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## New McMenu

Eleven-year-old Jacob Bassie displays one of McDonald's new menus for the hearing impaired as he makes his selection to employee Ryan Bouskill. The local franchise is one of the first to offer the helpful ordering tool.

## Check alarms, warns Cross

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Department, which supports the law, warned citizens that smoke detectors have a life expectancy of about 10 years.

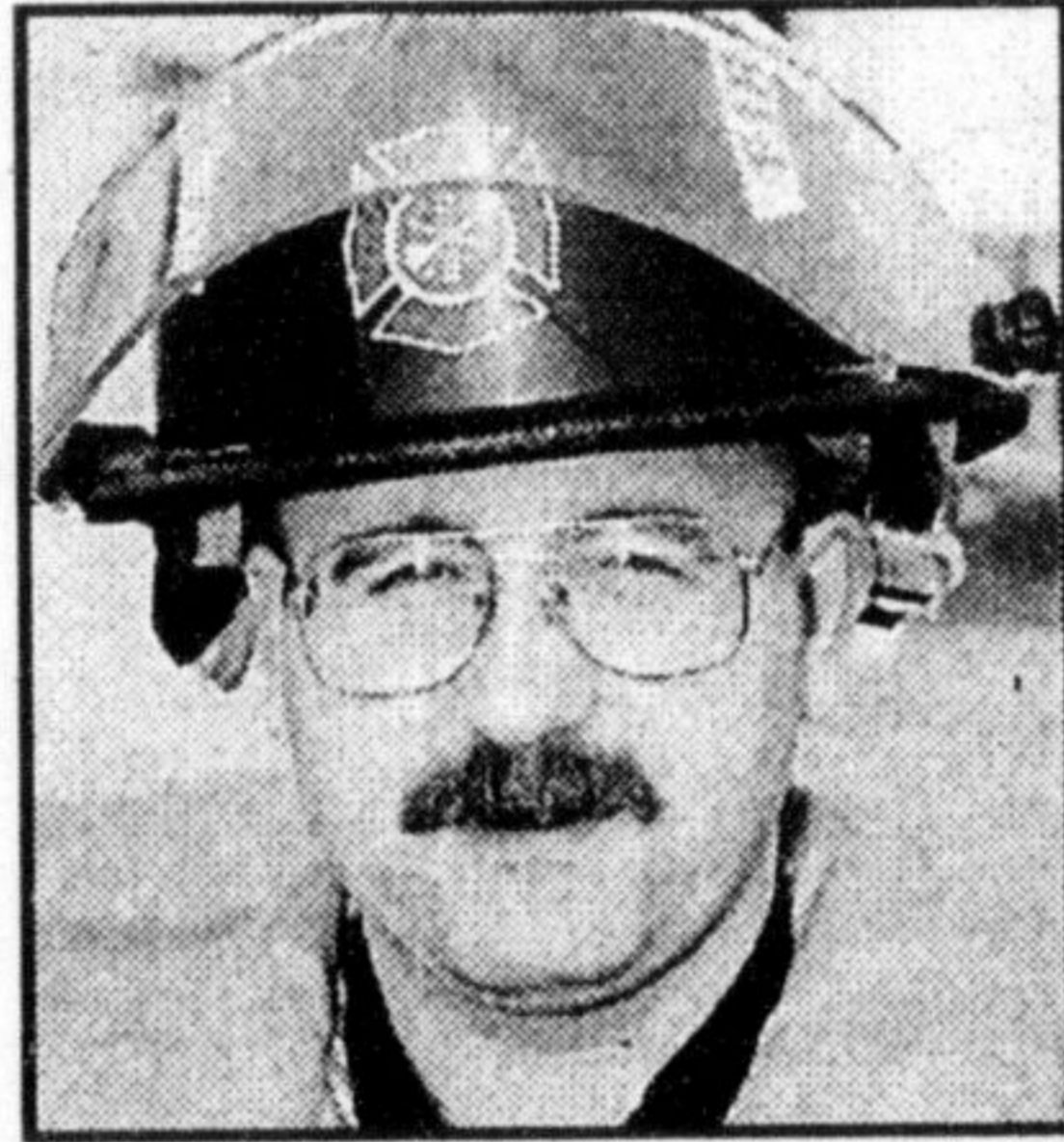
"This means that most of the smoke alarms that were installed during the early 1980s housing boom in town are past their life expectancy and may not function properly in the event of a fire," he said.

The detectors were installed in sleeping areas in accordance with the

Ontario Building Code. Captain Cross also warned homeowners to watch for malfunctioning hard-wired, AC-powered detectors. He said several faulty ones have turned up over the past few months.

Captain Cross offered the following advice about smoke detectors:

- Homeowners should install a detector/alarm on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned from dust and contaminants at least



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once a month and should be tested weekly.

- Battery-powered smoke detectors should have the battery replaced once a year with a good quality battery. It is rec-

ommended that this be done in the fall when the clocks change or on your birthday.

• Parents should practice their escape plans with their children and everyone in the home should know where to go once outside. This is called the special meeting place. It enables emergency response crews to quickly sum up the rescue situation.

- Remember it's your responsibility to keep your family safe.

## Allendale program expands

An Allendale day program has expanded to accommodate more participants.

Milton Place, a recreational program that provides respite care, can now accept 20 clients per day.

Previously, it had room for 12 participants.

"We are now able to provide additional support to clients with higher care needs," said Lorena Smith, the long-term-care facili-

ty's day program supervisor.

"We are also able to provide more individualized programming for our clients, which includes social programs as well as speech therapy and physiotherapy."

The program received the government funding required to alleviate waiting lists of people interested in signing up their aging family members and friends, Ms Smith said.

The funding also helped launch the new day program Friends' Landing, for people suffering diminished awareness.

Located adjacent to Milton Place, Friends' Landing can accommodate eight clients per day.

"This program offers a secured setting for clients who may tend to wander (away)," Ms Smith said.

Both programs, which operate Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., include a hot lunch. Transportation is available.

For more information, contact Ms Smith at 878-4141, ext. 8026.

## Dancers steal show

The Milton Centre for Music and Theatre Arts (MCMTA) stole the show at the 1998 Canadian National Dance Championships.

The junior and senior dancers won either first, second or third in 10 of 13 numbers performed July 4 and 5.

The team took home four first-place finishes, four seconds and two thirds at the Markham competition.

Thirty studios representing Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and the state of New York attended. A total of 392 dance numbers in a variety of categories were presented for adjudication. MCMTA's entries were

choreographed by teachers Kim Jesh and Marnie Palmer.

Milton's dance team includes Shannon Adams, Allie Barcomb, Kristen Beaver, Tara Beaver, Leanne Bekeris, Meghan Brinke, Danielle Condren, Nicole De Athe, Katie DeCaire, Chelsea Early, Katherine Ervasti, Eran Goodyear, Sarah Hamilton, Lee Komow, Tiffany Komow, Ashleigh Lewis, Cherie Langstone, Melanie Langstone, Kayla London, Elizabeth Marshall, Stephanie McCann, Sarah McLeod, Melissa Michelin, Jennifer Pender, Jade Ryan, Mallory Ryan, Allison Sidnell, Megan Sinclair, Andrea Stockton and Krista Ward.

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