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NEWSLINES

Big weekend sale at mall for Deidre

Fundraising events for Deidre Scholtz will continue this weekend. Milton District Hospital and Friends for Deidre will hold a craft and bake sale and raffle at Milton Mall.

The event will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the Deidre Scholtz Fund to help cover the cost of blood testing in an effort to find the five-year-old Milton girl a bone marrow match.

Laura Secord in town Thursday

A dramatized interview with Laura Secord will be held tomorrow night (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall.

Laura, played by professional actress Elizabeth Clarke, will travel across Lake Ontario by schooner from the year 1836 to be interviewed about her life, her family and her famous walk.

The event, sponsored by the Milton Historical Society, will include member Ruth Taylor, a descendent of Laura Secord, in a supporting role.

The event will be free, and those interested are encouraged to come early as seating is limited.



Locked out

Long line-ups were the order of the day on opening night of the spring session of harness racing Sunday at Mohawk Raceway. Thousands waited hours to enter the Campbellville track as locked out betting clerks of local 528 of the Service Employees International Union staged an information picket in their labor dispute with the Ontario Jockey Club. Clerks have been locked out of jockey club-run tracks for four weeks. Traffic trying to gain entrance to the Guelph Line track was backed up to Highway 401 for several hours.

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Funding cuts paint a 'painful' picture

By TIM WHITNELL
Special to The Champion

A Halton Board of Education superintendent believes general funding information just released by the education ministry reconfirms the board's bleak future.

Although exact figures haven't been calculated and probably won't be known until later this week, Paul Anthony, the board's superintendent of staff services, said Friday that "it looks as painful as we thought it would be."

Mr. Anthony was reacting to a perusal of 10 pages of so of General Legislative Grant (GLG) information that Ontario's Conservative government provided to school boards across the province recently.

Among the notable items in the province's GLG allocations are:

- operating grant support for elementary and secondary education has been reduced by \$231 mil-



"We won't be laying off as many (teachers) as we anticipated."

- Linda Glover
HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

lion for the 1996 calendar year

- similar grant support for 1997-98 will be announced in the spring
- the regular day-school annual grant for elementary pupils in 1996-97 drops nearly \$150 per student to \$4,028, while the same grant for secondary students is reduced by nearly \$200 per pupil to \$4,920. Halton currently has more than 40,000 elementary and secondary students.

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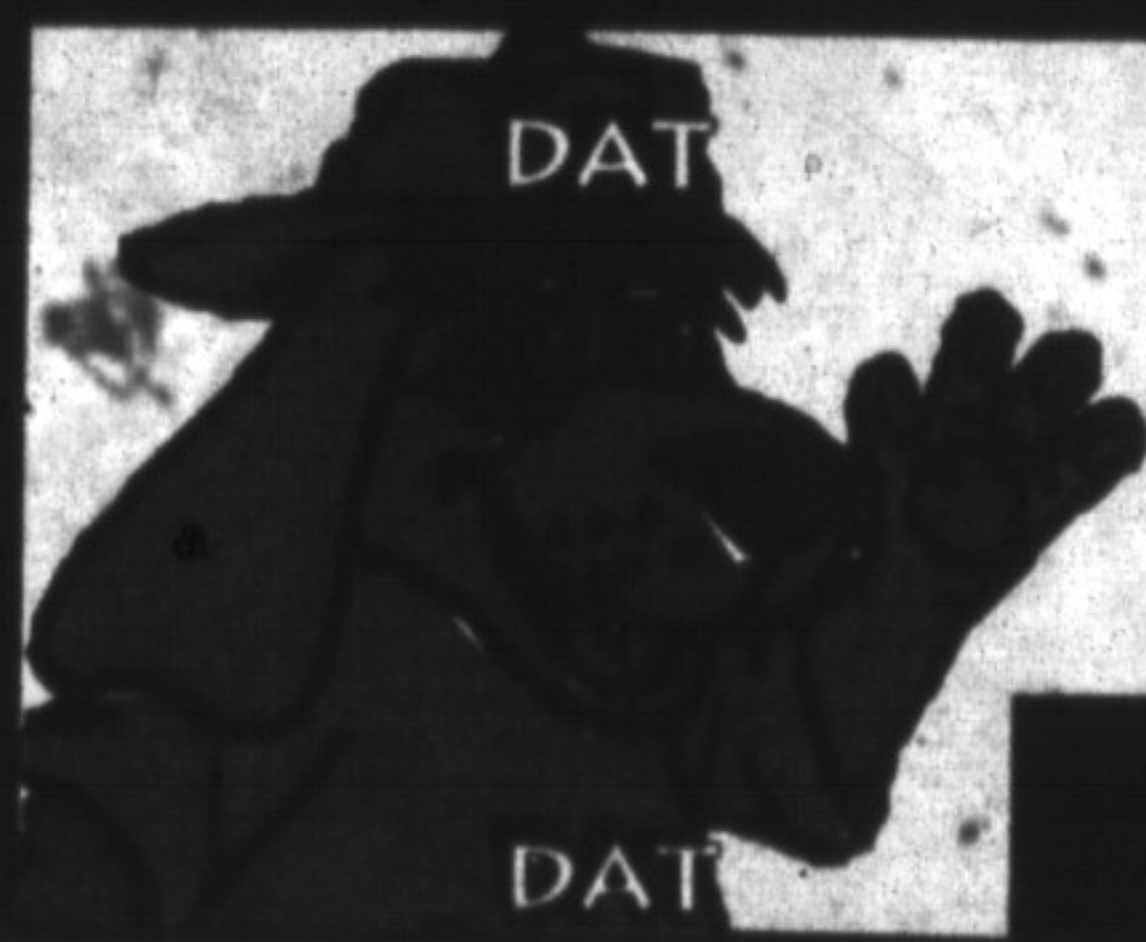
Wayne McNally, the board's superintendent of business services, said he had "no idea" Friday how the GLG report would specifically translate into reduced funding or alter the prospect of massive job losses at the board.

Mr. McNally said more precise numbers and their consequences would be better understood sometime this week.

The province expects individual boards to formulate their budgets for the upcoming year on the basis of legislative information and dollar figures contained in the preliminary, non-board specific fiscal overview.

In Halton's case, \$10-15 million have been banded about as a possible spending reduction target for 1996-97. A cut of that magnitude would represent between four and five per cent of the

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