



## Halton champs!

The Halton midget boys basketball championship was captured Tuesday night by Milton District High School's Mustangs in a 53-27 match with St. Thomas Aquinas at Sheridan College. (Inset) The team shows off their medals and trophy after the championship game. (Photo left) Mustangs' Rob Hans fights for a rebound.

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## NEWSLINES

### Hyde wins French contest

Jennifer Hyde of Sam Sherratt Public School won the intermediate division of the Halton French Public Speaking contest recently and advances to provincial competition.

The Halton French Public Speaking contest (Concours d'art oratoire) was held Thursday, Feb. 25 at River Oaks Public School in Oakville. There were 59 students from Grades 4 to OAC (Grade 13), representing all areas of the Halton Peel Board of Education in this French immersion program.

The winners are invited to represent Halton at the provincial competition sponsored by the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association and Canadian Parents for French. The contest will be held at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education on Saturday, Apr. 24.

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Walt Elliot has made volunteering a full-time job devoting about 45 hours each week to good causes. As a result, he's been nominated for the Milton Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award.

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## Public response sought to latest school budget cuts

By ANGELA BLACKBURN  
Special to The Champion

The Halton Board of Education is giving the public two weeks to respond to 10 budget cuts suggested by trustees Monday before the board debates and votes on the potential cuts and cur-

rently proposed \$291 million 1993 budget.

The budget, presented at Monday's finance committee meeting represents a two per cent increase that will translate into a 4.01 per cent millrate increase on the tax bill.

It was reached after trustees directed staff to cut a further \$2.4 million from the previously

proposed budget.

Those cuts saw another \$1.4 million hacked out across the system and assumes a further \$1 million will be raised if 4,000 board employees agree to voluntarily give up a day's pay.

That issue has been a matter of hot debate, particularly with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation which was told by its provincial body to oppose the move on the basis that it equates to reopening the collective agreement.

Principals received a voluntary letter Monday to distribute to staff yesterday and the board expects responses by Friday. If no one agrees, the board will be looking at 75 layoffs. Depending on how much is raised, that number could be reduced or eliminated.

On Monday however, the board heard from five Burlington delegations still calling for cuts, some

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## Glen Eden open for students

Take advantage of the excellent snow conditions at Glen Eden during March Break. Lifts will operate Monday, Mar. 15 to Friday Mar. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Spaces are still available for March Break camps for adults. A day of skiing as well as four two-hour ski lessons are included in the \$120 price.

There will be surprises at the bottom of the lifts and special activities on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

A "young at heart" pot luck luncheon is slated for Monday, Mar. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Boomerang lift will be operative from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and tickets will cost \$8. For information call 878-5011.

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