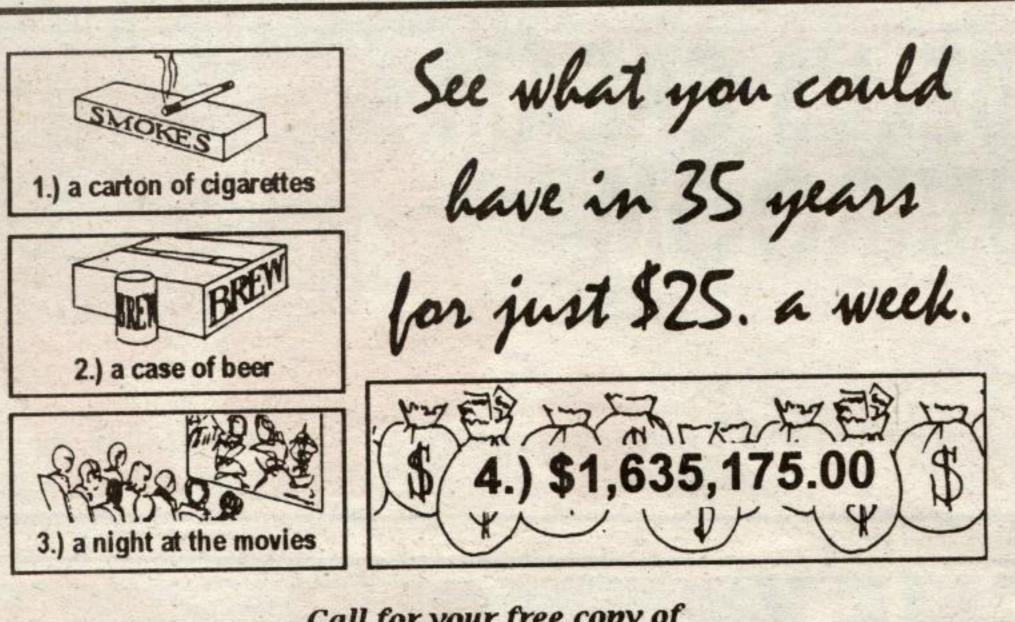
## Board of Ed budget forecast cut again

The Halton Board of Education's Finance committee last week received a budget forecast for '95 that reflects estimated expenses of \$279.9 million — a reduction of \$2.7 million or almost one per cent over the '94 budget.

This budget forecast is a management tool that allows the board to begin to consider what steps must be taken to present a realistic budget proposal in February.

"Obviously we are faced once again with a very tough budget for 1995, and indications are that the following year's forecast will provide no relief," commented Penny Siebert, chair of the finance committee.

"Last year, we asked the community to get involved in the process, and that is even more important now. We must talk about possible areas of savings."



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## HOCKEY'S BACK!

Tyke house league hockey player Ryan Winters, 6, concentrates on the upcoming game as dad (and assistant coach) Terry laces him up prior to an Opening Day match at the arena Saturday. Ryan's Halton Hills Furniture squad went on to win their first game of the season, 6-5. (Lori Frechette photo)

## Deadline nears for candidates

The large slate of political candidates in Halton Hills will hopefully translate into a big turnout at the polls in next month's municipal election, said the Town's Clerk and Returning Officer Janet Lunn Stewart yesterday (Tuesday).

"In 1991 we had a total of 38 candidates registered. In 1994 we are already up to 40 candidates, without races for the Hydro Commission and school board," Lunn Stewart explained.

"In 1991 there were 24 candidates competing for a Council position and so far this year there are 32 candidates running for Council positions," Lunn Stewart

In the last municipal election in 1991, 40 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots.

Incumbent Mayor Russ Miller's name is not among the seven mayoralty candidates, but he is, so far, uncontested for one of the Hydro Commission seats.

Candidates have until 5 pm this Friday — Nomination Day — to register and file nominations papers, or withdraw.

The election will cost the Town up to \$60,000 to stage.

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