

Residents raised \$100,000 for young Deidre Scholtz

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ing down the hallway. Students and staff were evacuated while firefighters finished dousing the 10:30 a.m. blaze, which a janitor had already partially extinguished.

• Halton's kindergarten kids would continue to go to school half-days, but they would soon have to walk further to get to the classroom. The half-day kindergarten program was one of few items on the Board of Education's hit list to emerge intact, following a marathon budget session. The school board had proposed a plan to switch all kindergarten students to full-day, alternate day programs, to save about \$500,000 a year in noon busing

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expenses. While trustees rejected that plan, they did agree to cut busing for kindergarten students living within 1.6 km of their school.

• Rousing applause echoed through the Golden Griddle restaurant early one Tuesday morning. Clem Scholtz signed a cheque for \$99,700 — raised through numerous charitable events over the past several weeks — to cover the cost of lab tests conducted in an effort to find five-year-old Deidre Scholtz a bone marrow donor. The

cheque signing was part of a special fundraising breakfast attended by volunteers, members of the business community and local politicians.

• Tireless volunteer Betty Ingle was honoured for her long-time service to the community as the 1995 Citizen of the Year during the annual Community Awards Gala at Halton Hills Place. Carol McDonald won Business Person of the Year, Bill's Auto Body was named Business of the Year, the Milton Historical Society was the Civic Organization of the Year and the Civic Improvement of the Year award went to members of the Milton Horticultural Society.

• Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett became

only the seventh member of the current Halton police force to take the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy Program. A 28-year veteran of the Halton Region Police Service, Det. Sgt. Eacrett successfully completed the 11-week course which included forensic sciences, interviewing and interrogation techniques, microcomputers, profiling violent criminals, American police and government institutions, as well as a grueling conditioning component.

• Popular singing priest Father Mark Curtis returned to town to launch a new recording that was expected to raise thousands of dollars for epilepsy research. The former Holy Rosary

priest had recently completed a 14-song compact disc full of his own contemporary pop creations. The recording features the songs "You Are a Gift to Me," written by Father Mark for a video promoting a cancer research fund, and "She's More Than A Name," dedicated to Paul Bernardo's teenaged victims, Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French.

• Milton tennis sensation Katherine Rammo was third at the Core! Under-14 Indoor Junior Nationals at the White Oaks Inn and Racquet Club in St. Catharines. She was seeded third by Tennis Canada in the 40-player class and lived up to all expectations in the overall singles competition.



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