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Searing flames leap 150 feet into the scorched air as pressurized gas shoots from separated pipeline after Malton explosion, Saturday. In the background cars warp and change colour as the 1,500-degree heat blasted them on Derry Rd. parking lots. Meanwhile, Mississauga firefighters set up a cardboard box

to shield themselves against the intense heat as they play water on nearby homes which threatened to burst into flames. The firemen were highly praised by Mississauga Council, businessmen and homeowners for the part they played in curtailing the holocaust.

MALTON HOLOCAUST:

Four corners blow up

STAFF REPORT

A gas main explosion destroyed half of Malton's business section Saturday, leaving in its wake one dead woman, 19 injured people and at least a dozen buildings razed to the ground.

For 4 1/2 hours fire raged from a separated 12-inch gas main, gouging the ground for 150 feet in front of it and rocketing vivid flames over 100 feet into the air.

A hail of mud and rocks flew 300 yards

through the air when the pipe blew.

Eighteen homes and at least 10 businesses were destroyed. Many others were badly

damaged. Indications this week are that over \$1 million damage resulted.

Scores of families were evacuated from

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New light on Malton disaster

Plans for a \$5,000,000 reconstruction of the Malton four corners will have to be reviewed — and reviewed

quickly — following last Saturday's fire which destroyed much of the commercial establishment

Mississauga Council made the decision Monday at the urging of Malton Councillor Frank McKechnie who told council that Malton businessmen were anxious to rebuild or relocate.

properties and relocate them on another suitable site.

SOLUTION?

The almost total destruction of the commercial northwest corner at the Derry Rd. and Airport Rd. intersection may have come as a disguised blessing for road planners.

Ironically, many of the businessmen who lost their buildings in the fire, told council barely a week ago that the new road pattern in their area would "wipe them out." They asked the town to expropriate their

The corner had posed problems for designers because the heavily-built up northwest section would not

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the mississauga scene

Hallowe'en stories
Witches aren't simply a figment of someone's imagination. They are real and their powers are genuine.

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Duke's-eye view
HRH Prince Philip expressed an unusual view on the direction modern society is taking during his visit to

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