

## Pat Giguere honoured

### MUNICIPAL DIGEST

Tanner columnist Pat Giguere received some much-deserved praise and heartfelt thanks during a special presentation at Halton Hills Council on Monday night.

Giguere received a plaque from the Province and a gift from retiring Mayor Russ Miller in recognition of her being named Halton Hills Senior of the Year for 1994.

A modest Giguere told Council she didn't know why she was being thanked for her work on seniors' issues.

"Anything that I have done, I've had fun doing and I've enjoyed it very much," Giguere said.

"The people of Acton are great to work with and for, and we have fun together. That is the main thing and the purpose of life that keeps me young," Giguere said.

Giguere said it was wonderful to be recognized but that she does not feel she deserves it.

### Elliott supports freeze

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott supports Town Council's move to freeze non-agricultural development along the Steeles Avenue-Hwy. 401 industrial corridor until a full study is done.

The decision to reassess the future of the southern gateway to Halton Hills was sparked by an application for a compost facility in Hornby.

Equity Waste Management's plans for a facility have been side-tracked by Council's decision.

As he urged other Councillors to support the study and temporary development freeze, Elliott

argued that there are other stakeholders in the plan besides Hornby landowners.

"We're not turning Equity's application down. We are just saying that it is premature and will not get our stamp of approval until things are done, if at all," Elliott said at last Monday's Council.

"We are all taxpayers and we all have a stake in this decision. I don't think anything else should happen in that area until it is looked at very carefully."

The study is expected to take eight months to complete.

### Escarpment protection

By a vote of 63-6, a bill to protect the Niagara Escarpment was passed and given Royal Assent last Thursday at Queen's Park.

Bill 62, which bans all new landfill sites on the Escarpment, was the brain-child of Halton North MPP Noel Duignan and the north Halton group known as Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER).

Duignan said Bill 62 effectively kills plans to turn a mined-out portion of the Acton Quarry into a massive landfill site.

Before a Town Council meeting on Monday night Duignan said RSI could go to court.

"RSI could challenge the legislation in court but they would be challenging the right of the Crown to legislate," Duignan said.

RSI officials are uncertain of their plans and call the bill unfair.

The ban on landfilling covers the 14 to 20 abandoned gravel pits on the escarpment in the north Halton area.



**LIGHTS, CAMERA ...** Action for Acton members got together at a recent Saturday morning Trunk Sale to welcome all area residents to the giant "community garage sale." From left, Jack Carpenter, Jake Kuiken, Betty-Jean Colwill, Ted Tyler, John Deakin and Paul Nolan. This Saturday's Trunk Sale, held at the parking lot across from the Hide House, will be a special Canada Day celebration featuring a giant 127th Birthday cake. (Photo by Carol Murphy)

## No lifeguards at Park beach

BY DOUG HARRISON  
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Due to cutbacks, the Prospect Park beach will again have no lifeguard on duty this summer.

However, the beach hotline number (853-0501) will be posted at the site if people have concerns about the bacteria count in the water.

This is nothing new at the beach, which hasn't been guarded for the last four years.

"There's always a concern, because you don't want children to be unsupervised," admits Nancy Gilchrist, summer manager for the

Indoor Pool and Prospect Park.

"But some people think an 8-year-old accompanying another 8-year-old is supervision, and that's not the case. The general aquatic rule for facilities is supervision, and that's for all facilities."

As of late last week, the E.coli (bacteria) count at the old beach location (in the Cameron Street area) was 92 and just over 100 at the new beach (around the pavilion), says Halton Region Health Department environmental health specialist Bob Hart.

"We'll be sampling the water once a week until the Labour Day

weekend. Anything around 100 E.coli per 100ml sample of water is acceptable," he says. "There's no indication that the quality of water is rapidly deteriorating."

Hart adds the bacteria count tends to rise after a long period of hot, dry weather. The count may increase after a heavy rain as well because sediment is washed in the water, bringing bacteria with it. This usually dissipates in 24 hours.

"Usually the beach side of Fairy Lake is very good," says Gilchrist. "When the wading pool is open there will be a guard available to assist in the beach area."

"The beach is fine if kids have parental supervision. There's no problem swimming there at all."

However, Gilchrist warns the depth of water increases significantly about 10 feet beyond the buoyline.

Weeds should not pose a problem to swimmers if they remain within the buoyline, Gilchrist adds.

"If the bacteria count is high and children get water in their ears or on their face, they could be infected or suffer from an upset stomach. As well, swallowed water could result in diarrhea," says Gilchrist.

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## Avoid alcohol problems

Let's continue with our remaining three tips to avoid alcohol problems. Your local police are pleased to present this information to you as part of our efforts to prevent alcohol problems.

3. **Give Yourself Time Off.** Drinking every day of the week - even one or two drinks a day - increases your risk of problems. A good rule of thumb is to limit your drinking to three days or less. For example, give yourself time off at sports events and on Sundays.

4. **Think Light.** Drink less by drinking lighter. For example, choose light beer, a wine spritzer or a drink with less than one ounce of spirits.

5. **Separate Your Drinking From Your Problems.** Alcohol is a depressant drug, not a problem-solver. Instead, talk to someone you trust or consult your employee assistance program at work for help.

A standard drink is 12oz beer (5% alcohol); 5oz wine (12% alcohol); 3oz fortified wine (e.g. sherry); or 1½oz spirits (e.g. rye, gin, rum).

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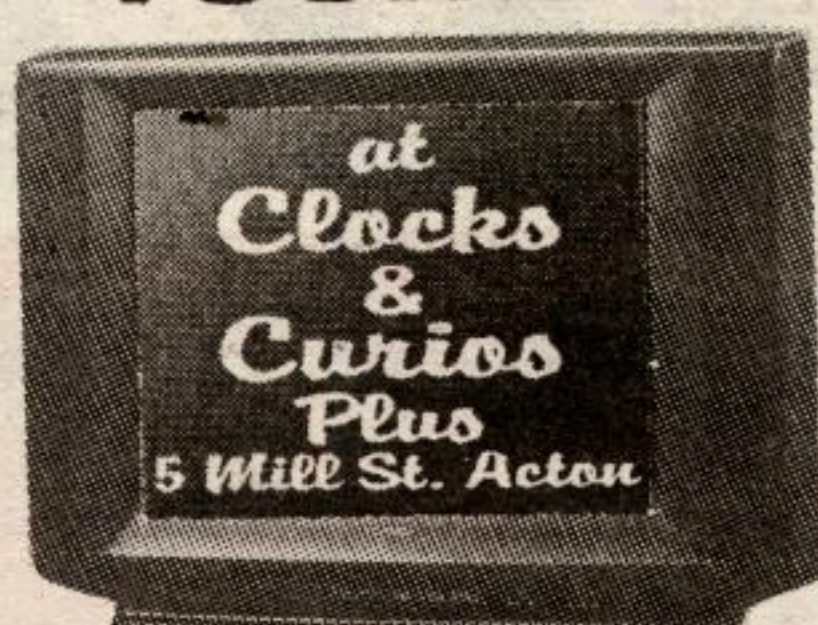
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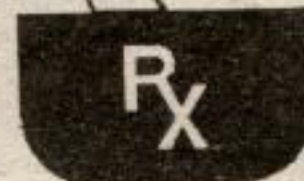


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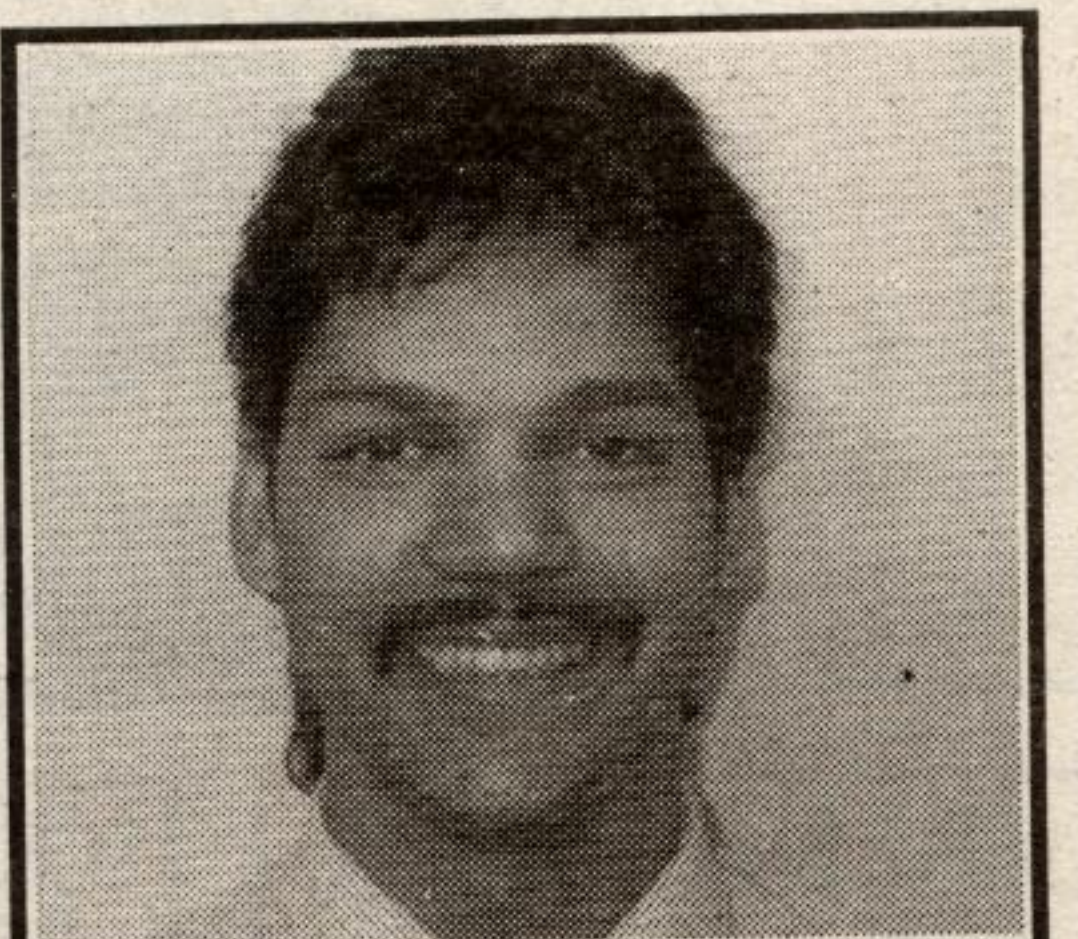
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From the Staff at Acton CTC.