

GRAPE VINE

Blood donor clinic

Help give the gift of life. Drop by Acton's blood donor clinic tomorrow evening (Thursday) at the Legion Hall from 5 to 8:30 pm. It is the last clinic before the summer, which is usually a period of high demand and low donations. Help to keep the supply and demand of the blood bank balanced. For information contact Geoff Moon at 853-0223.

Face painting Saturday

The Town of Halton Hills will be face-painting children from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday at the Acton IGA and Canadian Tire to promote their Summer '93 youth programs. Registration is welcome for the camps until the Friday before each camp begins. For information call the town at 873-2600, ext.270.

Attention future leaders

This is the last week for Acton youths (ages 13 and 14) to register for the Town of Halton Hills Leaders In Training program. Training will take place at Prospect Park July 7, 8, 12 and 13 from 10 am to 3 pm, and will be completed by 70 hours of volunteer practical placement within the Halton Hills summer programs. The fee is \$65. Those who complete the course will participate in an overnight leadership camp, receive a certificate and participate in a graduation ceremony. Applications are

available at the Civic Centre or the Acton Indoor Pool.

Town hall meeting

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner is holding a town hall meeting at Acton High School tonight to discuss town growth, economic recovery and related concerns. Turner invites those concerned about Acton's future to attend the forum and participate in discussions. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the Cafetorium.

Food appeal

Remember to drop off non-perishable food items to help stock the Acton FoodShare. Food can be dropped off at the Halton Credit Union, Acton Post Office, IGA and Foodland or telephone 853-0457 to arrange a pick-up.

Children's camps

The Town of Halton Hills' summer youth programs are ready to roll for Summer '93. In Acton, camps are offered at Prospect Park and McKenzie-Smith school.

For information, check your Recreation and Parks leisure brochure for Spring and Summer '93 or contact the Town at 873-2600, ext. 262 or 267.

TEAM registration

Are you a young mother who wants to finish your high school diploma? TEAM (Teen Education and Motherhood) might be the perfect answer for you. Beginning in September at the Acton Baptist Church, study from 1 to 4 pm Monday to Friday toward your future success. Your child will be looked after at the same facility, free of charge. To register or for information, call site coordinator Donna Kerton at 853-0690.



EARLY REGISTRATION: Jon Routledge, who played on the Acton Sabres Peewee I hockey squad this past season, was busy last Tuesday filling out the usual sign-up forms for the 1993-94 campaign, but this time for Bantam. The 13-year-old centre, who has played hockey for eight years, is currently playing in the Metro Toronto Hockey summer league. At the registration table is Acton Minor Hockey registrar Phyllis Stuckless and president Dave McIntyre. Saturday marked the last early registration day. (Doug Harrison photo)

LETTERS

Water problems

To the Editor,

Residents of Halton Hills do not want to drink water from Lake Ontario! That is my clear impression after working with members of P.O.W.E.R. since 1988.

Concerns on the dump proposed for the Acton Quarry has been the potential water pollution. And when that pollution would occur, the eventual shift to a water supply from Lake Ontario.

Now the new Halton Region Official Plan proposes to sneak this important decision through the back door. If we "borrow water from Peel" it is not clear to the average person where this water is coming from — but let me tell you that it is coming from Lake Ontario.

Once the Official Plan receives approval in principle will we have any say? I don't think so.

The Town of Halton Hills passed a resolution, quite rightly, requesting public consultation on this matter, but so far none has

taken place.

In a Toronto Star report, Paul Muldoon of Pollution Probe speaking at the Royal Ontario Museum to a conference on the Great Lakes said that in 1990, U.S. companies dumped more than 680 million pounds of toxic chemicals into the Great Lakes, all of it legally permissible. And Canada does not even have data we can refer to.

Muldoon said that the underlying assumption in both countries is that chemicals can be discharged into the environment until an adverse effect is proven to result. But Muldoon went on to point out, U.S. studies show that toxic chemicals have a cumulative effect; that they create cognitive, behavioral and reproductive problems over time. He is quoted as calling toxic lake water "truly, outrageously frightening."

A 1985 Halton Region Report on Water Quality prepared by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Works contained some frightening information and made a number of recommendations. Saying that our knowledge of individual health effects of chemicals detected in Halton's (Oakville & Burlington) water is incomplete and our knowledge of the combined effects of these chemicals is even more scant,

it was recommended that Health and Welfare Canada be requested to undertake long-term and multi-generational feeding studies of chemical mixtures to determine the effects of exposure on health hazards.

Water shortage? Instead of dealing with our water like a drunken sailor on a spending spree, we should practice water conservation as is being done in the Waterloo area (i.e., toilet dams and low flow shower heads).

A second alternative which could happen at the same time, is to develop the Acton Quarry as a water source and reservoir. United Aggregates pumps 1.5, 1.4, 1.7 million gallons per day from the quarry.

The human body can only handle so many toxic assaults. After watching both of my parents die with cancer, I am not prepared to stand by and see the good water that we enjoy now, be replaced by water from Lake Ontario.

If you share my concern write a letter to the Halton Region (comment deadline is June 30) or call your Regional Councillor, Rick Bonnette. Phone numbers available at the town offices or Mayor Miller.

Barbara Halsall, President POWER

HEY! Do you shop on Sundays?

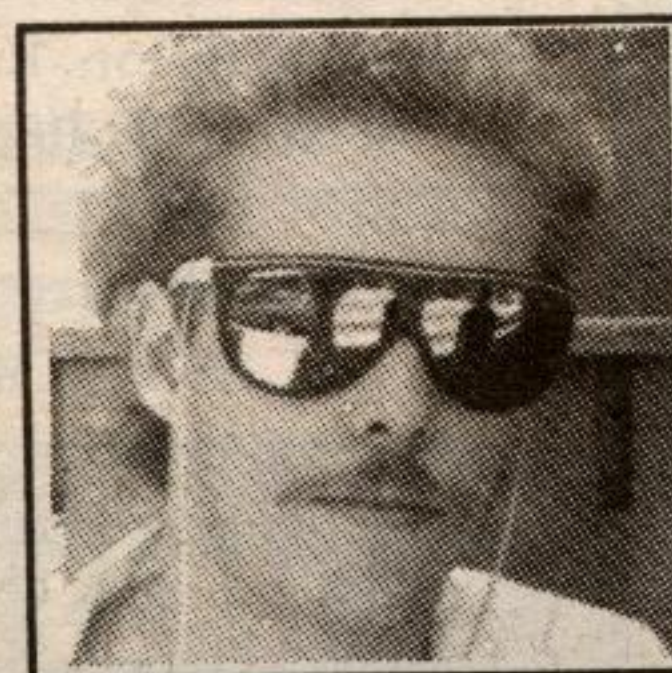


"Yes. I work in Mississauga and my time is limited once I come home at 5:30 pm so I appreciate the Sunday shopping. It also provides the opportunity for students to get jobs and/or more hours on the weekend after going to school all week."

Pat Martin, Storey Drive

"Yes. I work some Sundays and I don't mind it at all. It's actually kind of convenient for me. I just wish more people would come to my work when I'm working."

Mark Larocque, Willow Street



"I work all day and don't have a driver's licence and my husband works afternoons. I just wait until the weekend to shop and he can take me. With all the people looking for jobs nowadays, there are a lot of people who would be willing to work Sundays."

Linda Burt, Ransom Street

"Not much. Some people like to shop on Sundays. What's the difference between that and a flea market? Grocery shopping isn't that necessary, but if I need supplies, I'll go to the store. If Sunday shopping is going to produce more jobs, then that's okay."

Terry Christie, Acton Post Office

