

GRAPE VINE

Roll it

The dulcet tones of olde Hide Housepitchman Stu Holloway will be heard on Sunday at the NHADH bike-a-thon in Georgetown.

Stu won't be riding in the event — the third bike-a-thon staged by the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, but he will be on hand to act as master of ceremonies and prize presenter at the start/finish area at the Civic Centre.

Stu is best known for coining the "It's worth the drive to Acton" slogan for the olde Hide House.

In an effort to increase Acton participation, local businesses have challenged each other's fund raising and biking skills and the *Tanner* is entering two riders.

Organizers stress that this year's in-town route is safer and more leisurely.

It's not too late to sponsor a rider or pick up a pledge form from Halton Hills Furniture, IGA, Mr. Mugs or *The Acton Tanner*.

Summer sizzlers

One of the bright lights among Town Rec. and Park summer staff is Acton's 19-year-old Jason Piper, a first year rec and leisure student at the University of Waterloo.

Jason, well known for his award winning Acton Sabres hockey skills, hopes to spend a two-month work term at one of the Acton athletic camps.

Registration is underway for all of the Town's summer programs.

Red Cross recognition

Acton businesses and residents came in for some well-deserved thanks and recognition at last week's Red Cross annual meeting and awards night.

P.R.E. View owners, Robin and Paul Elliott, have donated video rentals to blood donors for almost eight years and were honoured with a Branch recognition award.

Gord and Michele Dawe, formerly of Dawe Real Estate, received an award for donating space and doing the paper work for the sick room equipment and the Acton Legion received thanks for generously donating the building for the clinics.

The next clinic is Thursday, June 24, sponsored by Remax-Blue Springs Realty.

Warren Grove reunion

There will be joyful reunions, tall tales and probably a few tears this weekend in Warren Grove, the wartime housing subdivision on Mason and McDonald Boulevards.

Hundreds of people who have lived in the homes since 1947 will prove that you *can* go home.

Reunion central will be the vacant lot at the corner of McDonald and Mason (formerly known as the sandlot).

Organizers have planned walking tours and former owners will be able to write when they lived in the house on a sign outside each home.

The Legion will be the location for a dinner and dance on Saturday night and a meeting place on Sunday.



OUT OF WORK? Landscaping, clerical and office chore positions seem to mark the majority of available summer jobs for students at the Canada Employment Centre for Students at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre. Community support worker Lin Sallay, Gillian Balkind, information assistant and Bill Keay, supervisor of Georgetown Canada Employment Centre for students, are accepting resumes from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Students can visit ASSIC to look at the job board. (Doug Harrison photo)

"The imagination is everything"

When we hear words like "discovery" and "invention" most of us probably visualize the scientist or the engineer hard at work in the lab, struggling to solve a particular problem. The picture of the dogged researcher struggling through to the inevitable, successful conclusion is an appealing one but, truth to tell, it is only partly correct.

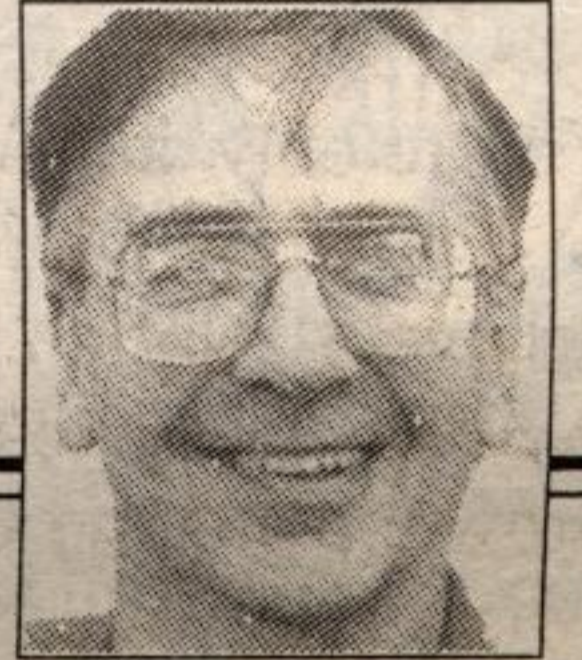
Many of our greatest leaps forward occur as the result of what might be called flashes of insight. A problem is identified, a variety of approaches and tentative solutions are applied but nothing seems to work; the case seems to be insoluble; the brick wall has been reached.

The searcher may be on the verge of despair or might actually have given up when suddenly and apparently out of the blue — an answer appears. An example might help us better to understand.

History tells us that Elias Howe struggled for years to perfect the lockstitch sewing machine. What we are not told is, that when he finally succeeded, it was as the direct result of a nightmare.

WORD'S WORTH

With Eric Balkind



Howe puzzled over his invention day and night and apparently, his mind was busy even when he slept. He later recounted how he had dreamed of being captured by a native tribe whose soldiers took him before their king.

"Elias Howe," roared the potentate, "I command you on pain of death to finish this machine at once."

He was terrified, he quaked and he cried out but he could not solve the problem. Finally the warriors formed a square around him and led him toward his execution. Suddenly, Howe noticed that near the heads of the spears which the stalwart guards carried there was a hole! What he needed was a needle with a hole near the point. He immediately awoke from his dream and sprang from his cot to

whittle a model of the eye-point needle. He had solved his problem.

History abounds with instances where problems were solved or great works were completed as the result of insights gained during reveries or what we might call dream-like states. All of which brings us back to our children and Albert Einstein's great dictum: "The imagination is everything."

Perhaps we should reconsider what we mean by the IQ. If we worried less about ways of building intelligence quotients and more about how to expand imagination quotients we just might end up with some really creative minds. What a boon that could be to a country which has been all but ground to a halt by a generation of pedestrian leaders.

HEY!

Should there be a ban on exotic animals in Acton?



"Yes. People could get hurt. People don't know the background on those animals. For safety reasons they should be banned. It would be scary if the animals got loose."

Anna Hillier, Kingham Road



"Yes. You don't know what kind of harm those animals could do to children. We can do without them."

Bill Watt, Church Street



"Yes. What would people do if they got loose? I don't think ordinary people have the knowledge to take care of those kinds of animals properly. It's endangering to the community."

Eileen Thornhill, Rosemary Road



"No. We have enough by-laws in place to control the animals. What's the difference between exotic animals and a horse. If things get out of hand, the owner should be fined like anyone else (who owns a horse)."

Rick Stokes, RR3 Acton

