

# Etobicoke swimmer drowns in lake

By Frances Niblock

Why 32-year-old Harvey Sheppard of Etobicoke drowned after disappearing under the cooling waters of Fairy Lake at 3:48 on Saturday afternoon remains unclear, but Halton police said a post mortem confirmed the man drowned.

Sheppard died in Georgetown

hospital 12 hours after searchers – police, family members and other swimmers – found his body in eight feet of water about 15 minutes after he went missing.

Police said Sheppard, who was in Prospect Park with eight family members, including his parents, daughter and in-laws, set out to

swim across the lake from the Old Beach. He made it to the Cameron Street side, turned around and was about 40-feet from shore when he disappeared.

Halton Acting-Detective Sergeant Bob Andrews said it's up to the Coroner's Officer to decide if an inquest will be held into Sheppard's death.



Halton Police investigate drowning

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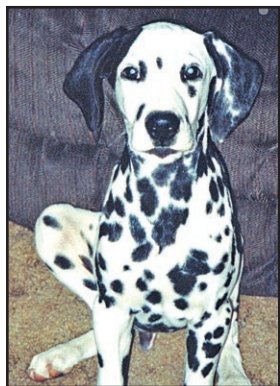
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# \$1½ million job centre for Acton



**VICIOUS STORM:** Monday evening's brief but vicious storm which hit this area split trees and caused brief power outages. The storm tore three maple trees on the McDonald Blvd. property of Ron Birrell shown cleaning up. The fierce wind and rain caused a lot more damage in Erin where power was off for hours. - Frances Niblock photo

## 'Environmental scan' identified need in Acton

By Frances Niblock

Unemployed Acton area residents won't have to leave town to try to find work when the new Acton Employment Resource Centre opens in September on Mill Street.

Service Canada, the employment service delivery arm for Human Resources Development Canada, has contracted Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) to open and run the centre for two years, with a budget of \$548,701.

Service Canada's acting-manager of employment, Dal Swackhammer, said the centre will offer a complete range of self-directed job search resources, including free use of computers and software, FAX machines, telephones, and

one-on-one counselling. Swackhammer said an "environmental scan" in 2004 identified the need for employment services in various communities in Halton and Peel, including Acton.

Since then, Service Canada has contracted with various local organizations to open and operate Employment Resource Centres

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## Media circus over granny's pickle

Two Acton women say they are sorry for leaving their 97-year-old relative in a sweltering vehicle while they shopped at a Burlington mall on Saturday, and that it was an innocent mistake.

"We take very good care of her – would she be 97 if she wasn't being cared for? We've been looking after her for 16 years. If I was going

### 97-year-old locked in car in high heat

to harm her, I would have done it 16 years ago," Bonnie Bouclair, 60, said on Monday as she professed her innocence and her love for her mother, Phyllis Arnott.

Halton police said Arnott had been

in the locked SUV, a GMC Envoy, for about an hour with temperatures reaching 50C when a passerby noticed her distress and called 911.

Arnott, dehydrated and incoherent, was being loaded into an ambulance when Bouclair and her daughter, Kimberly Bouclair, 36, came out of the store.

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