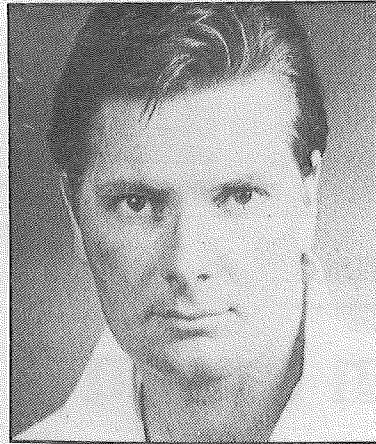


# Local stuntman makes a living out of disasters

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Ken Quinn has been blown up and shot at a thousand times. But he loves it. And, the 29-year-old Mississauga stuntman hasn't said no to a job yet.

Quinn was one of those kids who wanted to be just like Evel Knievel. He read about the success of other people and realized that with hard work, everybody could make their dreams come true.

After graduating from the Sheridan College marketing program, Quinn joined the ranks of the elite few who have combined the "rough life" with the "good life."

He took courses in everything

from diving, trampoline, and motorcycle racing to rock climbing and horseback riding, in hopes of training for stunt work. Quinn got his foot in the door when he met up with a local stuntman. Then a special effects guy, Quinn got the opportunity to co-ordinate a bar fight scene in a low-budget film.

From there, he went on to more low-budget films and his more recent credits include *Three Men and a Baby*, with Tom Selleck, *Stella* with Bette Midler, *The Super Dave Show*, and *T and T*, starring Mr. T.

"Most people don't even know a stuntman lives in Mississauga," Quinn said. Quinn lives and works here 99 per cent of the time. And,

although he likes the prospect of moving to California, he still thinks there's no place like home. He has lived in Mississauga most of his life and spends his free time in the city keeping active between jobs. The busiest season for stunt work is from May to October.

Quinn is currently working on *FX II*, the sequel to *FX*. He hopes to do some charity stunts in Mississauga. Last year, he said, the idea received no backing from the city. He wants that to change and is surprised he got little support from his own home city.