



## Green with envy

Armed with his infamous roll of duct tape, popular television personality Steve Smith, better known as Red Green, dropped by Jumbo Video recently to sign a few autographs for visitors to the store. Among those who received a genuine Red Green autograph were (from left) Tasha, Christine and Doug Deforest of Terra Cotta, along with Georgetown Jumbo Video owner Vince Vani.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

## Council opposes RSI application

After an in camera session Monday night council passed a series of recommendations in reference to Reclamation Systems Inc. application to receive Toronto's garbage in the Acton quarry.

Council confirmed its opposition to Metro's waste being transported to the Acton quarry and resolved to advise Metro council, Halton Region, RSI and the Minister of the Environment of its opposition.

It also instructed town solicitor Stephen D'Agostino to remove Halton Hills name from the list of deputations at Metro Toronto on the issue, but to continue monitoring the situation and report back to council.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson was authorized to discuss Halton Hills concerns with the chair of Metro Toronto and other senior politicians.

D'Agostino was directed to advise the Consolidated Hearings Board of RSI's proposal to Metro at the January 1996 hearing.

## RIDE program increases intensity

By JANET BAINE  
Staff writer

This year funding for the RIDE program has been increased, which means that every day of December, drivers are being stopped by police somewhere in Halton.

Since Dec. 1, a total of 3,155 vehicles were stopped and only two people were charged with impaired driving or having over the legal limit of alcohol in their blood. Fourteen roadside screening tests were administered and only one person received a 12 hour suspension.

"We find the number of impaired drastically decrease because of the media attention," Sgt. Tom Chapman of the Regional Traffic unit of the Halton Regional Police. December is a bad time for

impaired driving, because of the number of celebrations people attend as well as icy road conditions, especially in Halton Hills and area, he said.

The CHUM-FM Passport to RIDE, a coupon booklet, is being handed out by the RIDE Unit roadside officers to motorists who don't drink and drive, as a thank you gesture on behalf of the police and the community.

Roadside tests are administered with a simple hand-held device which looks like a large cellular phone. The individual breathes into the device and it registers as either a pass, warn or fail. If it registers as a warning, the person is given a 12-hour suspension.

If the test device indicates failure, the person is taken to the

police station on Guelph St. in Georgetown and given another breathalyzer test there with a larger machine. This test gives an exact measurement and has to be administered twice with a 20 minute wait in between. The tests take about an hour, Chapman said.

The program, Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere, was started in 1977 in Etobicoke and after two years was expanded to include all of Toronto and surrounding regions.

RIDE is aimed at deterring citizens who are potential drinking drivers, as well as detecting and apprehending drinking drivers who are already on the road before they have an accident.

The program operates year-round, but is more extensive during December.

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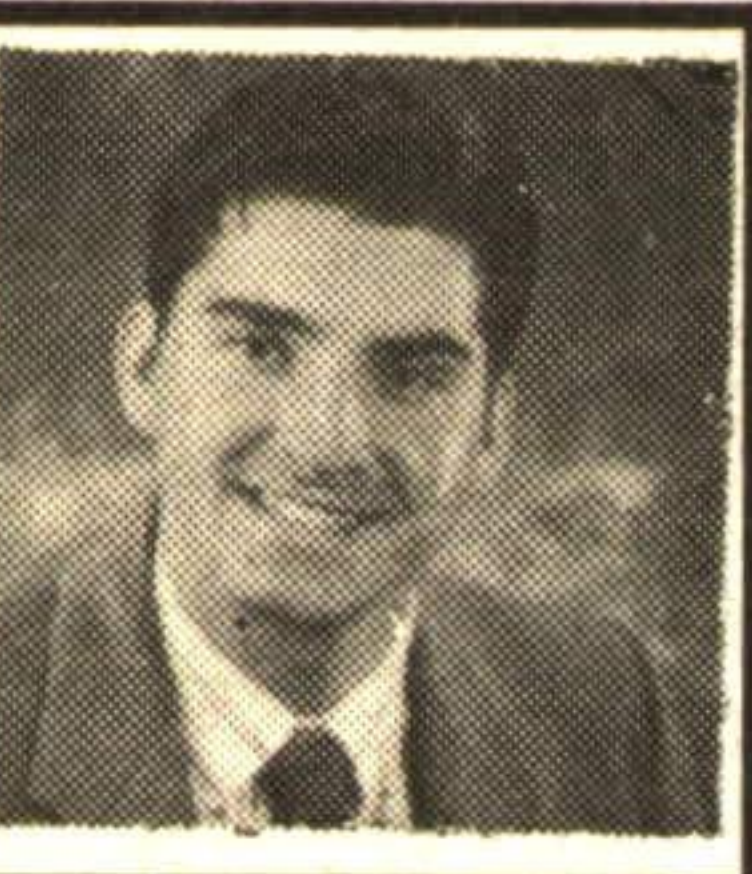
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R.H.A.D.

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