

# Lifestyles

## Communities must change their wasteful ways



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By the year 2000, 50 per cent of Ontario's household and commercial-industrial waste will be diverted to constructive uses. The government will take a leading role in practicing the 4Rs of waste: reuse, recycling, reduction and recovery.

Environment Minister Jim Bradley called on all Ontarians to challenge and "use our ingenuity to turn our throw-away society into an environmentally sustainable society."

"We must," the Minister added, "divert mountains of garbage from landfill and incineration by recycling used resources back into the production stream."

By 1992, the government aims to divert 25 per cent of municipal solid waste from landfill and incineration - both household and commercial-industrial - to recycling.

By the year 2000, the government aims to divert from landfill and incineration half of Ontario's garbage.

"Every community and institution in Ontario, including the Provincial government, will have to change its wasteful ways to achieve these reduction and recycling goals," Mr. Bradley stated.

The government's goal in its own activities is to reach the 50 per cent target well before the year 2000 and to share its experience with municipalities, the private sector and the federal government. Measures taken include purchasing policies supporting markets for recycled products, restrictions on non-recyclable/non-reusable goods within government and max-

imum recycling or recovery of materials such as office paper and cafeteria wastes.

To reach the diversion goals for the entire province, the government intends to implement a number of reforms and programs, including an expansion of the successful Blue Box Recycling initiative.

Since 1985, the government has increased funding ten-fold for household recycling. Municipalities and industry have joined in, and the Blue Box curbside recycling program has expanded from 40,000 households in 1985 to 1.4 million today.

The household Blue Box program has been complimented by the launching of STAR, a school recycling program, and the initiation of the industrial recycling fund, currently at \$2.5 million a year.

As new communities start Blue Box programs, and as the recycling service is extended to apartment dwellers, the Ministry of Environment projects that, by the year 1996, 75 per cent of Ontario homes - nearly three million - will have household recycling service.

Additional household wastes such as mixed plastics, boxboard and corrugated cardboard will be collected.

Other initiatives include:

- assistance to householders and municipalities in setting up home and municipal composting units;
- private sector waste reduction;
- a research advisory committee to provide assistance to research and develop new and innovative technologies for waste reusing, recycling, reduction and recovery technologies and markets;
- true-cost tipping fees to promote the development of reusing, recycling, reduction and recovery activities by establishing a level playing field for these options to compete fairly with disposal on purely economic grounds;
- mobile teams of technical advisors and an environmental information hotline.

## Are you ready for Jekyll and Hyde?

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Herald Special

Are you ready to investigate the dichotomy of man's nature, his capacity for good and evil? Are you ready to have a few good laughs along the way? If these two experiences seem contradictory to you then you must come and see the Georgetown Little Theatre as the Travelling Esquering Players putting on their latest play of the 1850s Jekyll and Hyde.

If you are like me you have known the premise behind the play for a long time but have never read the book (yes, there is a book) or seen a performance of the play. This is your golden opportunity! You will find out why Dr. Henry Jekyll (Jekyll is the good guy) ever wanted to be Edward Hyde (the bad guy) in the first place. You will be introduced to Jekyll's fiancée, Celestine, who would be enough to drive anyone to drink. You'll meet Poole, the butler, who tends to the sadistic when dealing with the rest of the household staff. (Don't worry - it's all talk and you can still bring the kids).

We are pleased to bring you two new faces, Joann Smith and Veranita Leece. I mention these two in particular because they have something in common, they are both transplanted Americans. Veranita is from Louisiana by way of Wisconsin and Joann is from the Chicago area.

If you would like tickets to see this wonderful interpretation of Jekyll and Hyde, you can call 877-3700 or you can drop into Royal LePage Real Estate, 170 Guelph

St., Georgetown. The play opens April 21 and continues through April 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29. You will definitely see me there because I have the part of Hilda, the other parlous maid, but don't worry, my opinions are completely unbiased.

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- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 5 cups corn flakes

Melt both chocolates over hot water.

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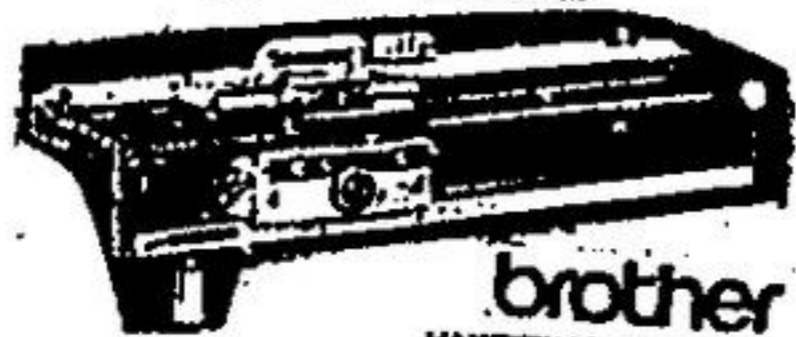
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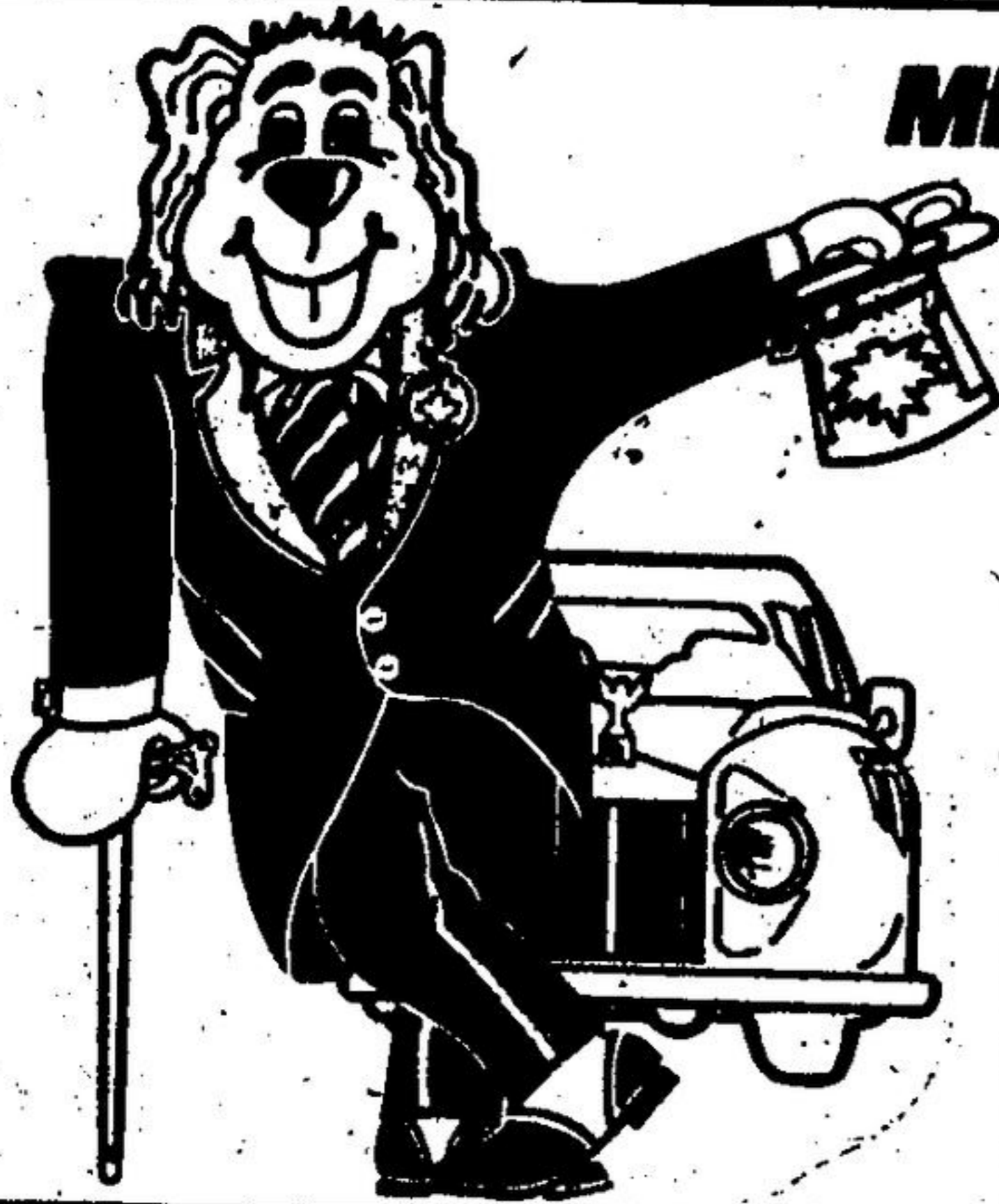


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