

Giguere says 'you gotta have fun'

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The Acton Tanner

Pat Giguere doesn't go looking for fame and fortune.

But fame, if not fortune, has found her, as Giguere was named Halton Hills Senior Citizen of the Year for 1994.

"I never thought it would happen," says the Acton resident and *Tanner* columnist, who was honoured by the Town at a ceremony recently. "I do community work because I have fun. You have to have fun, because you're dead too long."

Giguere was given the award for her significant contribution to the community during her senior years.

"It's a great honour and I appreciate the fact I was nominated, but I don't know whether or not I deserve it. I feel very, very humble. I don't do things to get recognized," she says.

The 77-year-old moved to Acton in 1982 after spending 28 years working at the Canadian Landforces and Command Staff College in Kingston.

Giguere joined the Golden Age Club in town, and was treasurer for a year before being appointed travel convenor. After travelling herself, from 1984-87, she returned as second vice-president in 1988. Giguere advanced to first vice-president in 1990 before becoming president in '92.

She recently finished her presi-



HONOURED: Pat Giguere slows down just long enough for us to grab this shot inside her Acton home. (Doug Harrison photo)

dential duties and received her past-president pin.

"I'm interested in working with seniors. There's so much talent among them," Giguere exclaims.

Giguere, who has never carried a let-someone-else-do-it attitude, has been treasurer of the Acton Seniors' Centre committee since 1987 and for the last five or six years has been secretary of the Ontario Senior Games, which are set for Sudbury in August.

She's also an avid bowler. As well as being secretary of the Acton Five Pin Bowlers Association for one-and-a-half years, she bowls in the Friday Night mixed league, and last year placed fourth at the Ontario Five Pin provincial seniors tourney, receiving a plaque for her 258 high single.

Giguere says the friendliness of Acton has encouraged her to increase her community involvement. That, and the fact she feels guilty and can't get her mouth to say no.

She has a message for seniors and soon-to-be seniors.

"Don't always associate with your peers," suggests Giguere. "Mix with young people, because they're the ones who keep your mind active."

NEWS SHORTS

Hubcaps stolen on Churchill

Sometime between June 30 and July 1, all four chrome spoke hubcaps, valued at \$400, were stolen from a 1988 Buick at an Acton residence.

The car was in the parking lot at an apartment building on Churchill Road South. Police say there are no suspects in the theft at this time.

Impaired driving charges laid

A Guelph man was stopped by local police last Friday for driving erratically, and was subsequently charged with impaired driving.

The man was on Hwy. 7, west of Dublin Line and will appear in Milton court on Aug. 8.

Swans fly the coop

A male and female swan are missing from their pond at a 32 Sideroad residence. The two European Mute swans are valued at \$400.

Police are not sure whether the swans were stolen, or if they simply left the property.

Truck fire on Hwy. 25 north

The Halton Hills Fire Department reports that a pickup truck caught fire last Saturday at 5:42 am at a residence on Hwy. 25 north in Erin Township.

Damage is estimated at \$7,500. The cause is suspected to be a mechanical-electrical failure.

Can of gasoline catches fire

On Sunday morning, just 32 minutes after midnight, a five-gallon can of gasoline was found ablaze at a home on the Fourth Line and 17th Sideroad.

The fire was extinguished with no problems. Halton Regional police are investigating the cause of the blaze.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We might look at a house, but we've never been impulse buyers. We'll take our time."

— Mark Jones, lottery winner, Front Page

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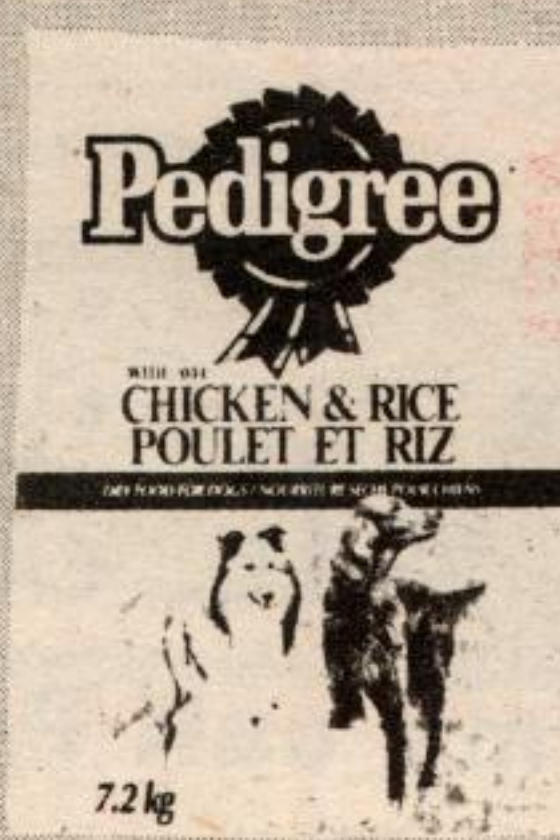
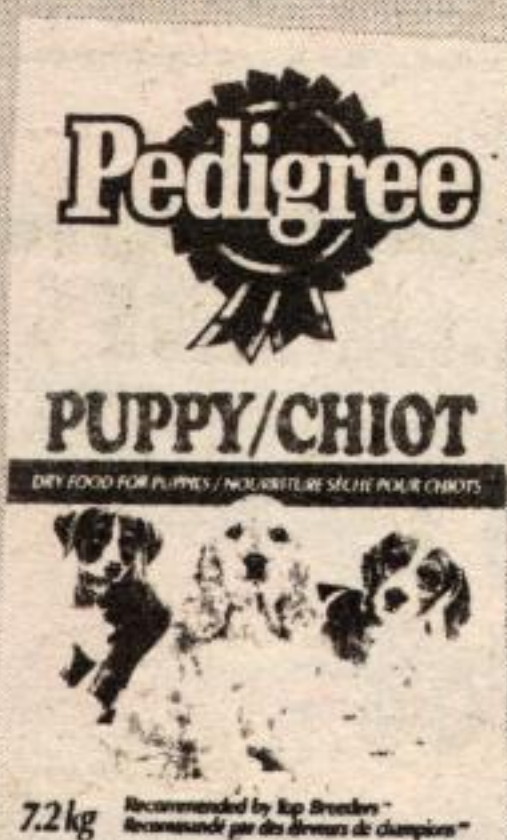
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