

## CORRECTION

Town Council did not approve a three per cent increase in the mileage rate paid to councillors and municipal staff who use their own vehicles on Town business as was reported last week.

The New Tanner apologizes, and regrets the error.

# Taxes payable at hydro office

Acton residents who can't get to the Civic Centre in Georgetown to pay their taxes can now drop off their payment at the Halton Hills Hydro office on Alice Street.

People can't actually pay their taxes at the hydro office, but can drop off their payment, in an envelope, and it will be forwarded to the Town offices.

Georgetown area residents who wish to pay their hydro bill may also leave it at the Civic Centre and it will be forwarded to the Acton hydro office.

Until the Town switched banks over a year ago, Acton residents were able to make actual tax payments at a local bank.

### Canine cash

Town councillors gave officials with HH-DOG – the Halton Hills Dog Owners Association – a round of applause on Monday when they presented the Town with a cheque for \$1,000 as partial payment of its share of the cost of the new leash-free dog

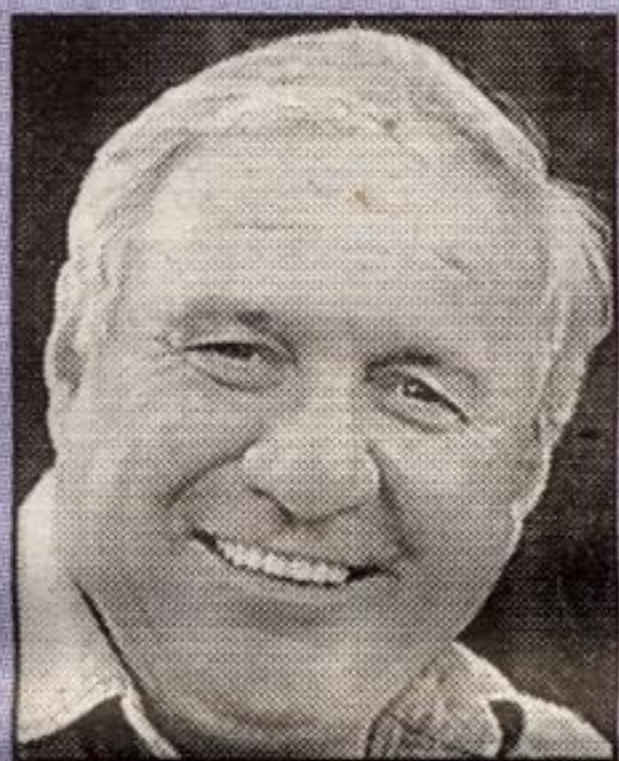
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## What's Inside



Halton MP Julian Reed announced Tuesday he is retiring from politics after representing Halton for 28 years in both the provincial and federal parliaments. See Page 9.



An Acton Firm has developed new technology to replace worn out bridges that saves municipalities tens of thousands of dollars. See Page 10.



Acton Aqua Ducks proved they were up to the challenge at a recent Scarborough swim meet where Jordan Dunn captured a High Point Award. See Page 12

## 'Business Watch' for Acton

### Village Constable also back

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Halton police will institute a Business Watch program in Acton and return Constable Garry George to his Village Constable status, in response to a 50-plus name petition, including many local merchants, asking for an increased police presence in the downtown area.

The petition sparked a meeting between police, business owners and social services providers last Monday, and Halton Police Inspector Ron Welsh said the biggest issue at the meeting was the lack of police visibility in Acton, particularly for the past four or five months while Village Constable George's shifts were scheduled as part of the regular platoon to cover some staff vacancies.

"However, he's returned to the village now and does two shifts – a day shift and an afternoon shift – along with the two officers that are assigned there (Acton) 24-7," Welsh said on Friday.

"That was probably the biggest issue – they felt that (Constable) Garry (George) had gone and there wasn't anybody to fill his spot," Welsh said, adding George has already resumed his

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### Protecting those pearly whites

TEETH PROTECTION: Acton hockey player Matt Mills was fitted with a new mouth guard by Janet Poirier (left) and Kelly Keegan during an On Guard! Custom Mouth Guard clinic at Acton arena on Saturday. – Frances Niblock photo

## Male suicides top traffic deaths in Halton

Dr. Bob Nosal, Medical Officer of Health for Halton Region, presented a report, "Injuries in Halton Residents" to the Halton Region Health and Social Services Committee on Tuesday Feb. 3.

Highlights include the following:

\* Between 1995 and 1999, there were more deaths among males from suicide than either falls or motor vehicle traffic collisions.

\* Unintentional falls were the number one cause for all emergency room visits (11,238 visits total) during the 2001

fiscal year.

\* There was a clinically significant decrease in death rates, from motor vehicle traffic collisions, and a statistically significant decrease in the yearly hospitalization rate. The decreases may be attributable to the Province of Ontario's

Graduated Licensing System.

\* For all injury visits combined, Halton Hills and Milton both had higher rates than Burlington and Oakville for every age group and both genders. In many cases, the rates were at least twice as high.

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