

olde Hide House is back in business

By Oksana Buhel

The olde Hide House in Acton, which closed its doors June 15, reopened Wednesday after securing the support of 95 per cent of its creditors.

In a meeting Tuesday at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto, unsecured creditors voted to accept a restructuring proposal which will reimburse them approximately 30 cents per dollar of their \$3.3 million claim over

the next three years. Steve Dawkins, president of the olde Hide House, said creditors who commit themselves in the future will be guaranteed payment in 30 days.

Dawkins was so confident the restructuring proposal would be accepted, a news release announcing the reopening of the leather store was released before the meeting took place. John Brisson, chief financial officer of the firm was similarly

confident. "The restructuring will work," he insisted.

The two auxiliary outlets of the company - Flight-Line and Leather town West Warehouse, will not be reopening. In place of the outlets, Dawkins said there will be theme areas in the olde Hide House. Jack Tanner's Table, a restaurant located in the olde Hide House, will not be reopening either. As a result of the restricted reopening, only 75

of the former 125 employees have been recalled.

The olde Hide House has been in operation since 1980, and its closure during the past three months is the first one in its history.

Wednesday's opening was for a clearance/preview sale, and a grand reopening is scheduled for early October, when the bulk of the fall and winter stock arrives.

Son charged in domestic fracas

Police were called to Sargent Rd. in Georgetown Tuesday evening when an argument between a mother and her 15-year-old son became a physical confrontation. According to a police report, the confrontation was the tail end of ongoing problems. The youth was charged with assault and threaten death.

Victimized three times

C.M. Dipede, a Toronto construction company working in Acton, has been victimized by thieves for the third time in a week. Sunday overnight, suspects smashed the window of the backhoe cab, parked on a construction site at the corner of Bower and Mill Sts. They took a tool box with its contents, a grease gun and the ignition key, estimated at \$300. Three nights earlier (Aug. 25), thieves took a plate tamper, valued at \$5,000, and returned the following night to take a generator and variety of tools, valued at \$3,500.

A suspicious-looking blue pick-up, driving without its lights was observed in the area Sunday night.

Window smashed

The front window of Pet Junction, on Main St. in Georgetown, was smashed

Police Beat

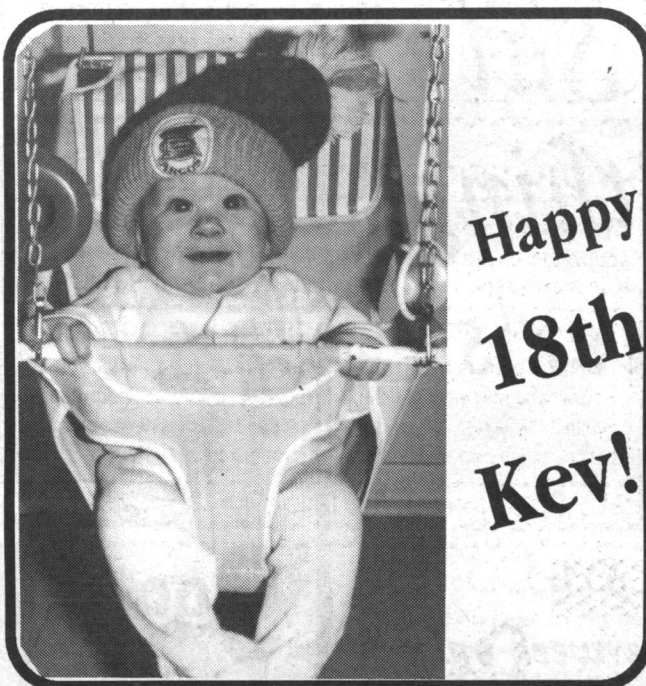
Tuesday overnight, causing \$700 damage. Police believe the damage was caused by a B.B. gun, but they have no suspects or witnesses.

Leisure equipment stolen

Suspects broke into a shed in the yard of a McDonald Blvd. residence in Acton Sunday overnight, taking \$250 worth of camping and fishing equipment. The shed had a padlock, but it was not secured. Police are continuing their investigation.

Wedged in crevice

Halton Hills firefighters, police and ambulance attendants were called to Fifth Line/22 Side Road area Friday early morning when a 19-year-old Georgetown youth, camping with his friends, fell and became wedged in a crevice. According to a police report, the youths had been "fooling around" when the incident occurred. The young man was eventually able to lower himself to the bottom of the crevice. He was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with minor cuts and abrasions, and released a short while later.



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