Renovations to Civic Centre progressing rapidly

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Councillor Ewing was absent from this meeting.

Councillor Art Roberts reported to council at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening last that the renovations at the civic centre are progressing well. The walls have been stripped and the carpet discarded. Insulation has been installed and the wood is being put on as well as the gyprock. The wainscotting is pine groove and will add brightness to the room, as well as a homey effect. He wore a broad smile as he spoke about the bar which the local Lions Club completed already. "It is just dandy," said Councillor Roberts. He continued, "The renovations are progressing well in the auditorium, things should be completed by the end of the month and I am sure it will be ready for the Easter pancake breakfast scheduled for there."Tenders were opened then for the flooring in the newly renovated area. Only two tenders were received, both from the village, one from Thompson's Homecare whose bid came in at $2908.06 and the other from Doug Byers' Furniture and Appliances Ltd. who bid $2741.45. Both prices included taxes. The tile was supplied and installed for the above prices. Council awarded the tender to Byers. A letter would be sent and the floor will be installed as soon as the wall construction is completed. This move was to go ahead according to Councils' decision so that after amalgamation goes through, this village will still have a civic centre to be proud of. Council agreed that the building gets a lot of use and will continue to do so in the future, so this money seems well spent.

Council then proceeded to pass an amendment to the Dog by-law which was primarily passed in 1989 to regulate the keeping of dogs within the limits of the Village of Iroquois. This was done due to the complaints and concerns about dog excrement not being cleaned up throughout the Village. The by-law was amended to include: every owner shall remove forthwith excrement left by their dog of any dog within their care on any property, anywhere in the Village of Iroquois. No person shall keep an animal in an unsanitary condition which for the purposes of this by-law is an animal exposed to an accumulation of fecal matter, an odour, insect infestation or rodent attractions; so to endanger the health of any person. Fines are increased to be no less than $25. and not more than $500. exclusive of costs. When a judgement is placed upon a person pursuant to this by-law, the presiding judge levies the amount of the fine.

Council addressed the matter of the Emergency Measures Ontario coming to Morrisburg to conduct a three day course on Emergency Preparedness and Response. Included in this course are such topics as basis knowledge which will enable those taking it to prepare emergency plans and respond to emergencies. Councillors Gibbons and Roberts may well attend, while Reeve Swank and Councillor Rooney responded in the negative at this time.

A request from Upper Canada Playhouse for funding assistance was turned down. Last year Council provided $200. to help the Playhouse and Councillor Gibbons was willing to do the same again this time 'round, but had his motion defeated.

Jim Mustard, President of the Iroquois Golf Club wrote asking Council's permission to erect a permanent sign at the entrance to the Golf Club Road. It will be placed on the south side of the corner of said Road and Island Park Drive. It will display the Club name and perhaps a golf scene will be etched into it to enhance the appearance. Council had no problem with it. The Club will be responsible to maintain the Special Zoning restrictions (minimum setback) and need to have permission from Matilda Township as well before they can proceed. The entire project will be at the Golf Club's expense.

Correspondence was received from the Civic Address Co-ordinator, regarding the Enhanced 911 project. "Bell Canada has begun building the database for the enhanced 911 service for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. A tentative date for start-up has been set for the first quarter of 1998. In the letter it was mentioned that due to amalgamation a duplication of road names will result..."if the road duplication is resolved before June 1997, it will not delay the 911 project." Enclosed with it was a list of these duplicate road/street names within the new proposed municipalities. The process to change the names should be fair to all and so the same number of

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Tactical Rescue Unit responds - barricaded subject apprehended

Steven Bilmer, 34 years of age, a resident of County Road 18 in Matilda Township appeared in a Cornwall Court on the 13th of March to answer to charges of 4 counts of common assault and 3 counts of uttering threats.

On Wednesday of last week, at approximately 9:30 am, Upper Canada Detachment Officers attended a residence on County Road 18 in Matilda Township, Dundela.

The purpose was to execute an outstanding arrest warrant on Mr. Bilmer, and to follow up an investigation stemming from a previous incident where the same subject was also involved.

The outstanding warrant was for failing to appear for court on a criminal matter.

Attempts at the residence to make contact with Mr. Bilmer were unsuccessful. For safety reasons, tactical measures in apprehending Mr. Bilmer were initiated.

This was done with safety in mind for both police personnel and Mr. Bilmer.

At approximately noon, specialty units were summoned to the scene. The Tactical Rescue Unit, the Emergency Response Team and Force Negotiators attended.

A 1/2 km stretch of County Road 18 was closed off and contained.

At approximately 5:13 pm, Tactical Rescue Unit members entered the residence and apprehended Mr. Bilmer without incident.

No firearms were involved in the incident.

Following his hearing in Cornwall, Mr. Bilmer was remanded into custody and will appear in Cornwall court on March 21st.

A busy day

While police in Matilda were working on apprehending Mr. Bilmer, a lone male entered a business outlet in the Village of Ingleside brandishing a knife. The suspect made away with an undisclosed amount of money.

Upper Canada Detachment officers responded. A description of the suspect as well as the vehicle driven was provided. With the assistance of the public and witnesses, the suspect vehicle was observed and subsequently stopped in the Village of Finch without incident at approximately 1:30 pm.

Richard Geddies, 26 years of age was charged with armed robbery; possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace; impaired driving; driving while disqualified and dangerous driving.

On Thursday, as part of an ongoing investigation involving Geddies, Upper Canada Detachment Officers attended the Geddies residence and executed a narcotics control act search warrant.

A hydroponic grow lab was discovered in the residence and the following was seized; 157 marijuana plants with a value of approximately $14,000.

As a result, additional charges were laid and included; cultivation; possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a narcotic.



Delicate work

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

This young lady was getting her face decorated. The St. Patrick's Day Bazaar and Tea hosted by the Catholic Women's League was "the" place to be on Saturday. From crafts to plants, baked goods to homemade preserves, there was something for everyone. The ladies served a delicious lunch and even the kids could have fun.

Purple Dragon Puppet Troupe

The second show in the Iroquois Library Children's Series is going to take place this coming Tuesday (March 25th) evening.

Extremely popular, the Purple Dragon Puppet Troupe returns to Iroquois with their performance of "Many Moons".

The troupe weaves the story with live music, a large colourful set and a variety of puppets, both small and very large.

An energetic performance will keep both young and old on the edge of their seats. Entertaining, with a message that is full of wisdom, this performance is one that you and the whole family will not want to miss.

The show begins at 7 pm. Admission will be $3.50 at the door.

The third show in the series will take place April 18th. Titled "The Birthday Blast", this show, the last in the three show series, will feature Shari and Jerry.

Liberals endorse Kilger for election

Stormont - Dundas MP Bob Kilger has been acclaimed the Liberal candidate for the next federal election. The nomination meeting well attended by party members was held in Cornwall on Thursday, March 13th.

"The nomination process is a democratic grassroots involvement that makes our system of government the success that it is. I am honoured by the confidence shown in me and the Liberal record by the members of the Stormont - Dundas Federal Liberal Association," said Mr. Kilger.

"Some of the major accomplishments of this government under the leadership of Prime Minister Jean Chretien include getting our fiscal house in order, putting integrity back into government," said Mr. Kilger, "Paul Martin's recent budget was a Liberal budget that proved the deficit fight is not an end in itself."

Mr. Kilger added, "I have established excellent contact with my constituents through regular Monday visits in Dundas County at municipal offices and accessibility from my constituency office in Cornwall. I fully intend to continue this practice."

"There is no doubt that the number one concern of the majority of my constituents is jobs. When this government took office in 1993 the national unemployment rate was 11.3 percent, it is now 9.7 percent. Seven hundred thousand new jobs have been created since the Liberals came to power," stated Mr. Kilger.

He added, "We must continue to create an environment for employment. I believe as we enter the next century Stormont - Dundas is poised to benefit from the opportunities created by Liberal policy."

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Business Improvement Association makes request

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Chair of the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association (BIA) Earl Baker, attended the regular meeting of Morrisburg council to discuss some concerns.

Baker began by telling council that the estimate on the repair and painting of the 10 year old canopy in the mall had come in at around $11,000.

"There's 20 sections at about $195 a section to paint and repair," said Baker, who was asked by Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink if a call for tenders had been issued?

"No," replied the chair.

Looking over the BIA report, Reeve Gord McGregor asked, "what's this... a mobile vacuum cleaner?"

Mr. Baker explained that merchants believed it would be more cost effective to have a mobile vacuum for cleaning the shopping plaza as opposed to having village employees do the job.

"It would be simply easier," said Mr. Baker about the vacuum. "It would do as good or better job in less time and you could do it more often."

Asked what the cost estimate was on the mobile vacuum, Councillor Notman told those present it would cost approximately $11,050 plus tax.

Mr. Baker told council that keeping the mall clean was important to everyone and would benefit the whole community.

The south steps to Fifth Street are deteriorating and are in need of repair and Mr. Baker asked council if they could do anything about the steps.

"Do they have to be that wide?" he questioned. "Perhaps if they weren't that wide we could add a wheel-chair ramp?"

Presently merchants in the main section of the mall deposit their garbage in a storage area beneath the clock tower. Mr. Baker asked council if it would be possible to build a garbage storage area somewhere else. He suggested a location in the parkinglot behind The Beer Store.

Another BIA concern dealt with people skateboarding and riding bicycles on the sidewalk under the canopy. Baker wondered if it would be possible to put up signs prohibiting these activities.

"We could put signs up about skateboarding but we really can't do anything," said the deputy reeve.

Reading down the list of items provided by the BIA, the reeve came to item three.

It has been brought to our attention that some vehicles have been driving down centre mall and we feel this is not a good practice.

"Driving down the centre mall," read McGregor out loud. "I don't think it's a proper place. I know heavy trucks drive down there, people see a car and someone else drives down."

Mr. Baker pointed out that trucks making a delivery to Sears do not drive down and they unload heavy items from time to time and he wondered why others couldn't follow their example.

"Maybe we could put up a sign that says no vehicles down there," said Mr. Baker.

"Is that a given road?" questioned Councillor Cam Martel.

"That's another problem," answered the reeve. "The same people have been driving up and down their for years and it's probably going to be hard for them to stop at this point in their lives."

Public washrooms

The BIA chair brought council

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Little Bit Irish...

A little bit country- Gail Gavan and her friends braved the elements on Friday to bring their show to Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. Sponsored by the Matilda Hall Board, the show was fun. With St. Patty's around the corner they included some Irish tunes and tossed in some toe-tappin', down-home country tunes to give those who came out an evening of dancin' and listenin' entertainment.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Council can't help Iroquois Public

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A letter from Iroquois Public School Principal, Dick Turner caused quite a lengthy discussion at this council meeting. Dick was seeking support from the Village Council to have Lakeview Drive, from Elizabeth to College Streets closed to vehicular traffic at recess and noon times each school day for 20 days immediately following March Break. This would mean from 10:15 to 10:45 am, from 12:15 to 12:45 and then from 2:00 to 2:30pm each school day.

The reason for the unusual request was given as follows: "We are a school, of 370 active students and with the mud and water that spring time brings, we simply do not have enough area for the students to play in during recess times. It would be my intention, if allowed, to borrow portable barriers from the town and to place and remove them at recess time to block the street off in front of the school. The street would become a dry, mud-free play area and parents everywhere would praise Iroquois Council for their acumen in making such a child centred decision. Although my comment is meant to be lighthearted, my intent is to ensure that my students are as safe and happy as can possibly be. The fact that vehicles can be easily re-routed down Beach Street coupled with the fact that there are no residences in the affected area, will hopefully mean that this request will not annoy tax-payers who do not have any children or grandchildren in the school, and as I mentioned earlier, a positive answer will delight parents as well as students and staff at IPS."

In response to this the Reeve and Clerk paid a visit to the Village Solicitor. His advice to the Village Council was not to comply with his request. "The Village is liable, even if the street is

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this week

Damage unknown

Firefighters responded to the house of Don Rose last Saturday afternoon. Please turn to page two for the story.

Alpha Course...

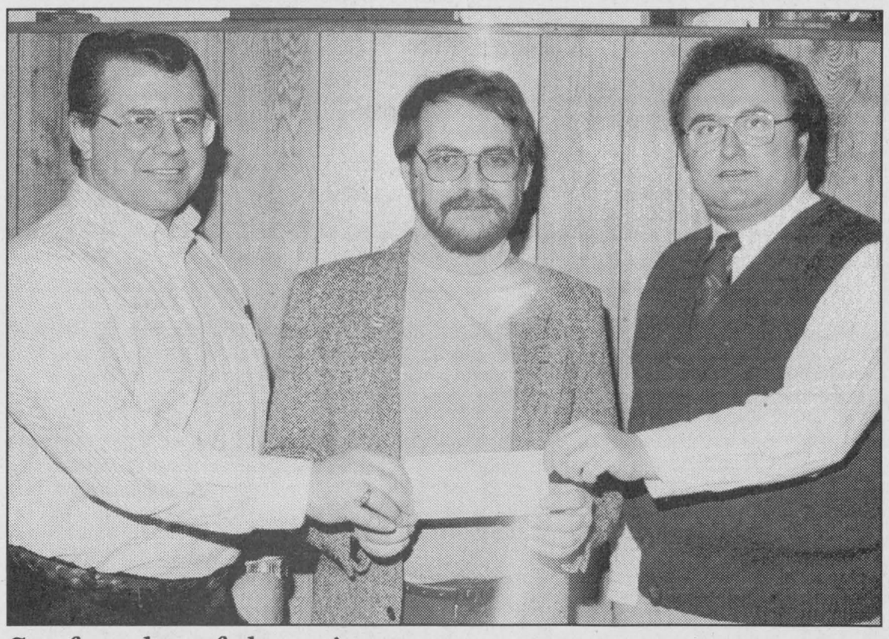
A new beginning or a refresher course... The decision is yours. Check out our focus on page four and make up your own mind.

Kemptville's gone!!!

The Morrisburg Midget Lions rocked the Kemptville Panthers right out of the building! Skate over to page six for the obituary.

It'll grow on you

The hunt for the great pumpkin is on. The seed will be planted when you read page nine.



Surf and turf donation

A well attended Surf and Turf Dinner held by the Williamsburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows raised enough money for a $4,000 donation to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Presenting the cheque are I.O.O.F. members Dave MacIntosh and Noble Grand Brian Hanes. Accepting on behalf of the Hospital is Arden Schneckenburger, W.D.M.H. board chair. Schneckenburger said the donation would go to the hospital's Equipment and Building Fund.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

BIA

up to speed on the washroom issue. A number of merchants have questioned the feasibility of a public washroom facility in the mall.

Presently, the closest public washroom is located a number of blocks away at the Morrisburg Civic Centre.

"We're putting a questionnaire together to see if they (merchants) want a public washroom or not," explained Mr. Baker.

Anniversary

Mr. Baker brought it to council's attention that the 40th anniversary of the opening of the shopping plaza occurs this year.

"This year, 1997, marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the 1st shopping plaza built in Canada," commented Mr. Baker.

According to the BIA chair, a study done by the South Dundas Economic Development Commission uncovered the fact that Morrisburg's shopping plaza was opened in December of 1957 and that it was the first one built in Canada.

"We will be using that as a promotion throughout the summer months," said the chair.

Upcoming events

Baker confirmed three dates for upcoming BIA promotions.

The Giant Village Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 17th and will include a cross country bike-a-thon, a bicycle safety seminar as well as a giant village yard sale.

Saturday, September 4th will mark the BIA's AppleFest in the mall and the Santa Claus Parade, along with the village party, is scheduled for December 6th.

911

The BIA has also received its official store numbers for the new 911 service which is expected to be available in this area before the end of the year.

"We will be putting the official numbers on all of the stores," said Baker.

Kilger

"I do not take any opposition lightly or anyone for granted, I have a great deal of respect for those who make a commitment like this to public service. I am prepared to work long and hard to win the election campaign," concluded Mr. Kilger.

Mr. Kilger was first elected to Parliament in the general election of 1988 and re-elected in 1993. In the Liberal government he has served as Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and is currently the Chief Government Whip.

Renovations

names per municipality will be changed...name changes will be selected and meetings of representatives from each locale will be set up so that this can be accomplished with the least amount of complications possible.

Next on the agenda was word from the Ontario Provincial Police, Upper Canada Detachment concerning the matter of changes to the Police Services Act and the impact they will have on local municipalities. While nothing definite has yet been received, there will be various options to consider. The Village of Iroquois has not been under contract as far as Policing is concerned, but they will need to address this after April 1, when costs will be available and options can be looked at so decisions can be arrived at.

Centra Gas informed Council that they received approval to increase their rates in the Village due to higher purchasing costs. Effective March 1, 1997, typical residential rates will have risen about 3.5 to 4 per cent, which amounts to an increase of about $30. per year or less than $3. a month.

School

closed off," reported the Reeve. He also told council that he went to the school to speak to Dick on this matter. "I suggested that the staff park in the United Church lot and allow the students to play on the Staff parking area, but Dick told me this was not enough room either." Councillor Rooney noted, "I worry about a vehicle going past the barriers and a child getting hurt, even without the liability aspect, this would be devastating."

The Reeve added, "I don't mind helping the school out, I would if there was any way possible, but we just cannot, as a municipality stick our necks out on this issue." While council agreed they would like to help out in this matter, there does not seem to be any way it is possible.

The last item that council had to deal with was the plaza and the problems which exist there. One thing brought to the attention of the elected representatives around the table was the fact that ten people in the plaza business community had been sent notice of deficiencies in their sidewalks and the potential for serious problems. Each was asked to make necessary repairs...nine did so and one has been holding out. Council has no reason for this, but all agreed that something has to be done, whether through the by-law officer or a letter from council, this owner/businessman will be addressed and the sidewalk will be fixed.

The other item that was spoken to was the issue of snow removal in the plaza area. The 2 or 3 empty stores cause some problem..."Who is going to ensure that the snow is removed in front of these stores?" asked the Reeve,"Is that up to the Village crew?" Along with this there are several trouble locales in the plaza, where the snow is not being removed sufficiently to allow customers to safely shop in Iroquois. One Councillor suggested that the plaza merchants should have enough pride to keep their sidewalks clean. An illustration of a concerned businessman was noted: "Les Crawford of Crawford's Meat Shoppe has that pride in his community and his place of business. He wants to attract customers and even cleans sidewalks that are not even his."

It was noted as well that the now defunct BIA had agreed to clean the snow from the area between the curbs and the interlocking brick since the merchants had requested the curbs be there. "Everyone is not doing their part and some people, especially the seniors find it difficult to get from store to store during the winter months. Who has the responsibility to clear away the snow in front of a store, if it is not the owner?" asked several councillors in turn. The fact that some only clean a walking width to their doorway causes trouble too. Councillor Rooney was quite frustrated and when she spoke it was evident, "It tees me off, I am irritated to no end. Why should Council have to go after adults, business people who benefit from this, and yet do not think enough of their business to clean the snow away so their customers can get into their store to shop?" This issue will be resolved so next winter similar problems do not exist...hopefully.

Board not happy with teachers

Last week's request from the Secondary Teachers of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for a final offer came as a complete surprise to the members of the Public School Board. The Teacher's Federation demanded, on three days notice, a final offer from the Board. The Board is very disappointed in the teacher's apparent lack of faith in the upcoming mediation process.

Since the Board and the teachers are scheduled to go into mediation on March 19, the Board was very surprised that the Federation wanted an offer to use as a "strike vote" position before such mediation is completed. The Board has every hope that results of this mediation process will avoid any necessity of a "strike vote" at this crucial time of the school year. The Board feels that, through mediation, they can be fairer with the staff and have, therefore, not presented a final offer.

Under the terms of the School Boards and Teachers Collective Negotiations Act, the teachers would be voting on the previous contract if no offer has been received. The Board hopes that mediation will be of assistance in the negotiation process.

THANK YOU

The Iroquois Legion would like to thank the following for their donations for the Provincial Cribbage Championships which we hosted at our Branch on March 15th:

Asselin Real Estate; Bank of Montreal; Bazaar and Novelty; Beaupre Jewellers; Becker Milk Co.; Byers Furniture & Appliances; Chieftain; Craig Packaging; Crime Stoppers; C.S. Brooks/Caldwell; Dr. Dean A. Summers; Dundas Bus Service; Fetterly's Automotive; F.B.M. Distilleries; Friendly Bros. Lodge #143; Gilmer Pharmacy; Iroquois Enterprises; Iroquois Fire Dept.; Iroquois Gas Bar & Car Wash; Iroquois Motel; Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club; Jiggers; Mustard's Variety; Prunner's Auto Care; Rise "N" Shine Restaurant; Rooney Feeds; Ross Video; Royal Bank; S&F Food Town; Sears (The Nook); Styles TV & Appliance Services; Swank Construction; Thompson Lumber; Upper Canada O.P.P.; Village of Iroquois

We also wish to thank the Haddo Recreation Club, The Iroquois Bridge Club and the Village of Iroquois for the loan of tables and chairs. A sincere thanks also to the Committee Members, other volunteers and Ladies Auxiliary for their much needed assistance. The tournament was a huge success and your support is greatly appreciated.

NEWSBRIEFS

CARDINAL

Chug-A-Lugs tourney

The 3rd Annual Chug-A-Lugs Oldtimers Hockey Tournament is scheduled for April 4th, 5th and 6th, at the Cardinal Community Centre. The tournament will feature four different divisions: Invitational, Industrial, Recreational and 40 & Over. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games. Games will be 15 minute stop time periods. No slap shots and no body contact. Players can only play in one division. Tie games are not broken until the finals, with the overtimes being sudden death. Top two teams in each division will play in the final. There will be prizes and refreshment tickets. For more information contact Barry Stitt at (613) 657-3633, or Kevin Patrick at (613) 657-3507. This year's tournament is sponsored by the Country Hideaway.

CARDINAL

Colligan competes at Provincials

Tyler Colligan, a member of the Cardinal Figure Skating Club won his category at the sectionals in Lindsay and will represent Eastern Ontario at the provincial. Attending Benson Public School in Cardinal, the 11 year old is coached by Cynthia-Roeger Cassell of Prescott.

ONTARIO

Watch that light!

Ontario Hydro is issuing an urgent appeal to anyone who owns free-standing halogen lamps that use tubular halogen bulbs. Tests by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission have shown that 250, 300 and 500 watt tubular halogen bulbs used in these lamps could start a fire in nearby flammable materials. Make sure all your lamps bear one of the following approval marks or labels - Canadian Standards Association, Inchcape Testing Services ETL, Inchape Testing Services WH, Met Laboratories Inc., Underwriters Laboratories Inc. or Ontario Hydro Electrical Approval.

MAPLE RIDGE

It's fun night

A fun night is being planned for March 25th at Maple Ridge Senior Public School starting at 7 pm. There will be basketball, volleyball, games of skill and guessing. This will also be the first meeting of the East Dundas Calf Club. We will be using this night as a mass registration night, so if you haven't paid your membership yet and will be taking a club this year this is your opportunity to join and receive your membership card. There will be refreshments for everyone so come and have some fun with 4-H members from around the county.

ST. LAWRENCE

Seaway will open soon

The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority announced that the 1997 navigation season will open in our area on the 2nd of April, 1997. Vessel transits will be subject to weather and ice conditions. Navigation may be restricted to daylight hours in some areas until lighted navigation aids have been installed.

KANATA

Up to 6,000 have cheered

The Ottawa Senators Hockey Club and its Partners in Caring Program launched at the beginning of the season, announced that forward Shaun Van Allen sponsored 200 children to attend last Friday night's game against the New York Rangers. The Partners in Caring is a cooperative program designed to give disadvantaged and terminally-ill children the opportunity to enjoy a professional hockey game in person. More than 80 percent of the 7,150 registered children for the Partners in Caring Program have had the pleasure of attending a Senator's game through the generosity of sponsorships coming from different businesses, employers, employees and private citizens.

Cornwall to host championship

The Board of Directors for Cornwall Lift-Off Hot Air Balloon Festival were notified over the phone that for the second straight year they would be the host for the Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championship. "We created the 40 page bid to host the Championships, however were not sure that the Canadian Balloon Association would want to use the same location for the second year," stated Lyndon McPhail, Marketing and Public Relations Director. "The Canadian Balloon Association said they were pleased with our event, along with the coordination of the '96 Championships and are confident that we could run another successful Championship."

The 1997 Championships are slated for August 21st to August 24th. "We changed the dates from the second weekend because of the continuous overlapping with the St. Jean Balloon Festival which begins on the Saturday of our Festival," stated McPhail, "There has always been an absence of Quebec Balloonists. If we are going to hold the Championship, we wanted to make sure that there would be no conflict with any other festival thus making sure that pilots would not have to choose St. Jean Festival over the Canadian Championships."

Cornfest, held on the Pitt Street Promenade, has agreed to change their dates along with the Balloon Festival. Plans are underway to solidify a midway and children's play area, along with some exciting entertainment.

"I'm really excited that Cornfest has agreed to change their dates with us. With all the activities planned between the two festivals, this year's awesome August festival is sure to be the best ever," explained McPhail.

The regular Cornwall Lift-Off Fiesta balloon flights will still continue in Lamoureux Park offering flights for all interested.

"We are excited about the Championships,' however we want to ensure that Cornwall Lift-Off does not suffer because of the Championships. As in the past, there will be flight windows down in the park every morning and evening with spectators getting to enjoy free entertainment and the beauty of the balloons - not to mention some specialty shaped balloons much like the Dragon from last year," mentioned McPhail.

Cornwall Lift-Off will once again be offering early bird specials on Balloon rides along with gift certificates for all occasions and monetary value. Call Chris at the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, 933-4004 or Lyndon at Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, 93-VISIT for flight vouchers.

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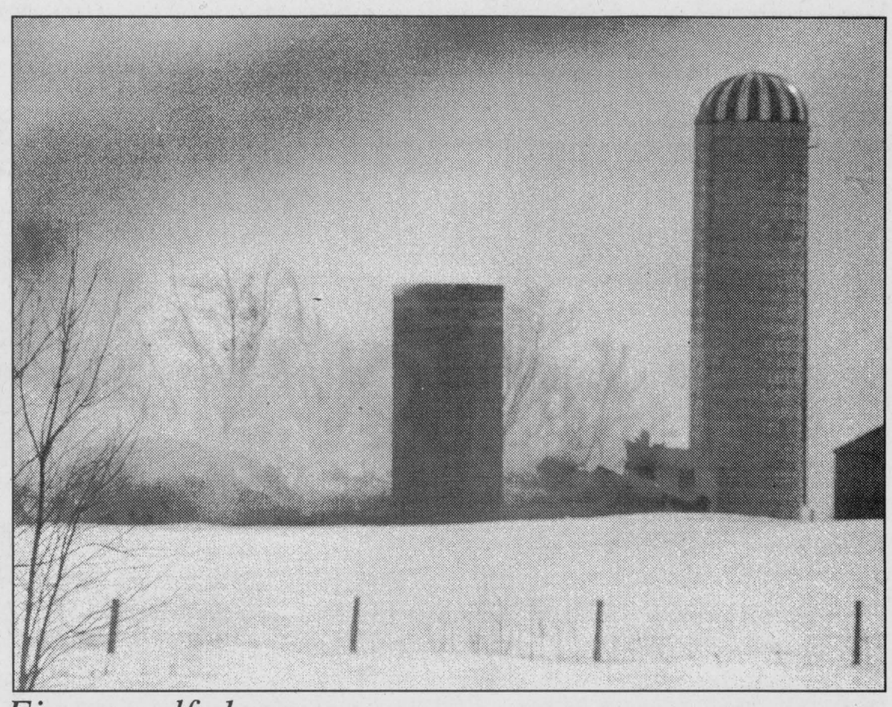

Fire engulfs barn

A fire, Saturday afternoon, destroyed this barn belonging to Don Rose. Firefighters were only able to contain the blaze and save the silo on the right. No one was injured although a number of cattle were killed in the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown. Fire Departments from the Village of Winchester and Mountain and Winchester Townships responded to the fire.

Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon

Firefighters respond to a barn fire on Highway 43

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Fire engulfed and destroyed a barn on Hwy. 43 killing a number of cattle, Saturday afternoon. Fortunately no personal injuries resulted from the fire.

Firefighters from the Mountain Fire Department responded to the fire at approximately 1:30 and arrived at Don Rose's farm to find the barn all but completely demolished, says Paul Simms, a member of the Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

"It was totally engulfed and there was a strong wind. There wasn't much we could do," he says.

Sitting on the crest of a hill the barn had no protection from a bitter, stinging wind that swept across a vast, open field and carried a giant plume of smoke eastward.

Simms says he and the other firefighters immediately set about controlling the fire and making sure it didn't spread to other outbuildings.

Simms says that a silo containing feed at the east end of the barn was saved.

According to Simms, the firefighters tended to the fire until 6 p.m. that evening.

As many as 25 fire fighters from the Village of Winchester and Mountain and Winchester Townships responded to the fire near Riddell Rd. and Hwy 43.

At press time no cause for the fire has been determined.

"I wouldn't even want to venture a guess. The barn was completely engulfed," says Simms.

Agricultural community gathers at conservation office for meeting

Fourteen representatives of the agricultural community gathered at South Nation Conservation's (SNC) office in early February. The newly formed Agricultural Advisory Group spent the morning discussing future programs and agricultural concerns with SNC staff.

The group had a number of solid recommendations, including better communication with SNC. Staff should attend local agricultural group meetings with information about available programs, grants, and to ask for ideas for future direction.

Many of the farmers present would like to see more demonstration projects. Of particular interest are artificial wetlands for waste water treatment and erosion control.

Farmers also asked for more information about phosphorus. Excess phosphorus hurts water quality because it causes algae and weed growth in the river. Until now, there has been little research into sources of phosphorus. SNC will investigate potential sources, including septic systems, municipal waste water treatment facilities, and soil erosion.

This year, SNC will produce a "Recycling on the Farm" poster for the South Nation River watershed. It will show farmers where to dispose of hazardous and recyclable materials.

For more information on the Agricultural Advisory Group, please call SNC at (613) 984-2948.

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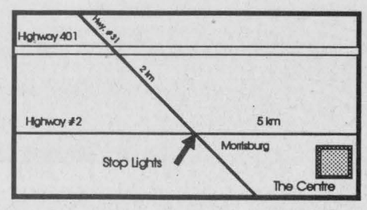

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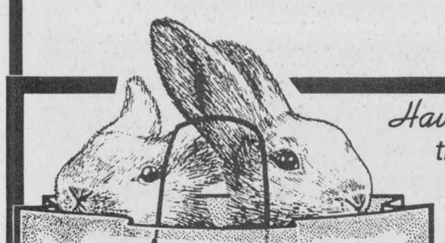

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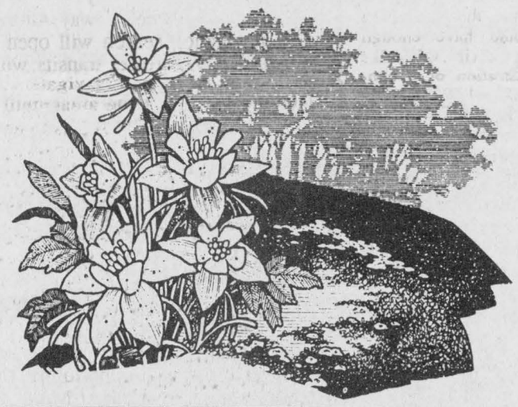

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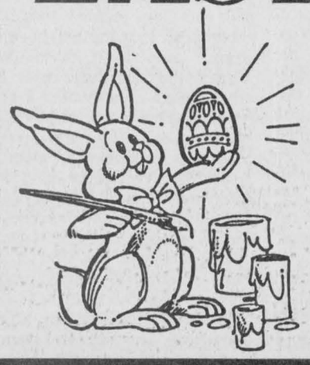

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Maybe it's just me?

So I've been keeping my eyes glued to the television screen after I check-out the hockey scores on SportsDesk and I'm seeing it, I just don't believe it!

This whole Somalia inquiry stinks and it's not because a Canadian soldier allegedly murdered Ahmed Aruush.

Dr. Barry Armstrong alleged that a Canadian soldier shot and wounded Mr. Aruush and then "finished him off" with a shot to the back of the head.

Dr. Armstrong told the Somalia inquiry that "He (Aruush) was wounded. He was in a crippled state and finished off with a killing blow to the head and neck."

The great Canadian doctor believes that the military covered up the killing almost immediately and that it was this initial kill that led to the rest of the problems in Somalia.

Now, I'm no pathologist, I'm not a surgeon, I've never been involved in a military operation of any sort, I'm not even a ballistics expert, but I have, on occasion, managed to use some common sense.

According to the good doctor, he did not have a chance to extensively examine the dead man's body. He told the inquiry that he had to attend to the wounds of another Somali who was wounded in the same attack.

Now, maybe its just me, but if you are going to kill someone, and there happens to be a witness to the murder, what are you going to do?

Why would the soldiers just kill one of the intruders. If life meant so little to them that they decided to off Aruush, why not kill his partner as well.

What did they have to lose?

Absolutely nothing.

It would seem to me that if you killed one, and his buddy saw you do it, then you should kill the other so he doesn't have a chance to tell others what you did.

However, they did not kill the second Somali, in fact he was taken to the Canadian compound and given medical treatment. By none other than Dr. Armstong himself.

As for the good doctor's investigation of Aruush's body, apparently he didn't even have time to turn the body over to examine the wounds.

That's right, he based his accusations and his conclusion that there were three or more gunshot wounds on a finger search. Instead of turning the body over and examining the back, Armstrong put his hand under the deadman's body and felt around for the wounds.

Feel three holes, must be three shots.

Yah... right.

Two pathologists and a ballistic expert were sent to Somalia to exhume the body of Aruush. After an extensive search, they found no evidence Aruush was murdered by a fatal shot administered after the initial attack.

In fact, they concluded that there were only two shots. Not three or four. They based their conclusions on examination of the body.

When will the pathologists and the ballistic expert testify at the Somalia inquiry you ask?

They won't.

They weren't called as witnesses.

The whole thing stinks.

MCB

What about education?

Another piece of the Common Sense Revolution bashing its way from Queens' Park...

If it passes third reading next month, the number of school boards will shrink to 66 district boards from the 129 major boards in the province. The number of trustees will be cut to about 700 from almost 1900. Residential taxation for education will be replaced by direct provincial funding on a per-student basis.

Bill 104 would usher in the most massive restructuring ever in the history of this country.

Mostly it would seem to have pitted people against people. It has made school board trustees anxious and some even angry. Teachers are distracted and their energies may be focused away from the classroom and instead of worrying about education, they fear for their jobs and could be directing their efforts in the wrong areas.

Who would blame them?

Two short years ago it was concluded by the Royal Commission on Learning that amalgamation was a total waste of time. Now it seems to be another in the items being rammed down the throats of the people of this province. Many are yet unsure of the value. The Minister of Education in his wisdom goes as far as to promise that the new Bill will mean more accountability in education...

What about the people in small towns and rural areas? Will we be forgotten? Will we have any representation? Who will care about us and our needs? Our students seem at times to be forgotten now. Will our voices be lost completely?

Trustees have large areas to look after now and this will grow as the boards will have many more under their jurisdiction. How will they be expected to be familiar with all the schools under their guidance? What about neighbourhood issues that impact upon the education of our children, will our representatives be able to have a handle on these?

The wages offered to trustees is being capped at $5,000 a year...what type of people will this attract to such an important job?

When this restructuring takes place; what about the nightmare that will result from the various merging of contracts and benefits? Requirements and rewards for same are as varied as the people who hold them. Of note is the fact that teachers are only the tip of things to come as clerical and cleaning staff contracts will need attention as well. The amount of uncertainty is not good for anyone.

It will demand that common sense and business sense remain uppermost in everyone's minds concerned. Harmony among negotiators will be important and tough to maintain. Every single rule and regulation will have to be rewritten and agreed to.

It will be a long process.

Confusion will run rampant.

Anxiety will rule.

Where will education end up?

While testing province wide may well be a good thing, there are a lot of question marks and a pile of problems to be hashed before the Bill should pass into law.

Too much...too fast...slow down and have replacements that can be seen as viable before wading in...the lives of our children are at stake.

S.L.J.

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A new beginning or just another refresher course... you decide...

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It all started with encouragement from our local pastor. Reverend Bill was new in town and new to the congregation, and I guess that in a sort of subconscious way, I wanted to let him know he and his family were a welcome addition to the community and in particular our church and my family. Anyway, when he offered encouragement and suggested that some of the multitude might gather on Sunday morning in the pews might be interested in joining the "Alpha Course" being offered soon...my ears picked up. Listening to his enthusiasm and seeing his broad smile when he spoke of the course and its leader, my interest was perked.

No need for shyness or backwardness now, I can honestly say that I do not follow blindly all the advice a minister gives...at least not usually. I am a free thinker and want to satisfy my own thirst for knowledge and understanding. So, I decided to attend the information session which would let me and others who attended know what Alpha is all about and if in fact, it was something I wanted to do.

This first session whetted my appetite and I signed up. My curiosity, instead of being satisfied and let alone, was peaked and I wanted more.

This is not the type of situation one can or should be persuaded into becoming a part of. It is a purely personal decision, and so when the better half asked about coming along, I let him in on what I had learned, and offered he best make up his own mind on actually being a part of it. He decided to and so we both went to the first session together.

Before I get too involved, I best fill you in on this Alpha thing. Alpha began in London, England, at Holy Trinity Brompton (Known presently as HTB). The initial plan was to mix the sharing of a meal and the learning about faith to be used largely as a means of introducing spiritually hungry people in a rapidly changing world to Christianity.

The Alpha course manual is written by and the taped portions of the course are narrated by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican priest at HTB. Nicky has subtitled the manual "a practical introduction to the Christian faith," and while some feel that it is indeed meant for non-churchgoers and new Christians, it is in actuality for everyone, since Christians can use it as a refresher course or a rebirth, a wisp of fresh air which will activate the spark which burns in us all as far as Christianity goes. It is interdenominational and can apply to each person out there.

So it began, a ten week course that would see us grow spiritually and inwardly allow us to learn more about our faith.

Once a week for the past ten weeks, participants, all 36 or so of us gathered to share a delicious meal and get to know one another in a relaxed social atmosphere. Divided into groups of six so we could become familiar with one another and also so that spouses are not in the same group, we soon became familiar with our new friends. Conversation and food allow a pleasant time for all. After the meal, a video is put on the telly and the lights are turned out, soft light from lamps placed strategically around the room allow the quiet to pervade and all attention is focused on the speaker, Nicky Gumbel. This fellow is easy to listen to and immediately a rapport is established with his audience. He studied law at Cambridge and theology at Oxford. He practised as a lawyer and is now ordained and on staff at Holy Trinity Brompton Church, London, England. He has authored numerous books on Christian questions and life as we know it..."A Life Worth Living"..."Questions of Life"..."Searching Issues" and "Why Jesus?"

It is then, in this atmosphere which is so conducive to allowing learning to happen, that answers can be sought out, questions asked and purpose and peace can be found. The trail of discovery is covered in queries like: Why Jesus died, what happens when we die, who the Holy Spirit is, how am I to pray?, How can I be expected to resist evil?, and how he is relevant in today's world leads the voyageur down a path of understanding and guidance which can be a most uplifting experience.

After the video concludes, it is time for coffee and dessert and a discussion period which is led by someone who can provide answers when necessary and is able to listen as well to what you as an individual has to contribute. Time passes quickly and as each session ends at a precise, predetermined time, there is never any doubt about when you will arrive home.

Tossed into this time each week is another marvellous way that people can almost instantly feel part of a group: singing together. Joining the guitarist in some toe tapping spiritual tunes, it is soon apparent that everyone is enjoying this evening as they have others and will future ones.

In short order the groups become familiar companions who are at ease

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Local Alpha Course a Success!

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.

Swampview gang meets Mr. Wright

Just plain livin'
with Sandra Lee



And just when some of us thought that Spring was peeking around the corner. Ha! old man Winter has not yet finished with us. He has a few tricks up his sleeve and is not in the least afraid to use them. That blizzard on Friday was something wild and wonderful. Having to be at an interview which was necessary for this week's issue and with no way to skirt it, this foolish writer set out early to arrive at the destination. The snow was falling in swirls and being driven by strong winds. The drifts were piling higher and the roads were becoming snow covered at a rapid rate. Not many drivers were braving the conditions, rather they were listening to the warnings on the radio and staying inside. If the trip to the place was harrowing, the return voyage was something best forgotten. Meeting small, compact cars coming directly at the pick'emup and having no place to go save the ditch the nerves were taunt and the prayers coming furiously. The ability to see just past the hood and not much more gave a strange and alone feeling as the drive became even more difficult. The engine must have felt chilled since just as we neared home, it began to sputter and cut out...freezing up what with the wind and snow and cold. Safely in the yard at Swampveiw, son number two came to ensure that mom was okay and staying home for the rest of the day. It was hard to dispel his kind thoughts, but the stop was only to change vehicles and take the 4x4 for the rest of the days' adventures. Work waits for no one and neither sleet, nor snow...well you know can keep a good reporter down or snow one in or; well anyway, I was enroute to the office for the rest of the day. Before leaving the safety of home, a call went out to the Meals on Wheels people, since it was the writers' turn to do this task and there seemed no way to accomplish it at the height of the storm. Hopefully those who wanted the nutritious meal had other means of providing a meal for themselves. It seemed ridiculous to attempt to even gather the food from Morrisburg let alone try to deliver it when the snow was completely engulfing everything. A volunteer job did not seem a strong enough enticer, even a paying one was doubtful at this exact moment! Anyway, accept my apologies folks.

Thursday became a day off for the writer. The youngins wanted to do something exciting on their Break and in all honesty, it snuck up on some of us and no arrangements had been made, so a hurried holiday was asked for. The trip to the big city which was the preferred destination, was shared with a niece who was celebrating a birthday. Dumping the youngsters at the mall with instructions for their safety and a predetermined meeting place at a specific time and away we all went. Window shopping was great. Considering that the only item which came home with this one was a triple package of wool socks for the jamboree experience later this summer, I think I did well. A cup of special coffee at the Second Cup and a rest, some browsing in book stores and advice on apparel for the sons as well as the big guy and we called it a day. A visit with the aunt who calls the city home, we filled her in on the news from the swamp and then it was off to the Japanese Village for an adventure in cuisine. The wee gal was treated royally by the restaurant folk (someone told them it was her birthday party!); she got her picture taken with a Samurai warrior and had Happy Birthday sung in English and Japanese. A piece of black forest cake complete with a candle and she seemed impressed. Her wig and kimono were exquisite and she learned how to use chopsticks rather quickly. The show which is the meal preparation was terrific and even the big guy and the writer enjoy it after numerous times of being a part of this atmosphere. The younger son really thinks this is the greatest place ever to eat and asks year after year to have it included in our March Break escapades. This evening would turn out to be unique, not only as far as the party stuff, but the sole gentleman who sat with us at our table, turned out to be a Mr. Wright from the city. The important thing is that Mr. Wright knew about Iroquois when he asked where we were from...seems he was the senior engineer on the Seaway project and in fact, he was the designer of the lift bridge that allows vehicles across the Iroquois lock...we had a blow by blow of the construction first hand and found it most intriguing. Come to think of it, it is something to run into a person who worked on something of this magnitude in your own backyard, on an evening out to dinner.

The sons were among those who were smiling through the snow blizzard. They were impressed by the ice build up that made the entire lawn shine in the moonlight and the pole lights that cast wonderful shadows on the white expanse. Tossing rock hard donuts across the back yard was great fun for them, and watching the dog attempt to make her way across to the shed was hilarious. Then, it was time for snowmobiles to come out of the shed and they had a ball making tracks. Playing games and running through the neighbourhood back forty, they thoroughly enjoyed their final day before school was in for another session.

Working the weekend was not great fun as the headache persisted and the muscles ached too. Seeing the bone crunching and manoeuvring doctor is usually a reprieve of sorts. This time, the appointment was later than should have been due to his heavy schedule. When he got the opportunity to help this old bod, it was almost too late, things had just about completely seized. The weekend thus was filled with pain and complaining, even if no one listened to me!

Monday morning saw the family from Swampview appreciating their Irish heritage as each of us wore our bestest green duds. "And the top 'o the mornin' to you and yours!"

More movies made it to Swampview the past few days. Some of note include Powder, a bit different, but certainly thought provok-

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the bottom line

WHAT WONDERFUL WEATHER WE'VE BEEN HAVING. ACCORDING TO THE calendar, spring is just a day away! Guess what? I don't know about you, but it doesn't really look like anything close to resembling the first day of Spring. (mcb)

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KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL HOLD THEIR SPRING LUNCHEON - Bake Sale - Bazaar, this Saturday (March 22nd). For just $5 per person you can enjoy delicious homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and a beverage. Take-out will also be available. Doors open at 11 am and close at 2 pm. (mcb)

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THE DUNDAS DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTES WILL SPONSOR EDUCATION Workshop 3 - Family Skills. The workshop will take place this Saturday at the Park Lane Senior Suppor Centre in Williamsburg. Registration begins at 9 am and the workshop will start at 10 am. (mcb)

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR T.R. LEGER MORRISBURG campus coordinatior, Sandra Magee. Sandra was named the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry teacher of the month. (mcb)

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I'VE BEEN STAYING UP LATE TO CATCH THE SOMALIA INQUIRY ON CPAC and I have to tell you it's been increasingly harder to get out of bed in the mornings. Anyway, what really gets me is that articles in daily newspapers don't tell the whole story. It seems to me that this whole affair has been constructed to fill white space. (mcb)

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WHEN PETER BASHUCKY'S FATHER NICHOLAS DIED IN L.A., PETER decided to grant his late father's last wish and bring him back to Canada. Peter sailed through customs with his dead father on ice and no one questioned him. Kind of funny, but not really, I come through customs with $6 worth of goods and I'm standing in line for an hour to pay duty! (Do you think Peter will have problems getting back into the country the next time he goes abroad?) (mcb)

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ing. Get Shorty was off the wall as well, but Fly Away Home was terrific and although moans proceeded the viewing, everyone agreed they enjoyed it. A just for fun one, Tall Tale from Disney was easy watching and had no profanity in it: a nice change of pace!

The big guy did spend some of his break checking through the bundles and mess that he calls "his stuff" and which has been labelled off limits to the rest of us. Perhaps it was the warning that came from the kitchen that if he did not accomplish this task, someone else would be doing it on his behalf! Anyway, it was appreciated and having supper started each evening upon arrival from work was nice, thanks!!

The final session of the Alpha Course that the big guy and the writer have been involved in will conclude this Wednesday evening. It will be sad to say farewell to the folks who have become a part of our weeks these past ten or so. The insight and reflections provided will fuel thoughts much later during our lives as situations dictate. We will be thankful we were a part of this adventure in our faith long after the final chapter closes.

This week's wisdom comes from Buck Tilton who has given this writer numerous observations over the years. "You cannot save time...you only choose how to spend it."

Take care, keep happy and come on back to the editorial page again next time, you hear!

Focus

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with one another. Nicky Gumbel is an engaging speaker who is just brimming with personality who tempers his topics with humour and deals with Christianity in a way that belies the all too spoken view that Christianity is dull, boring and not at all relevant to the world we live in.

Looking around the room, some faces are familiar to the writer. Some are people who do not belong to our sister church, some are from outside the area, yet, here we all are together for we are all seeking something. I wonder why some are here. Afterall, they are active in their church, I know that, I have seen them in action. I have no qualms about my being here among them, but what can they hope to gain? Are they not already full of the spirit and of what being a Christian is all about? Then, as I speak to one about whom I have been having doubts: "You can not have too much of a good thing!" Point well taken!

A unique opportunity is afforded the entire group when part way through the sessions, when a retreat is provided which in our case was an evening session and a day-long away from home. This intense therapy session as it were did wonders for everyone. Closing the gap between the teacher and the learner is always a rewarding feeling and in this case it was nothing short of a miracle. Allowing time to talk, to deal with issues that had not been touched on, yet burned inwardly, seeking answers and to reflect, this was a special time that seemed to provide a link between each person and their Lord. Prayers offered for others as well as self and time to relax gave each person a chance to throw off any awkwardness and stretch and become alive as never before.

While Alpha is not for everyone, it can be a basis for getting folks into a real relationship with Jesus. It can act as an open door for those who are timid about attending church. It is about Jesus and in a non-threatening manner gently ease people into the Christian community.

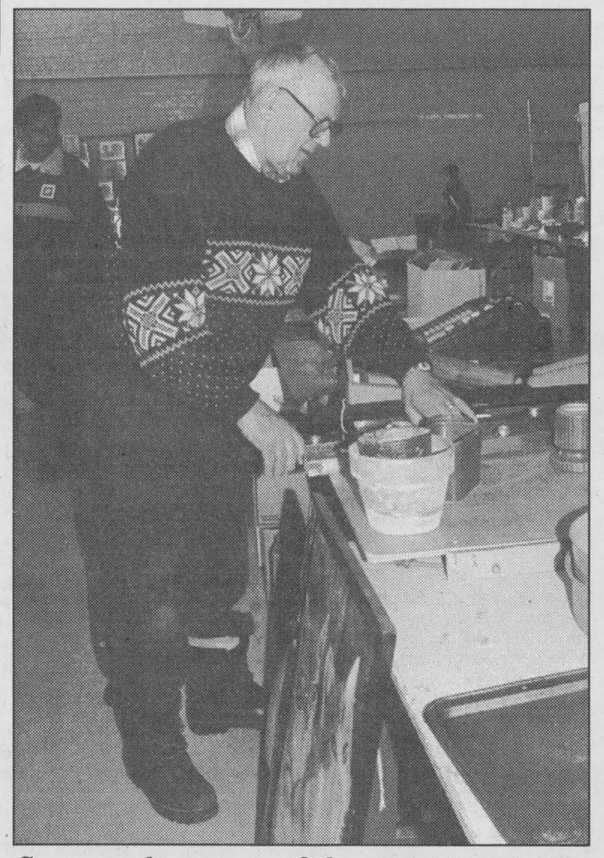
In the Ottawa diocese, Alpha started in the fall of 1995 in Almonte. Since this time a total of 24 parishes have run 57 Alpha courses for 1270 people. Courses have run in Russell, Winchester, Shawville and Cobden and now Morrisburg. Soon, in fact, next month in the evenings a course will be held in Iroquois. No matter what church or if indeed you attend any church, you are welcome and can only benefit from the Alpha course.

Costs are kept to a minimum and if it becomes an issue, it can be covered. Alpha is not a Bible study group, but a refreshing way to find out how you feel about your religion. When it is over, the enthusiasm is contagious and hearing the story of Jesus again in a way that may be new for all.

While the participants can be solely parishioners, they need not be, as everyone can reap benefits from this course. There are no commitments and if the sessions become something unexpected, there is nothing holding anyone to attendance.

On Tuesday evening, April 1, 1997, a catered dinner, complete with all the trimmings will be hosted in Iroquois at St. John's Anglican Church since this is the parish point willing at this time to do so. Anyone who wishes to attend and get an idea of what Alpha is really all about can call Nick Lee at 543-3339, Chris Porter at 543-3158 or Bill Byers at 543-2867 and register. The cost for this evening is $9.50 and reservations need to be in by March 24. If you have any questions or think Alpha may be for you, come on along, we will be there too. Even if you can't attend this meal, you can still attend the course. If you are interested, come out and check things out, no one will hold you to anything, if you decide it is not for you. It is a personal thing between you and a higher being and no one wants you to proceed before you feel you want to.

The Alpha course for this writer has been a truly worthwhile adventure in faith. The new found understanding that has grown over the weeks, the new found friends and the natural flow of love that has stemmed from this journey will linger a long time. Whether it is the newly grasped concepts of the Bible, the greatest book ever written, (It is a best seller every year and has endured for how many years?) or just a feeling of selfworth that comes with knowledge, the serenity that precludes and then lingers after each session, the feeling that someone truly cares about what happens here on this old earth can open new doors and provide wisdom to assist in a hectic world of the 90s and I am happy that I was afforded the opportunity to be a part of it. It has shown me new and exciting avenues for my faith. I am not ashamed to admit that I believe in and trust in Jesus Christ. I am willing to share my joy with others and can see where I have faltered in my life. There is forgiveness and I am seeking it. This Alpha Course showed me a way to gain what I want from life on this earth. It gave me strength and courage where I was almost convinced none existed. The knowledge is there, I was unable to grab it and work with it in an appropriate manner, I am better able to now. I am glad I was involved in Alpha and recommend it to others.



Scout sale successful *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

Scouter Bill Sheldrick of Morrisburg hosted a rummage sale on Saturday. Even Bill was surprised by the assistance of his community... items kept coming and folks came to snag a bargain. The funds raised help the Morrisburg troop, who are getting set to attend the Canadian Jamboree in Thunder Bay this summer.

Bird Notes

by E. G. AVERY

When St. Patrick's Day rolls around we usually think Spring has arrived, but at this time, it is far from Spring-like at first glance: light snow covering the glaze on the lawns, temperature still below 0° C. BUT, Thursday is the official first day of the happy month, and if we really count the ways, there are several hints, especially from the birds, that Spring is "nigh". Redwings are all over the place now, Robins have been seen in every part of town, Gulls are coming back from their winter holidays, and the first White-throated and Song Sparrows have showed up in the Irena area.

On that stormy day last week a lone Junco was searching the ground under the feeders.

Snow Buntings are keeping up their record stay in our fields and roadsides, but will soon be heading for the high Arctic where they make their nests of moss and plant fibres in depressions on the ground; the eggs are pale blue with brown spots.

Hawks are roaming around, and the one that was after small birds on Church St. returned but was chased away before he could catch any of the other birds.

When you visit the Library be sure to have a look at the collection of hand-made nesting boxes in the display case as you enter.

LETTERS

We need to fight cutbacks

Dear Editor,

Over the recent months we have heard and seen cutbacks to our education system. We have heard about the proposed amalgamation of the Townships of Winchester and Mountain with the Villages of Winchester and Chesterville. We have seen the cutbacks affecting social services, hospitals, homecare, transportation and some of the nursing home funding in our areas.

We as a community need to pull together and fight back these cuts which will affect everyone in the near future. These cutbacks will lead to higher property taxes, lower wages, less money to be spent in our communities, higher unemployment and more welfare recipients. Our communities can not support these financial burdens brought on by the Harris government.

As health care workers in a local nursing home, we are greatly concerned with these proposals. Who will take care of our elderly? They have endured depression, war and now are we going to turn our backs on them after they have given us so much?

We need to make a stand together as a strong community, please join us in a province wide candle light walk. The walk will start at Winchester Public School on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 7:30 pm. If you happen to be in the Cornwall area, meet at the Cornwall Civic Complex for the walk with CUPE President of Ontario, Sid Ryan at 7:30pm.

Please bring a candle and your families to show our community that the proposed cutbacks will affect our community.

Fight Back Committee of CUPE Local 2991,
Heather Cronin,
Shawna Cronin,
Susie Cinnamon,
Debbie Hodgson and
Kari VanOverbeke.

Villeneuve on a mission for food

Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Noble Villeneuve is leading representatives of Ontario's agriculture and food industry on a trade mission.

The delegation will meet with major importers in Mexico City and Guadalajara and will attend Mexico's largest trade show for the supermarket industry.

"We're looking to tap into the expanding market for Ontario livestock, apples and value-added food products in Mexico," Villeneuve said. "The high end value-added market continues to provide many opportunities for Ontario's food and beverage exporters."

"This trade mission to Mexico, a Nafta partner, is part of our export development program to target regions around the world. Increasing exports from the agri-food sector help to create jobs and build a stronger rural economy," he added.

Representatives of the Canadian Livestock Exporters Association, Hays Farms International Ltd., the Ontario Apple Marketing Commission, Principal Marques Inc. and Siena Foods Limited are joining the minister. Products from nine Ontario companies will be displayed at an Ontario/Canada pavilion at the Antad '97 Retail Grocery Show.

Ontario exports between $20 to $25 million annually of mainly livestock, grains, apples, beverages, cookies and confectionery products to Mexico.

Destiny is a matter of choice, not chance



This week Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying counterfeit money rings.

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Midgets play in Winchester Thursday



Lions take round 2

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

The Morrisburg Midget B Lions took Kemptville two games straight to win round two of the post season. Pictured above (l-r) Kemptville's Chris Morey and goaltender Jennefer Jologine wait for Lions Brad Boivin to take the shot. Morrisburg's John Derouchie (#9) looks for the rebound while Panthers Richard Aldham keeps an eye on Jeremy Adams behind the net.



Blues get the win!

Morrisburg Atom Blues fired three unanswered goals late in the game to win the A championship at their tournament last Thursday evening. The Blues defeated Hawkesbury 3-2 on goals from Nick Groves (2) and a single from John Bongers. Following the win the team posed for a picture.

Chieftain photo by C. Byvelds.

Kemptville leaves post season early

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Midget B Lions outshot their opponents 18-6 in their first game of the post season to come away with a 4-0 win and two points.

Travelling to Kemptville for game two of the series the Lions downed the home town team 6-0 earning the right to meet the North Dundas Devils in the third round.

Game One

Game one of the first of four points series, against the Kemptville Panthers, was all Morrisburg.

After a by in the first round of the post season, the Lions met the Panthers in the second round and dominated from the beginning of the game straight through until the end.

Less than a minute into the game the Lions starting line up of Jeremy Adams, centering Mike Dejong and Rob Murphy, with John Cassleman and Matt Dejong on the point, came up with a big goal.

Casselman pushed the puck in deep and Mike Dejong worked his way along the boards, centering to Murphy who one-timed it past Nathan Godfrey.

The Lions second shot on net came at 12:51 when John Derouchie blasted a slap shot from just above the top right circle that blew off the crossbar behind the Kemptville goalie.

Morrisburg's first power play of the game came at 12:08 when Ryan McDougall was called for tripping.

Coach Morrow went with Adams centering Mike Dejong and Rob Murphy. Jamie Barkley and Nick Croteau manned the point.

The Lions controlled the play forcing Kemptville into the box. Dejong floated on the left receiving a pass from Adams who was behind the net. Adams dropped to Barkley who one-timed it through the crowd. Murphy just missed batting in the rebound before Godfrey could smother the puck.

Back to even strength, Morrisburg continued to dominate controlling the play in both ends and the neutral zone.

At 7:58 of the first, Kemptville's Richard Aldham attempted to clear the puck from the defensive zone when Matt Dejong picked off the pass and found John Derouchie all alone.

Derouchie deeked right but Godfrey came up with a kick save to keep Kemptville alive.

Three Panther turnovers in neutral territory resulted in scoring chances for the Lions and all three were turned away by Godfrey.

Period Two

The Lions second goal of the game came at 12:16 of the second.

Jeremy Adams picks off a turnover, carries the puck behind the Panthers net, comes out front and drops a pass to Jamie Barkley.

Barkley, from the point, hammers it into the mesh to put Morrisburg up by two.

Kemptville's first power play of the game came at 11:30 of the middle frame when John Casselman took a holding penalty.

To kill the penalty Morrisburg utilized Derouchie and Nick Croteau up front and James Paridis and Dave Trude on the point. The four Morrisburg penalty killers did allow a shot on net.

Third

Kemptville was still having trouble getting the puck out of their end and every time they turned it over, one of the Lions was right on it.

With 11:34 to go, Matt Dejong crossed a pass to Jamie Barkley who was hovering around the top of the left circle, moving in, Barkley let one fly to give the Lions a 3-0 lead.

Morrisburg's final goal of the game came late in the third when Jeremy Adams rocketed a pass to Mike Dejong who buried it for the Lions.

"They played well," said coach Jeremy Morrow of his team's first play off game. "We controlled the game and they (Lions) cut down on neutral zone turnovers."

Coach Morrow explained that he and coach Robbie Casselman have been continuously telling the team they have to stop the neutral zone turnovers if they want to win games.

Game Two

"We came out flat," said Morrow of his team's slow start in Kemptville last Wednesday night. "They hopped right on us and didn't give up."

Morrisburg's first two goals were with the man advantage and after they put two past the Panthers goalie, they didn't stop.

Brad Boivin scored the Lions first in the second, with Jeremy Adams and John Derouchie picking up the assists.

To round out the scoring in the second, Jamie Barkley added one and Mike Dejong scored two in a row. Assists went to Jeremy Adams (3), John Derouchie (2) and Matt Dejong (2).

In the third Derouchie gave the Lions a five goal lead on a feed from Boivin.

Mike Dejong completed the hat trick with under five minutes to go. Jeremy Adams got the assist.

"Nick (Croteau) had a really good game," said Morrow of the goalie who shutout the Panthers in game two. "He made some key saves in the first to keep us in it."

New Series.

Last night the Lions hosted the North Dundas Devils in what will be an undoubtedly tough, physical series. Game two goes tomorrow tonight (Thursday March 20th) in Winchester at 7:30 pm.



Late goal keeps hopes alive

Pictured above, Lions #12 Connor O'Brien slips the puck past Grumpy's netman Brad Montgomery to tie the game at three. Assists went to Sheldon Beckstead (right of Montgomery) and Brandon Elliott (far left). Grumpy's defenseman Mark Brittain looks on from in front of the net. The Lions ended up losing in a shoot out.

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Novice C White Lions lose Championship in shoot out

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They came oh-so-close, but ended up losing by one goal in a shootout.

Hosted by the three Novice C teams in Morrisburg last Tuesday, the Novice C White Lions won their first two games and advanced to the finals against the Long Sault Grumpy's in the Novice C tournament.

Earlier in the day the Grumpy's team had defeated the Novice C Blue Lions in a shootout and history was about to repeat itself.

After a hard fought first period that saw both goaltenders turnout stellar performances, the Long Sault team got on the board first.

Tyler Galindo went to the Lions net alone and put one past Shayne Strader.

Morrisburg was quick to respond and evened the game at one when Brandon Elliot found an open Sheldon Beckstead and Beckstead blasted the puck into the mesh.

Galindo, who was in on all of the Long Sault goals set up Billy Porter to give the visitors a 2-1 lead at 3:39. However, at 3:04, Beckstead picked up his second of the night with the assists going to Michael Dowson and Adam Schnurr.

Galindo once again gave the visitors the lead with 2:42 remaining in the second period when Lions defenseman Cody Cassell was caught-up in a neutral zone turnover.

Cassell was however, instrumental in the Lions game tying goal in the third when he kept in a clearing pass giving Beckstead and Elliot the opportunity to set up Connor O'Brien.

O.T.

In the five minute over time period, Morrisburg kept the pressure on but Grumpy's goalie, Brad Montgomery was unbeatable. The Lions outshot Long Sault 6-2 in the over time.

Shoot out

Each team picked three shooters and on the first attempt, both goaltenders came up big with stops. In the second attempt Morrisburg attacker Connor O'Brien came up with a beautiful goal as he deeked Montgomery out of the net, but Grumpy's Mark Brittain also managed to slip one past Strader to keep the game tied.

The game came to an end when Jesse Smith managed a shot that just barely made it through the five hole.

Barkley keeps Pee Wee hopes alive in Morrisburg

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Stefan Barkley was instrumental in a tie between the PeeWee B II Lions and the North Dundas Devils in the opening game of round two play offs.

Barkley set up both Lions goals in the first period and then nailed the game tying goal in the third to pick up a point for his team in the race for 4.

The Devils opened the scoring at 6:23 when Josh McLean beat Todd Beckstead in the Lions cage. Then, :38 seconds later, the Devils went ahead by 2 when David Gallant capitalized on a Mathew Baker pass.

The Lions refused to give up and at 4:41, on a pass from Stefan, Tony Barkley bulged the twine to make it a one goal game.

With the momentum on their side the Lions continued to press and with 3:40 remaining in the first, Tony scored again on a pass from Stefan to make it 2-2.

The second frame was scoreless with both goaltenders making some key saves to keep their respective teams in the game.

With 2:32 left to play, Ryan Irwin hit Aaron Kelly and Kelly squeezed a shot past Beckstead to give the visitors a 3-2 lead with less than three minutes to play.

Desperately working for the tie, Stefan picked off a cross ice pass at the blue line and carried the end of the ice to beat Chris Cuppie in the Devils net with just :54 seconds left in the game.

Atom III tournament a success

The Morrisburg Atom III Tournament was held on Thursday, March 13, 1997 and saw both the Blues and Whites walk away with the hardware.

In the Morrisburg Whites opener it was end-to-end and a fast paced game but the Whites came up short with a 4-3 loss to Hawkesbury. Brandon McKendry, Evans Bedzra and Cory Lanthier each found the mark for Morrisburg. Answering for Hawksbury were F. Larocque with a pair and singles from Jessy Hoffman and Jamie Proulx.

In their second game, against Smiths Falls, the Whites fought a highly contested battle and after regulation time the score was tied at four. The dreaded shoot-outs followed with Morrisburg coming out on the winning side. Bedzra lead the team with a pair and singles were added by McKendry, Anthony Levere and Matt MacDonald. Goals for Smiths Falls came off the sticks of Dan Carter with two, Darren Miskelly and Cole McCreary provided singles.

Smiths Falls should be acknowledged for their excellent play. They fought hard but came up short in both their games through over time shoot outs. Their first loss came at the hands of Clarence Creek by a 6-5 score.

The Whites final game of the day saw them in the "B" finals facing Alexandria. The Alexandria team had lost their first game to the Morrisburg Blues 4-1. They then won their second game 3-1 over Winchester 1 giving them a berth in the final.

It proved to be Morrisburg's day though as the Whites came out on the plus side of a 3-1 score. Leading the victory dance was Bedzra, Matt Hamilton and Todd Irven all with singles. Alexandria's lone marker came from Cameron Nixon.

The winner of the Hustler Award for the Whites was Todd Irven. This award is given to the player who gives his best at all times and is chosen by the opposing team's coach. Andrew Chung and Nick McGill gave outstanding performances between the pipes for three games and certainly helped the team down the road to victory.

A champs

On the other side of the schedule the Morrisburg Blues flew by Alexandria to win their opener 4-1. Leading the way was Mark Byvelds, John Bongers, Nick Groves and Chris Phifer all with singles. Thomas O'Shea supplied the single for Alexandria.

In their second game of the day the Blues skated to a 6-2 win over the Long Sault Green Reptiles. Bulging the twine for Morrisburg was Bongers with a deuce. Singles came from the sticks of Groves, Phifer, Brett Derue and Trevor Gilmer. Scoring for the Reptiles was Michael Carbino and Corey DeRooy. This win gave Morrisburg a shot at the "A" final trophy.

The Blues lined up against Hawkesbury in the final game of the day. Hawkesbury won the spot by defeating the Morrisburg Whites 4-3 and beating Clarence Creek 7-0. Hawkesbury quickly went ahead 2-0 but the Blues picked up the pace and fired 3 unanswered goals late in the game to take the 3-2 win. Morrisburg goals came from Groves with a pair and Bongers with the single. The scoring for Hawkesbury came off the stick of Steve Loiselle.

The winner of the Hustler Award for the Blues was Scott Workman. Excellent goaltending came from Chris Osler in all 3 games to help clinch the "A" trophy.

Thank you

The coaching staff of both Atom teams would like to acknowledge all the parents who turned out ready to help in anyway they could. Special thanks to Eric Groves for running various raffles and handing out medals; to Diane McKendry and Barb Levere who were there before the first puck was dropped and left long after the final whistle blew; also, Melissa Hamilton for selling 1/2 and 1/2 tickets; Sara and Kristy McGill for all their help; Shawn Workman for the music between games and during warm-ups. A big thanks to Dave McKendry, Fred Osler, Pat Byvelds and Gerry Barkley for acting as time keepers, taking care of scoring sheets and announcing the games. Also to all the wonderful sponsors who supported the tournament by supplying items for the raffle tables. To the Lions Club for having pizza available at lunch and supplying drinks for the players and to the arena staff for tolerating the noise and confusion with a smile and a chuckle we say THANKS!!!!! (If we have forgotten anyone we're sorry.) And finally to the boys for capping off a perfect day with their wins.

Looking for coaches

The Rideau St. Lawrence Kings AA Minor Hockey Association has initiated the selection process for coaches for the 1997/98 season. The association is looking for coaches for seven teams from Minor Atom through Midget. All seven teams compete in the ODMHL AA division. Applicants must have a minimum Intermediate Level coaching certificate and be willing to work at the Kings' Conditioning Camp in August. Letters of application with resumes should be sent to the following address or can be hand delivered to any member of the executive.

Rideau St. Lawrence Kings Minor Hockey Association, P.O. Box 2035, Brockville, Ontario, K6V 5V5.

Applications should be received by April 30.

We appreciate your assistance in providing positive minor hockey experiences for children in District One.

Thanks, Jamie Brown.

Friday night darts

March 14: Lots of players missing because of bad weather.

Standings: C.D.s 141, Double Outs 136 1/2, No Surrenders 134, Jay Birds 129 1/2, Half Pints 128, The Gems 122 1/2, Misfits 121 1/2, Glen's Gals 119 1/2, Rod & Reel 118 1/2, 3 Guys & a Babe 117 1/2, Shaky Shooters 101 1/2, Fab Four 100, Fly by Nites 97 1/2, Untouchables 94, The Broadway Crescent 90 1/2, Duelling Darters 88.

High Scores: Nikki Easter 140; Garnet Summers 140, 100; Lloyd Greenough 134; Ann Cameron 127; John Trayner 126; Rodney Francis 121; Mike Easter 120; Duane Kirker 120; Glen Easter 116, 100; Bonnie Gibson 114, 100; Gary Bradford 105, 100, 100; Chris Thompson 100; Steve Barkley 100; Bobbie-Jo Deschamp 100; Elizabeth Brooks 100; Pat Thompson 100; Reg Farmer 100, 100; Earl Nesbitt 100; Carroll Summers 100.

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Lions will win series

The Morrisburg Novice C Lions are guaranteed to have at least one team heading into the third round in Novice C play off action.

The Novice C White Lions will meet the Novice C Blue Lions in the third round of the play offs.

In the second round, the White Lions played the South Grenville Rangers in a series that went four games.

Game one went to Morrisburg with a 3-2 win over the Rangers. Sheldon Beckstead, Scott Porter and Connor O'Brien picked up the goals for the Lions.

Game two ended in a 3-3 tie with Morrisburg's counters coming from Beckstead, Grant McMillan and Anthony Knapman.

Only needing one point to advance to the next round, the Lions lost game three 3-2, forcing a final and deciding game.

In game four Morrisburg dominated winning 6-0.

Connor O'Brien and Andrew Adlington each had a pair in the win. Singles went to Beckstead and Mitchell Julien.

Morrisburg vs. Morrisburg

In the first game of the third round of the play offs, the Novice C White Lions, lost 2-0 to the Novice C Blue Lions.

Matt Swerdfeger and Kevin Phifer had the goals for the Blue Lions.

Iroquois and District
Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Next meeting of Iroquois W.I., Mar. 20. Topic: "Days of Yore". Bring an item of earlier days, perhaps an heirloom. All welcome.

Knox Presbyterian Church Spring Luncheon/Bake Sale/ Bazaar, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat., Mar. 22. Take-A-Break, bring the family and tell your friends that for $5 per person you enjoy delicious homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage. Take-outs available.

Educational Workshop III, Family Skills. Sponsored by **Dundas District Women's Institute, Sat., Mar. 22. Registration 9 a.m.** Workshops beginning at **10 a.m.** $6 includes coffee, muffins and lunch. Door prizes. Details on workshop at a later date.

Spring Fashion Show, Community Christian Reformed Church, Dixon's Corners. Hosted by Gem's Girls Club, **Sat., Mar. 22, 2-3:30 p.m.** Featuring Weekender Wear and Strypes Kid's Wear. Adm. non-perishable food and/or bag of used clothing for House of Lazarus. Free refreshments. All welcome. Babysitting available

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It's time for a big reality check

by Andy de St. Croix

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To get the best possible returns, you want to have the best global equity manager looking after your money. That is now possible through the AGE International Value Fund. Charles Brandes took over management of that fund in late 1994 but he has been managing money through his own find company, Brandes Investment Partners of San Diego, California, since 1974. Last year, Nelson's "World's Best Money Managers" ranked Brandes Investment Partners number one for 10 year returns of all international equity managers, with an average return of 21%. What's his secret? He is a value investor, not an aggressive investor. He determines the intrinsic value of a company and only buys shares if the market has priced them below his value. Safety of capital is his number one concern. He only invests at the bottom of the market so his down side is much less then the market as a whole, so over time he outperforms the market. This alone makes his style ideal for leveraging, the fact that he ends up with the best returns over time is proof that his style works.

The bottom line is, keep your interest bearing assets in your RRSP and consider leveraging equity if you have good cash flow.

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The sights and the sounds of Canada

by Steve Coleman
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Edwardsburgh Figure Skating Club went on a tour of Canada last weekend without leaving Spencerville.

Between 100 and 110 club members presented the *Sights and Sounds of Canada* March 15-16 to two capacity crowds at the Edwardsburgh Township Arena.

The five pros working with the skating club also put on a show of their own during the two performances. The first set of instructors to hit the ice were Will and Cathy Pettem. Stephanie Markell added a solo, while Rob Kluke and Donna Daw rounded out the instructors' performances.

The five coaches spent about three weeks choreographing their contributions to the show.

While the club pros were a hit, the biggest attraction is always the kids, said Stephanie Summers, one of the show organizers.

"In the cowboys and indians number, one of the indians decided to do her own little show," she said. "Another cowgirl was upset because (one of the skaters) was out of line. When they're three or four years old, they're more interested in looking at the lights and the people."

The show started with the *March of the Flags* by the junior skating team and O'Canada. Other group efforts included Mounties, fishermen, unicorns skunks and geese, a parachute club, Scottish dancers, a polka routine and tributes to the Inuit and *Hockey Night in Canada*.

The club borrowed Rideau St. Lawrence Kings sweaters for the final group number

"It was a combination of the two great Canadian sports," she said. "It was a chance for them to do everything wrong -- like skate down the ice bent over."

While the Saturday-night show draws people from around town, Sundays usually turn into family days. Relatives flood into the rink to see the afternoon show.

Club executive members and volunteers spent about four hours Friday night and another three hours on Saturday getting the arena ready for the show. Instead of the usual blue backdrop, the curtains were done in red and white to fit this year's theme.

All of the costumes were made, again this year, by two of the club's executive members.

As another fundraiser, the skating club also raffled off a handmade quilt during the intermission on the show's second day. The winner was Marilyn Burtch from Newboro.



Serious business

Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners was turned over to the Upper Canada Police last Wednesday. The community hall was used as a command post to coordinate the efforts of the Tactical Rescue Unit, The Emergency Response Team, Force Negotiators and the Upper Canada Police. Steven Bilmer, 34, of Matilda Township was arrested without incident. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

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Provincial cribbage champs

This team of cribbage players went home to Brussels with the distinction of being Provincial Cribbage Champs. Gordon, Allan and Murray Nichol and Les Brewer were tops at the Iroquois Legion on Saturday. Hosted here, the playdowns brought folks from every corner of Ontario. Brockville came in second place.

Jr. Novice team wins title in Kingston

The Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Jr. Novice team travelled to Kingston Township for a 2 day tournament on March 8th and 9th. The team came away with the A championship hardware.

They r ied over four teams enroute to the championship scoring 35 goals and giving up four. The team's great showing in the g.a. was attributed to the brilliant goaltending of Graham Peter. Peter won the top goalie of the tournament in the kills competition.

All of the players used the skills taught to them this year, to execute excellent passing and positional play.

Head coach Barry Elliot was most impressed with the team's performance. Coaches Barry Keicks, Joe Hummell, Kevin Baldwin and trainer's Geoff Peters and Paul Coolican were also pleased with the team's play.

The players and families will remember the experience for a long time, especially the stay over at the Holiday Inn.

The Championship

The toughest competition for the Lions came in the championship game when they squared off against Kingston Township.

The Lions gave up the first goal of the game when Max Caron set up Kingston's Jamie Arniel at 5:15.

However, the Lions answered less than a minute later when Brandon Elliot hammered a shot past Kingston goalie Blake Crowley to knot the score at one.

Two minutes later the Lions got the go ahead from Darren Baldwin, another unassisted goal.

With less than three minutes remaining in the opening frame Alan Waddell put Morrisburg ahead by two and Elliot scored his second of the game to send the Lions into the middle period up by three.

Graham Peters, the Lions goalie, picked up the assist on Elliot's second of the night.

Kingston cut the lead to two when Josh Wylie managed to slip one past Graham Peters, but Morrisburg's Waddell rocked his second of the night past Crowley to regain the Lions 3 goal lead.

Morrisburg added an insurance marker late in the third when Matt Hummell drove one past the Kingston goalie. Elliot picked up the assist on the Lions last of the game.

Provincial Cribbage Tournament held at Legion

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The "race" was on and the Iroquois Legion, Branch 370 was full to the doors.

Smoke and conversation pervaded the air at the local Legion on Saturday as teams vying for the honour of Provincial Cribbage winners arrived to begin dealing the cards.

The storm slowed travel, but detoured no one from getting to the Seaway town. They came from as far away from Richmond Hill, Deep River, Windsor, Huntsville, Sudbury, Brampton, Sturgeon Falls, Hanover, Elliott Lake, Brussels, Port Perry, Ajax, Walkerton, Lyndon, Tara, Milverton, Beachville, Kirkland Lake,Aurora, Greely, Chatham, Toronto, Long Beach, Wingham, Prescott, Tecumseh, Cornation, Orleans, Delaware, McTier and Brockville Lyndhurst, and Shelborne.

The camradery and the laughter that was evident in the Legion hall showed that although trying to become champs, there was a pile of people who know how to enjoy cards in town as well.

Goody bags were distributed to the team players as a means of thanking them for the effort they put forth. As dealers dealt hands and established cribs, cards were played as teams looked for pairs and runs to score. When the dust cleared, the Brockville team was declared runners-up and the boys from Brussels carried the gold home. Crests declaring the honour were presented and the team who were a "family affair"...a father, son and uncle plus one won one more (14) than second place and local Brockville.

There were a bevy of door prizes that were handed out and those who donated deserve a hearty thank you. There were some pretty nice items on the stage waiting to be chosen.

After the games were over, the trophies handed out and the prizes chosen, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iroquois Legion served a scrumptious smelling meal of ham and scalloped potatoes. This reporter taste tested the olives and the smells emanating from the kitchen had the mouth watering, so there is no doubt they all enjoyed the meal...these gals can cook!

As the sun began to sink in the west and crib players headed home, they were a tired but happy lot. The sports directors of the various Legion Branches are to be complimented, for it is apparent they do a great job.

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Euchre & Bridge: Moonlight Chapter #224 O.E.S. will be holding a euchre and bridge in the **Civic Centre, Apr. 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Lunch will be served. See you at the party. $3.

2nd Annual Car & Canoe Rally, Apr. 19th. Registration 11-1 at Haddo Community Centre.

St. Andrew's & St. James Presbyterian Church, Cardinal "Coming Events" for 1997: May 3, Sept. 6: Rummage Sales; **June 26:** Strawberry Social; **Oct. 23:** Anniversary Dinner; **Nov. 29:** Christmas Bazaar.

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Two car accident
Iroquois - On Wednesday, March 12th, at approximately 7:10 pm, Upper Canada Detachment Officers responded to a two vehicle accident on Highway 2 at the intersection of Brinston Road in Matilda Township.

A 96 Cavalier, driven by Alys McIntosh, 69 years of age, of Winchester Springs, Ontario, was heading south on Brinston Road and made a left turn onto Highway Two into the path of a 90 Mazda van driven by Courtney Kates, 18 years of age of Iroquois.

The Kates' vehicle, which was travelling west on Highway 2, collided in a T-bone fashion with the McIntosh Vehicle.

The Iroquois Fire Department responded to extricate Mrs. McIntosh. A passenger in the McIntosh vehicle, 14 year old Erin McIntosh of North Gower and Miss Kates, were taken to Winchester Hospital with minimal injuries.

Mrs. Alys McIntosh was taken to Winchester Hospital then transferred to Ottawa General, suffering from internal injuries.

Both vehicles received severe damage as a result of the accident. Mrs. McIntosh has been charged with failing to yield under the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

Break and enter
Williamsburg - On the 16th of March, OPP investigated a break and enter which had occurred during the early evening hours in Williamsburg Township.

An entry had been made into a private residence by way of the front door and home entertainment items were taken.

Vehicle stolen
Chesterville - OPP investigated a report of a stolen vehicle from the Village of Chesterville which had occurred shortly before midnight on the 15th of March.

A 1983 Pontiac Acadian had been parked along Church Street in the Village when it was taken.

The vehicle was later recovered during the early morning hours of March 17th, when it was located at the scene of a break and enter at the Furniture Loft, located in Finch.

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This 18-wheeler was sure East bound and down, in the median that is-- Hwy. 401 was dotted with accidents, abandoned vehicles, wreckers and just plain stuck cars and trucks on Saturday. The storm that blew through the area caused a rash of motor vehicle problems. This one was unharmed, safe from anyone's path.

Eastern Ontario Health Unit can provide support

Ann Bissonnette does it to "feed her soul."

"It" is being a friend, a source of comfort and information... a Birth Companion.

Offered by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, the Birth Companion program matches experienced mothers with young pregnant women, who could benefit from sound, non-judgemental pre-and-post pregnancy guidance.

The health unit provides volunteer Birth Companion volunteers with a thorough, 12-hour training program, and ongoing support.

As a mother of two, Bissonnette has plenty of positive experience to share. Still, she says the training program has been a tremendous resource. "With the help of videos, guest speakers and the public health nurses, we cover the full range of pregnancy and motherhood topics, from nutrition to social issues. I really felt well-prepared for the matching experience."

Bissonnette says she and her match, "hit it off right away. She knew she could talk to me and that I would be there for her, to offer unconditional reassurance."

Jan Mazhar, who provides the volunteer training, says the Birth Companion volunteer can be the pregnant woman's greatest source of information and reassurance.

"Despite all the literature and educational resources available today, there's still a lot of misconception and misinformation out there. Pregnant women need to know they can turn to a reliable, mature, experienced mom for their questions or concerns."

Bissonnette is quick to point out that her "match" wasn't the only one to benefit from the program. "This has been such a gratifying experience for me, and I highly recommend it. People ask me how I manage to volunteer when I'm busy running my own business, raising two small children, and juggling time around my husband's full-time job. And I tell them I'm lucky to have all of this. If you don't have the spare time to volunteer for something this important, then make the time."

Anyone interested in the Birth Companion program may call Lise Brisson, volunteer, or Jan Mazhar, Public Health Nurse at (613) 933-1375 or 1-800-267-7120.



Storm results

This scene was replayed numerous times Friday and Saturday. The heavy snow produced drifts and then the ice rain coated everything, creating hazardous conditions. More than one driver ended up needing assistance.

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OBITUARIES

Bessie Marion Coons

On Friday, March 14, 1997, Bessie Marion Coons at her residence, Wellington House Nursing Home, Prescott.

Born on July 1, 1907 in Edwardsburgh Township, Bessie was 89 years of age.

A homemaker who lived in Cardinal most of her life, she was a member of St. John's United Church and Life Member of the United Church Women.

Predeceased by her parents, Aaron and Alice (nee Burchell) Campbell as well as her beloved husband, Floyd Coons whom she wed in the Cardinal manse on June 28, 1929 as well as a sister, Anna Raycroft and two brothers; Gordon and William Campbell.

She leaves to mourn the loss, a daughter, Shirley Coons of Calgary, sister-in-law, Alice (Earl) Coons of Burlington, Ewart and Peggy Coons of Cardinal, Gladys (William) Campbell of Winnipeg as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wellington House palliative care or the Arthritis Association were gratefully appreciated by the family.

Service was conducted at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Cardinal with Rev. Bruce Ross officiating on Monday, March 17, 1997. Interment will be in the spring at St. John's Cemetery in Cardinal. Honourary pallbearers were; Gerald Brennan, Clayton, Ray and Carl Coons.

Pumpkin dreams growing in area

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Spencerville Fair's Mammoth Pumpkin Stake reached new heights last year with the shattering of the old record by 65 pounds. The new mark to beat is 728 pounds set by Barry De Jong's entry.

The seeds you need to knock that pumpkin out of top spot are now on sale at a number of area stores. Organizers say they are seeing increased interest in giant pumpkin growing. And why not? In addition to having the satisfaction of growing a truly massive melon and impressing your friends you can win the James Utman Memorial Trophy which will be awarded to the largest entry that beat 728lbs at this year's Spencerville Fair. Add to that a nifty keeper trophy, ribbon and possibly a few hundred bucks (it depends on how many entries there are) and there's all kinds of reasons to grow giant pumpkins.

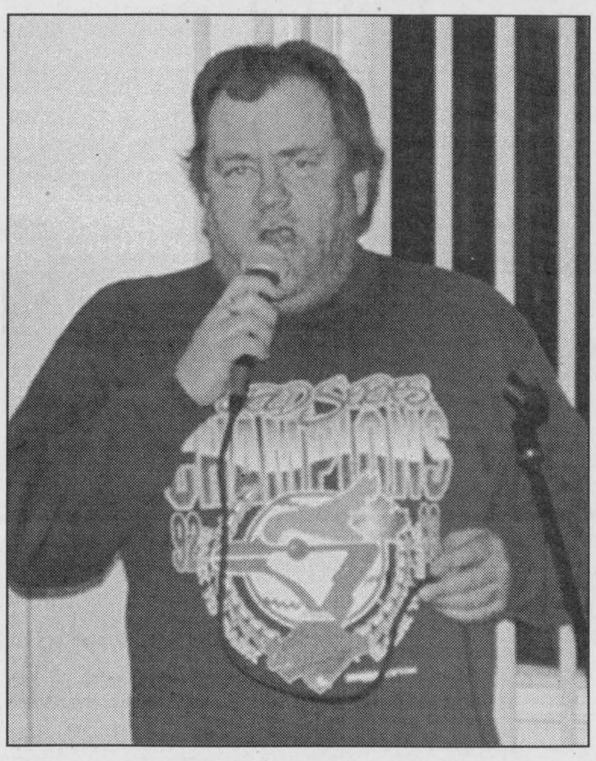
If you want to get one up on the competition, you might want to attend a mammoth pumpkin growers seminar and gathering at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology this Sunday, March 23rd, at 8 a.m. There you'll find members of the Ottawa St. Lawrence Pumpkin Growers trading stories and advice about cultivation, fertilizer and where to find even more pumpkin info. There will also be people introduced who grow pumpkins that weighed more than 700 lbs as well as the first Canadian to grow a pumpkin weighing more than 1,000lbs. The gathering is expected to last most of the day with seminars held in the afternoon. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and afterward there will be a number of seminars. Lectures about hydroponics, and direct injections will be among some of the topics discussed.

Only members can attend the gathering Sunday, but for $20 you can purchase a membership at the door. The event will also be an excellent opportunity to get your hands on world class pumpkin seeds says Bob Marcellus, a member of the Mammoth Pumpkin Stake organizing committee.

However, if you want to enter the competition in Spencerville you have to buy seeds culled from the top pumpkins of last year's weigh off, although, Marcellus says, you can use any seeds you like. The seed sales are a means of raising money for the stake and registering contestants, says Marcellus.

The seeds are on sale at the following locations: Heckston General Store, Rooney Feeds in South Gower Business Park, the Co-Op in Kemptville, the Brewing Oasis in Kemptville, C&L Feeds in Dixon's Corners, the Co-Op in Brockville, Weagant Farm Supplies (Hwy. 43, Winchester),Nancy Baker Fuels and the Home Hardware Store in Spencerville. You can also obtain seeds from Bill Horner at the Matilda Township offices in Brinston, and Walter Froom in Shanly.

The top 10 entries will take home prizes from the competition. To enter the competition you must purchase seeds and provide your name and address at the sale location before the end of April.



St. Patrick's celebration

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in style at the Morrisburg Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion last Friday night. A corned beef and cabbage supper was served. Danny Rice (pictured above) who sang "When You Walk Through a Storm" was just one of the many who attended.

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George Fox is coming to Upper Canada soon

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 24, for a concert with Canadian country musice star, George Fox, appearing at Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, April 27th at 7 pm.

Little did he realize his life would change forever when George Fox stepped off his tractor November 19th, 1987, to take the phone call from Warner Music offering him a record deal! Since then he's written and recorded over 50 songs, released six albums and collected over 65 pounds of awards, including the Juno for Country Male Vocalist three consecutive years; RPM Big Country Male Vocalist for an unprecedented five consecutive years; and CCMA Country Male Vocalist three times.

This time out Fox is doing an acoustic show that will feature songs from his recently released George Fox: Greatest Hits 1987 - 1997. Joining him on stage will be multi-instrumentalist Craig Bignell and Mark LaLama. Reserved seating tickets are $20 (GST included) and are available at UCP box office in Morrisburg. For phone orders call (613) 346-2622.

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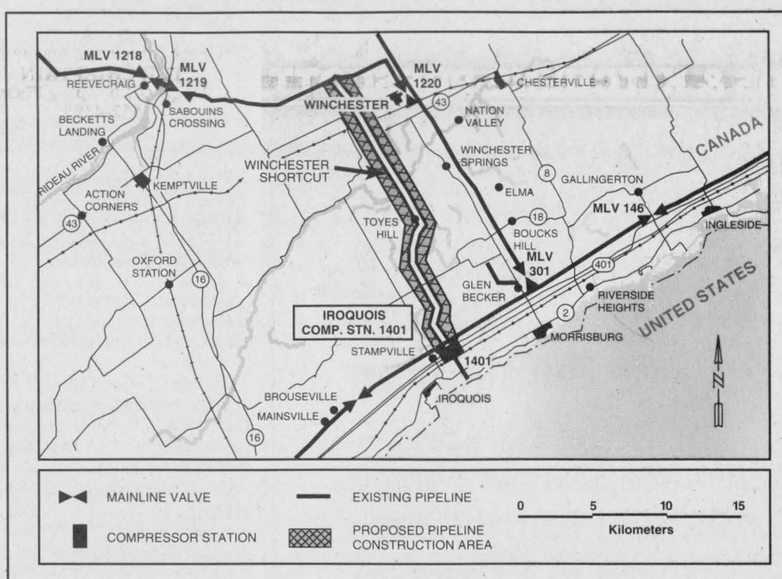

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The Chieftain Arts & Entertainment Page

✔Ham & Casserole supper, Cardinal
✔Open House in Stampville
✔Wsbg. IOOF dance Saturday

Education Workshop Saturday



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Year book sale

The Year Book Committee at South Grenville hosted a craft sale on Saturday. These folks were being most discriminate shoppers. Local artisans plied their wares; there were baked goods and the committee sold baked treats. A fund raiser to help defray year book expenses, it was well attended.

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Storm aftermath

Friday's storm caused a pile of trouble for most motorists. When the wind died away and the snow was drifted and lay deeply everywhere, the removal crews swung into action. Lee Shaver moves the white stuff out of harm's way at the Riverview Apartments.

Inside an hour

Has St. Patrick's Day tired you out? Has wearing green, guzzling Guiness, singing old *Pogues, Chieftains* and *Rovers* songs got you craving something that doesn't involve jigs?

Well go to the MOVIES! Or rent one-- just as long as you don't pick up one of those interminable Leprechaun sequels.

At the Brookdale Cinema in Cornwall the refurbished *Return of the Jedi* plays in Cinema 1. *Jedi* is being roundly (and in my opinion undeservedly) slagged by critics who have jumped on the "We hate the Ewoks bandwagon." This is a great movie for most kids--although some scenes might be scary for the really young ones. It is also a great movie for adults. Go out and see it. There are few movies that can match the pace of *Jedi*. One of the directors of Independence Day described *Jedi* as a story climax that lasts for an entire movie. As for the Ewoks, try to pretend they are Wookies--it makes way more sense that way. Unfortunately the potential marketing profits from Ewoks made more sense to Lucas. But it doesn't really matter, it is still a great story. Check it out at 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

In Cinema 2 it's *Jungle 2 Jungle*. This family comedy with Tim Allen and Martin Short looks like an entertaining time for all--even if it probably won't be the **most** hilarious movie you ever see. Martin Short is all you have to say. Tim Allen? Funny too. Laugh your way to Cinema 2 at 7 p.m. on 9 p.m..

Evita hits Cinema 3 at 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. The word out on this movie is completely contradictory. Some people love it others hate it. And while you might say that about most movies, the split in this one seems particularly even. Andrew Loyd Webber purists-- if such people exist--probably won't enjoy the re-scoring for Madonna's vocal range.

In Brockville at the Parkedale Cinema there is also *Return of the Jedi* again at Cinema 1. Times there are 6:30 and 9:05.

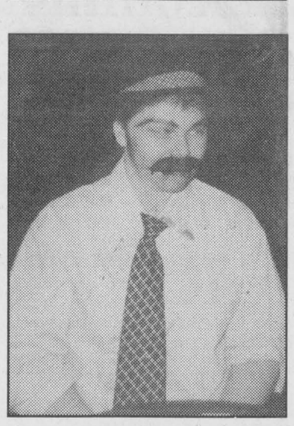
Vegas Vacation with Chevy Chase and the Lampoon whoop it up at 6:45 p.m. in Cinema 2. *Vegas Vacation* is another comedy that almost has to be funny. If you can't make it for the 6:45 p.m. show you can catch it at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The same goes for *Jedi*.

Mature audiences will enjoy *The English Patient* in Cinema 2 at 8:45. This love-affair romance, set in Europe and Africa during World War II, is steamy, exciting and going to get an Oscar, guaranteed. Those of you out there who are afraid it's a chick flick needn't worry, there's plenty of action.

For those who haven't been cured of pubbing by St. Patrick's Day, The Country Hideaway presents *Rebecca and Kicking Horse*, March 20th, 21st, 22nd.

Meanwhile, Boomers in Prescott is having the band *Fools Gold* and Saturday from 9:30-1:30 and an open stage night March 23rd with Colin Amey. An 8-Ball doubles tournament also happens at Boomers March 23rd.

Finally, bargain hunters and craft aficionados will want to check out the Tri-County Craft Fair March 21st, 22nd and 23rd at the Cornwall Civic Complex.



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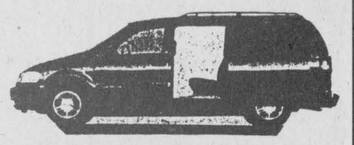

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