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# Changes are coming?

This coming week could answer a number of questions which could change the future direction of Halton Hills — are we going to grow, where are we going to grow, and who is going to help us?

It begins Wednesday at the Civic Centre with the resumption of the Ontario Municipal Board hearings on residential and industrial proposals for Acton. The three days of hearings will focus on which subdivision and commercial developments get the green light to build. This has been a long, long time coming — too long — and we can only hope that Ministry of Environment and Energy finally gets its act together and issues a water taking permit so that the OMB officer can actually proceed with some decisions this week.

On Thursday, council will hold a special session focussing on the Equity Waste Management Ltd. issue.


Equity is the firm which is suing the Town, the Mayor and all but three councillors to the tune of \$6 million. They wanted to put a composting facility on Steeles Ave. but the Town wanted to save that area for more 'prestigious' businesses. So last term's council sidestepped dealing with Equity by imposing an interim bylaw freezing all development there until the 401-Steeles Ave. Industrial Corridor Study was released. Equity responded with the lawsuit.

Now, until that suit is settled, only the three newly elected councillors can deal with any Equity matter. That could make for a quiet meeting Thursday when staff will be issuing a report on the compatibility of the Equity proposal and the study.

Who, what, where and when?

Those questions could be answered this week.

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**Did you know?**

Which is the most hazardous occupation in Canada — mining, construction or farming? Believe it not, experts believe farming accounts for more deaths for each 100,000 workers than either construction or mining. Although the most common farm accidents are machinery-related, some stats show farmers are also most likely to die of cancers than any other occupational group. March 7-13 is National Farm Safety Week, to promote safety among farmers.

**New from Ottawa:**  
The after tax special 'Budget rent a cart,' that's if you can afford it.



# Doesn't anyone like cauliflower anymore?

Earlier this week I attended a couple of interesting events, and during the evening, I made a few observations.

They all center around peoples' tastes in food.

Last Wednesday night, I covered the opening of Photoart '95 in the Gallery of the Cultural Centre as well as the annual Halton Hills Municipal Awards Evening, held the same night in John Elliott Theatre.

Following the formal part of both events, visitors to the two gatherings were treated to a light lunch and refreshments in the Gallery, where both groups shared the lunch duties.

It was, as usual, a great evening, with a superb light lunch.

But something occurred to me.

As the rush of people heading to the buffet tables slowed down, I perused the platters and trays sitting on the table.

Some were pretty well cleaned off while others were only barely touched.

I brought it to the attention of an acquaintance beside me, and she agreed; the people of Halton Hills certainly do have distinct likes and dislikes.

The vegetable platter was the most obvious indication of their tastes.

At the start of the reception, that platter had been a work of art, heaped with broccoli, cauliflower and other vegetables, complete with a nice little bowl of dip situated in the centre of the platter.

A veritable veggie addict's masterpiece.

But by the time I got to it, I noticed the cauliflower was virtually untouched, all avoided like it carried some unknown plague.

On the other hand, it was almost impossible to find a piece of broccoli. In fact the platters were almost picked clean, the only evidence of there ever being any broccoli on the platter at any time was a sprinkling of the fine green seeds.

Were the people there that

after all, I had a lion's share of mozzarella to pick away at, as everyone had made off with the cheddar.

Crackers and biscuits didn't escape their scrutiny either.

Traditional crackers were consumed by the handfuls, while any crackers that looked a little out of the ordinary were passed by.

The dessert tray carried through the theme.

Chocolate chip cookies were pretty popular (I managed to scam a couple of those little beauties before they all disappeared,) but the little squares of questionable content were shown only mediocre interest.

It occurred to me how predictable our friends and neighbors in Halton Hills really are.

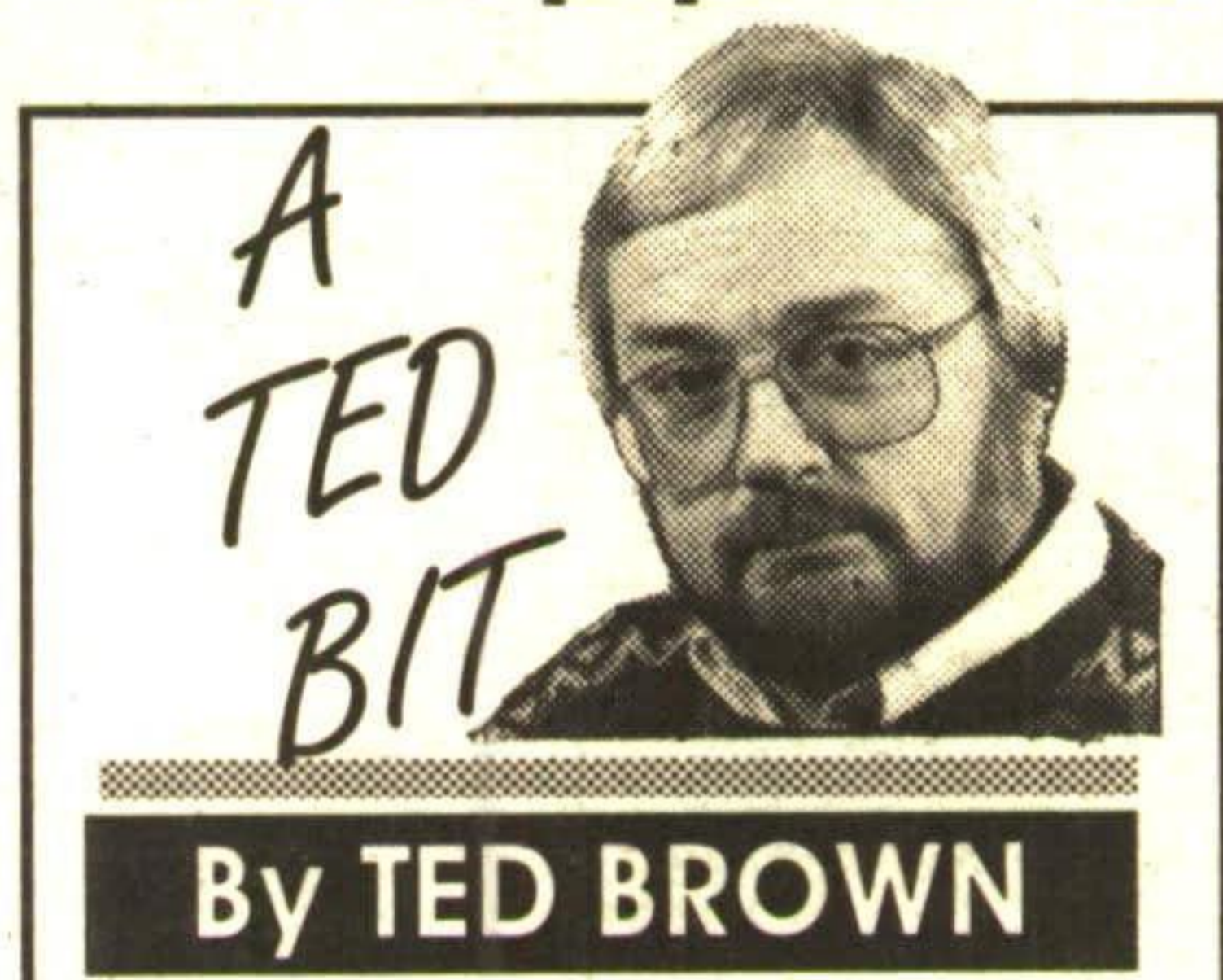
It seems we're a pretty conservative bunch. It appears very few people are receptive to trying a new type of cheese, a different vegetable or even a dessert that isn't the same as "Mom" used to serve.

Perhaps it's our grassroots upbringing and simple small town lifestyle that makes people tend to stick to the known quantities and avoid the new or unfamiliar.

And I don't really have a problem with that; in fact, I like the lifestyle and attitudes of people around Georgetown and Acton.

But this past week's experience made me vow to get in line early at the next event I attend that's serving a lunch.

That way, I'll be able to grab some of the broccoli.



night aware of something I wasn't?

You see, I happen to like cauliflower, (as well as broccoli) but it seemed as if everyone was boycotting the stuff.

It made me curious. After all, doesn't anyone like cauliflower anymore?

The same with the cheese trays.

The standard, run-of-the-mill mild cheddar cheese was snatched up like gold, while the more exotic types like marble, mozzarella and some strange looking white stuff with little dark colored things in it were almost untouched.

I was pleased with that;