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Gripping tale

Two-year-old Nathan Park, with nanny Phyllis Noseworthy, listens intently to a gripping tale during Saturday Morning Family Storytime at Milton Mall. The event was part of March Break activities taking place at the mall this week.

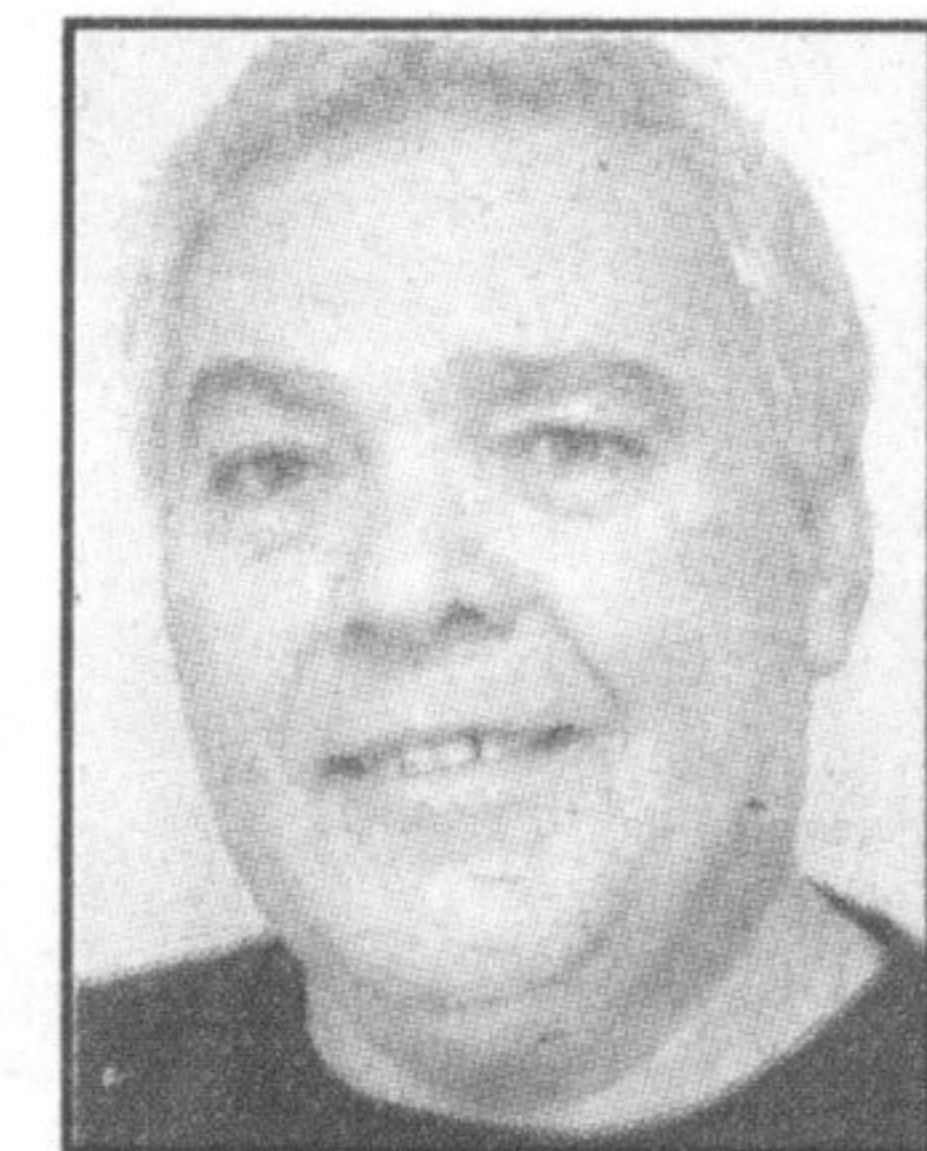
Scherer is named Citizen of the Year

The Milton Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of its Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, President's and Volunteer Member of the Year awards.

It has also announced the nominees for the other 2003 Community Awards.

The Citizen of the Year award goes to Paul Scherer, while the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Joyce Scott.

New this year are the two President's Awards, which go to Christy Babcock and



Paul Scherer

Hedi Nowak, and a Chamber Volunteer Member of the Year Award, which goes to Carol and Bob McDonald of McMarketing Inc.

The remaining award recipients will be announced April 17 at the Community Awards Gala at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

The following are the nominees:

Business of the Year (25 employees and less) — Brookville Veterinary Clinic, Clarke's Golf and Wheels Driver Training

Business of the Year (26 employees and over) — Fifth Wheel Corp., Granite Ridge Golf Club and Milton Home Hardware Building Centre

Business Person of the Year — Bill Mercer, Mercer and Mercer; Peggy Grall, Peggy Grall and Associates Inc.; and Peter Schicht, Micro-Tech Machine.

The Chamber recognizes individuals whose dedication to the community makes Milton a better place in which to live.

Trustees boycott meeting

By **KIM ARNOTT**
Special to The Champion

Four Halton District School Board trustees are taking a public stand against a recent controversial decision made by the board.

The trustees, representing wards in both Oakville and Burlington, have written a letter to the provincial minister of education decrying the school board's position in the case of a gifted Burlington student.

The parents of 14-year-old Jamie Hlusko, a student at Nelson High School, have asked Ontario's Special Education Tribunal to force the board to create a special high school class for gifted students.

While the board operates a program for gifted students through until grade 8, it doesn't offer a secondary school level program.

Jamie's mother, Jennifer Kerr-Hlusko, who's making the case to the tribunal, also serves as a trustee on the Halton public

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