

MDHS Mustangs top-rated high school baseball team

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in a Hamilton park. Graeme John Barrett, the board's superintendent of education services, was charged with sexual assault in a Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police undercover operation. The 53-year-old Burlington resident was charged in Operation Rosebud.

• Deidre Scholtz was expected home after a successful bone marrow transplant. Pleased father Clem Scholtz reported the news from his Satok Crescent house. "She's in very good shape. The doctors are happy with her condition and how she's progressing. The transplant appears to be working." With each passing day, the odds got better for the five-year-old girl, who locally became a household name in her family's search for a lifesaving bone marrow donor.

• The first fundraising event for the future of the Ontario Agricultural Museum was scheduled. The event, organized by the Ontario Rural Heritage Preservation Committee, was to incorporate a picnic and evening of rural music.

• A potential break-through appeared in Milton's long-standing lack of water dilemma, which hindered town growth for more than a decade. "I finally see some daylight here," said Milton Councillor Barry Lee, after a joint meeting of Halton Region's planning and administra-

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tion committees. Mr. Lee was pleased with an expression of interest from Peel Region to negotiate a connection to Halton's water system. According to Halton's commissioner of planning and public works Art Leitch, Peel has extra capacity in its water treatment plants which it would like to put to use.

• The Milton District Mustangs were Ontario's top rated high school baseball team heading into the Blue Jay Cup finals at the SkyDome, and showed just why during it. Picked as favourites to win the cup throughout their 1996 campaign, the 'Stangs proved the experts right with an 8-0 triumph over the Woodlands Rams of Mississauga. It was the crowning achievement in MD's near-perfect season, as the local crew finished up with a remarkable 21-1 record.

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• In an unprecedented move, the Milton District Hospital board of directors agreed to pay a local obstetrician for his on-call services. Dr.

Sushil Suppal, the town's only obstetrician, would receive funding from the hospital for his on-call services from July 1 to June 30, 1997. The hospital board agreed to pay \$50,000 minus the amount of money Dr. Suppal was expecting to receive from the provincial government to help fund the cost of his malpractice insurance.

• Milton's Harry Barnes and Tina Braam earned the right to compete at the World Duathlon Championships in Ferrara, Italy with first-place finishes in their age divisions at the Canadian championships in Hamilton.

• A sexual assault charge against Halton Board of Education superintendent Graeme Barrett was withdrawn. Fearing the charge couldn't be proven due to insufficient evidence, the Crown instead cut a deal with Mr. Barrett in a Hamilton courtroom. The Burlington resident agreed to conditions of making a donation to charity and promising not to return to a Hamilton park, where the alleged sexual activity took place.

• The Ontario Renaissance Festival kicked off its inaugural season in rural Milton with fine weather, good cheer and a crowd of 2,700. From opening morning ceremonies to the late afternoon grand joust, the festival was a tribute to 16th century England. Milton's new tourist attraction opened on schedule, despite a rainy spring that delayed construction of the Eighth Line site.

related crash that killed two young Milton women was told he could no longer speak on behalf of an anti-drunk driving group after he successfully appealed his lifetime driving ban. John Lake, whose driving ban was reduced to 10 years, was busted as a public speaker with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers' (MADD) educational programs.

• Liz and Clem Scholtz realized a dream when their little girl came home with a new lease on life. The beaming couple left the Hospital for Sick Children with five-year-old Deidre in their arms following a trying five-month battle with aplastic anemia. "Our prayers have been answered," said a tearful Mrs. Scholtz in the Toronto hospital's lobby. "We will be forever grateful."

• The threat of layoffs at Milton Hydro came to light during ongoing labour negotiations. Hydro negotiators suggested during a meeting between the two sides that the commission was looking at laying off six or seven unionized employees. Bill Rowney, a hydro commissioner, declined comment on the situation. "I'm not in any position to talk about it," he said. Milton Hydro sought an injunction to limit picketing in the ongoing dispute, as more allegations were reported of violence on the picket lines.

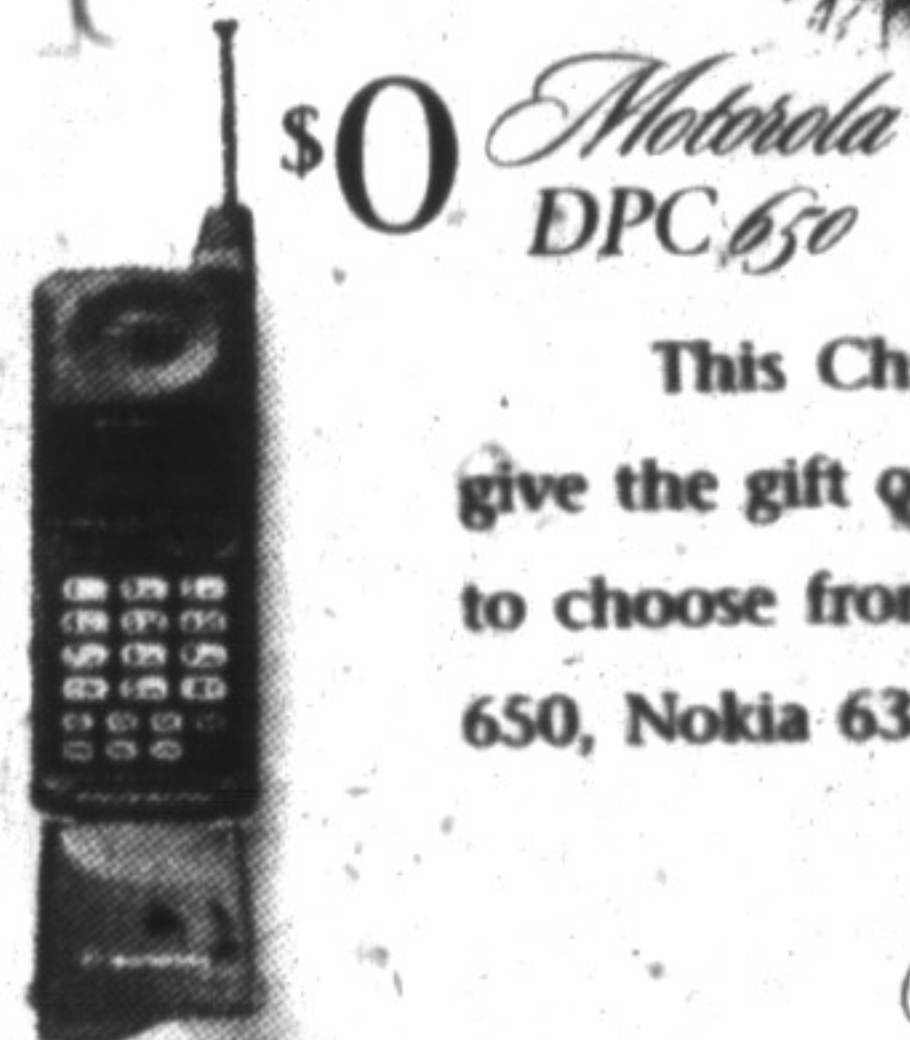
• A Canada Post mail box at Main Street and Wilson Drive was set on fire twice in one week.

• A man convicted in an alcohol-

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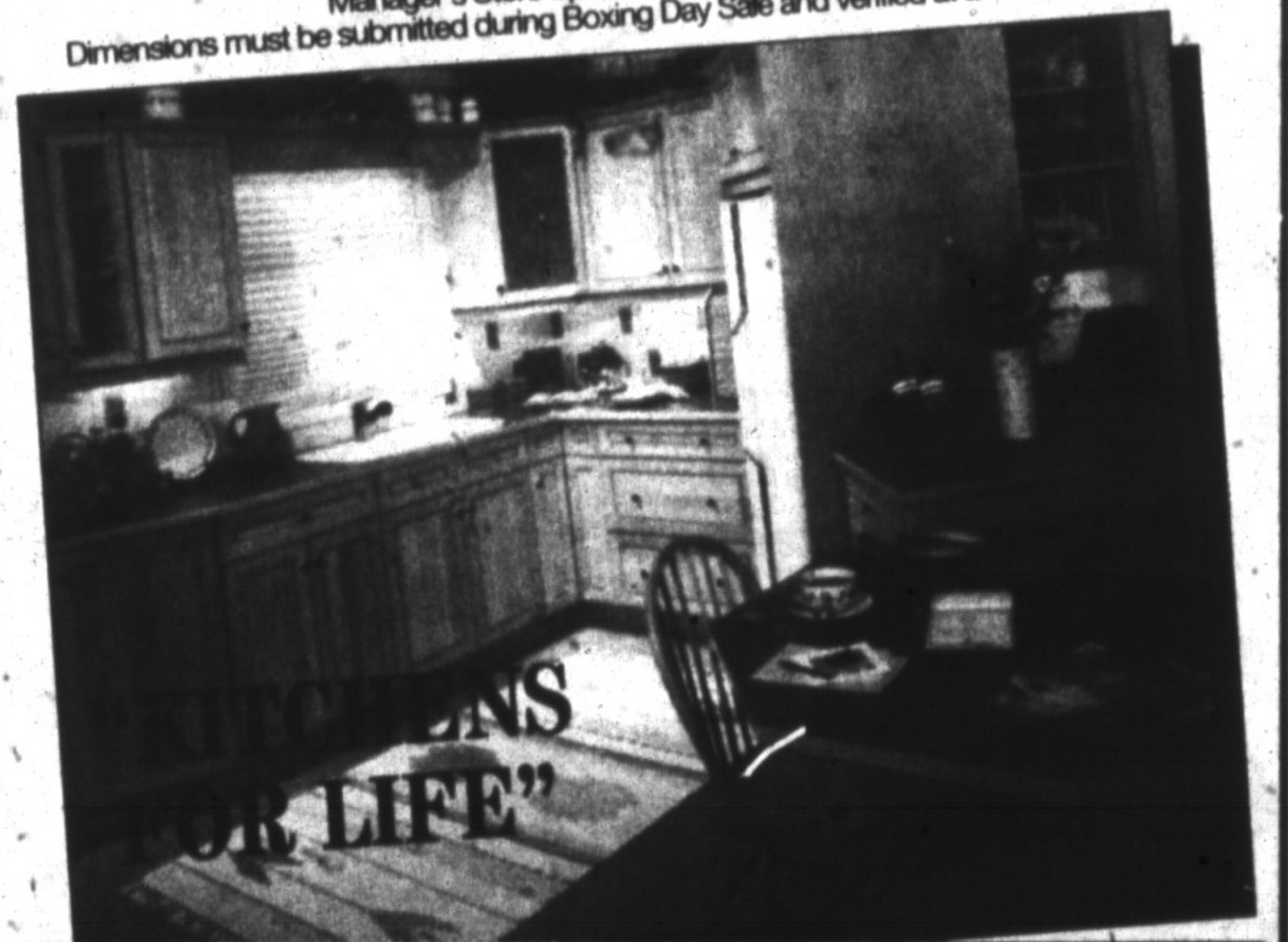
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