Milton, but as of September all mail originating in Milton will go the West Letter Processing Plant in Mississauga for mechanized sorting. Canada Post expects that to be more efficient.

A Milton post office source said three full time employees and one casual worker will have to leave that office and work in the Mississauga plant.

Canada Post said the changes are to improve delivery. A company press release also said the objective is to make the changes, part of a wider restructuring, without laying people off.

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The best-read students in Halton attend W. I. Dick Middle School. The senior team captured the Battle of the Books title for the region last week.

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No vaccines mean twins lose rights

By KAREN SMITH  
The Champion

A Milton mother says her children's right to education is being denied because she refuses to have them vaccinated.

Marlene Turner's six-year-old twin sons have been home from school since mid-April after a measles outbreak plagued Milton elementary schools.

Because the Gowland Crescent woman turned down optional vaccination for her sons Jonathan and Richard — her legal right, Halton's medical officer of health ordered the children out of Sam Sherratt School until the end of June.

"In so doing, he's denying my kids an education," says Mrs. Turner. "I pay taxes. My kids are not getting educated."

Children who are not inoculated pose a greater risk of contracting measles and in turn spreading the disease to their classmates, said Dr. Bob Nosal, medical officer of health.

The twins were transferred to Martin Street School but were once again forced out when a measles outbreak occurred. Mrs. Turner, a chiropractor, says she doesn't feel comfortable moving her children from school to school and has now hired a home tutor.

Removing children from school in such a situation is mandatory and enforced under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, said the medical officer of health.

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Live grenade dropped off at Steeles site

The military was called in to remove a live Second World War hand grenade discovered at the waste disposal station on Steeles Avenue yesterday morning.

Workers at the Halton Region station, just north of Highway 401, spotted the grenade at about 9 a.m. in a box which had been dropped off as garbage by an elderly Norval man.

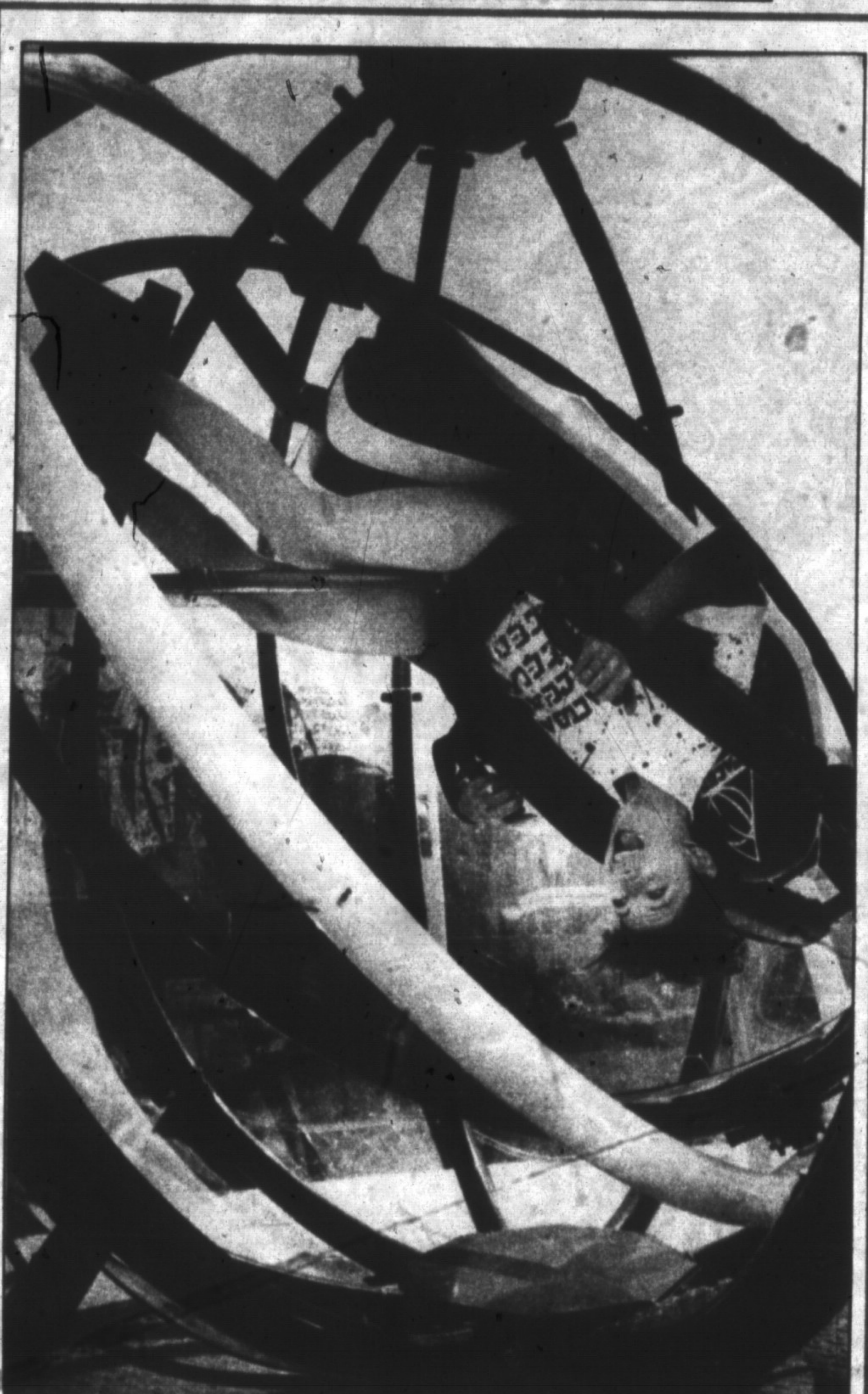
Halton police arrived at the waste depot and the grenade — which had its pin in — was "made safe" by Constable Larry Brassard, police said.

Personnel from the Canadian Forces Base in Toronto were on the scene within an hour to remove the hand grenade. Construction workers in the area were evacuated during the ordeal and local traffic was closed off until about noon.

The shell, which is illegal, could have caused serious injury to anyone within 300 feet if it exploded, according to Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett.

"The potential for tragedy was great," he said.

The grenade was apparently a souvenir, and accidentally disposed of by owners who were unaware of its danger, police said. No charges have been laid.



Judi Gorrin enjoys a hair-raising, out-of-this-world experience in this zero-gravity spaceball — just like at NASA. The spaceball is one of the attractions at the Milton Lions Club's Exhibition and Stampede at the fairgrounds, which continues this weekend.

Stampede takes over fairgrounds

The Milton Lions Club's Exhibition and Stampede continues today and this weekend at the fairgrounds.

The five-day, first-of-its-kind event got underway Wednesday. Patrons can try an adventurous bungee jump for \$80 a leap or take in something a little more down to earth such as a country band.

Tonight, a CHAM radio disc jockey has agreed to take the plunge during the Hamilton station's live broadcast from the stampede.

Chuckwagon races will take place tonight and Saturday, while Six Nations Indians will put on a show tonight at 6:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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