

Teen Outlook

AHS water show displays skills

Next Tuesday AHS will be visited by Brookville and Stewarttown Middle Schools. The purpose of this visit is for the Grade 8 students to learn more about Acton High for future planning.



By LESLEY MCCRYSTALL

They will be given a tour around the school along with a talk about AHS. On Thursday McKenzie-Smith Middle School will come to AHS for the same visit.

Dec. 4 the Acton swim team put on their annual Christmas water show at the indoor pool from 7 to 8 p.m.

This exciting evening included performances of learning to swim, suncho, diving and more.

The holiday season has arrived and with help of many AHS students we can make this Christmas a good one for those who are less fortunate than us.

We are asking volunteers to sign up for Helping Hands in the school office. If you are interested in helping out you'd be shovelling sidewalks and carrying groceries for the elderly. Please think about the people who desperately need your help.

SPORTS

The season for boys basketball is here and is being coached by Mr. Boycott. Last Saturday the Junior boys team competed in a tournament held at E.C. Drury High School. In the first game Acton played Lord Elgin and lost 55-45. In Acton's second game of the day, the team came back to defeat Waterdown 48-41. This put Acton into the consolation final against E.C. Drury, which Acton won by 33-23. High scorers for the Redmen were Kevin Priestman with 33 points, Gerry Turple with 29 points, John Curron with 23 points and David Thorpe with 25 points. Congratulations to the team for their fine efforts.

Pain

One of the most puzzling aspects about pain is how it can be modified by responses from the mind and body.

For example, how is it that a wounded soldier may be able to flee the battlefield, unaware of his injury until out of danger? Why can a sugar pill, or placebo, give a patient pain relief as powerful as morphine? Why do even the strongest pain-killing drugs lose their effect over time?

New understanding of these questions may come from a \$1.8 million, five-year research project at the University of California.

March 12-20, students from GDHS and members of the community will have the unique opportunity to travel to Costa Del Sol, Spain. The March Break trip is being organized by Mr. Hewer, Business Manager at GDHS, through the Student Travel Society.

The cost of the trip is \$1,159 and includes return air transportation, seven nights accommodation, breakfasts and dinners daily, and guided tours.

"You can't beat the price. It's great," said Mr. Hewer. "The Student Travel Society is excellent. They have provided us with wonderful care in the past and tour guides who are well versed in the history of the areas."

Participants will arrive in Torremolinos where they may have the opportunity to attend a Corrida (bullfight). They will visit Malaga, the second largest city in Andalusia, where Picasso was born. While there, they may visit the Fine Arts Museum, Alcazaba, a fortress built on the ruins of a Roman amphitheatre, and Gibralfaro, a Moorish Castle in ruins, built in the 7th century.

Other places that will be visited are Mijas, a shopper's paradise, Carhuela, Puengirola and Granada, where the Alhambra Palace, the most famous architectural site in

Spain will be viewed.



GEORGETOWN HIGH

By JOANNA McTAGGART

Optional sites to visit are Gibraltar and Tangier and Morocco, where participants will see Spartei Cape, ride camels and bargain in the famous Casbah.

This is the third year Mr. Hewer has organized a March Break trip.

The first trip was to Rome, Athens and last year's trip was to Egypt.

"There is a great mix between adults from the community and students," said Mr. Hewer. "Everybody got along great in Egypt. When we returned from the destination everyone was like a little family. Each year has become more of a community trip, which is really great because it builds a good relationship between the school and the community."

Students or members of the community wishing more information should contact Mr. Hewer, Business Manager, at GDHS, within the next week.

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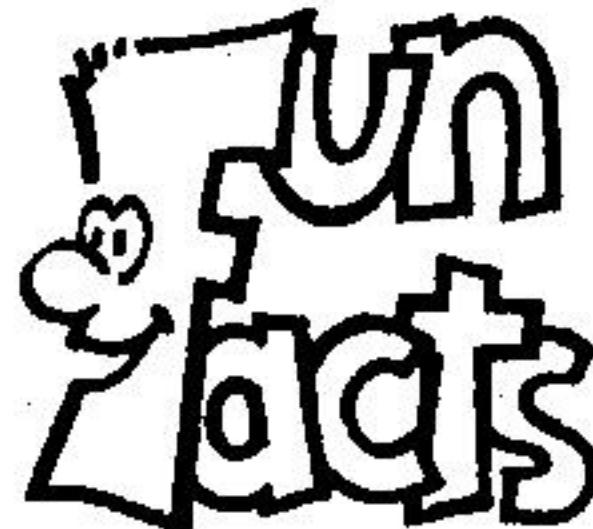
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1. Of all the planets in the solar system, only Earth has large amounts of water, so our planet is the only one with clouds, as we know them. But some planets have clouds made of things other than water.

2. The planet Venus is covered with clouds that are so thick, they completely hide the planet from our view. Mercury has almost no atmosphere, and therefore no clouds.

3. If the planet Pluto has clouds, they are probably frozen solid - the temperature of this planet is about 380 degrees below zero!

4. Since ancient times, people have said that dew "falls," but this is not true. Dew forms where you find it - on plant leaves, not in the clouds.

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