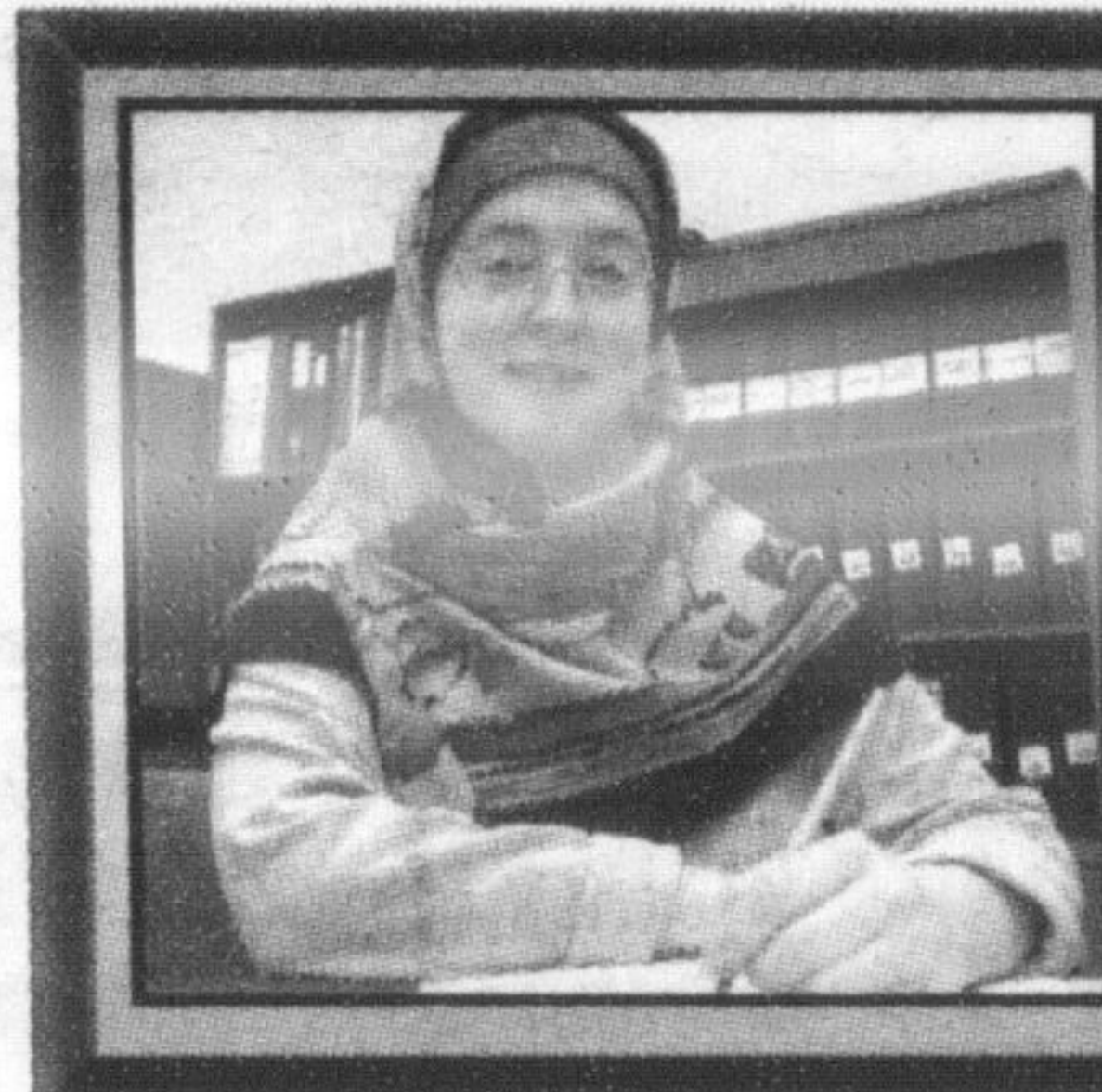


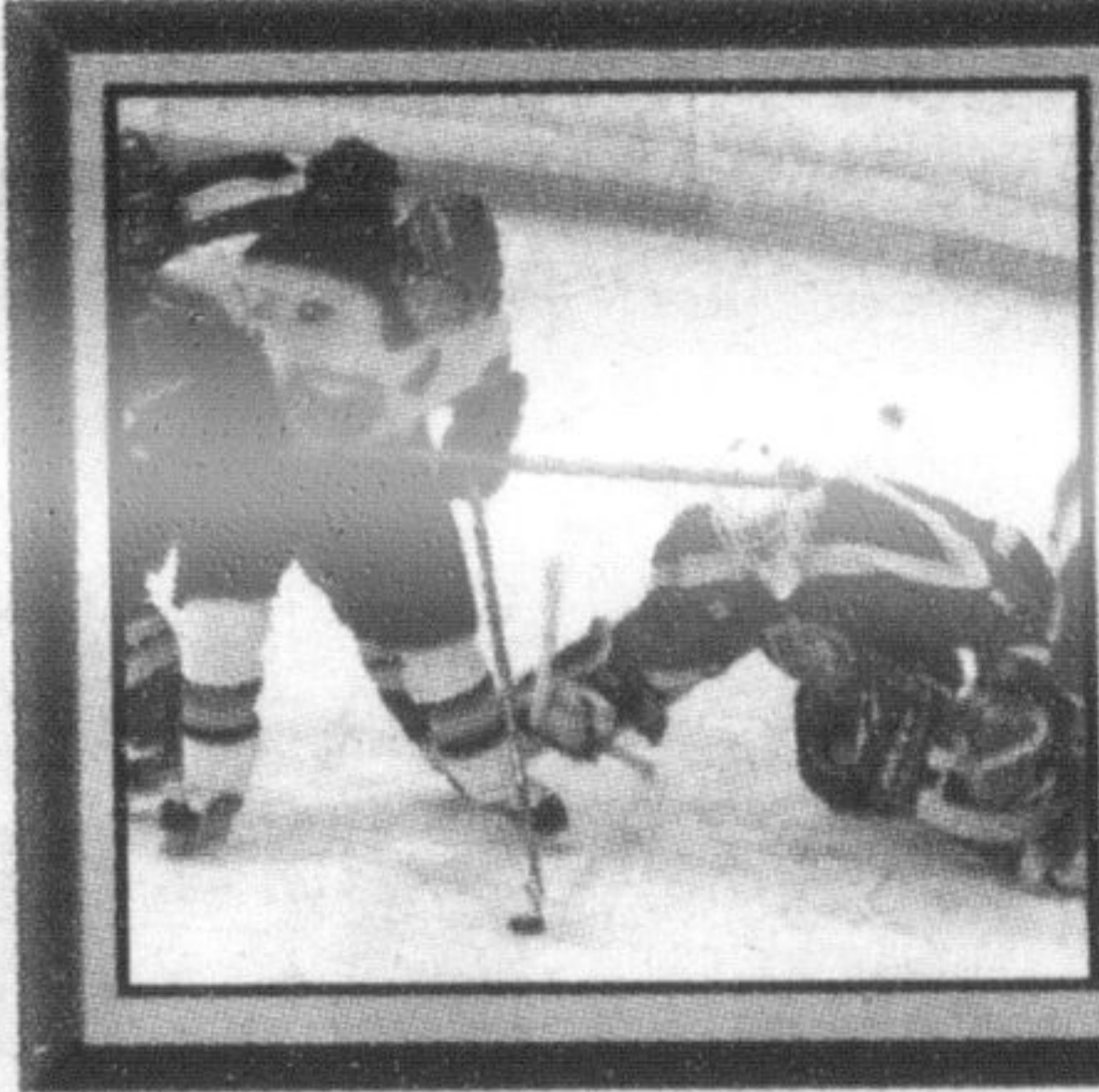
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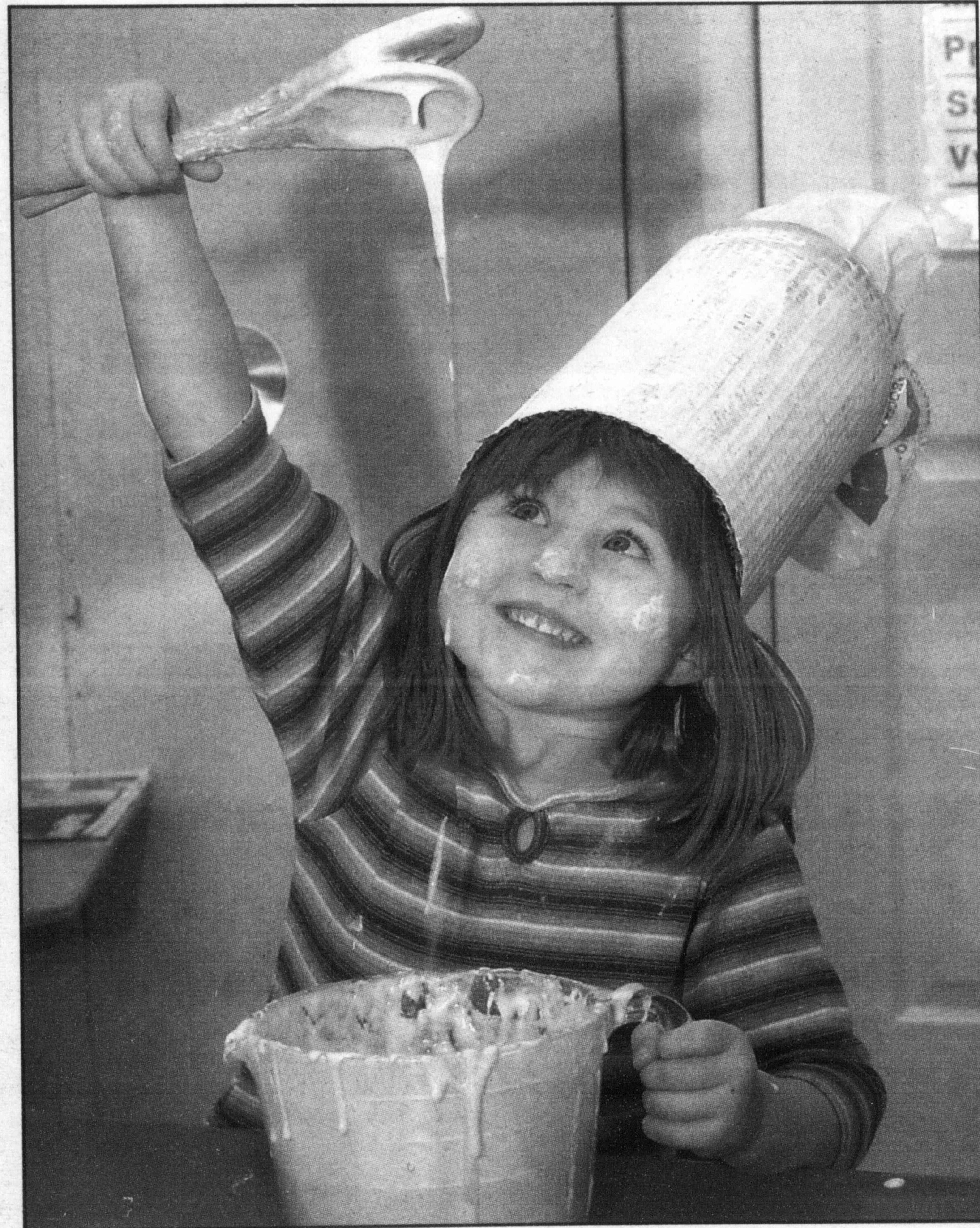


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## Batter up

Four-year-old Riley Genier has as much fun making pancake batter as she does eating pancakes themselves as she and her classmates at Safe and Sound Children's Centre celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Several area churches will hold pancake suppers tonight.

## Guards walk off job due to safety worries; prison is locked down

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

*The Champion*

Maplehurst inmates spent the weekend confined to their cells after 50 correctional officers walked off the job Friday following the discovery of a contraband smuggling scheme.

Bill Yole, a spokesperson for Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 234 and co-chair of the health and safety committee at Maplehurst, said the guards launched a brief work stoppage because prison officials failed to initiate a facility-wide search when the smuggling scheme was discovered Tuesday.

The correctional officers walked out of the secure part of the facility at 4 p.m. and



Photo by STEVE LeBLANC

Maplehurst guards sit in the jail's lobby after walking off the job in a health and safety protest Friday.

spent the better part of the evening gathered in the front lobby.

Mr. Yole said the jail was in lock-down mode.

"This is not a job action," he stressed. "We just felt there are a number of health and safety concerns that need to be addressed."

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## Phony money going around

Halton Regional Police have linked a Milton youth with a counterfeit money operation in town.

According to police, a young offender was responsible for manufacturing the counterfeit bills at his residence and, along with several other young offenders, passing the fake \$5, \$20 and \$50 bills to various merchants in town.

Serial numbers associated with the counterfeit bills are identified as - ANM6894744, ANN6536665 and HNA5453688 for the \$5 bills, ASD9674032 for the \$20 bills and FHV1010226 for the \$50 bills.

Police are encouraging merchants to be vigilant in checking money passed by customers as a quantity of these bills are in circulation.

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