



Bennett Centre mural unveiled

Occupational therapist and artist Janice Jackson works with Bennett Health Care Centre resident Freeman Dykens on the newly unveiled Sunflower Trail mural that Jackson created at the Bennett Centre, with help from the residents. The mural is one of three in the Halton area, and helps stimu-

late residents' cognitive, perceptual and physical skills. Twenty-eight resident members of a painting class created the wooden disks (attached with Velcro) and Jackson painted the mural on a grant from the Halton Geriatric Mental Health Association.

Photo by Ted Brown

Hearing for controversial quarry expansion begins

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Dufferin wants to expand by 83 hectares its 486-hectare quarry operation— Canada's largest quarry site— which straddles the Halton Hills-Milton border.

It will provide for the total extraction of 52 million tonnes of stone, starting in 2007, and feeding a lot of growth-related projects happening in Greater Toronto. The approval would take the quarry's life span from its current eight years to between 18 and 20 years.

Halton Region, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and Milton and Halton Hills town councils have given the green light for the proposal.

Under an agreement set out by the lead decision-maker, the region, Conservation Halton would monitor an intricate recharge system created by Dufferin to fill the two quarries with water once they've been exhausted of aggregate.

Also, Dufferin would have to agree to a complex environmental protection plan of legal checks and balances that would monitor the quality of the groundwater and its impact on wetlands that surround the site.

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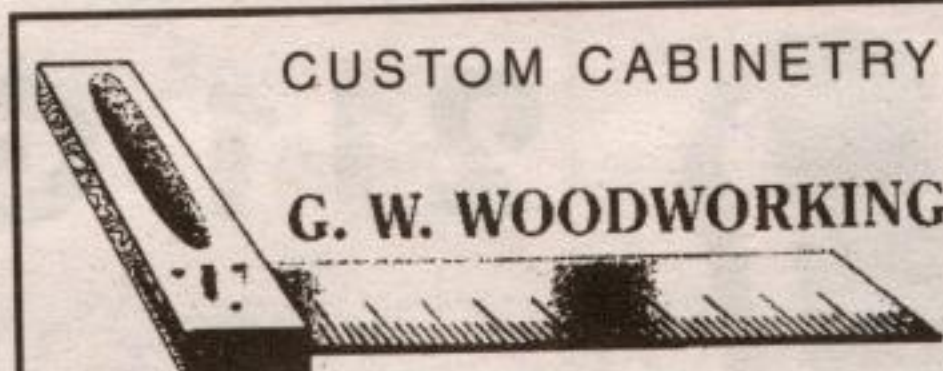
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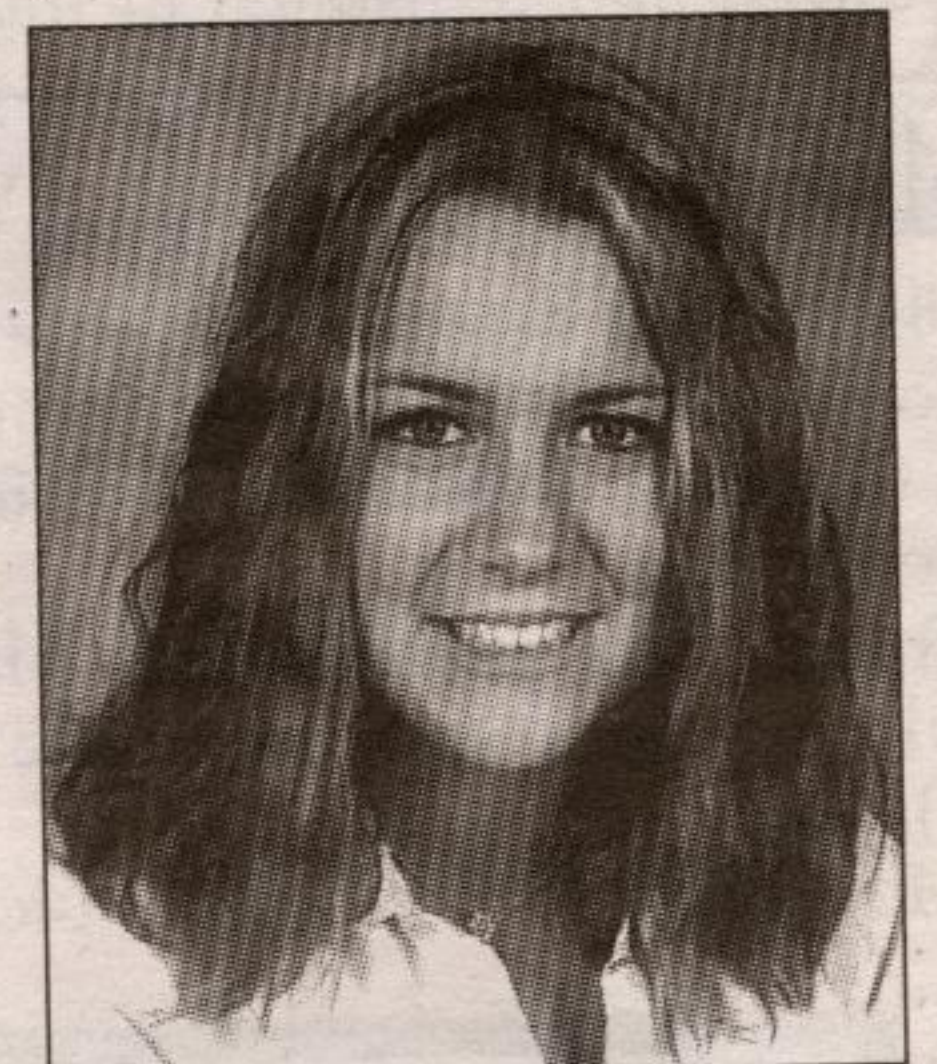
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