



A SHOW OF UNITY: Acton clergy gathered to pray prior to the unity service at the Legion on Sunday. Current and former members of the Acton Ministerial include, from left: the Reverend Mark Tiller of St. Alban's Anglican Church, the Reverend Pieter Van Harten of Knox Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Emrys Jenkins of Churchill Community Church, Doug Whitelaw, interim Pastor at Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, guest speaker, former Acton Pastor Jamie Shepherd, Father Bob Bulbrook of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Salvation Army Acton Corps Captain Linden Hale and Christian Reformed Church Minister Shawn Brix. - Frances Niblock photo

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Sunday's Unity Service at the Acton Legion drew hundreds of Christians from Acton and area churches. See Page 9.



Classic Karate teacher D.R. MacGregor presented a Black Belt to this student last week. See Page 15.



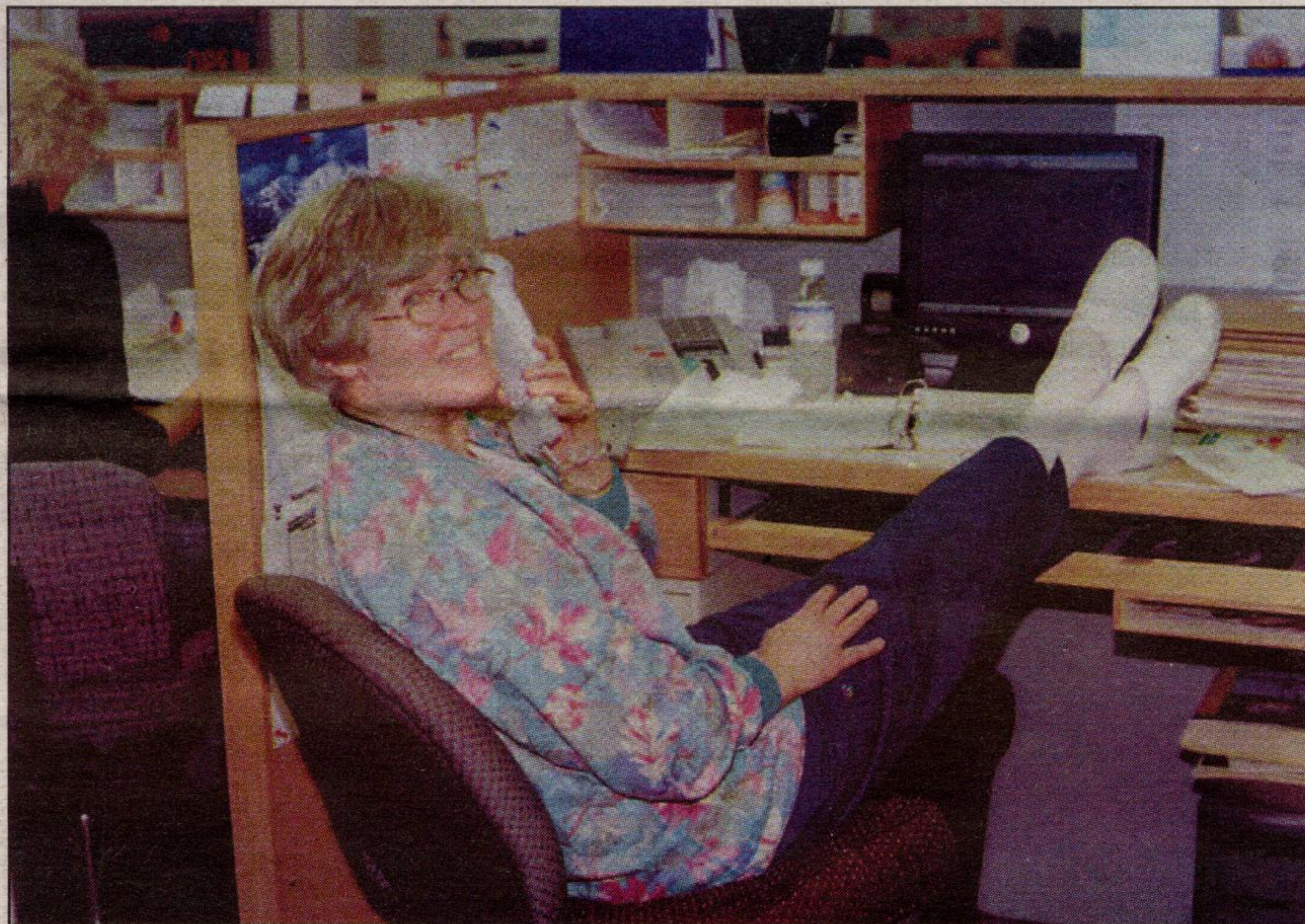
Frosty the Snowman keeps appearing in the oddest places. See Page 2 for his latest escapade.

Wins big in 6/49

A rural Acton single mother got a big surprise on Wednesday morning. As she checked 6/49 lottery numbers at Mac's Milk she was shocked to find she had a winning combination of numbers; good for a second prize.

Her prize: \$76,223.60, Moosad of Mac's Milk said. Her identity is still not known.

Acton nurse 'Employee of Year'



TOP EMPLOYEE: Acton's Brenda Ramsden, named the 2001 Employee of the Year by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, never has a chance to rest on her laurels at the busy Acton Medical Centre where she's worked as a nurse for almost three decades. Ramsden's compassion and ability to do 10 things at once earned her the annual award. - Frances Niblock photo

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
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The Acton nurse revered by colleagues as the "queen of knowledge" and the "nothing is impossible" worker who blends kindness with super-human efficiency has been named Employee of the Year by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Brenda Ramsden learned of the honour during a busy Monday afternoon at the Acton Medical Centre where she works when Cathy Ireland, last year's Employee of the Year, telephoned with congratulations.

"I just kept saying, 'Get out of town! I don't believe it. This is crazy,' and now it's sunk in and it's kind of thrilling," Ramsden said, adding she'd like to know who nominated her for the annual award. (That's confidential.)

The standards for Employee of the Year are tough - rules call for a highly-valued person who has made a significant impact... with exceptional customer services - and Ramsden fits the bill, even though she's a little embarrassed by all the fuss, just as her nominator predicted she would be.

"Everyday, you know, you just do your job and you don't expect anything for it," said Ramsden, who marks 29 years at the Acton Medical Centre this year. Prior to that she worked in a hospital.

In a health care system where many patients are not much more than a chart with a problem, Ramsden has provided three decades of care

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Acton man in critical condition

Forty-nine year-old Patrick Kelly of Acton is fighting for his life in Sunnybrook Hospital following an accident at the corner of Mill and John Sts., Acton, on Tuesday morning at 7:05am. Officials at Sunnybrook described his condition as "critical" at press time Wednesday morning.

Halton Police said Kelly, a Mill St. resident, stepped in front of a school bus as he crossed Mill St. from the north side. He was taken to Georgetown Hospital by ambulance and later flown to Sunnybrook Hospital with life threatening injuries.

There were no other injuries and no children on the west bound Tyler Trans-

port school bus when the collision occurred. The 41-year-old male driver of the bus was not hurt.

The accident is being investigated by Det/Cst. Martin of the Halton Regional Police traffic unit. Any witnesses to the accident are being asked to contact him at 905-878-5511, extension 5169.

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