

**OUCH!** Richard Anthony has the dubious honour of being Acton High School's first student with a pierced tongue. Anthony was asked what his parents thought. His response: "They like it." - Angela Tyler photo

**Citizens help**

**Police nab Main St. gun thief**

Halton police credit several sharp-eyed Acton citizens for helping them make an arrest and recover nine firearms stolen from a Main Street South apartment.

An alert citizen phoned police at noon last Tuesday after seeing a man load a number of weapons into a car and then drive south on Highway 25. The citizen was able to give police a description of the suspect and car along with the licence plate number.

A short time later police received information that the suspect had driven to Dublin Line, parked and then dragged a large suitcase into the bush. Police arrested a suspect at the scene and recovered seven shotguns, two replica handguns, a camera, VCR and television. The

man made threats against a witness and police and kicked out a window of the police cruiser.

An 18-year-old Leamington man remains in custody charged with possession of stolen property, uttering threats, break and enter, driving while disqualified and mischief.

**Gas leak evacuation**

A homeowner digging postholes for a backyard fence forced the evacuation of several homes and the closure of Birchway Place just before noon on Easter Sunday when he punctured a Union Gas pipeline.

The homeowner had called Union Gas to ask where it was safe to dig, but wrongly assumed that lines spray painted on his grass marked telephone, cable and

gas services.

As the homeowner dug in his backyard he hit a 2-inch plastic main that leaked natural gas until a Union Gas crew arrived on the scene and repaired it. The fire department and police helped with crowd and traffic control.

**Dodge gone**

Police are looking for a 1994 black Dodge Dakota pickup truck, plate number 123 ICK, stolen from a rural Acton residence late Saturday night. The keys were locked in the truck, parked at a residence on Highway 7 between the Fifth and Sixth Lines. The truck is valued at \$14,000.

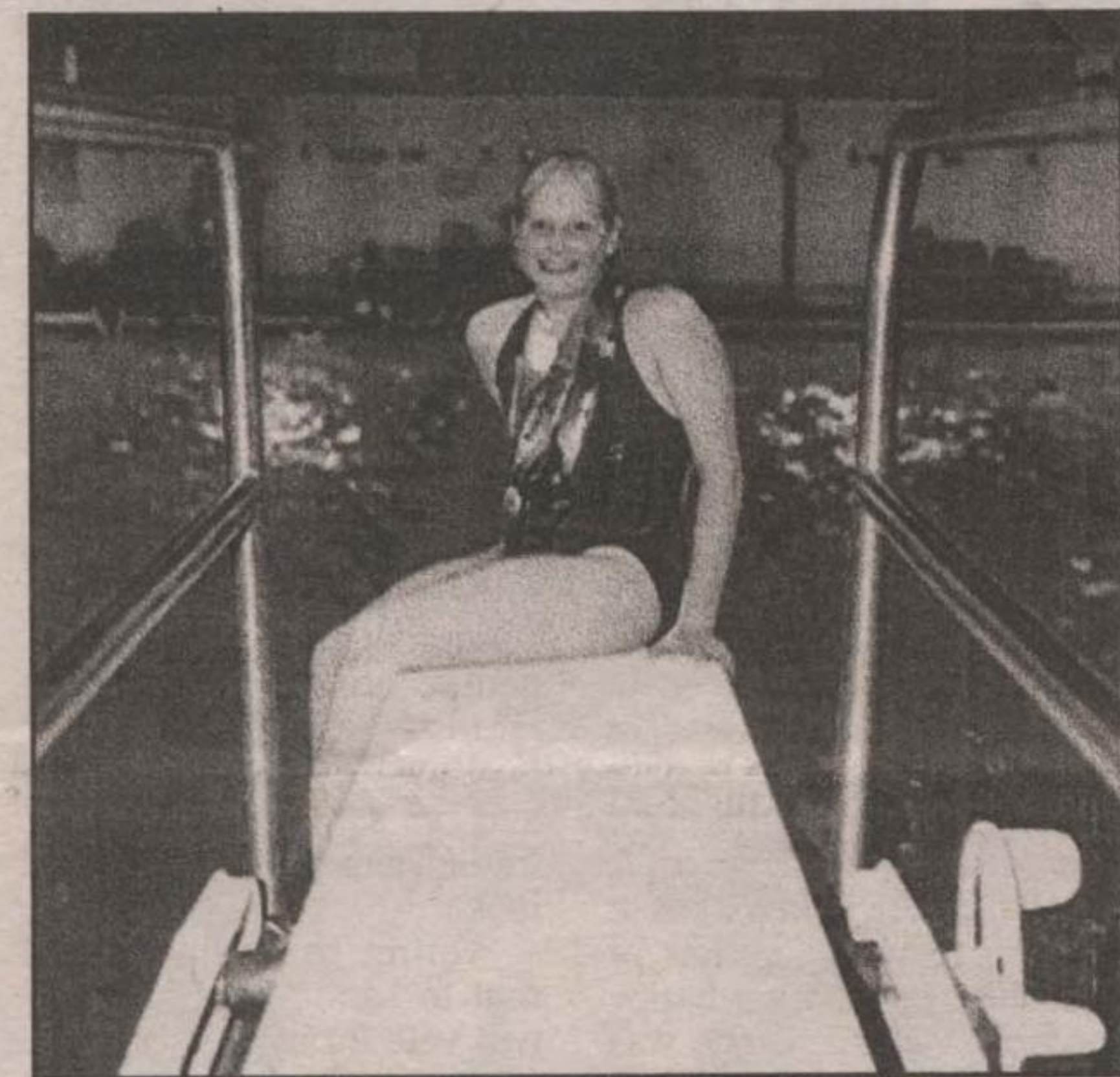
**Car recovered**

A 1990 Chrysler CDL stolen from the Station Hotel parking lot between 10 p.m.

and midnight Saturday was recovered a short while later on the Fifth Line north of Highway 7. Police report that the ignition had been punched but no other damage was done and the car was returned to its Acton owner.

**More grass fires**

The recent rash of grass fires continued over Easter weekend as Acton firefighters and equipment were called out several times. On Friday at 12:44 p.m. crews were called to a grass fire on the Sixth Line, south of Highway 7. Saturday morning at 10:26 Acton firefighters helped Milton crews battle a grass fire on the Sixth Line, just north of 25 Side Road, Nassagaweya. No cause was determined for either fire and there were no injuries or damage.



**LIKE A DUCK TO WATER:** Acton Aqua Ducks swim club member Kyla Strahl, of Erin, won five gold and two silver medals, and set a personal best time and club record at a recent meet in Pickering. - Frances Niblock photo

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