



Simply Halton

Your Halton Connection
August '06

Making a Splash



Joyce Savoline
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

At Halton Region, we value community partnerships. This year, Conservation Halton and Halton Region have committed to a long term relationship and will host the inaugural Halton Children's Water Festival. We invite Halton's

community to become involved in this educational and fun initiative.

The Festival will be held from September 26 to September 28 at the Kelso Conservation Area in Milton, a natural setting along the banks of the 16-Mile creek and against the stunning backdrop of the Niagara

Escarpment. Over the three days of the Festival, 3,000 children in grades three to five will explore, inquire and investigate over 40 Ontario curriculum based interactive activity centres which focus on water conservation, health and safety, protection, science and technology and stewardship.

Community partnerships have also been established with the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Halton District School Board and the Town of Oakville. Opportunities also exist for Halton's community to become involved through volunteering or sponsorship.

The Festival is supported by a multi-year, Ontario Trillium Foundation grant and we are pleased to receive this sustained funding. In-kind or monetary contributions are also integral to further enhancing our children's learning experience and

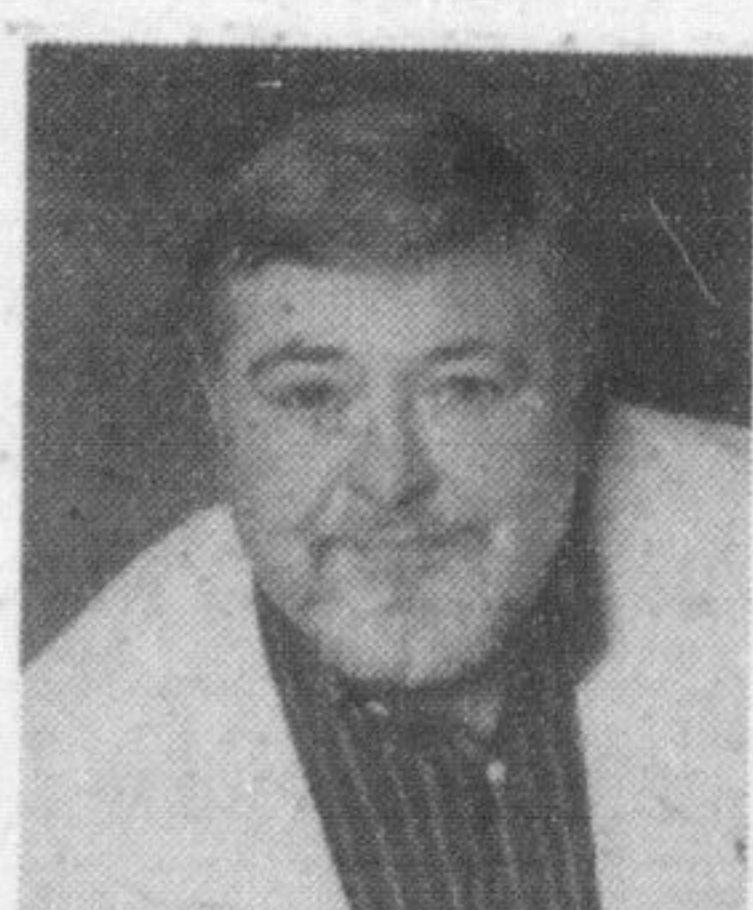
I would ask you to visit the Halton Children's Water Festival website www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com to learn more.

By teaching our children now about the importance of preserving and protecting our natural resources, we can ensure that this next generation safeguards our environment in the years to come.

To find out more about the Halton Children's Water Festival, visit the official Festival website at www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com.



Regional Councillor Janice Wright
Honorary Chair, 2006 Halton Children's Water Festival



Councillor Brian Penman
Honorary Chair, 2006 Halton Children's Water Festival

Helping Halton Conserve Water



A. Brent Marshall
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Halton Region's commitment to sustaining fresh water resources has always been a priority. Throughout the year Halton residents work hard to conserve water by actively participating in Halton's water conservation programs, but as temperatures

increase for the summer, so too does the use of water. While there are a number of ways to conserve water, the first step to understanding the importance of water conservation is through education. That is

why we invest in programs that are important to our residents, including the Halton Children's Water Festival.

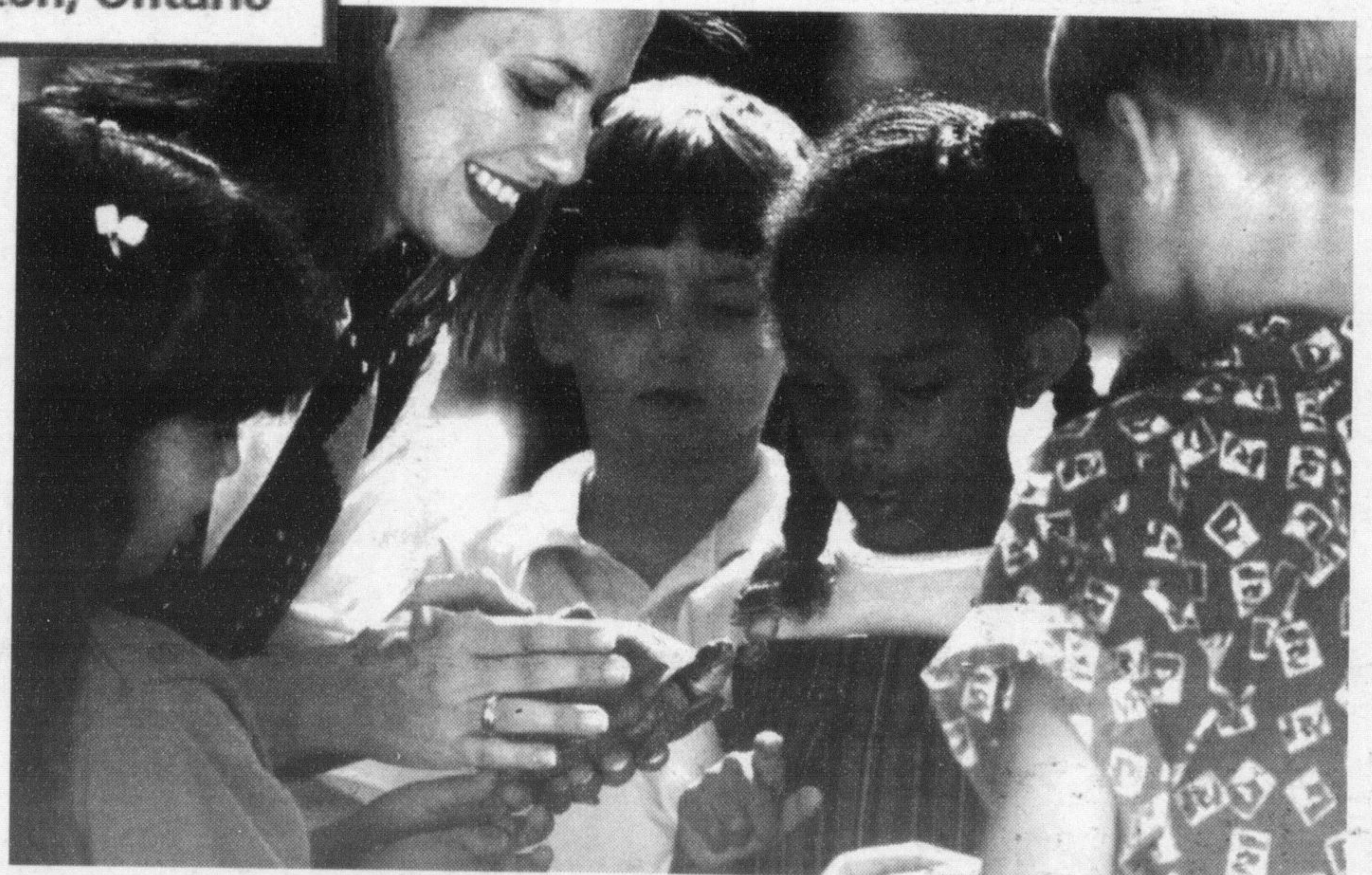
In 2005 Halton residents consumed an average of 256L/cap/day. This is the equivalent amount of water needed to fill almost 3.5 bathtubs per day per person. With educational programs like the Halton Children's Water Festival, Halton's children will learn about water conservation while also having an opportunity to learn about water protection, health and safety, science and technology and stewardship.

By instilling important principles like water conservation and environmental stewardship in our children now, we can help to ensure that the next generation will enjoy the same water resources we have today. It is in everyone's best interest to conserve water. Water conservation not only results in significant savings on your water bill, but it will also help preserve more water for the environment, and helps to maintain the operating efficiency of Regional water purification and sewage treatment plants. There are countless benefits to water conservation, let's continue to be water wise and work to conserve our water.

For water conservation tips and information, visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

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**Tuesday, September 26 to
Thursday, September 28**
Kelso Conservation Area, Milton, Ontario



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