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Energy is Julian Reed's pet topic. He's been energy critic for the Ontario Liberals for the past four years. As incumbent for Halton-Burlington, Reed has many plans to conserve energy and reduce costs.

"Energy represents perhaps the largest single economic opportunity of any specific potential. Last year we spent \$7.5 billion for energy brought into this province from outside... there's no reason why Ontario can't be providing a large portion of that energy from inside the province," says Reed.

In order to replace as much as 60 per cent of imported energy by the year 2000 the Liberal party would initiate a wide ranging program of energy efficiency, conservation, and development of alternative fuels. Plans include alcohol fuel development, incentives to solar manufacturers, development of farm energy (methane, wind, vegetable oil fuels) recycling forestry waste and investigation of peat resources.

"The cheapest form of energy we have is conservation," Reed states. To stimulate conservation the Grits plan changes in building codes, removal of bureaucratic obstacles to new energy development and consumer opportunities through low interest loans and tax credits.

"If we were to properly insulate all our homes we would pick up... the equivalent of all of the nuclear power now installed in Ontario," Reed comments adding the cost of insulating is only half the cost of a new nuclear plant.

Liberal energy policy involves investment of \$4 billion by the year 2000 and is largely self-fund-

ing through efficiency raising and reduction in the amount of money spent, according to Reed.

On regional government Reed says it's increasingly evident "we have a huge white elephant on our hands". He accuses the Tories of not wanting to lose face and not having the leadership to admit they were wrong on regional government.

"Of course it was a mistake," he states. Liberals will review regional government from the inside, Reed says. If the verdict is to dismantle it, they'll do it. If major surgery is indicated, they are prepared for that, the candidate promises.

Regarding the deficit, Reed doesn't know where the money will come from. It has to come from inside the region, which is not allowed deficits by law, he says.

"Citizens' fears have come true... I don't see the system changing with bandaid measures... it's got to be major surgery," Reed feels. Reed agrees the province needs property tax reform, but does not believe market value assessment serves his

riding. With such a diversity of land problems in Halton-Burlington land tax issues have to be carefully weighed, he thinks.

"I'm in favor of tax reform in principle, but we can't do it by abandoning those people who are going to be hit hard. There's got to be some sort of built-in cushioning device," he says.

Another of Reed's pet peeves is "government by crisis". He says government has been handling major issues with "one huge heavy handed move" which has often proved unwise. He cites the example of citizens spending \$120,000 to fight the Milton dump issue.

After the Supreme Court rule to uphold the Environmental Assessment Act the government chose to allow the act to stand. Reed says the government should have employed the act at the beginning or could have fulfilled a 1972 election promise to proceed with establishing eight resource recovery plants in Ontario. Either of these actions would have saved citizens their expensive fight and had the same result, Reed feels.



The action was fast and furious at the fifth annual Halton Region KubKar Rally Saturday in Milton. The host town captured most of the awards. Here, two Acton cubs (at left), Malcolm Catto, of First Acton Beaver and David Eaton, of Second Acton join Jeff Monachello, of Burlington and Michael Cookson of Milton (on right) in the heats.

Leathertown displays in a couple of weeks

The Leathertown history committee hopes to have two displays up in store windows in the next couple of weeks.

Committee members met Sunday night and

decided the quickest way to capture the public's attention to help gather facts about the leather heritage of Acton is to have a couple of displays. One display will go up

Vegas trip Monte Carlo prize

The Acton Chamber of Commerce Monte Carlo night to raise funds for Leathertown is really taking off.

May 1 has been selected as the date and some terrific door prizes, like a trip to Las Vegas, have been lined up.

Both the lottery and liquor licence permits must still be obtained. There will be a live band, buffet meal and 50

to 60 door prizes. An auction at the end of the night is also being considered. Tickets for the event at the Acton Community Centre will be \$10 a person.

Door prizes include two sets of four Michelin tires, a 35mm camera, 21 inch color television, a side of beef and the grand prize, a trip for two to Las Vegas for four days and three nights.

Three injured in crash

Two people are in intensive care at Guelph General Hospital following an early morning two-car accident Friday, north of Osprey.

Klem Moffatt of New Lowell and Heather Hawkins of R.R. 5, Georgetown were admitted to intensive care for "observation." Moffatt is listed in good condition while Hawkins is in stable condition. A third victim, Frank Relfer, also of New Lowell, was treated for minor injuries.

The accident occurred at 2:05 a.m. on Hwy. 24, according to the Guelph OPP when one of the

vehicles, driven by side by a second car, driven by Clifford Nelson of R.R. 1 Rockwood.

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Dogs running at large?

Dogs running at large are becoming a problem in Acton one resident has told local politicians.

Reg Ginger, Churchill Rd. South, attended Friday's councillors' drop-in to discuss the problem with Dave Whiting, Ross Knechtel and Russ Miller.

He observed dogs running at large is a problem all over town, not just in wooded areas around Acton, but also on residential streets.

The town used to print key parts of its dog control regulations on the back of dog licence bills. However, information pertaining to dogs running at large being prohibited isn't on the new computerized bills, Ginger pointed out.

A dog owner himself, Ginger says more owners should be their pets on leashes.

He suggested once the town has received a few complaints about a dog running around the police should visit the owner to review the town's regulations and issue a warning.

The councillors noted in Eramosa Township where dogs running at large has become a problem around Rockwood, residents will be allowed to shoot unleashed dogs. This is common solution in many rural areas, but wouldn't be suitable for handling the dog problem in Acton the councillors agreed.

Store at Silvercreek

Residents of the Silvercreek area must be happy to know a general store will reopen in the area, after a ten year lapse.

No-one turned out at the public meeting held by planning board Tuesday night, where objections could be voiced.

Councillor George Malby wondered why a rezoning was necessary since a general store had been in that location for many years.

The planner said the ten year period since the last store was in existence made it necessary.

concern will be raised with the bylaw enforcement officer and animal control officer.

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