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## Mayor's comments...

# Council goes hog-wild

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Some town councillors went hog-wild Monday night over comments made by Mayor Russ Miller in a Burlington newspaper last week.

Pam Sheldon told council she wanted a public apology from the Mayor for referring to members of council as "pigs."

"I'm concerned about the image of this municipality," Councillor

tried to place the Mayor's comments in context for the benefit of those councillors who were not familiar with the incident.

"There were five hogs in the pen," Riek Bonnette said. "The pig is one of the smartest domestic animals; I don't take it as an insult."

Pam Sheldon said Mr. Miller's comments were only a few in a string of actions throughout his term which she said has embarrassed Halton Hills Council. Mrs. Sheldon first heard of the incident when she travelled to a Region of Halton function and found everyone talking about it, she said.

Councillor Betty Fisher noted that although the Mayor may have made the pig comment in jest, he should be careful in public because his comments may be misconstrued.

"He is casting untoward aspersions on members of this council," Betty Fisher said. "It's classless. You can do it in your own circle of friends, but don't do it in public."

Acting Chairman, Councillor Gerald Rennie said he felt the Mayor should be able to defend himself. However, Mrs. Sheldon pointed out she had no opportunity to defend herself when Russ Miller made the original comment.

Pam Sheldon also indicated her distress at the functions the Mayor had chosen not to attend in the past.

Councillor Al Cook reminded her that Mr. Miller had a serious operation last year which made him unable to attend certain functions.

"Please don't muddy the waters, Councillor Cook," Mrs. Sheldon said. "I would never take the Mayor to task over his operation."

Councillor Riek Bonnette said Mr. Miller's comment was meant as a joke. He reminded council of the Mayor's comments following a sheep herding contest. The Mayor said the sheep were like his council "they aren't following me."

"Calling five members of this council pigs is not funny," Coun. Sheldon said.



Pam Sheldon



Lillias Bowman

Sheldon said. "I am not amused."

Mayor Miller did not attend Monday's council meeting.

Following his win at the hog-calling contest in Burlington, Mayor Russ Miller was quoted in the Burlington Spectator as saying: "It was a tough win; pigs aren't attracted to me. I have five of them on council."

Pam Sheldon said it is not a coincidence that five members of the Halton Hills council are women.

"This is the height of shameful arrogance," she said. "He has not only disgraced the mantle of the Mayor's office, he has tarnished members of this council."

Lillias Bowman agreed with Mrs. Sheldon and added she felt public apology is not enough to satisfy her.

"I take this as a personal insult," Coun. Bowman said. "It's a disgraceful way to speak. The damage has already been done."

Councillor Riek Bonnette, who attended the contest with the Mayor,

## Forecast a major storm at October 3 open house

Would you like to forecast a major storm or see how a park master plan is prepared? How about a close look at a live Great Horned Owl or witness the planting of a 20 foot tree in three minutes? You can do all of these things at the new administration building of the Halton Region Conservation Authority during a public open house that will be held Oct. 3 from 1-4 p.m. The open house is also a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Authority's watershed conservation program.

Most watershed residents are quite familiar with the conservation areas and the many programs and services available. However, many people are not aware of the Authority's role in planning, operations and program administration. During the open house and anniversary celebra-

tion, everyone is welcome to tour the new administration facility, located on Britannia Road in Burlington, just west of the Guelph Line.

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In the pink

Gary Sherriffs of Glen Williams found himself "in the pink" when he returned home from work last Wednesday. In honor of his 50th birthday, his sister-in-law Joan Truchan of Burlington rented 50 pink flamingos (which Mr. Sherriffs hates with a passion) and planted them on his front lawn. The proceeds from renting the birds goes towards the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Anyone wishing to "put a friend in the pink" for a special occasion can call Tom Politi at 873-1146. (Herald photo)



Fairest of them all

A few smiles later, Tracy Curils could cry and rejoice about her big win as the new Miss Acton Fall Fair Queen. She was judged by a panel of three Friday evening at the Acton arena, filled to capacity for the occasion. The first runner up was Tracy Wrigglesworth. More pictures are on Page H4. (Photo by Simon Wilson)

## Acton elderly soon could have 'centre'

For several years Seniors in Acton have recognized the need for a Seniors Community Centre for social, cultural, and recreational purposes. In Acton some 1200 people are Seniors who would be able to enlarge the sphere of their life's activities through such a Centre and enjoy a greater sense of well-being in consequence.

The Golden Age Club with a membership of 150 meets regularly twice each month in St. Alban's Church Hall, but the room is getting too small for them, is not available as frequently as many would wish, and does not lend itself to many of the things Seniors would like to do.

What Seniors want is a place of their own where they could drop in everyday and pursue a wide spectrum of activities and opportunities. Sept. 1 the Golden Age Club took the first step toward getting their own place. They agreed unanimously to call for the election of a Seniors Community Centre Committee with the responsibility to plan, promote, and execute the acquisition of a Seniors Community centre for Acton and District.

Provincial funding is available for senior centres which are open to all seniors of a given community. Support must be obtained from the town council and the community served before provincial support can be forthcoming and much of the committee's task would be to obtain that support. Such a centre built for all seniors would be administered through a board of directors whose members would be representative of the whole community.

An organizational meeting for the election of the Committee's members will be held at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 19 Willow Street, North, on Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Interested persons of Acton and District are encouraged to attend. Persons willing to stand for nomination to this Committee can phone Eileen Eberls at 853-1125 or Gerald Rennie at 853-0646. It is hoped that the Committee will consist of Seniors and non-Seniors of many walks of life in Acton and will receive wholehearted support from the whole community.

## Low-cost housing grant

Two social service agencies in Halton will be receiving provincial government money to set up low-cost housing.

The North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped and Halton Adolescent Support Ser-

vices will receive grants to set up special housing under the Ministry of Housing's Project 3000 program.

The allocations were announced at Wednesday's Planning and Public Works Committee meeting at the Region of Halton.

## Mitton is world-wide VP

A Delma Court woman was elected vice-president of the world-wide YWCA movement last week in Phoenix, Arizona.

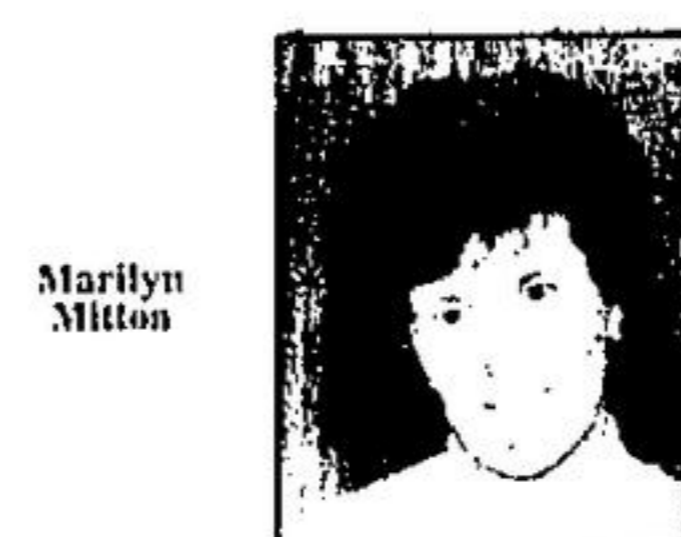
Marilyn Mitton, is one of five vice-presidents serving a four year term. She was elected by 400 voting members at a 12-day meeting of YWCAs around the world.

The Georgetown resident was selected among 54 people vying for the prestigious position. There were 74 countries represented at the world council in Phoenix.

Mrs. Mitton was also chosen as one of 18 world executive committee members.

A former member of the Georgetown Y advisory board, the mother of two children will be expected to do some travelling during her term. The headquarters for the international YWCA is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Before her election, Mrs. Mitton had been spending about 500 volunteer hours per year working on the Canadian YMCA executive as chairman of the nomination committee, relocation committee and serv-



Marilyn Mitton

ing on several others committees.

It took two years for her nomination to be processed for the role as world-wide YWCA vice-president.

The world executive is a policy-making body which plans strategies and implements proposals to aid its 81 members. "It's a matter of how we can all help each other — an exchange where all benefit," she said.

Mrs. Mitton said she will be expected to act in a public relations and marketing role for the world executive. Already she has welcomed and entertained visiting Y dignitaries who were attending the

## United Way doubles goal

The canvassers are ready and the expectations are high as the United Way of Halton Hills prepares for the Oct. 1 official kick-off of its second fund-raising campaign.

This year's goal is \$140,000 which represents at 50 per cent increase over last year's campaign total of \$93,500. The total campaign consists of several sectors each manned by dedicated trained volunteers. There are 600 volunteers who will canvass every home in Halton Hills. This week the corporate campaign kicks off with United Way volunteers visiting large, medium and small industries asking for corporate donations and employee payroll deductions.

The campaign kicks-off with a special breakfast at the Georgetown McDonald's. McDonald's will continue its support of the United Way of Halton Hills by donating 50 cents from each Egg McMuffin sold Oct. 1. This year's Campaigning chairman John Wickens and United Way of Halton Hills president Jim Kinnear will be on hand to serve hungry McDonald's patrons and hand out United Way literature.

The Campaign Kickoff Day continues with a luncheon at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club. Campaign Chairman John Wickens says by October 1 the corporate campaign will be well underway and in part corporate donors will be thanked for their support. Last year the corporate campaign had 53 local national firms with Halton Hills operations take part in payroll deductions.

Mr. Wickens says "The lunch will give us a chance to make a direct appeal to the retail, commercial and professional sectors whose help we need to put this year's campaign over the top."

Guest speaker at the lunch will be Alex McKee, a business reporter with CFIB in Toronto. McKee, a Georgetown resident, has been active in United Way campaigns in Vancouver and Winnipeg. He will share some business tips with the lunch participants.

Tickets for the October 1 luncheon can be ordered thru the United Way of Halton Hills office at 877-8335. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Route set for charity walk-athon

The route is set, the prizes donated and the pledge forms ready for the first United Way of Halton Hills-Kiwanis Walk-A-Thon in Georgetown. The four and eight kilometre walk-a-thons will be held Oct. 4 with registration getting underway at 1 p.m. and the walks starting at 2 p.m.

Both the four and eight kilometre walks start and finish at the Co-Op on Guelph Street. The routes parallel one another easterly along Guelph Street to Mountainview. At Mountainview the shorter route heads south to Delrex and winds along Delrex through the residential neighbourhood back to Co-Op. The longer route continues easterly along Guelph Street to Edward, south to Delrex and then winds back to Co-Op.

The route will be marked out with signs and at the half-way point the Red Cross will man a first aid booth. There will also be refreshments donated by the W. Neilson Co. Ltd. at the half-way mark and at the finish.

Participants can walk, jog, race, bicycle or skateboard the route to help raise money for the United Way of Halton Hills fund raising campaign. This year's campaign goal is \$140,000 and with the Kiwanis of Georgetown helping organize and run the walk-a-thon it is hoped the event will help reach and surpass the goal.

There will be entertainment at the Co-Op to kick off the walk-a-thon and curly bird prizes for the first 50 registrants. For the child who collects the most pledges the local Law firm of Helson, Kogon, Ashbee and Selajko will donate a \$200 gift certificate to be redeemed at a local sport shop. The prize for the adult who collects the most pledges is a week-end for two at the Lowes Westbury Hotel in Toronto.

Pledge forms are being handed out to all school children in Halton Hills, the local service clubs, boy scouts and girl guides. Pledge forms are available at the United Way of Halton Hills office at 10 Mountainview South or by phoning 877-8335.

## In the hills

### Hallowe'en peanuts

Now that summer is over, the Georgetown and District Chapter of the Kidney Foundation is also going into action again.

Thinking ahead to Halloween, they are launching their annual Peanut Campaign. Large bags, containing 18 small packages of Planters Peanuts are sold for \$2 each. They make healthy Halloween treats, lunchbox additions or protein rich snacks.

Help fight Kidney Disease. If you would like to support very necessary research and buy some nutritious snacks, phone 877-7576 or 853-3667 after 6 p.m.

### Pipers' ball

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band has appeared recently at Georgetown, Fergus and Dutton Highland Games. Coming is the Annual Ball at Holy Cross Church Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. It gives the Pipers a chance to say "thank you" to their many friends.

Tickets can be obtained from Virginia Hulme at 877-2145 or at the door.

### Spill experts

Halton Region will present certificates to six staff members who have completed an emergency spill response training program.

Regional staff are expected to coordinate a team of emergency workers at any spill site. Each regional staff member must complete a training program which includes classroom and on-the-job training.

Each staff member receives specific knowledge in the use of chemical suits and breathing apparatus, transporting dangerous goods, confined space entry techniques, and Halton air monitoring system.

Vic Lesnicki, Ron Hall, Phil Sidhu, Gerrit Bultenhuys, Albert Shames, and Victor Vathy will receive their certificates from Regional council at the meeting on September 23.

### First aid course

The Red Cross Standard First Aid course begins at the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Hall October 1. Classes start at 7 p.m.

The Ambulance Hall is located at Guelph and Chapel Streets. Those interested in participating may register at the first class.

The cost is \$30 per person. For more information call the Red Cross office at 877-5233 or 877-1211.

### Scout registration

1st. Acton Cubs have started meeting Monday nights at the Scout Hall, Acton at 7 p.m.

There are still openings for boys wishing to join.

Register at the Scout Hall on Monday night or phone 853-2751.

### Biker 'lunks'

An Acton councillor is urging dirt bike riders to stay out of public parks.

Referring to them as "lunkheads," Norm Elliott said young people who drive their dirt bikes through town parks are destroying the environment for other members of the public.

"I find it particularly galling to have some lunkhead rip up the park's lawns, on which the taxpayers have spent a lot of money to groom," Mr. Elliott told Halton Hills council Monday.

Mr. Elliott pointed out that the parents of dirt bikers are required to have liability insurance. He urges them to get the bikes away from the park and to report any infractions to the police.

"The damage around Fairy Lake is disgusting," Mr. Elliott said. Let's get the police to lay some charges to prevent people treating the parks in such a thoughtless manner."