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## BRASS TACKS - Editorial

Should a final resting place not be just as it sounds - a peaceful sanctuary for bodies to be laid after the soul has departed?

In the case of the pioneer Kean family cemetery, the fate of their final resting place has been placed in the hands of the Town of Milton and after months of negotiating with Tuscany Ridge Developments, (currently seeking a zoning change to continue building their subdivision

around the small cemetery), nothing has been decided.

Some members of the family have rested in that very spot since 1831. There should be no question at all of what to do with the cemetery.

The answer is simple - leave the cemetery alone. Yes, it should be taken care of. Yes, it should be accessible to a point. Yes, it should be designated. Tuscany Ridge has agreed to all the terms set out by the Town.

However, the developing company is right in questioning forking out time and effort to restore the cemetery only to have the possibility that their request for a zoning change may still be denied.

The Town should take a firm stand one way or the other. Either they amend the zoning now or they don't. All that really matters is that the Kean family's resting place be preserved and all can again rest in peace.

## BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX - Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Happy Birthday Canada! Happy Birthday Guelph!

Not a happy birthday or a happy time for us seniors who have loved ones in Long Term Care in an Ontario Nursing Home in the province of Ontario.

I strongly protest the large hike in rates given to us by the Ontario Government. Yes, the nursing homes did get some funding, but we the spouses, and the patients are paying for it!

The hefty increase in our

monthly payments will be a hardship for many of us seniors, already trying to cope with rising taxes on our homes and/or increasing rent on our apartment units.

Some of us are just treading water and ready to sink, and now we have this added burden.

GREY POWER ARISE! We can't let this go unchallenged.

Sincerely,  
 Hope Home, Guelph

Note: This letter comes to us in response to the hefty increase in nursing home charges as announced on

the eve of the Canada Day weekend.

The owners of Ontario's long-term care centres pleaded with the Tories to give them an additional \$220 million in operating funds this year in order to meet the needs of their patients. They only received \$38 million according to last month's provincial budget.

As a result, beginning in August, seniors who are incapable of caring for themselves will have to face a 15 per cent hike (that's an extra \$7.02 a day) to live in one of Ontario's 525 long-term care facilities.

## Cemetery ownership still uncertain

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Ridge is willing to pay the costs of restoring, surveying it, deeding it and transferring it as a donation of a pioneer cemetery to the Town of Milton but Town staff has not yet completed its report on whether or not to recommend that course of action to Council.

Councillor Barry Lee previously suggested that Council defer any

decision on the zoning approval until their next meeting.

This deferral will allow Town staff time to seek options, such as a bond or letter of credit that can be put into place between Tuscany Ridge and the Town of Milton. This sort of contract might allow Tuscany Ridge to move ahead with the zoning change and development of the land while still allowing the Town a

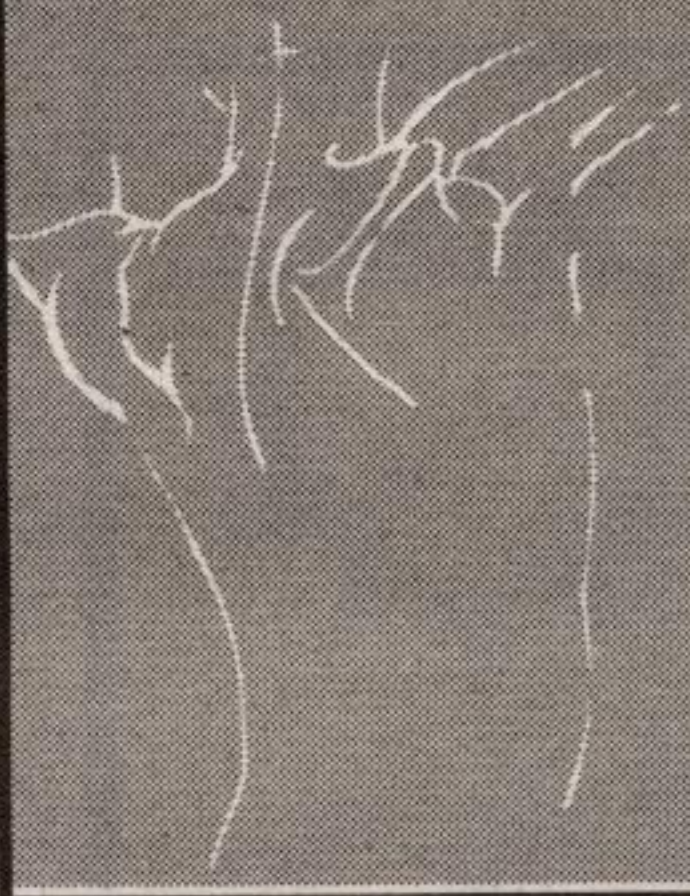
legal assurance that their conditions will be met and the Kean family cemetery will be restored.

"We are willing to undertake the cemetery work," promised Mr. McCabe, "but we want both the zoning bylaw and the consent applications with whatever conditions are reasonable to be in final unappealable form."



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