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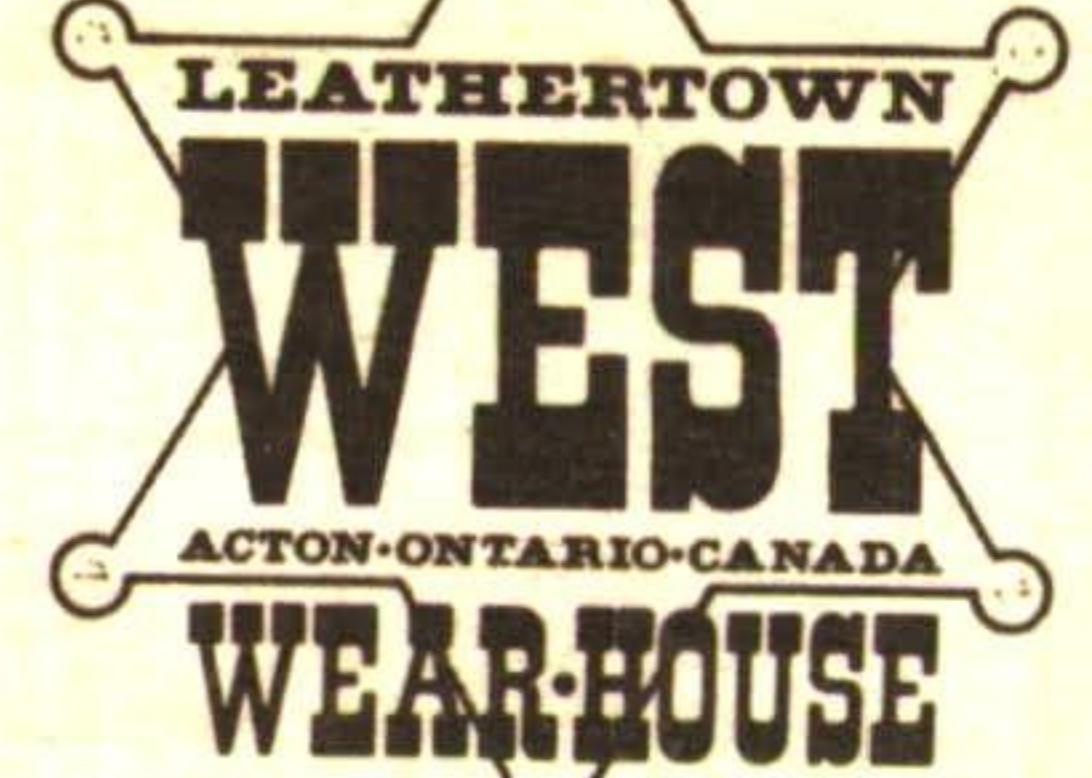
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Acton youth escapes fatal crash

An 18 year old Acton youth is at home after a deadly car crash in Brampton Monday.

At 1:55 a.m. Monday, Jeffery McMullen, 18, of Acton was driving a pick-up truck north on Airport Rd. near Hwy. 9, Caledon OPP said. The truck left the road and collided with a light standard.

McMullen's companion, Keith Laflamme, 17, of Alliston was killed in the accident, the OPP said. McMullen was taken to emergency at Dufferin and Area Hospital and later transferred to Peel Memorial Hospital, suffering from a fractured ankle.

The accident is still under investigation, and no charges have been laid at this time.

Rabies clinic on today

Today, October 19, the Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine is sponsoring a low cost rabies immunization clinic for dogs and cats (\$8 per immunization).

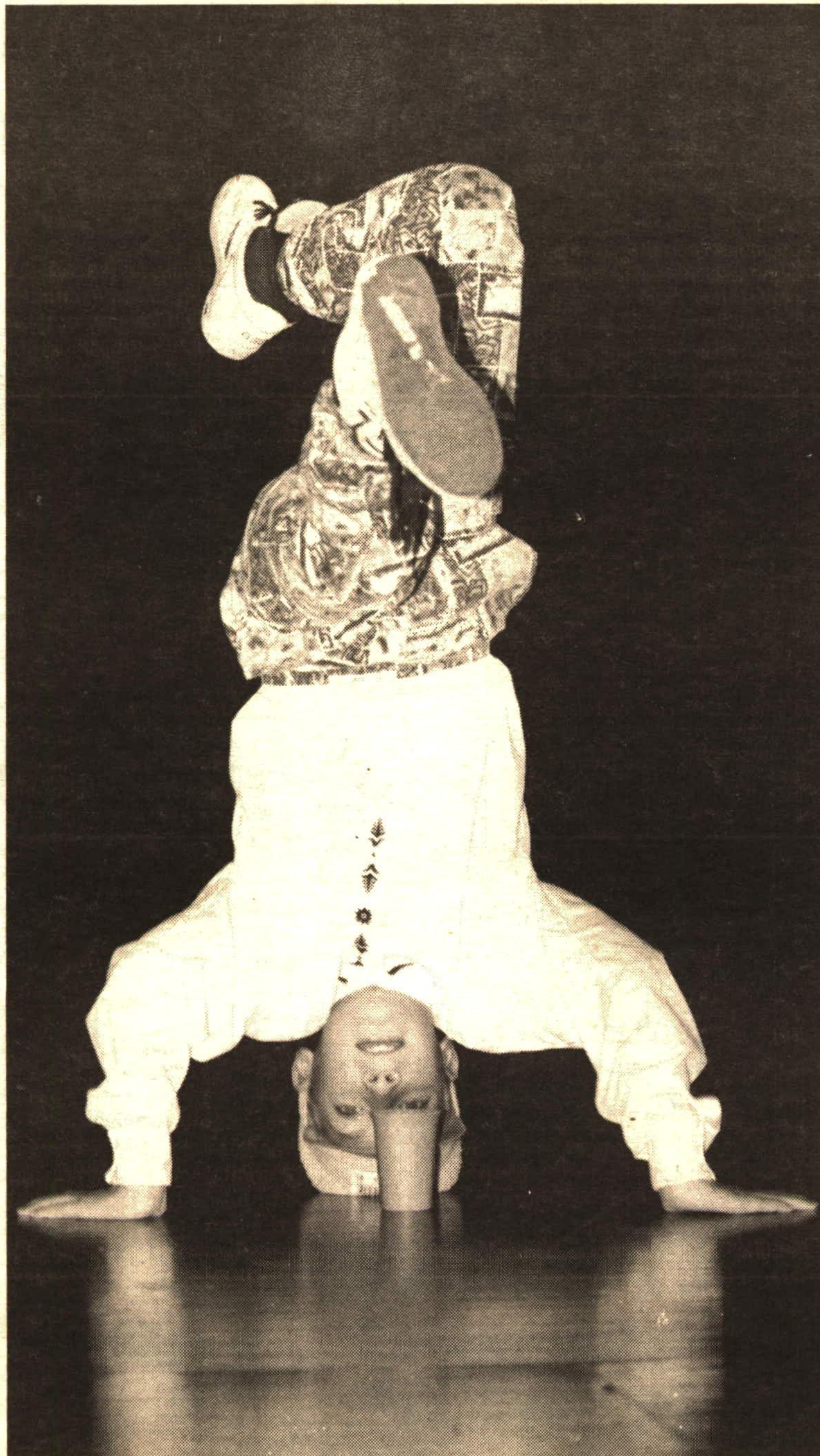
The locations are 1-3 p.m. at the Boat House, Prospect Park, Acton and Cedarvale Park, Georgetown.

These clinics are co-sponsored by the Halton Regional Health Department.

Persons attending the clinic are requested to keep their dogs on a leash. Cats should be in a suitable carrier or held by their owners.

Rabies is not a wild animal's disease. Last Sunday, a small grey tabby cat attacked three people in the Lakeshore area of Burlington. The animal also attacked at least two pets.

The public is advised to take the following precautions to avoid rabies: keep away from wild animals and unfamiliar pets, vaccinate cats and dogs and keep pets under control at all times, and if you see a wild or stray animal behaving strangely, report it to your local Humane Society or Animal Shelter.



WATCH OUT GUINNESS !

Natural gymnast Nicholas Baker, a Grade 7 Centennial School student performed his incredible feat of "dancing while standing on his head and drinking a glass of water." This mindboggling and bladder bloating act was done several times at Halton Hills' Talent Night dress rehearsal Wednesday. Nicholas has been known to stand on his head for 10 continuous minutes.

BARB STEPHENS Halton Hills Weekend

First angry volleys exchanged in election campaign

By STUART JOHNSTON

The first shots have been fired between municipal candidates — and, if they are an indication of things to come, the battles are going to be ugly.

Ward 1's (Acton) councillor Gerald Rennie blasted Regional Ward 3 hopeful Bill Hyde at Tuesday night's council meeting, accusing him of having "no credibility, no sense of what's fair and honest," adding he "should withdraw from the race."

In response, Hyde angrily shot back that he "is not backing down," adding "this is only the intellectual arrogance (from council) that I am used to."

Rennie was responding to accusations made by Hyde in his campaign literature that municipal taxes had increased 16.1 per cent, and not by 5.1 per cent as the Town has stated.

Hyde later admitted to councillors he had made a mistake, instead believing taxes to have gone up an average of between 8 and 10 per cent over the last six years. See Hyde's letter on *The Weekend's* opinion page, page 6.

Hyde also charged that the public's views are not considered by staff or councillors when they make decisions.

"I'm very distressed over the way the Acton councillor has handled this situation," Hyde said. "There is a lot of noise surrounding this issue... (but) I accept your judgement that my credibility is destroyed... I don't want to make any political speeches here, but Mr. Rennie started it, and I am not backing down. But, there will be no more knocking the legitimate efforts of people."

Mayor Russ Miller and councillors Joe Hewitt and Anne Currie attempted to discourage a debate between Hyde and the councillors, fearing it would turn into "a circus."

"I don't want to see a political evening every week until the election," Miller said. "In my 27 years in office, I have never seen anything like this."

To a round of applause by fellow councillors, Rennie successfully recommended that council "reaffirm its confidence in staff, and in Treasurer Ray King," and that the Town's books be audited by an independent source, "to confirm its accuracy."

"There are serious accusations made by Mr. Hyde, and they cannot go unchallenged," Rennie said. "Normally, it can be looked at as mere rhetoric, but staff, and in particular our treasurer Ray King, has been maligned... It is dishonest for him to say that public input is often misrepresented — council is not a rubber stamp for staff..."

"He has called staff liars and misinformers... We hold Ray King in the highest regard and we are blessed to have him here. He is beyond criticism, and to suggest otherwise is to malign the man... Mr. Hyde's campaign literature should be at the bottom of a bird cage, or in the cat's litter box."

"In an election, politicians are fair game, but to attack staff is inconceivable and deserves a reprimand in the very least."

Acton's Rick Bonnette agreed an auditor "will prove Ray King absolutely right."

"In our best interests, we should get an auditor's report to defend our record over the past six years."

Rural group hosts all-candidates meeting Wednesday

Rural residents will get a chance to discuss the issues with the Ward 2 and mayoralty candidates this Wednesday (Oct. 23).

The Hickory Falls Ratepayers' Association is hosting the event at the Ballinafad community centre,

beginning at 8 p.m. The discussions will centre on rural concerns.

Although Mayor Russ Miller will be unable to attend because of a prior commitment with Georgetown South ratepayers, the remaining candidates will be on hand to

answer questions.

The meeting will begin with each candidate saying a few words, and then they will be asked to answer both verbal and written questions from the audience.

The mayoralty candidate is Rob

Barlow, while Ward 2 regional and local hopefuls are incumbents Joe Hewitt, Rob Heaton and Alf Spence, and challengers Bill Robson and Kathy Gastle.

The meeting is for regional and town council candidates only.



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Sunday Brunch

A casual relaxing mid-day meal among family and friends is a delightful activity for many on Sunday.

The cosy, country setting offers a warm and inviting feeling for your gathering.

For your enjoyment our chef prepares new & seasonal breakfast specialties each Sunday. Traditional favorites include our carving station and the popular Create Your Own Omelette Station.

Plus - fresh made waffles, a selection of country breads, fresh fruits and berries, pastries from Dufflets. Fruit Juices, homemade desserts and other creations to please your palate.

The tradition continues Sundays, at Jack Tanner's Table. Adults \$17.95, Children (12 & over) \$8.95

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