

# Hewitt suggests a way to stop dump proposal

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Having heard that Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) has submitted the final draft of its Acton quarry dump proposal to the Ministry of Environment (MOE), Councillor Joe Hewitt has come up with something he hopes will stop the application cold.

Referring to one of RSI's proposals, Hewitt told council Monday that he has discussed the effect dump leachate treatment would have on Acton's sewage processing facilities. Hewitt said that Regional Engineer and Director of Plant Operations Don Morrier was of the opinion that the Ac-

ton plant could not handle the leachate. "And on that basis we (council) should ask that the proposal be denied (by the MOE)," Hewitt concluded. Hewitt pointed out that the Acton plant would have to be expanded to handle the leachate, and the Ministry doesn't want to see any more effluent

discharged into the Black Creek. The councillor also suggested that the MOE and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) be made aware that Acton's growth could be seriously hampered should dump leachate be processed in Town. Mayor Russ Miller said that to

discourage the landfill, council must zero in on points like leachate treatment.

And Town Administrator-Clerk Dan Costea told council that copies of RSI's 16 volumes of technical reports have been delivered to the Town.

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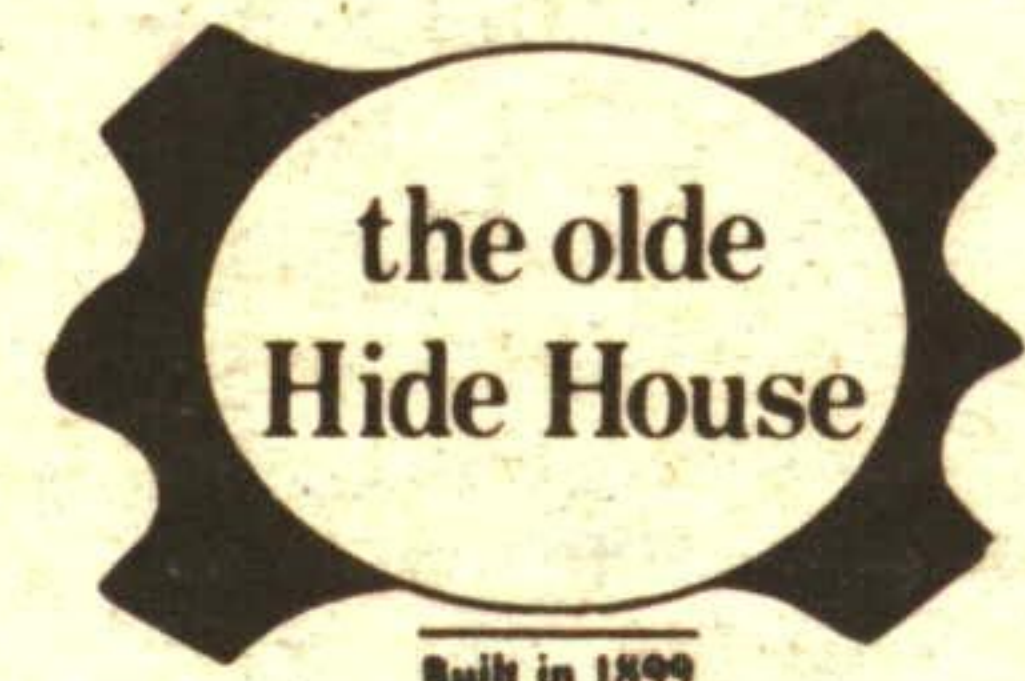
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## Police asked to watch for pick-up man

At least one municipal councillor wants police and public attention focused on an incident in which someone attempted to pick up a child in a car.

Councillor Pam Johnston said she has received calls from a Mrs. Ellison who referred to the incident occurring at George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown last week.

Johnston asked that the Town administrators send a letter to Halton Regional Police asking them to monitor the situation. Police told this newspaper earlier that they view it as an isolated incident and letters have already been sent to area parents and children have been warned not to accept rides from strangers.

## Theft charge

A 60-year-old Georgetown woman has been charged with theft under \$1,000 after about \$41 in pharmaceuticals were taken from Shoppers Drug Mart, Guelph St., Georgetown. The theft occurred Wednesday afternoon, according to police. The suspect, charged with theft under \$1,000, will appear in court March 6.

## Briefcase taken

A 1983 Chevrolet was entered and a black briefcase taken sometime overnight Feb. 11, police report. The car was parked at a Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown address when it was entered by an unknown means. No damage was reportedly done to the car. The briefcase was found just down the road near the corner of Delrex Blvd. and Mountainview, missing several documents, worth about \$50, according to police.

## Photo Art

Reminder to Halton Hills photographers: all entries to Photo Art '89 must be in by Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public March 1-26 at the Georgetown Public Library.

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# Apathy over car insurance

## A spoonful of sugar...



A little sweetness is definitely needed to help this medicine go down. Olivia (Margi Gibson) administers the daily dose of medicine to the cantankerous Mrs. Bramson (Vera McDonald) in Georgetown Little Theatre's current produc-

tion, *Night Must Fall*, which opened Thursday night with a benefit performance. The play runs through next week at the John Elliott Theatre, Georgetown. Photo by Ted Brown

Apparent apathy from local residents over announced increases in auto insurance premiums is only the calm before the storm, many Halton Hills brokers say.

"Once people see it in black and white, then they'll say, 'Oh my God, my insurance just went up \$300!'" says a representative of GRCS Insurance in Georgetown. "It's going to be a nightmare when that happens."

The Ontario Auto Insurance Board announced Monday that effective June 1 most insurance rates will be going up. The average increase will be between 7.6 per cent and 17 per cent.

But local insurance agents and brokers, some expecting a lot of calls after Monday's announcement, say they have had very few, if any, inquiries from policy holders so far. None have had to deal with irate clients.

"When they get the increase in front of them, then I think there will be an uproar, but then it will be too late," according to a woman with one of Acton's brokerages.

"It's interesting because I thought there would have been more," says Joan Hewitt, office manager at Paul Armstrong Insurance in Georgetown.

"I don't think people realize what's going to happen with the rates," says Rick West of West Insurance in Georgetown. "It's a very distant situation. Unless it comes and sits right on their doorsteps, people don't want to bother with the problem."

The few calls that have come in are questions about how much individual policies will change, but local agents and brokers don't know themselves.

"We (insurance agents) were pretty well kept in the dark about the increase, but a lot of people were asking questions before we knew the decision," says Laura Leslie of State Farm Insurance, Georgetown.

"Being a young female driver I'm not too impressed with the new rates. All I can do now is pay my rates -- I've got no choice."

Exact information about increases will not be available from agents or brokers for another few weeks, possibly sometime in March. The insurance ratings bureau is still re-evaluating the method now used in figuring out insurance rates.

The representative of GRCS Insurance expressed similar views. He says although his company has not received any calls regarding the increase, people will begin to inquire once their renewals are in.

"I'm really concerned over this, especially for pensioners, who are on fixed incomes," he says. "They'll be subsidizing the young male drivers from now on."

But Harold Denny, owner of Acton's Denny's Insurance, does not agree that young female drivers and pensioners will receive a great increase. All drivers regardless of age or sex will be

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