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## Riding high

Riders from across North America competed for \$100,000 in the Halton Valley Summer Classic Horse Show Saturday at Hendervale. Winner Leslie Burr-Howard of Connecticut (left) guided Sibleft to a clear round in 38.79 seconds. Spectator Shirley Taylor (centre) caught all the action, including Canadian favourite Ian Miller aboard Symbari at the Burnhamthorpe Road stables.

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### NEWSLINES

#### Wet roads blamed

Slippery roads are being blamed for a Hwy. 401 crash involving a car and two tractor-trailer units.

During a downpour, a Ford Probe went out of control on the west-bound highway just east of Guelph Line at 8:15 a.m. and spun into a tractor-trailer, said the Milton OPP.

The unit swerved and was hit by another tractor-trailer, which went off the highway and crashed into a No. 5 Sideroad ditch.

The unit in the ditch, a Labatt's truck, spilled its load of beer as well as 400 litres of diesel fuel.

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## Bitter 10-week hydro lockout ends

By KAREN SMITH  
*The Champion*

A bitter 10-week lockout of 23 Milton Hydro employees is over after the Power Workers Union and the utility reached a deal last Wednesday.

The labour dispute that involved picket line violence, a court injunction and growing tension ended when 21 workers voted 95 per cent in favour of a 15-month contract.

The Thompson Road hydro building's doors were open to workers Monday, however, they were given a one-week grace period on their return to accommodate other commitments made during the lockout.

The deal includes a push-back of layoffs to January 1 and a one-time \$1,200 lump sum payment for each employee. Seven workers will be laid off at the start of the next year as part of restructuring of the utility. Milton Hydro had planned to let the workers go sooner.

A call for the union to dismiss a unionized worker's job classification grievance — a hydro commission bargaining tool that became a major roadblock in the labour dispute — was dropped by the utility.

In its previous offer, management wanted to make cancelling the grievance, which is headed for arbitration,

part of the collective agreement.

While workers are relieved the ordeal is over, many feel slighted for being locked out and morale is low, said Chris Davy, a staff officer with the Power Workers Union.

"I would imagine it's going to be bad for quite a while," he said. There's a lot of resentment. There

was no need for the lockout. These things could have been worked out."

Milton Hydro general manager Don Thorne said Friday he has no second thoughts about management's decision to close its doors to the bargaining unit because the utility was under the threat of strike action.

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### At company picnic

## Three-year-old drowns at Kelso

A company picnic at Kelso Conservation Area turned into a tragedy Sunday when a three-year-old boy drowned in the lake.

The boy's mother couldn't find her son, who had been playing with other children in shallow water at the east end of the beach, at about 1:45 p.m.

After her attempts to find the boy turned up nothing, the frantic mother alerted lifeguards, who organized a line search.

Lifeguards and bystanders joined arms and waded into the lake looking for the boy. Within minutes, the

youngster was found unconscious just under the surface of the water. Despite CPR administered by lifeguards and ambulance attendants, it was too late. The boy was pronounced dead at Milton District Hospital.

It's unknown how long the boy was in the water and what led to his fate, Halton Regional Police said. An autopsy was scheduled.

Police haven't released the identity of the boy on the request of his parents. He wasn't from the Milton area, police confirmed, nor was the company that hosted the picnic.

# MILTON MALL

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