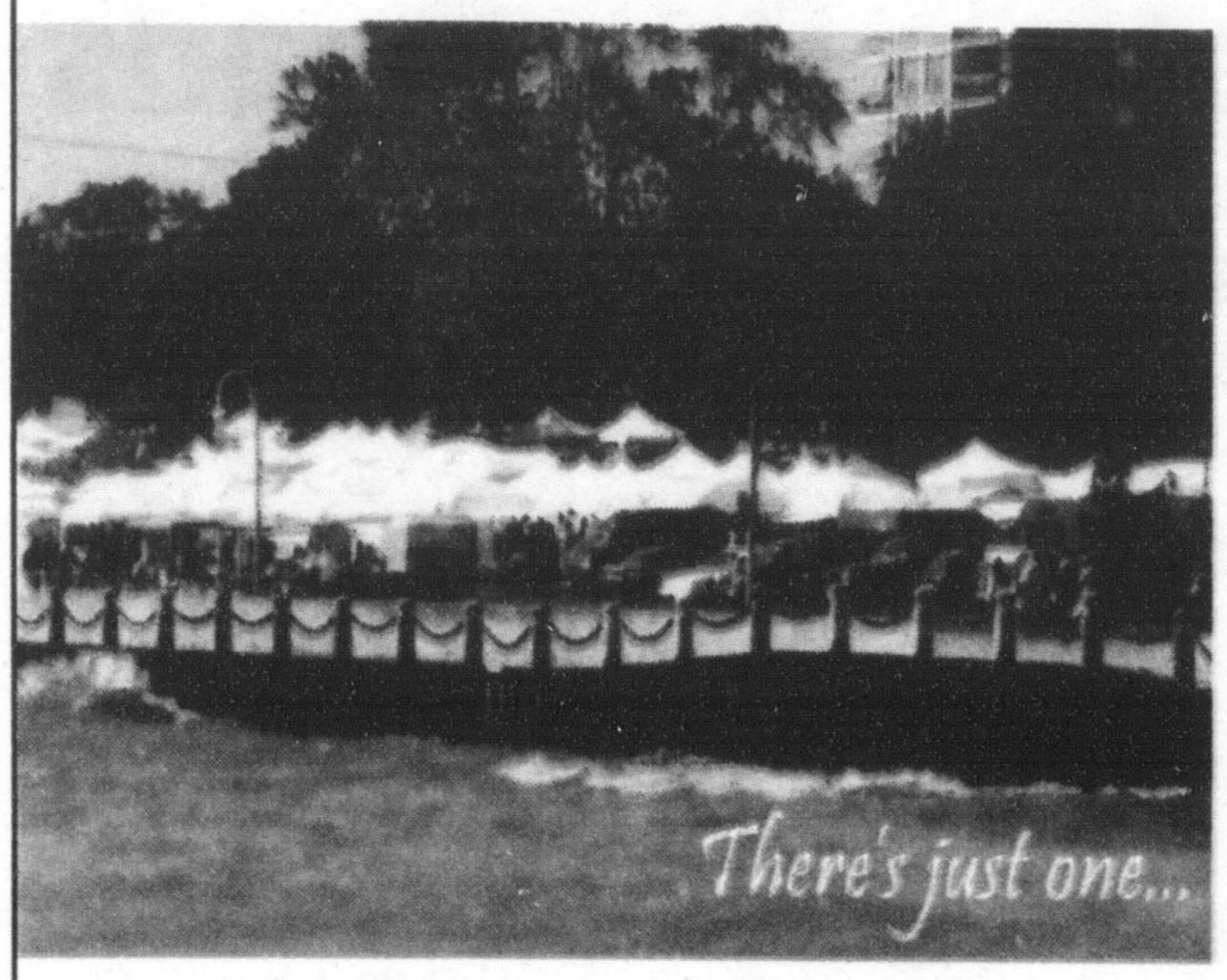
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More information needed about quarry proposal, councillors say

A Regional committee is urging Halton council to object to Nelson Aggregate's application for a provincial licence to expand its north Burlington quarry.

At its meeting Wednesday, the planning and public works supported committee Burlington Councillor John Taylor's recommendation for council to oppose Nelson's bid to seek the licence under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) - just one of several approvals necessary for the company to extract aggregate from a pro-

posed 200-acre quarry across the road from its existing operation near No. 2 Sideroad.

"This application is premature under the Aggregate Resources Act," Taylor argued.

This sentiment was echoed in a staff report to the committee, which said it's too early to deal with ARA matters while there's still further technical and planning information needed regarding the expansion.

Burlington Councillor Carol D'Amelio threw her support behind Taylor's motion.

"We can't go anywhere (with

the application) without having more information," she said.

Regional council will consider the recommendation from the committee Wednesday. If approved, the minister of natural resources and Nelson Aggregates will be advised of its position against the application.

A public information session on Nelson's proposal will be held June 7 between 4 and 8 p.m. at Conservation Halton's Administration Centre, 2596 Britannia Rd.

CH park admission is free this Saturday

How often do you get a present when it's someone else's birthday? How about never.

But that's exactly what will happen this Saturday, when Conservation Halton (CH) invites residents to visit its parks for free. The regular entrance fees will be waived from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help CH celebrate its 50th anniversary, and there'll be special activities and guest appearances.

Within Milton, there are five CH parks — Crawford Lake, Kelso, Rattlesnake Point, Hilton Falls and Mountsberg.

Crawford Lake features an ecologically rare lake, a 16th century reconstructed Iroquoian village and walking trails. Saturday, there'll be tours, longhouse lore and crafts.

Kelso offers mountain bike trails and a lake for swimming, boating and fishing. It'll feature a free concert by the Funky Mamas, a children's music group that'll be performing from 1 to 3 p.m. At the boat rentals location, instructors will be giving out boating safety tips.

Mountsberg is home to a birds of prey centre, bison and

other wild and farm life. Saturday, Mountsberg will hold birds of prey shows at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., as well as regular tours throughout the day on a tractor-drawn wagon to the bison pasture.

Hilton Falls has mountain biking and hiking.

And Rattlesnake Point offers hiking, rock climbing and is great for picnics. Saturday, the park will have a barbecue at the picnic pavilion.

For park locations, visit www.conservationhalton.on.ca or call (905) 336-1158.

Exchange program seeking participants

A summer program for students is looking for local young people with a passion for language and a love of travel.

The Summer Work Student Exchange is a sixweek employment exchange for enthusiastic 16 and 17-year-old students.

About 1,240 participants will trade homes with Francophone students in Quebec or New Brunswick for six weeks and work in full-time jobs with non-profit organizations. It'll provide a great chance to improve their second language and gain valuable work experience.

"The program offers students a once-in-a-life-

time experience," said Megan Watt, the student exchange co-ordinator for the Halton Hills-Wellington riding. "They receive a free adventure - an experience to build their French language skills, an opportunity to make new friends and meet new people in their community, and a job that matches their personality and interests."

But it's not just about work. Exchange participants will spend their evenings and weekends taking part in a wide range of cultural and adventurous activities planned by the program.

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