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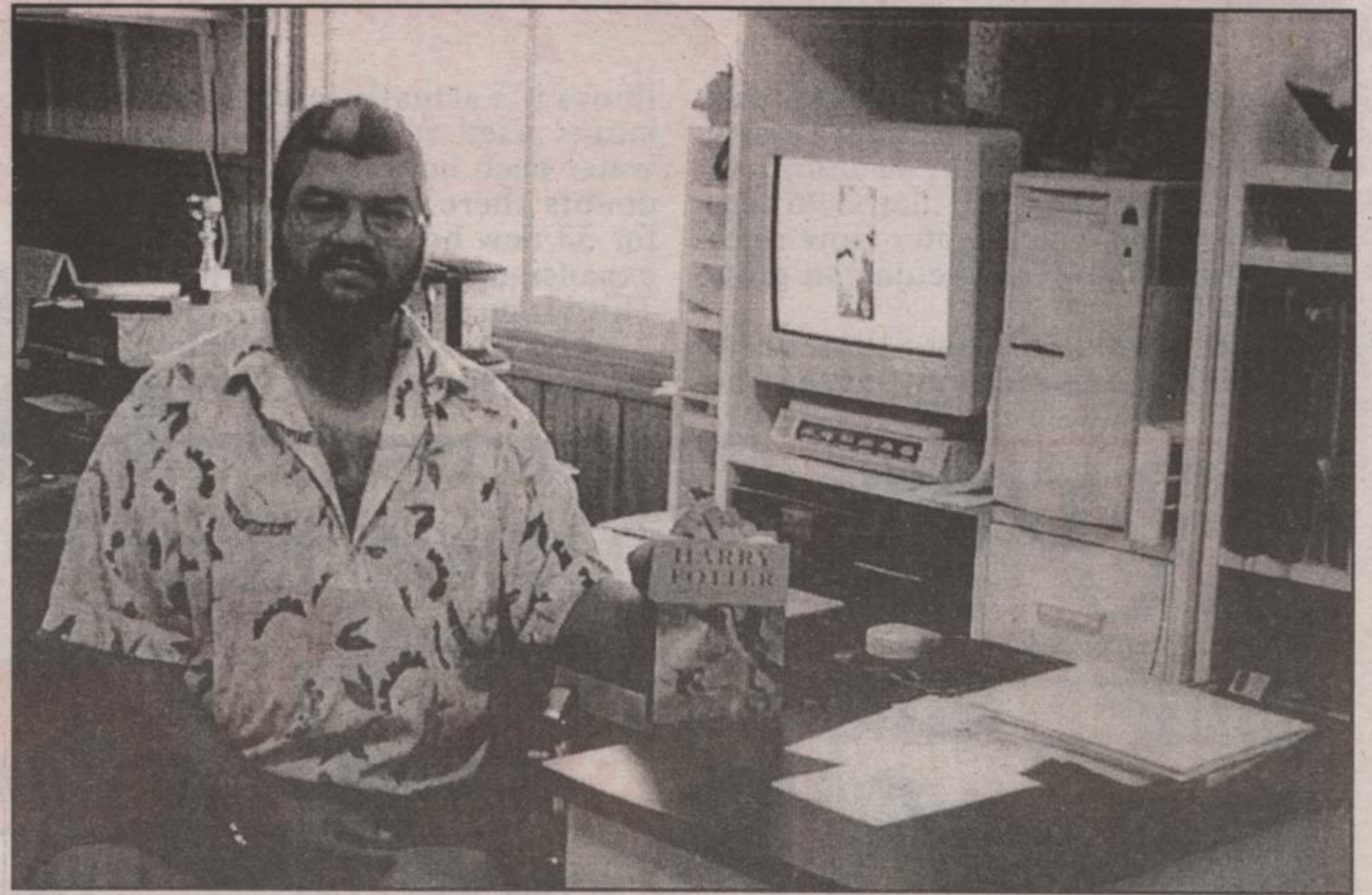


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### Playground safe

In response to the recent clearing of many Toronto playgrounds because of liability issues, Halton Hill's, Bryan Shynal, reported that while not all of the playground management inspections and reports are up to date, there is general compliance. None require measures "that radical," Shynal said, adding the Town's playground equipment is "relatively well managed," and any concerns are being dealt with on a priority basis.



**ACTON ARTIST:** The artwork of Acton illustrator Lar deSouza is posted on the unofficial Harry Potter web site, earning him a mention in a recent edition of USA Today. — Frances Niblock photo

## Lar deSouza in USA-Today

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unofficial web site, protesting it was for kids and he was a professional artist. He eventually sent some 30 drawings to the web master who posted them in the gallery and then used them as icons in the encyclopaedia.

deSouza said the Potter appeal is hard to define, but "bottom line, it's a well-written story — it's a good piece of fiction. It's like reading C.S. Lewis or Enid Blyton or Tolkein now — they're good stories with great characters, great plots and wonderful descriptions."

The latest book has given deSouza the urge to draw — he has lists of characters he wants to sketch — but was waiting until his wife finished reading it so he didn't spoil it for her.

The couple ordered the latest Potter book online but couldn't wait until it arrived and joined an early morning lineup at a Georgetown bookstore to buy two copies — one each because they read at different speeds.

As a commercial artist, deSouza, who once designed ad copy for the Acton Tanner, would love to get a job illustrating storybooks. "That would be a fabulous project for me and it's something I aspire to," deSouza said, adding his two daughters aren't old enough to be Potter fans, yet.



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### Teen Drinking

In conjunction with the Halton Region Health Department's column for July, I present the following information for teens and parents in regard to underage drinking.

A recent survey indicates that a high percentage of teens in Halton are involved with consuming alcohol. Alcohol causes impaired judgement and decision making, either of which can affect the rest of a person's life, such as the death of a relative or friend in an alcohol related traffic accident, the destruction of family life and values through alcohol involvement, even some teens are very aware of the tragedy drinking can cause. When asked, through the survey, where they obtained the alcohol, most responded that they got it through older friends. We have all seen teens standing outside the beer store wanting someone to buy them a case. This is not only illegal, the buyer may be contributing to several life changing events for the underage drinker.

Adults should be responsible, by providing liquor to underage drinkers you may be responsible for injury or the death of that teen.

Further you should be aware of the fines or court appearance that could be levied against you.

- 1 Knowingly supplying liquor to a person under 19 years - for this offence you must appear in court.
- 2 Supplying liquor to person who appears to be under 19 years - for this offence you must appear in court.
- 3 Person under 19 years having liquor - \$105 fine.
- 4 Person under 19 years consuming liquor - \$105 fine.
- 5 Consuming liquor in other than licensed premises, residence or private place - \$105 fine.

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