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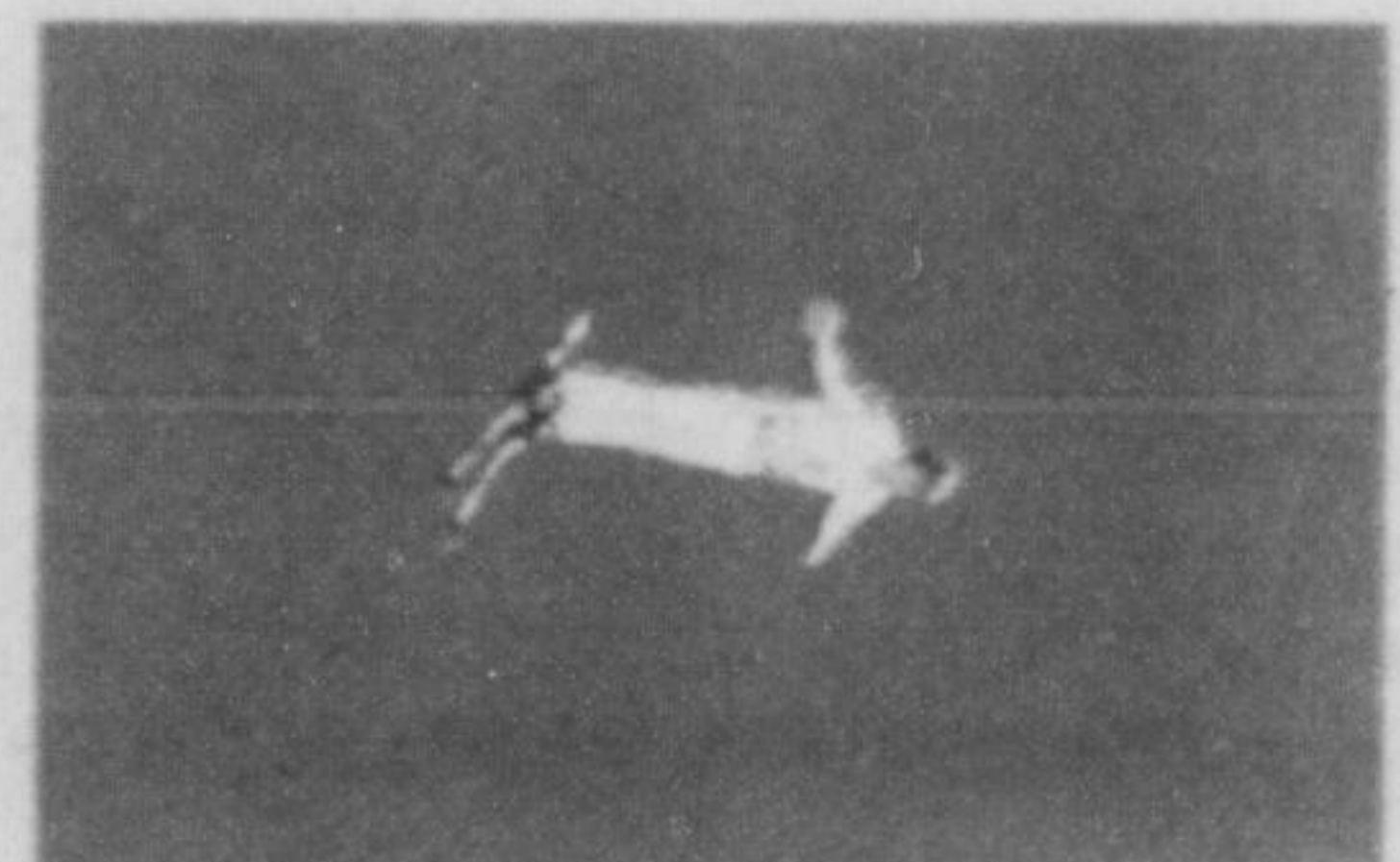


January thaw

Balmy weather had joggers enjoying a break from old man winter over the weekend, as they went about their morning run donning light spring clothing. Here, Shelley Delfino (left) and Karoline Uba run past a forlorn looking snowman.
 Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

Final flu shot clinic

Halton Region will host its last regularly-scheduled influenza immunization clinic Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Residents are encouraged to drop by the auditorium of the Halton Regional Centre on Bronte Road in Oakville to get the flu shot. Residents can also still get their flu vaccinations from doctors' offices, walk-in clinics and some pharmacies. Be sure to call the location to verify their hours of operation and vaccine availability.



First World Cup medal for Gerrits

Olympic hopeful Travis Gerrits boosted his bid for the 2014 Winter Games with his first FIS World Cup in aerial skiing Saturday — claiming silver in Val Saint-Come, Quebec. He scored 114.61 points in the four-man super final. See story in Sports page 14.

Parents frustrated with union, government

By Julia Le
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Many Milton parents were livid Friday morning after they received last-minute notice informing them that elementary schools would be open after all. The Halton District School Board (HDSB) sent an automated phone or email message around 7 Friday morning alerting them schools would be open for students after a planned day-long walkout by teachers was ruled illegal.

The HDSB had originally notified parents Wednesday and again Thursday afternoon that schools would be closed because the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) instructed teachers not to report for duty. The move would have left schools with inadequate supervision, said the HDSB. However, after an Ontario Labour Relations Board hearing in which the provincial government and the ETFO argued whether or not the elementary teachers' action would be a protest or an illegal strike, it was ruled

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