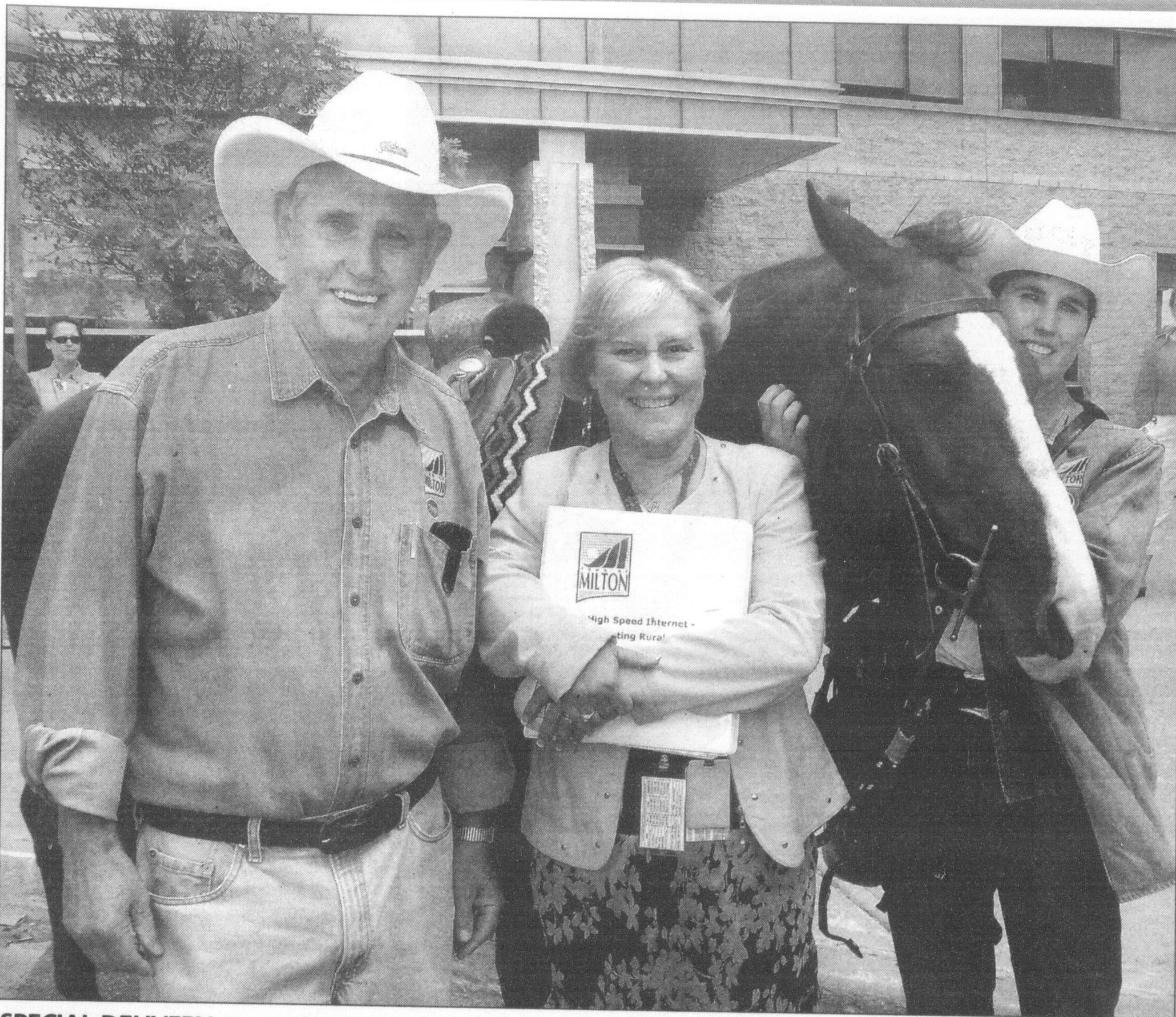
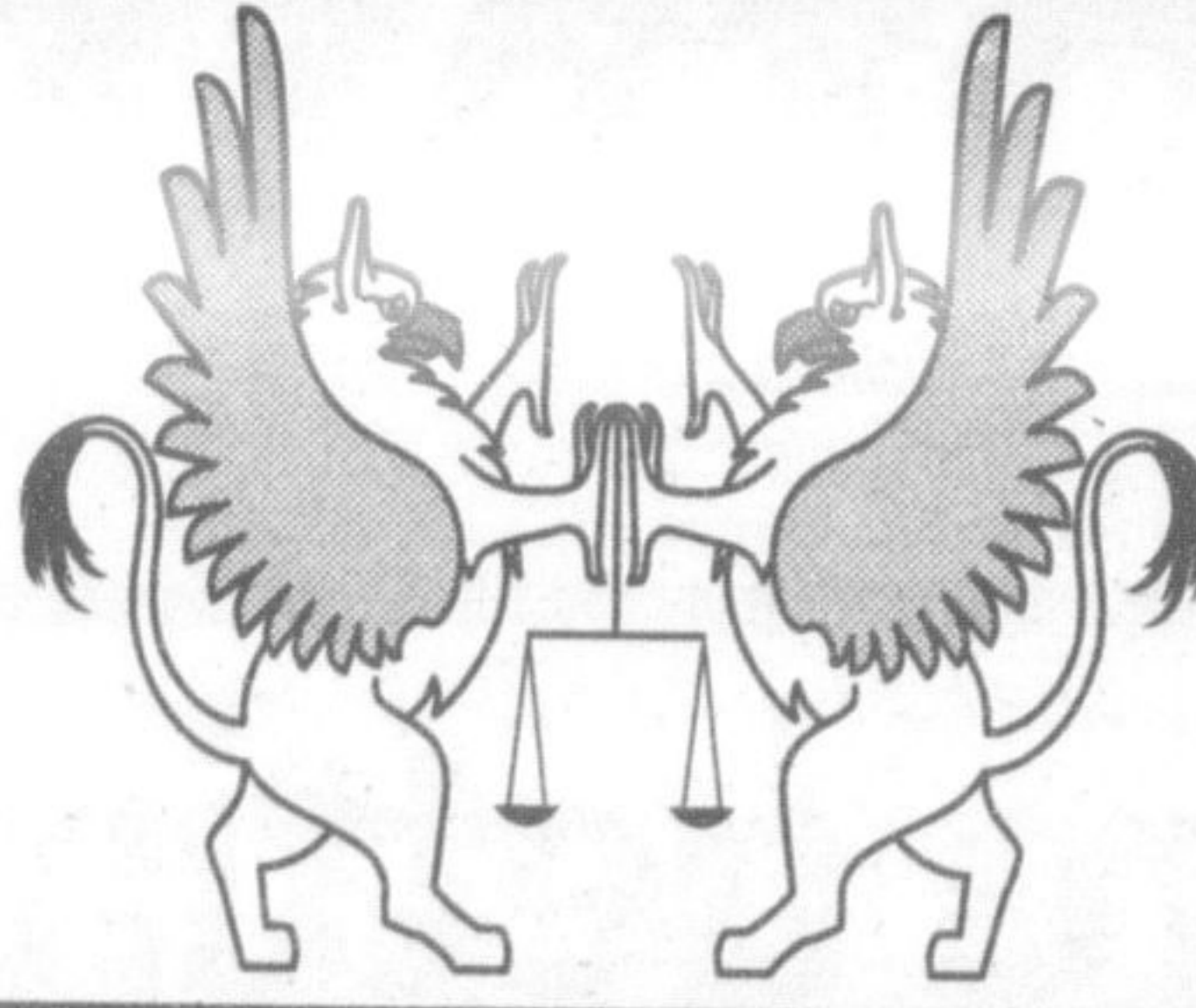


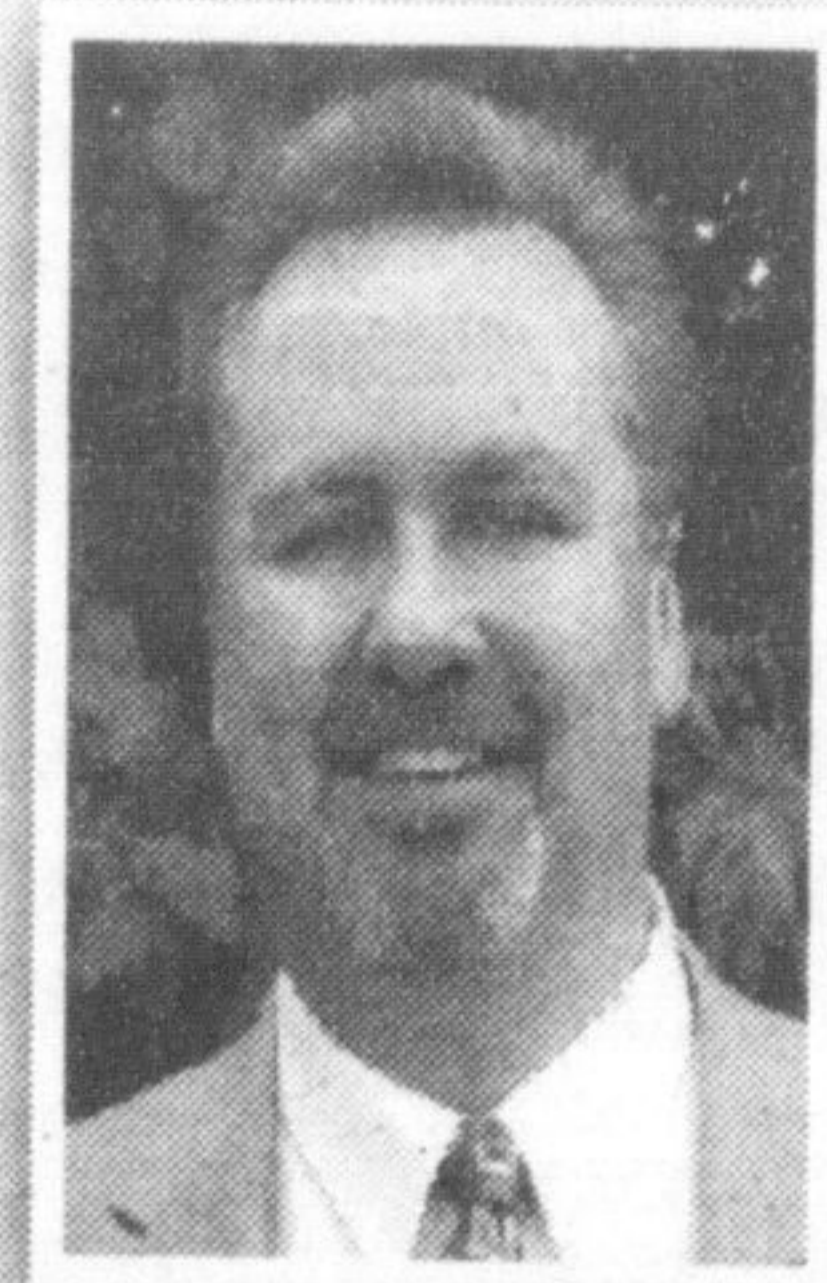
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**SPECIAL DELIVERY:** Karen Chan, director of rural community development with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), accepts a rural high-speed Internet grant application from Mayor Gord Krantz (left) and Broadband Committee spokesperson Toni Ritchie. Symbolically delivered by horse and buggy recently, the application included 170 letters of support.



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## Conservation Halton urging well-water users to cut back

With lower than normal rainfall and reduced stream flows, Conservation Halton is asking residents on wells to reduce their water use by 10 per cent.

Conservation Halton has declared a Level 1 Low Water Condition for its watershed based on criteria set by the provincial government.

The condition calls for a voluntary cutback of 10 per cent by users of wells or surface water sources. It doesn't apply to those on municipal water systems, but asks those residents to abide by outdoor water use bylaws.

Major water users, such as golf courses, aggregate extractors, farm irri-

gators and others are asked to implement or continue their water conservation programs to reach the 10 per cent target.

They are asked to lower the demand on the watercourses and aquifers by pumping water at a lower rate, storing it in ponds or by staggering their pumping times.

Across the watershed, rainfall for June was down 50 per cent from the monthly average, and July's precipitation is also well below normal.

As a result, many creeks and streams are way below normal summer flow rates.

## Informal quarry meeting Sun.

Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) will hold an informal drop-in session this Sunday and area residents are welcome to attend.

The group, which is working to oppose the St. Marys Cement CBM Aggregate application to operate a quarry in Mountsberg, will be on hand at Carlisle United Church (1435 Centre Rd.) in Carlisle from 2 to 4 p.m.

The St. Marys proposal, which would see the construction of a quarry on the border of Flamborough and Halton, has been a hot topic at

Hamilton city council as well as in Milton, which could bear a large percentage of the operation's truck traffic.

According to a posting on the FORCE website, which can be read at [www.StopTheQuarry.ca](http://www.StopTheQuarry.ca), the goal of the session is to enable a free flow of information to members of the community in a personal setting.

Guests will be able to visit with members of the FORCE Steering Committee, exchange ideas and information and learn more about how the group is working to oppose the quarry application.



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