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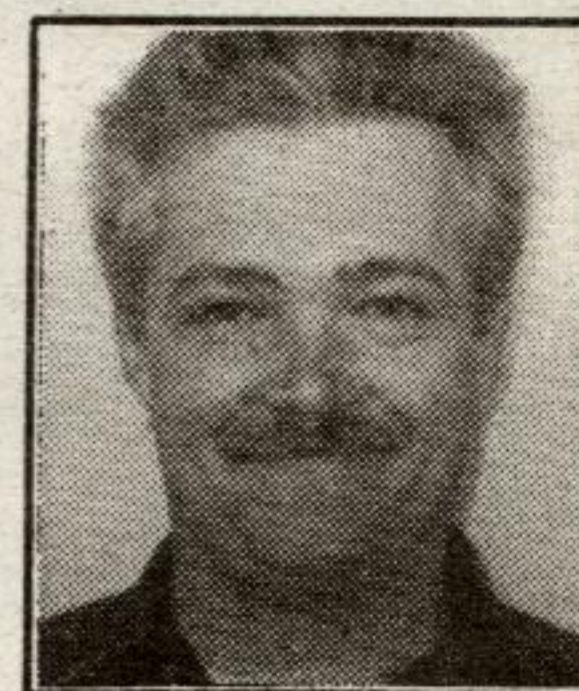


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## Rural Actonites blame quarry for water woes

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Acton Tanner

They can't prove it, but some rural Acton residents blame their water problems on United Aggregate Limited's (UAL) quarrying operation south of town.

The residents' water quality and quantity concerns have been heightened by UAL's application to increase the amount of water it may pump daily from the Fourth Line operation.

The Province is now gathering responses from various ministries, conservation authorities and local governments to UAL's request to pump an additional half million gallons of water a day from the newly expanded quarry on the south side of Regional Road 43.

Although the deadline for responses was October 6, Halton Hills Council has asked for an extension until October 31 and asked staff to try and set up a meeting with Ministry of Envi-

ronment and Energy (MOEE) officials to discuss the water taking permit application.

UAL's existing water taking permit for the part of the quarry north of Regional Road 43 allows them to pump 1.8 million gallons a day so workers can get at the limestone aggregate.

Area resident Pat Woode is sure that her water problems have been caused by the quarry, but has no concrete proof.

"I, and others living near the quarry, have great, grave concerns about what is going to happen to the wells and wetlands with the increased water-taking," Woode said in an interview on Thursday.

"I have no confidence in the amount of water they really are taking. At one point UAL had a permit to take a million gallons a day. Testing found that they were taking 1.7 million, so what does the Province do but up their permit to 1.8 million, even as people living on the Fourth Line complained about water shortages."

Woode said their ultimate goal is to stop the issuing of the water-taking permit and to eventually see the quarry turned into a reservoir.

"When there already is good, clean water in Halton Hills why should we pay millions to pipe water from Lake Ontario?"

"Instead of pumping millions of gallons out of the quarry it should be used right here in Halton Hills, and especially Acton where development is almost frozen because of a lack of water," Woode added.

UAL president Bill Burkhart dismissed Woode's claims as un-

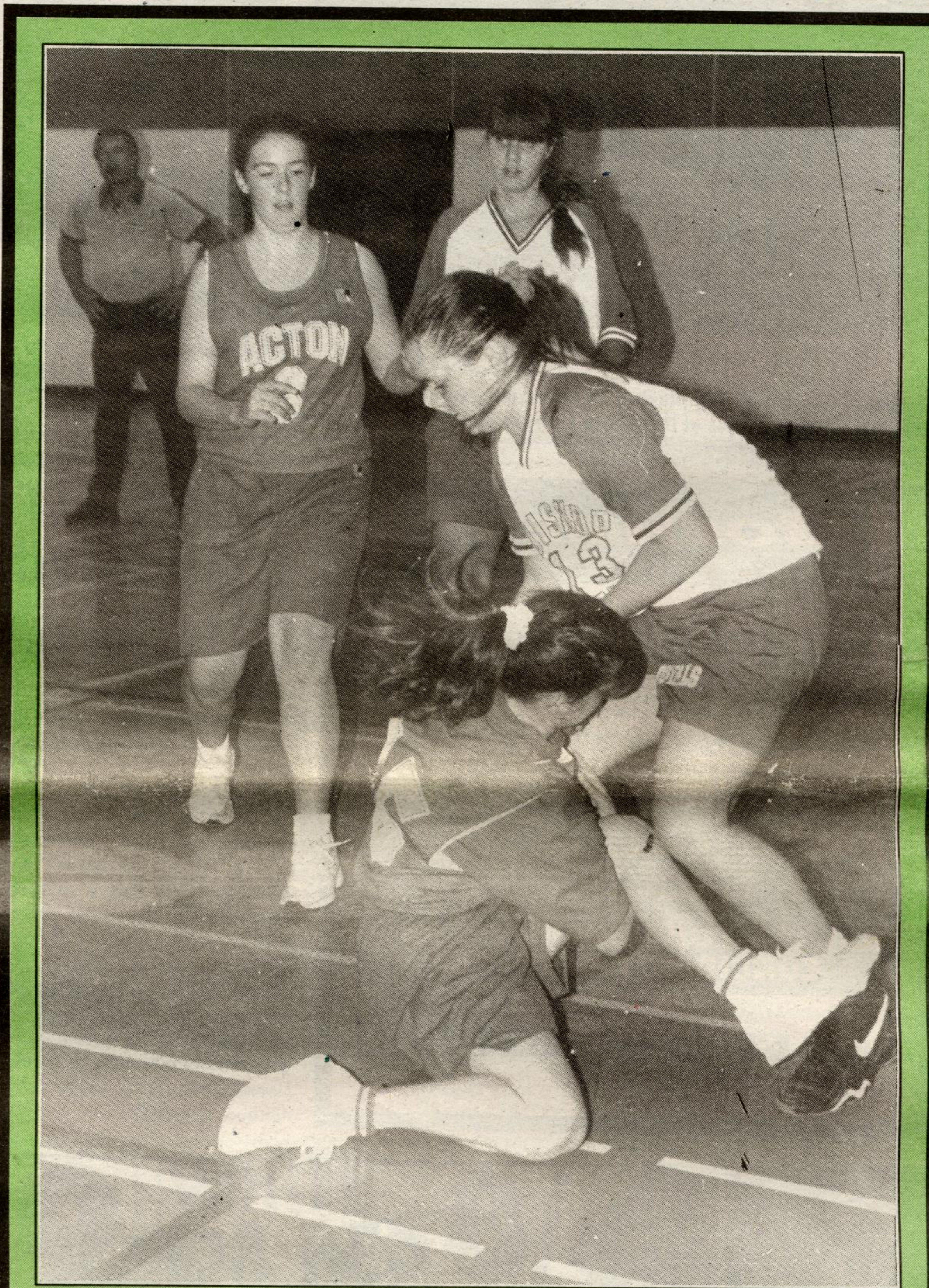
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## Santa calls for floats

The Acton Fire Fighters are again calling for entries for the '94 Santa Claus Parade, slated for Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 pm.

"We need community groups — large and small — to enter a float in the parade," explains organizer Bill Spielvogel.

The four float categories are Service Club, School, Commercial and Other. For more details, readers can reach Spielvogel at 853-2924. Deadline for entries is Nov. 7.



### LOOSE BALL!

Acton High's Vicki White goes to the floor to gain possession of the ball during Junior Girls' hoop action on Thursday at AHS. Teammate Melissa Ford looks on. The Redmen dropped the game 58-21 to Bishop Reding. (Doug Harrison photo)



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