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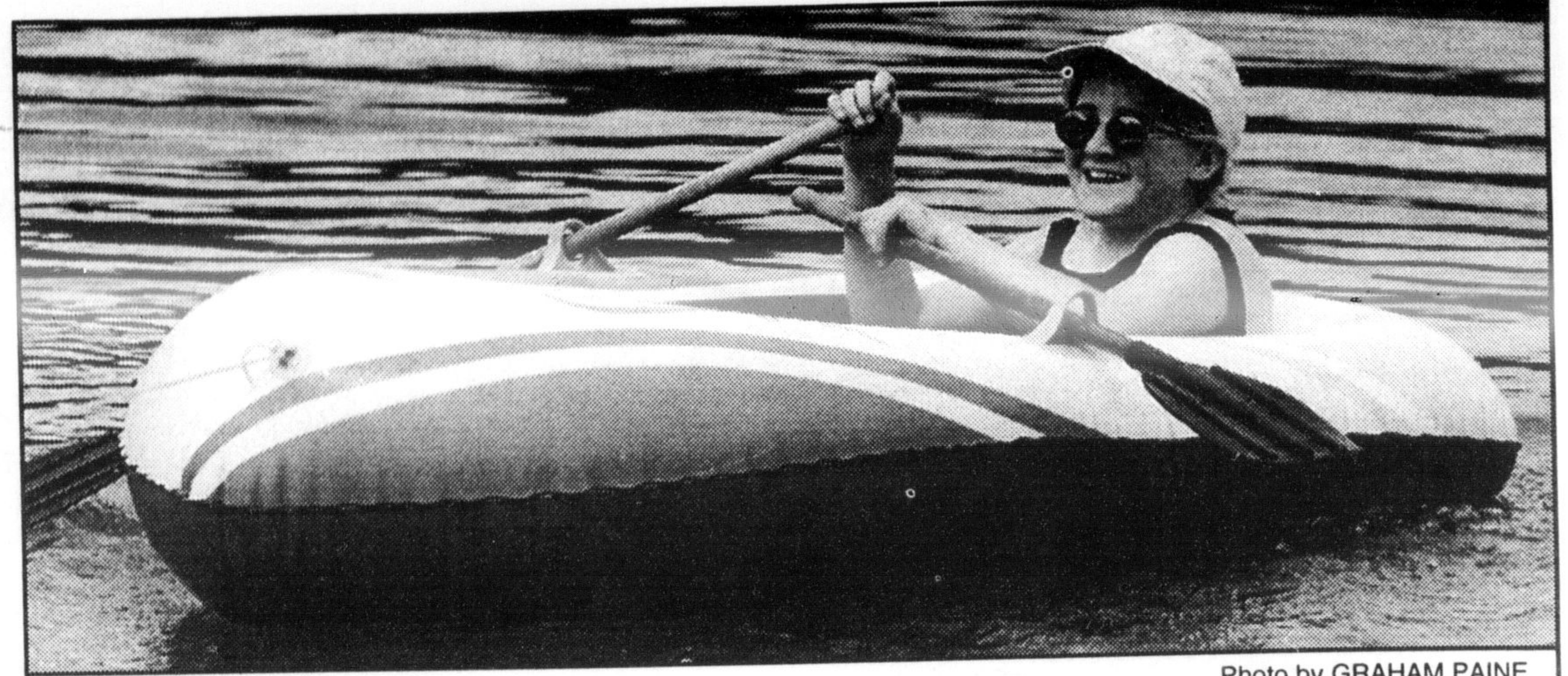


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Beating the heat
Ten-year-old Katie Digby enjoyed a leisurely paddle in her inflatable raft at Kelso Conservation Area recently. Summer is now officially here, bringing with it fun water activities such as this one.

Gays say they face derision, worse here
By **BRAD REAUME**
The Champion

The closet door was open and regional councillors were given a peek inside. According to representatives of the Halton Anti-Homophobia Committee being inside the closet is not easy to bear. Last Tuesday representatives of the homosexual community told members of Halton's health and social services committee that gays and lesbians are met with derision and outright violence more often than with understanding. Councillors heard that some homosexuals are so uncertain of police response to a complaint of violence that they will not report incidents. Halton Chair Joyce Savoline said committee members should approach the police to see if there is a problem, so if one exists it can be addressed. Phill Ferreira, a Bishop Reding Secondary School student, told regional representatives that homosexuals are an invisible minority in Halton. He said because the minority is not seen people don't believe it exists. Mr. Ferreira suggested the school curriculum in Halton include a section on homosexuality to dispel myths and explain what it is to be gay. He added, information should also be available in libraries throughout the area. "It affects homosexuals when they aren't listened to and are not taken seriously," he told the committee. According to Katie Kidd, who sits on the

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Regional Council will be meeting jointly with the four Area Municipal Councils for an **Information Session** relating to Current Value Assessment (CVA) and proposed 1998 Tax Policies on

Wednesday, June 24, 1998
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
in the Regional Council Chambers

Regional Council will **hear delegations** from any/all interested persons or agencies on



Thursday, June 25, 1998
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
in the Regional Council Chambers

If you have any questions or wish to register as a delegation at the Thursday, June 25, 1998 meeting, please call the Office of the Regional Clerk, prior to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 1998 at a number listed below.

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