Glory days, they'll pass you by...

Te've all had those times in our lives when things were at an all time high, life was pure fun and responsibilities were at a minimum.

Bruce Springsteen best summed it up in

his song Glory Days.

"Glory days, oh they'll pass you by, Glory days, in the wink of a young girl's eye, Glory days, glory days, glory days..."

My 'glory days' were in the late 60's and early 70s, a time when muscle cars thundered around town in vast numbers.

It was a fun, but brief, time.

And for a few hours last Saturday night, I was actually able to re-live that time.

In the 1960s, Armstrong's Garage on Guelph St. in Georgetown was a Mecca for muscle cars, where everyone who was anyone had his car tuned or modified.

Even today, one can see one of those endangered species in the parking lot, waiting for Dave Armstrong to work his magic on it.

It was only appropriate that Dave organize a reunion of all the car folks of the 60s and 70s.

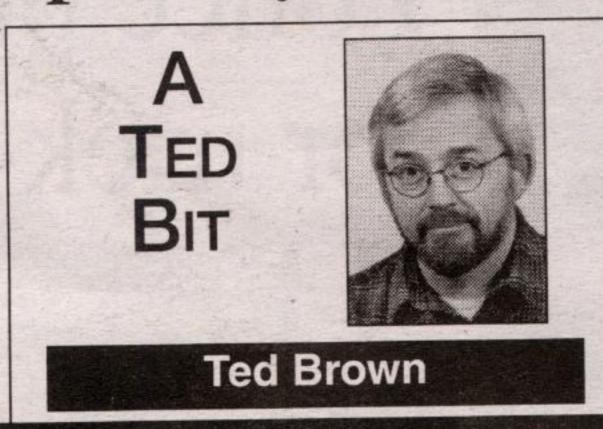
Held at Georgetown Legion, Dave and wife Hazel were on the door greeting all who attended, making sure they wore name tags, so we could put a name to a face.

"It seems the older we get, the faster we went," joked Dave in his welcoming remarks, and went on to explain how the gathering of more than 90 people came to be.

He told how in August of 2003, Jake Laird, a friend and acquaintance of everyone in attendance, died suddenly at the young age of 52.

Jake and I were the same age within days, and for years, we'd joke how we met each quite early in our lives. Our moms shared the same maternity room at the then-Brampton Hospital, back in June, 1951. Jake arrived on the 8th, I followed on the 11th.

And Jake was a car guy with a flourish. Not only did he love cars, he also kept



everyone else's looking great, using lots of elbow grease at his business, Jake's Auto Clean.

But he left us all much too soon.

After Jake's funeral, Dave, his sister Janet, and others decided that life was too shortit was time to hold that long talked about reunion.

This past summer, the invitations were sent out and the event was scheduled.

And I was so pleased to be included—not as a journalist, but as a participant of that time.

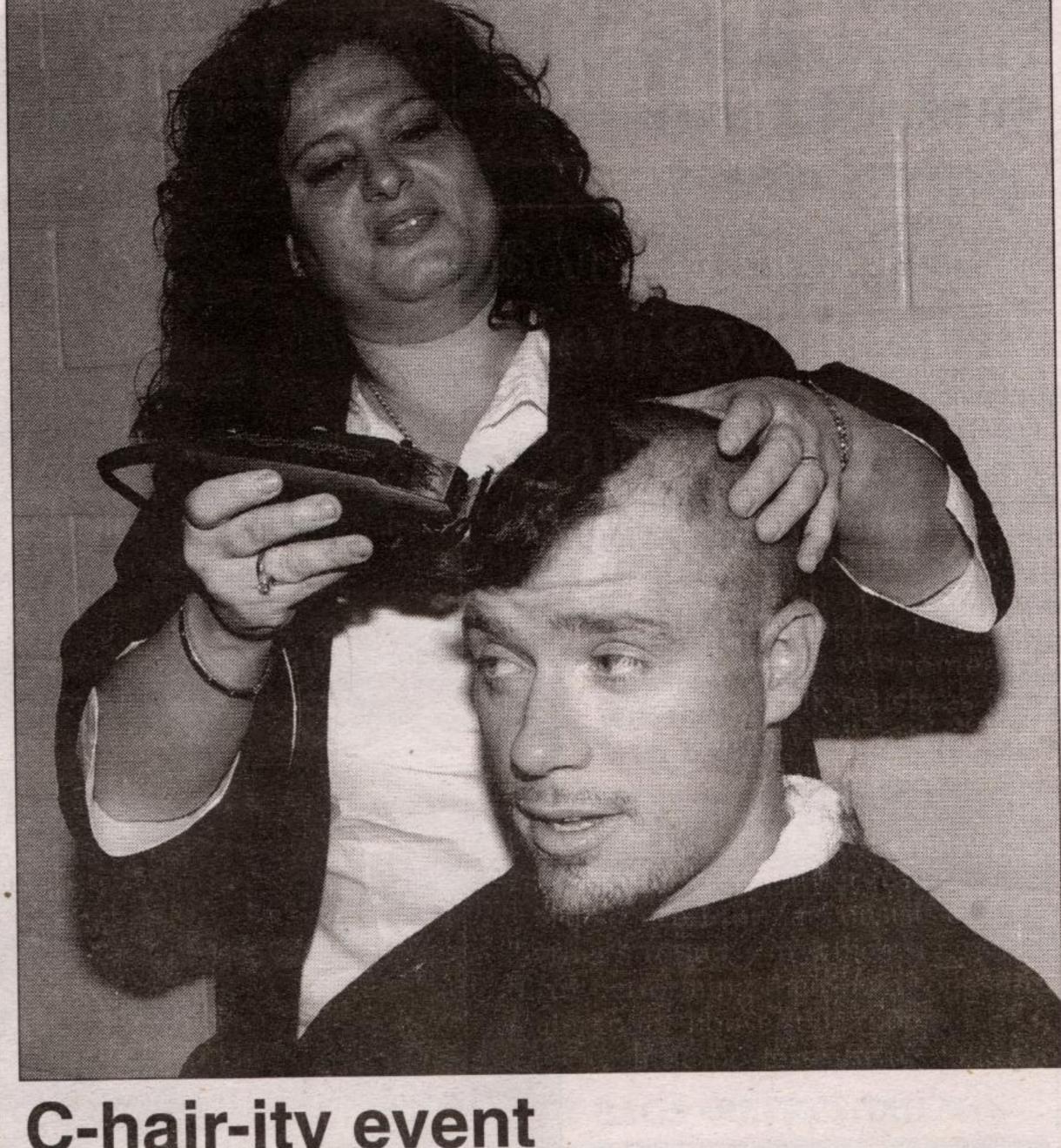
In July of 1992, I reminisced in a column about those same times, when the cars were fast, drag racing was a Saturday night occurrence at the local drag strip and muscle cars were the focus of our friendships and rival-

I was surprised (and humbled) to see that same column, 12 years later, prominently displayed on the memory board set up to show off clippings, photos and other memo-

So many faces— some I haven't seen in decades, and others I saw the previous week. It was a rush to recall some of the moments, those ever funny stories, and who-drovewhat-car-when, in times that would ultimately shape many of our lives as they are today.

Yup, glory days will pass you by, but as Dave Armstrong demonstrated, with a little effort, you can re-visit them.

But only very briefly.



C-hair-ity event

Christ the King students recently presented the Canadian Breast cancer Foundation with a cheque for \$1,721 after holding a headshaving event to raise the funds. Two teachers and four students had their heads shaved for the cause. Above, teacher Dan O'Hara showed his school spirit by having cosmetology teacher Liz Sferlazza shave off his locks. (Below) On hand for the presentation were (front, from left) Kaylyn McGilloway, Jordan Hutson, Erin Lalonde of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation; and Nikita Rinaldi. Second row, Rebeka Hickman, Jodi Nieuwendyk, Jessica Garvey, Brandy Gibson and Rebecca McDougall. Third row, Brandon Stewart, Marynella Laguna, Jonathan Paulic and Emma Photos by Ted Brown Carter.



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alton Police continue to search for the autistic man who went

I missing from Oakville Sunday and ask the public to be on the lookout for him or items he may have discarded.

Randy Mogridge, 46, left Oaklands Regional Centre on Bond St. at 7:50 p.m. and police say he can walk long distances without getting tired.

Police say Mogridge, who also suffers from epilepsy, is bipolar and has the mental capacity of a young child, may have left clues of his pres-

ence—including his clothing and particularly an adult diaper he may have discarded.

He was possibly wearing a red t-shirt, blue casual pants and black running shoes

with Velcro straps.

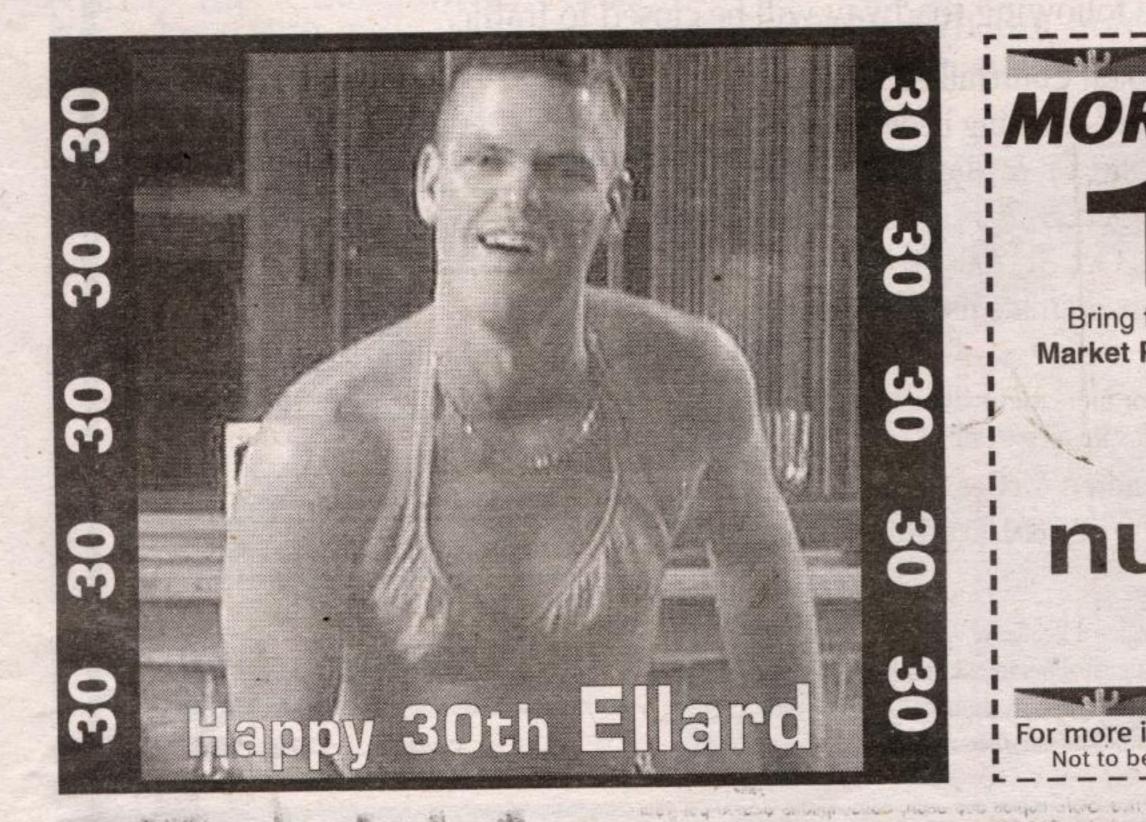
Police ask the public to check their properties and be on the lookout for Mogridge along streets, roads, parks

and plazas.

He is described as white, 5'3", 132 lbs, with a fair complexion with red blemishes on his lower face and nose.

He is unable to speak and will yell, clap his hands and use hand signals to communicate. He has no concept of traffic, water or other hazards and will walk in a straight line at a brisk

pace. Anyone who has seen Mogridge, or finds possible evidence is asked to call Halton Police immediately at 905-878-5511.

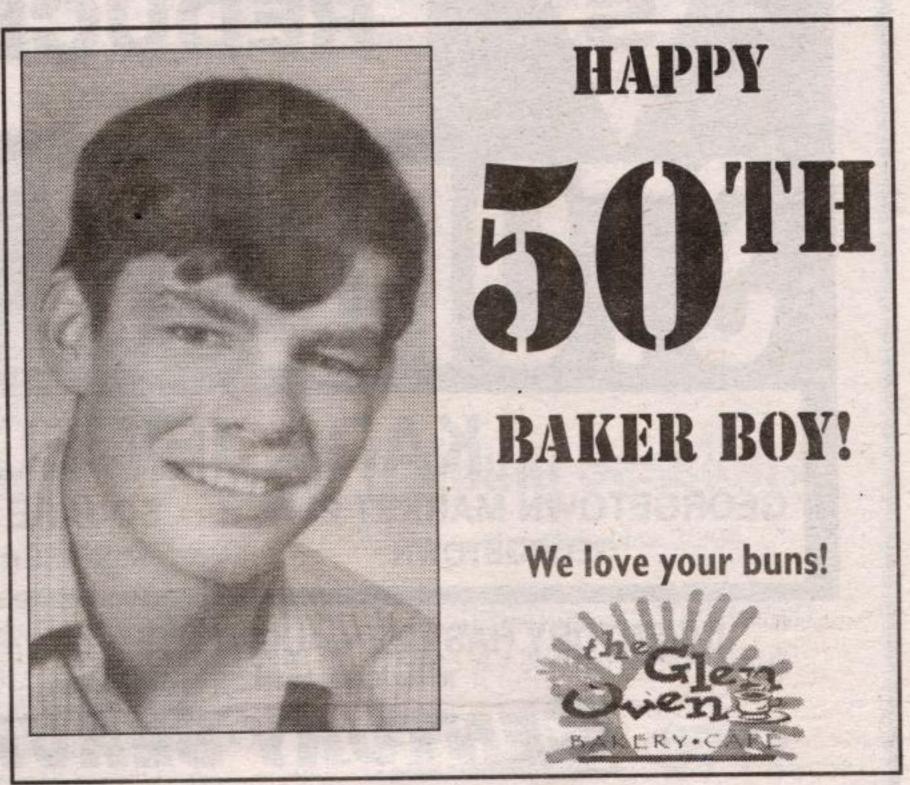


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