

New Stealth car proves itself

by Nick Dixon

A new weapon has been added to the arsenal of Toronto Police to help put the brakes on reckless and aggressive driving.

The new Stealth patrol car is so named because of hard to detect markings that are painted on the side of the car. The 2001 Chevrolet Impala is navy blue and has special charcoal grey reflective striping and police markings on its side.

Const. Colin Croxon, one of 10 officers assigned to the car, said "It is primarily used in traffic enforcement. We are able to be on patrol less highly visible, and we see more violations take place."

"When people see a traditional police car they won't drive like they normally do."

Sgt. Ted Holtzheuser, head of the traffic safety programs, said the Stealth patrol car was developed in reaction to officer observations of markedly different behavior from drivers during their drive home from work in their own cars, than when they were in marked patrol cars.

"Traditionally Metro police had



NICK DIXON

WATCH OUT: Reckless drivers have to stay on their toes with the new Stealth police cruiser patrolling Toronto streets.

unmarked radar cars that hide in vulture spots to catch people doing things wrong," Holtzheuser said.

Lisa Zammit, a first-year Accounting student applauds the new technology.

"It's good. People slow down when they see a cop, and then they speed up again as soon as they

pass by."

According to Croxon, "The striping is such that it can only be seen in certain light conditions. So drivers approaching the car from behind, or seeing it in their rear view mirrors have no idea it's actually a patrol car."

When Croxon was demonstrating the car for the media in

December, a frustrated driver came up beside the vehicle and gave the one finger salute.

"Boy was he surprised when he realized it was a police car," said Croxon with a laugh.

Holtzheuser said since the Stealth patrol car hit the road, "Officers have been raving about their ability to catch drivers."

Mike Fragomeni, a Media Copywriting student doesn't mind the police's newfound ability to go unnoticed.

"It's a good idea. There are a lot of whacked out drivers out there, and excessive speeding is a problem," he said.

Fragomeni has been caught speeding before.

"Since the ticket I've slowed down. I only go about 15-20 kilometres over the limit now, any more than that isn't worth it when you consider insurance and safety."

Holtzheuser said from Jan. 1-23, the Stealth patrol car drove approximately 21,000 kms with excellent results: 18 tickets for careless driving, 19 tickets for seatbelt infractions, 117 speeding

tickets (including one for driving 190 km/h on the DVP), 78 tickets for driving without a licence, ownership or insurance, and 285 tickets for infractions including; following too close, failing to signal and dangerous lane changes were issued.

"We have purchased 19 more Stealth cars, and they are coming soon."

- Sgt Ted Holtzheusser

There is currently one Stealth patrol car in Toronto and according to Holtzheuser, it mainly patrols the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway.

However, alluding to the success of the Stealth, Holtzheuser added it's no longer a pilot program, "we have purchased 19 more Stealth cars, and they are coming soon."

The 19 new cars will be Ford Crown Victorias, and Holtzheuser said even though they are specially painted, the cars are equipped with the same features as any other cruiser.

Students can find bursary information online

by Elizabeth Bower

Beginning in September, Humber students will have more accessibility to bursary applications as tuition bursaries go on the Internet.

Margaret Antonides, manager of Financial Aid, said Humber is enhancing a budget calculator on the college's Web site so that anything previously submitted in paper can now be done online.

"We're usually swamped at the last minute with paper applications," she said. "So this will save on paperwork and be more efficient because the information will go directly into the student's records."

Tuition bursaries are non-repayable grants of \$500 and \$750 for post-secondary and post-grad students. Roughly 1,400 were awarded last year.

Dan Burjas, Board of Governors representative for the Humber Students' Federation, said he thinks the move to an online application is a step in the right direction.

"This way, it's very convenient," he said. "Students can now apply in the middle of summer, anytime throughout the day or even in the middle of the night. It makes it more accessible."

Students no longer need to submit a letter explaining their financial circumstances because it could not be worked into the online system.

"The new calculator should be able to determine financial need as well as the letter used to do. This will be a test to see how well it works," Antonides said.

Antonides stresses, however, that this is only the case for tuition bursaries and that financial need bursaries still require a written letter.

To determine financial need, the calculator uses a fairly simple process. Students bring up the calculator on the Web page and enter how much they expect to spend on such things as tuition, telephone bills and groceries. The calculator adds up these expenses.

Then, students enter financial

resources such as OSAP loans and academic awards.

The calculator will subtract expenses from resources and if the total is a negative, there is a financial need.

With the click of a button, all this information is sent to the student's file. When students confirm acceptance into Humber they will be notified if they have received the bursary.

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Handy links will help students with the application process, Antonides said. For example, photography students have a direct link to determine their particular tuition fees and estimated cost of equipment. There are also

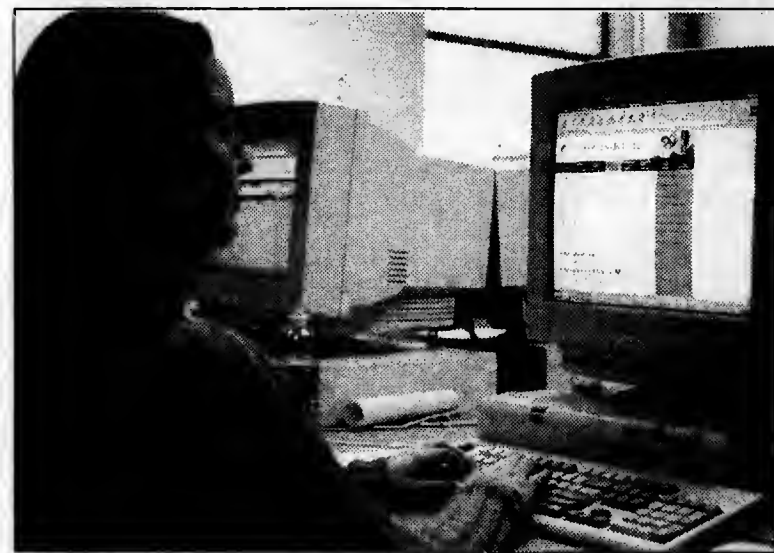
helpful hints on how to budget wisely, she said.

Bursary applicants must be Canadian residents, full-time Humber students and demonstrate financial need.

The deadlines for next year are still to be determined, but Antonides said they should be in late July for fall 2001 and in late

November for winter 2002.

Students will be sent notice in the summer of the switch to online applications and will receive detailed instructions on how to apply, she said. But, the information is currently available on the Web at: www.registrar.humberc.on.ca/financialaid/budget-calculator.



ELIZABETH BOWER

Check it out: Students can access whatever information they need via the Net and save themselves from standing in long lines.

Humber and Shanghai in it for the long run

by Sangita Iyer

Humber College and the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology in China have signed an agreement to develop a joint educational program in the areas of information technology and e-commerce.

Dr. Richard Hook, Humber's vice president, still recovering from jet lag after his visit to China, said Humber is working with the University of Shanghai to implement a plan in 2002. The plan is similar to the Ningbo University and Humber venture.

Shanghai, approximately 2,000 kilometres south-east of Beijing, is a seaport, located in the Yangtze Delta Region.

"Over half of China's trade with the world goes through the

Yangtze Delta Region. Humber is tremendously fortunate to work with two universities from that region to develop joint programs that will contribute to the future economic development and Canada China trade relationships," Hook said.

One of the other main reasons for Hook's visit was to strengthen the five-year relationship with Ningbo and discuss future directions.

During the Team Canada visit, Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Premier Mike Harris met with the senior officials and the students of Ningbo, to show Canada's support for Humber's program.

"[The Ningbo representatives] felt privileged about the opportunity to meet with the prime minis-



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Smile: Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Humber's VP Richard Hook pose with students and administration from Ningbo University.

ter and the other senior officials from Canada. I expect the enrollment from Ningbo will double in the next two years," Hook said.

Although the main purpose of

Team Canada's visit was to improve trade relations, questions of human rights violations in China has haunted the team all along, he said.

"In response, the Chinese who were willing to comment said, 'If you are so concerned about human rights in China, why isn't Team Canada going to Russia, which tried to change into a democratic capitalistic nation overnight, and, in some respects, is in financial and social chaos,'" Hook said.

According to Hook, Team Canada is focused on long term relationships with China, whereas the Canadian media is concerned about how Canada will balance human rights issues with business.

"I find it fascinating that the press in Canada are focusing on issues of human rights and on how much money the team is signing contracts for, while the team for their part is focusing on long-term relationships," Hook said.

Lieutenant Governor visits horticultural students

by Deena Thakib

Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston paid a visit to Humber's North campus on Wednesday to see students of the Horticulture Apprenticeship Program in action.

The lieutenant donates part of her salary to Eva's Phoenix, a Toronto shelter for street youth that sponsors a group of Humber students in the program. Weston toured the "G" facility, and watched as students demonstrated their skills by building a "wood retaining wall".

"I think that I have great admiration for colleges like Humber because they are training people for the real world."

-Hilary Weston

Making her way through the crowd, the lieutenant shook hands with students and asked how they heard about the program. She also didn't hesitate to ask about upcoming projects that were keeping the students busy.

"She [Hilary Weston] asked me how the program was going. I told her it's holding my interest and I'm using it to get a job to fund my other schooling," a student in the special program said.

While watching the demonstration a student explained to Weston that the wall is usually built in wooded areas to provide a natural look. Weston continued to engage students in discussion

and offered her own input about what could be done with the timber wall once completed.

Richard Berthelsen, director to the lieutenant governor, said Weston supports many youth initiatives and likes to get out and see what young people are doing, particularly people involved in creative and innovative programs.

"Eva's Phoenix is a job training program and, after consulting with various social workers, the recommendation was that these students like to work outdoors," Weston said. "They don't want to work in offices or mailrooms. By nature they like to be independent. This program is giving them the skills to work outdoors that will benefit their future."

Horticulture students were eager to meet Weston and took time to answer her questions.

Humber Associate Dean, Stephen Bodsworth, hosted the tour and said Humber's two-year Horticulture program works closely with the industry to provide jobs for graduates and is the only one in the Greater Metro area.

"I think it's wonderful just to have Hilary Weston and what she represents at our college. She has an incredible way of making people feel comfortable."

The program, which involves 30 hours of in-class time and an apprenticeship, is considered a heavy load compared to other programs. "I have great admiration for colleges like Humber because they're training people for the real world. There's a variety of courses people can choose from. I'm pleased that such courses exist," Weston said.



DEENA THAKIB

Sharing a joke: Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston and Horticultural instructor Al Trimble laughing up a storm.

Teens surf Net, foil security

by Nicole Montreuil

Three young boys walked into L234 and asked the instructor if they could use the computers. They were trying to go online, trying to scour the Internet for pornography and download music. Instead, they exposed a hole in campus security, one they've been exploiting for months.

"I thought it looked odd," said Mel Tsuji, a television journalism professor. "As it turns out, these kids come in here, use the computers to look at porn. I asked 'Why are you here?' Looking at the Internet. 'What are you doing?' Looking at the Internet. These kids are a little clever."

When Tsuji told them the computers were for student use only, the three boys apologized and left the room. Then, they opened the door to L234, stuck their heads back in Tsuji's class, and began mocking their own apologies.

Aggravated by their attitude, Tsuji followed the boys into the hall, only to lose them as they fled.

"I used some language I don't think you should use. I was pissed off," Tsuji said.

Tsuji immediately spotted a campus security guard and reported the incident.

Security were already aware of this problem.

Students, like Nader Metri, a second-year Packaging and Graphic Design student, have seen the teenage trespassers

since last semester.

"I usually see them on Fridays and Saturdays," Metri said. "Every single time, they go in and start printing some stuff out."

"I thought their parents had night school and just brought them, too," Metri didn't call security because the boys were not disruptive.

"They don't disturb me. I can't say they don't disturb anyone, because they do put on some music," Metri said.

But thinking about it now, Metri's not impressed. "They're not supposed to be in there. People pay tuition to come to this school and they're in there, occupying space."

Janet Gibson, a second-year certificate student in journalism, said security should be keeping an eye on things like this.

"I encountered the kids one night, across the hall. Security said they are aware of it, but by the time they get there, [the kids] are gone," Gibson said. "The kids were in [L232], printing stuff off the computer. I didn't say anything because I was afraid of retaliation. I didn't want to put myself in any danger."

Dev Chopra, vice president of Public Safety, said campus security must balance between protecting students and providing a friendly, inviting campus.

"All students and employees, if they see someone who doesn't belong there, should contact security. In a sense, we have to rely on everyone."

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"As artists we have always been screwed by the music majors. Napster and the file sharers are screwing us all over again. To be screwed from two different directions simultaneously, that's very worrying."

- Peter Gabriel

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Fuel cell powered cars steer into the future

by Hans Niedermair

Cars powered by alternative fuels have been available to consumers since the early 1990s, but they are still an insignificant portion of the automobile market.

Ford Motor Company is one of the leaders in the alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) arena, currently offering 11 different vehicles, ranging from F-150 truck models to the popular Taurus.

These vehicles are powered by fuels such as compressed natural gas, propane, ethanol and electricity.

According to Brendan Prebo, manager of environmental vehicles at Ford in Detroit, 500,000 of Ford's 16 million vehicles produced annually are AFVs. This number accounts for just over three per cent of production.

Jim Goss of Transport 2000, a consumer advocacy group, said that one way to encourage the use of AFVs would be for the provincial government to introduce tax rebates or reductions for owners of alternative fuel vehicles.

In California, owners of electric vehicles are offered tax credits and deductions of up to 10 per cent of their vehicle's cost.

According to the California Energy Commission, tax deductions ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 (U.S.) are offered for heavy trucks or vans that use alternative fuels.

Goss said that for AFVs to become more commonplace, consumers must push harder for them.

"There is a tremendous power in the

industry. The people involved in this industry have strangled alternatives. The onus is on the people themselves. Until the average person is convinced of the advantages of AFVs, they won't buy one. We can't go faster than people are willing to go," he said.

However, Charles Ross, communications co-ordinator of the Ontario Drive Clean Commission, said that some private companies are working on providing financial encouragement for owning an AFV.

For example, Calgary-based Enbridge Inc. is considering offering rebates for drivers that run cars on natural gas.

Prebo said that Ford's highest selling AFVs are the flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) vehicles that run on ethanol or gasoline from the same tank.

Still, like traditional petroleum-based gasoline, natural gas, ethanol and propane are non-renewable resources, and will still create pollution. Electric cars have the disadvantage of being unable to travel long distances without having to be recharged.

Grant McArthur, of Hydrogenics Corporation, a Mississauga-based company specializing in fuel cell technologies, said that cars powered by fuel cells will be more efficient than any of the current AFVs available. He also said that the cars will be "one hundred per cent environmentally benign."

Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen to create electricity. The only waste products created are water and heat.

However, there are many obstacles that still need to be overcome for fuel cells to become a viable alternative. McArthur said



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Ford's new fuel cell powered car, based on the Focus, will be unveiled in 2004.

that hydrogen is still relatively difficult to harvest in vast quantities, since there is "no real hydrogen grid, like there is with electricity or natural gas."

Also, according to Prebo, there are no present means of mass-producing fuel cells. Each module has to be individually handmade, making fuel cell production a very slow and expensive process.

Prebo added that since water is a major component of fuel cells, there will be prob-

lems if the water freezes - a major concern for Canadian drivers.

Still, he sees plenty of reason for optimism towards fuel cell powered cars becoming a reality. "Considering that fuel cell technology was just a pipe dream five years ago, it's amazing where we are now," he said.

Ford plans to unveil a prototype of its first fuel cell powered car in 2004. The car will be based on the popular Focus model.

X marks the box for the video game market

by Brad Horn

The video game market is about to get more competitive as Microsoft gets ready to release its new gaming console, the Xbox, to an already crowded market.

According to a Toronto-based retail consultant firm, the Xbox has the potential to give PlayStation 2 and upcoming Nintendo Gamecube a run for their money.

"It is going to shake up the video game category," J.C. Williams Group Retail Consultant Steve Boase said. "It is certainly going to affect the brands that are selling... the way [Microsoft] is talking about it, it's going to be a new way of gaming."

Boase said Microsoft has already received "phenomenal" reaction to the Xbox in Canada and it stands to change the face of the video game market.

"I think what they are trying to do is make it a much more unified market by saying here is a console that is incredibly powerful," Boase said. "Here's software designed especially for it by leading software developers and game developers. And so they are really trying to make sure the product is top notch and it meets the needs of the hardcore gamers."

Microsoft, better known for its dominance of the home computer market, offi-

cially unveiled the Xbox, its first gaming console, to the public in December at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas.

In an online transcript of his speech, Microsoft Chairman and Chief Software Architect Bill Gates said the Xbox will be the future of gaming.

"With its breakthrough technology and incredible graphics capabilities, Xbox will set the standard in gaming for years to come," Gates told a large crowd gathered for his keynote speech at the CES show. "It enables game designers to create a whole new world of game playing experiences that will captivate the imagination and competitive spirit of gamers like no other console."

Gates outlined the specifications of the eight-inch by three-inch tall square machine. He further wowed the crowd by showing off two shoot-em-up style games developed for the Xbox, running smoothly on a demo model at only one-fifth of its potential power.

"What you're seeing here is the final Xbox except for a couple of chips that are so state of the art they won't be done until we finish the manufacturing. We'll just plug those in," Gates said. "Everything else will be as you see it."

The Xbox will run games and movies on DVDs. The four gaming controllers come equipped with a 'rumble' feature so gamers can feel the action on the screen. An Ethernet port in the back of the console will allow gamers to download such extras as levels, music and characters from the Web.

The main processing unit in the Xbox is a familiar Microsoft companion, a 733 Megahertz Pentium III chip, along with 64 megabytes of memory and an 8-gigabyte

hard drive. Gates said the hard drive and extra memory allow the Xbox to load faster and keep its graphic smoother than any of its competitors. Powerful graphics and sound processors have been added to round out the package.

While the price has yet to be set, the Xbox is expected to be in the same \$700 range as PS2 when it hits store shelves in Canada later this year.



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Nintendo and PlayStation 2 will soon have competition from the new Xbox.

Editorial

et cetera

"Owning a piece of the moon is just human nature at its quirkiest."

- See Mooning

Nursing a wound with all the wrong ointments

Anyone who listens to Toronto's Kiss 92.5 has heard the commercials for Humber's new degree program that the college will be offering in conjunction with the University of New Brunswick.

Nursing students starting at Humber in September will be able to take four years of Nursing at the college and their credits are good for a university Nursing degree from UNB. Ministerial consent pending, of course.

This is great news for students

applying for Nursing at Humber. Not only will they receive the same quality, practical education that the medical profession loves about college nurses, they'll also receive the theory that universities teach their students.

But during the wondrous plans the college seems to have forgotten the students in the program today, who are concerned they are wasting their time.

Students enrolled in Nursing at Humber may not be able to carry over their credits in order to take

the university degree. Next year's students will have the opportunity to obtain a degree in four years. Students in the course now will be in school even longer.

Petitions have been signed by angry students who want their credits applied to the new degree program so they don't have to stay in school past the four years and so they don't waste money.

The changes to the nursing profession were not sprung on the Humber nursing department. The Nursing Act was changed in March

2000, so Humber has had plenty of time to change their courses

Students currently in the diploma program can still graduate and work in the Nursing profession. As long as they're in the profession before 2005, they won't have to take the same exam as the degree students and they'll be getting their education for less tuition.

The confusion for current students is unacceptable. It is far from beneficial for college enrollment next year and unfair for students to not know their fate.

In order to keep the students they have, Humber needs to establish their game plan for transferring credits. It's only fair.

In the meantime the nursing students need to have patience.

They need to push for a resolution in the agreement between Humber and UNB so they know if their courses are transferable with the degree program.

It is of paramount importance that they make sure they are not hung out to dry by the changes to the curriculum.

Mooning us all

Space, the final frontier. Well, not anymore.

Dennis Hope is the new Captain Picard - well, sort of. With a little ingenuity and imagination he now owns most of the solar system.

Better still he'll offer you a piece of the moon for a measly \$15, which is not a bad deal considering the price of land in Toronto. He has given us all a new place to call home.

No doubt there will be a barrage of complaints with phrases like "when will it ever end", "is nothing sacred" and "is everything for sale?" Well, yes, in fact, if there is a market, everything is for sale. Selling parts of the moon is no great departure from all sorts of other things for sale. Michael Jackson bought the Elephant Man's remains, people bought pieces of the Berlin Wall, pet rocks and of course the ever-popular Chia pets.

The issue here is not commercialism gone rampant. It is novelty. It's that wonderful fascination with the new and the different that takes hold of us. We have always succumbed to its charm and allure.

It could even be argued that this fascination is responsible for many great inventions. Necessity is the mother of invention, but novelty can take its rightful place alongside it.

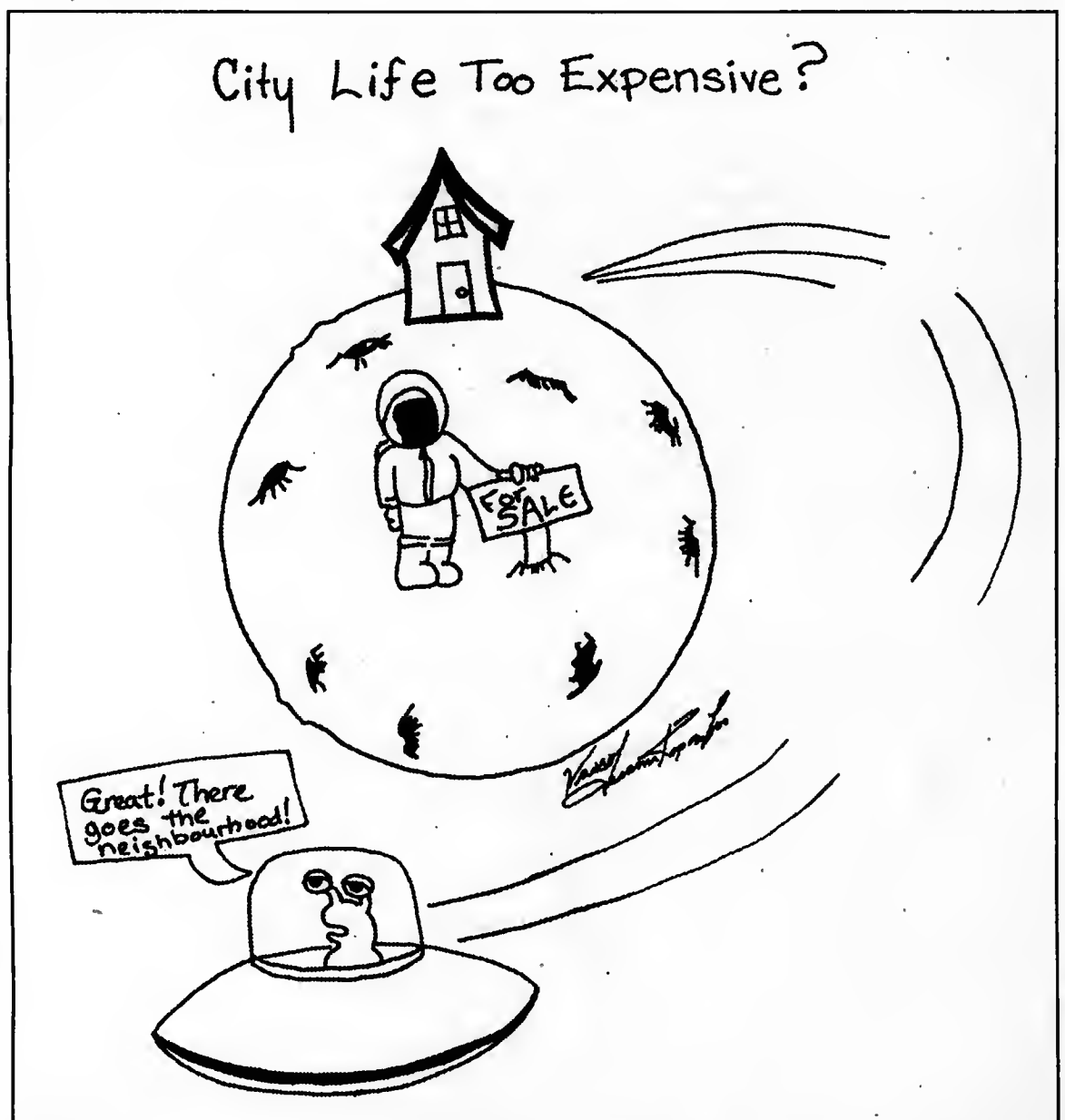
Owning a piece of the moon is not inspired by some great necessity for space, but simply so someone can say they own part of the moon.

Most of the buyers don't expect to ever live there. There is no great evil at work here.

At worst it could be argued that this is simply fellatio for our collective fragile ego. It just plain feels good to own something. It is an ego that seems to want to possess and lay claim to whatever it can grasp.

Owning a piece of the moon is just human nature at its quirkiest. There is no way for anybody to realistically live there any time soon, so it becomes simply party conversation fodder

We should applaud Hope for coming up with a brilliant idea and we can kick ourselves for not thinking of it first. He relied on the best resource available to humanity, imagination. It has served him handsomely.



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- See Johnny Cash

Opinion *et cetera*

Johnny Cash still the heart of country

"We'll all be equal when we're under the grass, and God's got a heaven for country trash."

- Johnny Cash

When country music was growing up in the early half of the 20th century, it was a wild-eyed, foul-tempered hillbilly playing unhinged music to drunken blue-collar workers. Modern country music has taken a shave, moved to the suburbs, gotten fat and apathetic and taken to producing music with all the biting social importance of a backyard barbecue.

This whitewashed, shameful creature still wears a goofy cowboy hat and boots; tokens from a time when country music was anything but the embarrassing ten-gallon sham it has become.

Popular country music of today has grown largely out of Ford truck commercials and videos where overly sentimental southern cowpokes sing cheesy love songs with their hats tilted and their faces contorted in embarrassing explorations of pre-tenes.

Heroes are made out of overfed slobbs like Garth Brooks, a country superstar who is perhaps most emblematic of the disease rotting the genre with his recent attempts to become an effeminate rocker and gain a wider audience.

That move, hopefully, awakened a sleeping country audience and dealt a deathblow to what had become an inexplicably successful career.

Standing apart from this pathos, is Johnny Cash, the Man in Black, ailing in his 70s and recently readmitted to hospital due to a recurring bout of pneumonia. Despite his age and failing



Noel Boivin

health, he's managed in his most recent efforts - the three album American Recordings sessions - to revitalize the dying form of country music, or at least to show that the genre is still viable outside of yuppie Calgary country bars.

Thirty years ago, Johnny Cash was singing songs to rowdy inmates in prisons about cocaine, domineering women, guns, murder and all the loves and hates of a poor wretch in a burdensome society.

Rap music or hip-hop, as unpalatable as it may be for some, has been the music to take up these reoccurring strains as country music has line-danced its way into a pasty brand of low rent pop music.

Gentrifying country music to make it palatable to a shallow mainstream audience has never driven Johnny Cash's songwriting.

His lyrics reflect a man who is an unrepentant hillbilly with a dark side, driven by a desire for God and ruled by the strength of his convictions.

Cash has received two Grammy's for his most recent efforts and almost exclusive praise from music critics; kudos for a man breathing his last into a genre that has traded in on its relevance for a short-lived stay in the heap of the soulless popular trash that is country music today.

Reciting a different set of vows

Is the age to be married, fa-la-la-la-lahhh, la-la-la-lah.

Yes, I have finally reached that age where anyone and everyone is telling me that it's about time I settled down.

After just turning 27, my mother sits me down to have a nice long chat about what's troubling her single, wayward daughter. "But darling, I had four children by your age." She tends to leave out the bitter divorce, which came shortly thereafter.

My father recently started sending me *Reader's Digest* clippings about overly independent women who never find Mr. Right.

I do have a boyfriend, but I just can't fathom marriage yet. He wants to get married as soon as possible because apparently my 27-year-old body is rapidly passing its prime child-bearing years. He's such a romantic.

Yet, I wonder silently to myself, what is this thing called marriage? Should it be about finding the right mate or mating

at the right time?

I have seen time and time again, people marry whomever they are dating in their late twenties because they're told it's the right time. I usually watch with envy as they revel in wedding plans and honeymoon dreams, but I know few of them will last more than ten years. It is usually the ten-year mark, in fact, that leads to seeing a psychiatrist and popping anti-depressants because 'it's just not working out.'

And what logical person would say that it should work out? When you marry, you are committing yourself to another human being for well over 50 years.

Fifty years. Fifty years? That is longer than my generation has been alive. And much longer than we have been self-reflecting adults who can make such profound decisions.

So I say to all of you who are rushing me to the altar simply because I am 27 - keep your illu-



Elizabeth Bower

sions to yourself and leave me alone. Should you choose to believe that two people who have known each other for a few years can make a life-long commitment, so be it. But I don't buy it.

I will continue with my selfish dreams of advancing my career. I will continue to travel around the world before I am tied down by marriage. I will continue to develop my spirituality and sense of self before I bring any children into my confusing life. I will wait until I find true love before I devote myself forever. These are my vows.

And I don't need a minister to make them official.

The sad, sad state of the Oscars

The Academy Award nominees for best picture have just been released. I can't wait for the Oscars; that four-hour display of the maudlin and the self-congratulatory.

What an appalling display of misguided formality. Tuxedos, gowns and sequins for a gathering that honours the most insignificant minutiae of achievements in a field.

No one cares about what an assistant art director actually does, but for one night only, people pretend that they do.

This annual deference to Hollywood nobility is treated with the same solemn importance as the doling out of the Nobel Prize.

Every year the Academy Award ceremony offers repeated glimpses of a grinning, smarmy Jack Nicholson.

Ol' Jack, the man who starred in such cinema classics as *Chinatown*, *The Last Detail* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, has been reduced to a cackling, eyebrow raising self-parody for the better part of a decade.

He's still preferable to that over-rated Tinseltown darling Tom Hanks, who is hammier than a pork souvlaki dinner.

What a bumper crop of films. The pickings are slim if *Erin Brokovich* is heralded as a masterpiece of modern cinema. As far as the hosts go, at least we've been



Christopher Lombardo

spared the vaudeville calisthenics of Billy Crystal, in favour of the comedic talents of Steve Martin.

The real reason to watch the ceremonies is the sorry display of the mother-daughter tandem of Joan and Melissa Rivers, the latter being the most egregious example of fame by association, since OJ Simpson's pool boy.

Word on the Street We asked Humber students what planet they would buy land on and why. Here's their word...



Gerry Ramsaroop
Business Administration
second-year

"Pluto. It's the one nobody knows anything about. It would be worth the most."



Kim McIntyre
General Arts & Science
first-year

"Mars. It's the planet of love and that's where the boys are from."



John Alexopoulos
Architectural Technology
first-year

"Uranus. I used to work at a zoo and I find the smell refreshing and nostalgic."



Allan Lee
Advertising/Graphic Design
first-year

"Uranus. Because I could say I own your anus."



Kate Martin
Photography
first-year

"The Sun, so I could stay warm all the time."

On Campus *et cetera*

'Fifth of July' play on campus

by Michelle DaCruz

Theatre Humber presents the Lanford Wilson play, *Fifth of July* at the Lakeshore campus beginning this week.

The play, directed by Kyra Harper, is set in a rural Lebanon, Missouri farmhouse in 1977, where a group of former college activists reunite after the Vietnam War.

The play runs from Feb. 21-24, and begins again on Feb. 28 - March 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Weekend matinees at 2 p.m.

New Ad Media replaces old ads

by Tim Twydell

If you use the bathrooms on the second floor beside the newsroom, chances are you have read the advertisement posted for *The Blair Witch Project Two*. The movie hit the box office in October; and only now has the promotion been replaced.

The ads are supposed to be updated monthly. Last week, the ad was changed to "this sure beats looking at grout for five years."

New Ad Media is responsible for all the washroom advertisements at Humber. It is one of only two companies in Canada that concentrates on this kind of advertising.

Mike McCormick, director of operations for New Ad Media, rushed to Humber when he became aware of the problem.

Shocked at hearing the news, he said the problem was due to a computer oversight.

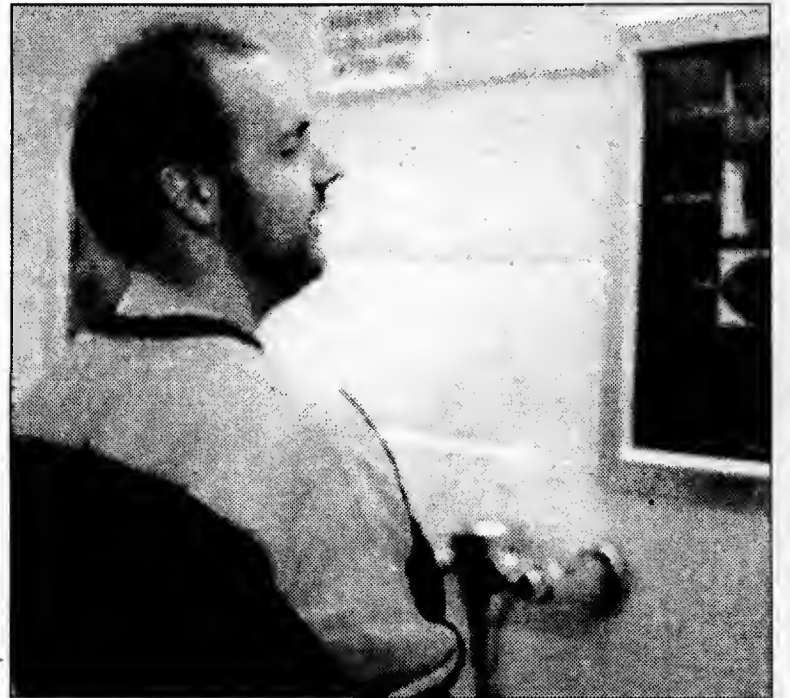
This kind of error occurs less than two per cent of the time, he said.

"The systems were switched, and when the data was transferred some of it was lost," McCormick said.

An internal audit occurs at New Ad Media every three months in an effort to keep this problem from happening.

John Mason, director of Ancillary Services for Humber, is responsible for the ads being placed in the washrooms. He was unaware of any problems in keeping the ads updated.

"The ads generate about \$10,000 in revenue for the school year," he said.



TIM TWYDELL

Hans Neidermair looks at the old ads in the washrooms.

Humber welcomes newly appointed music director

by Derrick Milburn

Denny Christianson has parlayed his considerable ability to toot his own horn into a new position at Humber College.

The renowned jazz artist was appointed Director of Music late last month.

Prior to his appointment at Humber, Christianson was head of the music department at Central Academy in Montreal more than 20 years.

"Only one thing could get me to leave Montreal, and that's the

excellence of the Humber music program," Christianson said.

The eight-time Juno and Felix award nominee is hopeful that he can do something of value in helping young people find success in their chosen career.

In addition to his duties as director, Christianson continues to work as a professional musician.

As a session musician, he has recorded more than 200 albums with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Tony Bennett and Diana Ross. In

November of last year, he released his seventh studio album as a band leader, and has begun rehearsing for the summer jazz festivals.

Pat Ferbyack, dean of the School of Performing Arts is overjoyed to have such an accomplished musician on staff.

"Christianson has been very happily received. There was a large number of faculty and staff involved on the selection team, and they were very happy. And I am delighted," Ferbyack said.



DERRICK MILBURN

New music director Denny Christianson will be adding his talents to the Humber staff.

Cash and prizes for starving artists

All participants of the show will receive a Certificate of Merit

by Desmond Devoy

Students with a flare for their artistic can show off their artwork for fabulous cash and prizes.

If you are interested in seeing your artwork on display, you can make submissions on March 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or on March 13 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) boardroom (KX101), below the HSF office at the North campus or at the HSF office at Lakeshore.

There is no charge for submitting your art, though participants are limited to three pieces per person and only Humber College students (full or part-time) can apply.

Artwork should also be submitted in such a way that it can be easily mounted on an easel (photos should be submitted in frames,) and be clearly labelled with the artist's name, title, medium and size.

Students also have to submit a short written statement regarding their work(s), which will be published in the exhibition catalogue.

There are eight categories for submission; colour photography, black and white photography,

digital imaging, mixed media, three dimensional art, painting, drawing and other.

All the entrants will be part of the League for Innovation Art Show from March 19-20 at North campus and from March 22-23 at Lakeshore.

There will be cash prizes for the Best of Show (\$500), second place (\$200) and other categories.

All participants will receive a Certificate of Merit while the top five Best of Show pieces will be sent to the League for Innovation's 15th Annual Student Art Competition, being held this year at the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District in Los Altos Hills, California.

There, the works will go up against artwork from 19 American colleges.

Humber is the only Canadian community college involved in the League for Innovation's student art competition.

After the show, students can re-claim their artwork at their respective campus on March 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If an artist's work is not reclaimed, it becomes the property of the college.

Fetish night at Caps tops off Valentine's week

by Nadia Ranieri

Fantasies of being chained and whipped by a scantily dressed dominatrix vehemently asking, "who's your daddy?" came true for those who attended Humber's Fetish night at Caps on Thursday.

The idea for the event came from Kenny Dimech, manager of Caps, who wanted to end Valentine's week on a steamy note.

"This is something unique," said Phillip McFadden, a first-year

Comedy Writing and Performance student. "It's all about whatever turns your crank."

"Sex is like the meat," McFadden said, "but the fetish is all about how you can marinate it."

"I can't resist a woman in red lingerie talking dirty to me."

- Alfred Thompson

Attendance reached full capacity by 11:30 p.m. The event was open exclusively to Humber students who dared to take a walk on the wild side.

"I came here to have fun and hopefully admire some sexy girls," said Alfred Thompson, a first-year Cabinet Making student. Thompson had no hesitation in confessing his own fetish, "I can't resist a woman in red lingerie talking dirty to me."

What were truly irresistible were the body-clinging gold and white sailor outfits worn on the bodacious bods of bartenders Terrence Campbell and Greg Spiker.

"Sex is like the meat, but the fetish is all about how you can marinate it."

- Phillip McFadden

Sharon Rodriques, first-year Fashion Arts student, certainly raised a few eyebrows in her sexy leather get-up. The look was finished with a spiked neck chain, net stockings, knee-high patent leather boots and cut off silk gloves, guaranteed to allure even the prudent Prince Charles.

"This whole outfit cost me about \$300," said Rodriques. "I dress like this when I go out because it makes me feel good."

"It's all about whatever turns your crank."

- Alfred Thompson

Rodriques' outfit was a unique assortment from fashion retail stores like Sirens, House of Ill Review and Fashion Crimes.

The only crime this evening



NADIA RANIERI

Bartenders Greg Spiker (left), and Terrence Campbell came to work all decked out in flashy white and gold sailor outfits.

was that very few took the plunge and came dressed up. Rodriques, however, armed with her own personal set of handcuffs, was prepared to make a red hot arrest.

Bands Eyes Wide Shut and Basic Instinct played tunes for the alternative punk-rock crowd that brought out the animal magnetism in the room.

"It's definitely not your average dance music," said Ryan

Horwood, event security and Humber student.

It may have been cold outside, but the heat at Caps was definitely on the rise which brought out the devil in everybody.

"Sex is a big taboo but everybody is doing it," McFadden said.

"Things have changed a lot from 50 years ago." Yeah, no kidding!



NADIA RANIERI

Cold Shower: Although not too many students dressed for the occasion, Fashion Arts student Sharon Rodriques dressed to kill.

Survivor Night hits Caps for good cause

by Desmond Devoy

Survivor fever is coming to Caps this Thursday night to generate awareness for Humber's 32nd Annual Blood Donor Clinic.

The hit reality show will be the theme for the evening, with everyone invited to wear their favourite survivor gear (Tilley hats, shorts, t-shirts, bikinis, etc.) There will also be a raffle, a tattoo parlour, and reruns of the show's first season on Caps' TV screens.

The night is being organized by members of Humber's Public Relations program to help generate awareness for the Survivor-themed blood donor clinic being held at the North campus' Student Centre on March 14.

The Student Centre will be transformed into the Australian Outback but, unlike the show, the stakes will really be life and death.

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Life & Health

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true."
-James Branch Cabell

Wake up and smell the aromatherapy

by Alexandra Cygal

Mid-terms are fast approaching, you're tired, anxious, and can't focus on your studies, try aromatherapy.

Used by the most ancient civilizations for thousands of years, aromatherapy is the practice of using essential oils for psychological and physical well-being.

Essential oils are the pure essence of a plant, and when used correctly, can promote better health.

"One of the ways in which aromatherapy works, is when the molecules of scent interact with the sense of smell, a signal is sent to the brain," said Maggie Mann, a teacher of aromatherapy at Centennial College.

"That signal can change brain activity. So we know for instance, one of the constituents of lavender, linalyl acetate, can actually increase alpha waves. So, that increases a sense of calm, it helps slow the brain down. That's why lavender is known to be beneficial for insomnia. When you smell it, it actually changes brainwave activity."

Mann said aromatherapy has many benefits. When inhaled the essential oils can help the psychological and emotional well-being. The aroma of certain oils stimulates the brain to trigger a positive response.

"... lavender is known to be beneficial for insomnia."

Maggie Mann

When oils are applied to the skin, they are absorbed into the bloodstream. Respondents claim essential oils can cure physical ailments such as cramps, headaches, and other health, beauty and hygiene conditions.

There are over 70 different essential oils that can be mixed together to produce a synergistic essential oil blend for a specific benefit. These can be purchased in stores or mixed at home with proper instructions.

If mixed in wrong proportions, the fragrance can be overwhelming and defeat the purpose. The oils are very concentrated, so a little goes a long way.

"Because they are so concentrated, you don't use very much," Mann said. "In the whole handful of peppermint, there's one drop of essential oil, so you can imagine

how strong that peppermint oil is. You don't need very much. In fact, if it's too strong, it's very unpleasant, and you don't want to be around it."

Essential oils are liquids derived from leaves, stems, flowers, bark and roots of a plant, and are generally distilled by steam or water.

It would take 2,000 kilograms of rose petals to produce one kilogram of essential oil.

Because the process is very labour-intensive and a great amount of plant material is required, the oils are very expensive to produce.

They are sold in small bottles, and cost more than \$10, depending on the retailer, but they can last a long time

Mann said essential oils should be treated like medicine, and could be poisonous if not used properly. The most important thing to remember is to not use undiluted oils directly on the skin, because this can cause irritations and sometimes allergic reactions.

In physical application, oils should be diluted with carrier oils, which serve as a base that will help in absorption. Some examples of carrier oils include sweet almond, olive, sesame and wheat germ.

Some essential oils should not be used during pregnancy, because it is not yet known what they can do to an unborn child.

Individuals with asthma, epilepsy or other health conditions should avoid certain oils. If in doubt, consult your doctor.

It is also important to know that essential oils should not be taken internally, unless assisted by a qualified aromatherapy practitioner. Oils are flammable and should be kept in a cool, dry place.

Mann runs her own aromatherapy school in Toronto called West Wind, and has a prod-



ALEXANDRA CYGAL

Aromatherapy can be healing for the mind, body, and feet when used properly.

uct line called Plant Life, which includes a variety of essential oils

and aromatherapy accessories. It is available at Outer Layer on Bloor and Brunswick.

She said that when buying essential oils, it is important to look at the labels, and only buy products that have 100 per cent pure essential oils, with no chemical additives.

For students who want to try aromatherapy to relax after a long study session, or feel more energetic and alert for an exam, Mann recommends a few essentials.

Lavender is the most popular oil, and can help you feel calm, relaxed and balanced. Rosemary and peppermint on the other hand, will make you feel energized, alert, focused and motivated.

Mann has a tip for those who suddenly draw a blank while writing an exam.

Whatever scent you study with, add a few drops on a napkin, and bring it into the exam room. It helps with memory recall, she said.

Let me gaze into my crystal ball

by Nadia Ranieri

Crystal balls, incense and oils added a mystic feeling to the air at Toronto's annual ESP Psychic Expo at the National Trade Centre Friday night.

With more than 150 displays onsite, visitors were anxious to gamble with their fate. Palm readers, aura interpreters, astrologists, clairvoyants and tarot card guides from all over the city came together under one roof to share their expertise.

"The reason why psychic events like this are so popular is because people are looking for something," said Steve Morrison, a Toronto tarot card guide and palm reader.

"Everyone is really tired of a commercial society so they're looking for some type of spirituality inside of themselves."

Event organizers anticipated approximately 45,000 people to walk through the doors over the weekend. Some had come as far

as Montreal, Detroit and Pennsylvania to discover their destiny.

"I skipped class to be here today," said Matt Morris, a Port Credit high school student. "My school marks have been bad so I just want to make sure I'll get accepted into college."

Morris was later relieved to find out he would as Psychic Julia, a Toronto-based fortune teller, provided some reassuring insight.

Eccentric displays were loaded with CDs, new age books, candles, crystals and jewellery.

Andrea Olivera, a renowned Brazilian psychic, was the only psychic on hand who specialized in rice readings.

"The rice tells a story of what you need physically, mentally and emotionally," Olivera said. "It also tells me a little bit about the signs of your soul."

Palm and tarot card readings

started from as low as \$30 to as high as \$80 per hour.

"People come here because they are lost," said Morrison. "They're drawn here because they need to find out who they are and where they are going in life."

However, there are still those who have their doubts about the whole psychic realm.

"I don't believe in those people," said Pascal Douglas, a first-year General Arts and Sciences student at Humber. "I think it's a commercialization of an important art." In Douglas' native home of Jamaica, "Mother Women" are used to help direct people on a spiritual path. Their focus is on the healing elements of the body and they often recite verses from the Bible.

"I always see that annoying psychic, Cleo, on TV," Douglas said. "That fake Jamaican accent, she is just ridiculous."



"Ten years ago, when they were making latex products, the plants were older, more mature and the processing took longer."

- Anne Marie Howlett

"Around 30 per cent of all people have allergic symptoms - like sneezing, itchy eyes, dry skin, congestion - and most of them are triggered by dust mites."

- Monica Gibson

Ouch! Latex may leave you feeling the burn

by Linda Kang

Jocelyn Beckett shifted uncomfortably in bed. She felt awful. She breathed slowly in hopes that the burning feeling would subside.

Beside her, on the nightstand table, were three condom wrappers. She studied them, puzzled.

How could condoms cause so much pain? It was ironic how her night of pleasure and passion turned into a night of enflamed suffering.

But this wasn't the first time she'd suffered from these symptoms following sex.

"[My boyfriend] and I kept trying different brands of condoms because we thought it was the chemicals, like the lubricant. But I kept getting so irritated and swollen," Beckett said.

It turned out the problem was not the lubricant, but the latex itself.

For the general public, the risk of an allergic reaction to latex is less than one per cent. Two groups are at greater risk because of constant exposure to latex - health care workers and children with spina bifida and other conditions involving multiple surgical procedures.

According to Dr. Susan Tarlo, an allergy specialist, people with the latex allergy can display a range of allergic reactions from a localized rash to breathing problems. The latter reaction could result in death. Other reactions include hives or swelling at the site of contact.

Despite the number of latex allergy sufferers, there are reasons why latex has not been banned or altogether removed from the marketplace.

One of the reasons is latex gloves are preferred by surgeons.

The head nurse of the operating room at York Central Hospital, Anne Marie Howlett,

said there are surgical issues associated with latex-free gloves.

"They aren't as pliable and it is harder to do the fine work in the operating room. They don't have the same feel for the surgeon. Latex gloves give them a better feel for doing surgery. The other ones are harsher or are a lot thicker."

To help with her condition, Beckett began to purchase non-latex condoms. But, she notes the cost is higher.

The Condom Shack sells non-latex condoms for about \$3, each whereas latex condoms sell for \$1.50 each.

Even though the cost of non-latex condoms is higher, there are benefits to those who use them.

"They feel more natural. And the polyurethane condoms offer the same protection," said Flavia Paiement of the Condom Shack.

The Heath Centre at Humber does not supply non-latex condoms because few clients have requested them.

Registered nurse Patricia Reason said within the year, she has referred one client to the Condom Shack to inquire about latex-free condoms.

"The client suspected her boyfriend had a latex allergy," Reason said.

She also suggested that the boyfriend purchase a lambskin or sheepskin condom to be worn beneath the latex condom.

"This would stop the irritation on the boyfriend's body, and would still protect her from STDs," Reason said.

This multiple material layering is used by many people, especially in the health care profession, to prevent direct contact with the latex.

Martha Kotani, a 25-year-old lab techni-



cian at MDS Inc., wears cotton liners under her protective gloves. She began to display allergic reactions to the latex gloves within three months of work.

"The tops of my hands and wrists got red, then a rash erupted from the same areas. I got scared, especially when the wounds burst from scratching," Kotani said.

According to Tarlo, latex allergies have only been a recognized condition since the late 1980s.

Through education and awareness, people can avoid developing an allergy to latex. Latex is in everything from the stretchy material in underwear, balloons, baby soothers and the stoppers in syringes.

Once someone is allergic, he or she should try to avoid further exposure to the allergen. Tarlo said this would stop the reactions from developing into a health risk, like breathing problems.

Experts have different theories about the increase in latex allergy, and why women suffer from it more than men.



LINDA KANG

Necessary precautions are taken in the operating room to avoid allergic reactions from the latex.

Howlett said over the past 10 years, there have been different views on what the risk actually is.

"Some say it's high because of the increased exposure to it. Another reason is the change in latex product manufacturing," she said.

"Ten years ago, when they were making latex products, the plants were older, more mature and the processing took longer. Now, because of the volume needed, the rubber plants used are younger, and the processing is quicker ... they are not doing the cooking and cleaning to get the allergen out," she said.

Do you know who you're sleeping with?

Tiny microscopic particles of dust are responsible for sneezing, itchy watery eyes and a runny nose

by Tina Birak

Every night you go to sleep with an enemy that's virtually invisible.

Inhaling allergy-causing particles - or allergens - from the house dust mite can leave you sneezing and wheezing, with a runny or stuffed nose, itchy eyes and waking up to a nighttime cough - all year round.

Although dust mites live all over the home, they flourish in an environment that is warm and humid like inside your mattress and pillows where they accumulate by the millions.

House dust mites and their waste are considered the major

cause of asthma worldwide.

"If someone is exposed to, let's say a bed that's not covered, it can trigger an asthmatic attack or an asthmatic response," said Monica Gibson, regional co-ordinator of Allergy Asthma Information Association (AAIA). "So [dust mites] can be either what starts the asthma - or they can be something that trigger the asthma and other allergies."

Dust mites like getting intimate with people not only because beds provide ideal living conditions, but their primary food source is dead skin cells. While asleep, people shed skin, and "sweat about one third of a cup per night creating a moist envi-

ronment for them to thrive in," said Jason Baker, store manager, at Sleep Country Canada in Brampton.

Dust mites not only feed on dead skin but leave droppings everywhere they go. When inhaled, enzymes in the droppings are what cause allergic diseases.

"Around 30 per cent of all people have allergic symptoms - like sneezing, itchy eyes, dry skin, congestion - and most of them are triggered by dust mites," Gibson said.

Dr. Howard Langer, from the Mississauga Allergy and Chest Association, said allergies related to dust mites shouldn't be confused with seasonal allergies.

"If you told me that 'I sneeze all

the time - and worse in the winter when the furnace comes on, then I would suspect that it's dust," Langer said.

Dr. Cecilia Lameza, an asthma and allergy specialist said, "If a patient is plagued with frequent colds, with a stuffy nose and nasal discharge and they say, 'my sinuses are full, I feel congested,' I suspect that it might be a mite allergy."

House dust is composed of moulds, pollens and particles shed by pets, which people are also allergic to, but the most common allergens are from the dust mite and its droppings. For people prone to allergies or asthma it's vital that they take precautions to minimize

prolonged exposure to dust mites.

"You can buy pillow protectors. They just encase the mattress and pillows and they're 100 per cent waterproof - take them off and throw them in the wash every few weeks," Baker said.

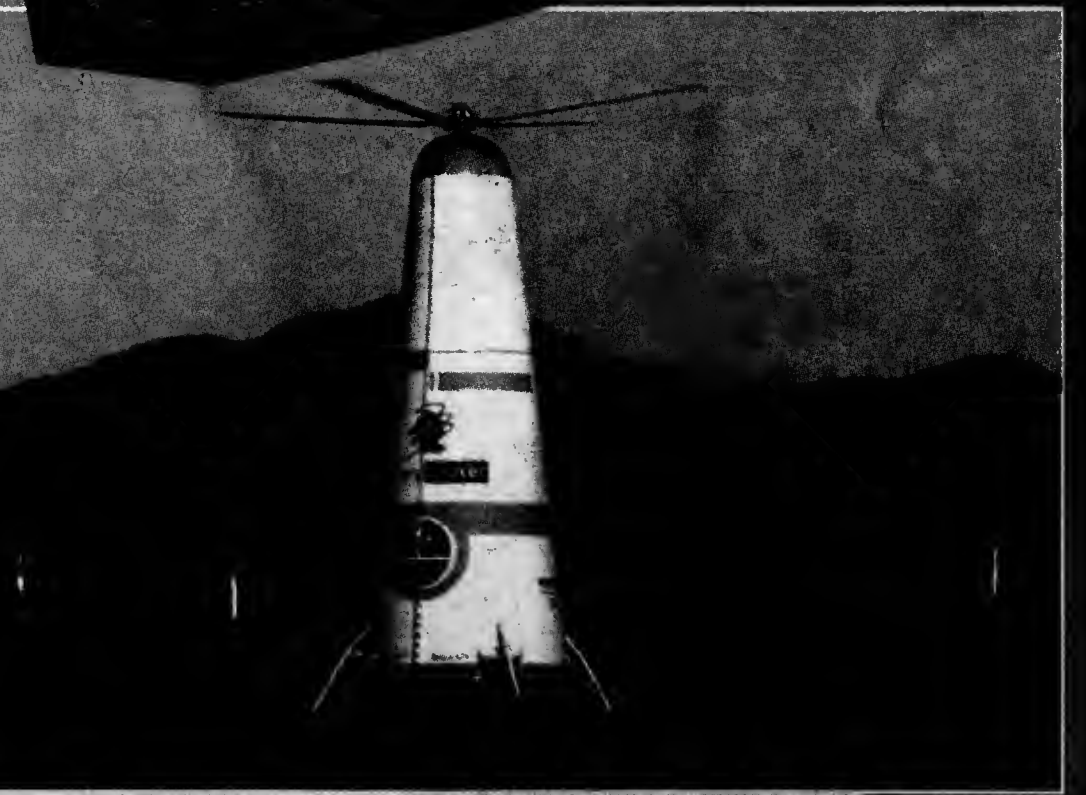
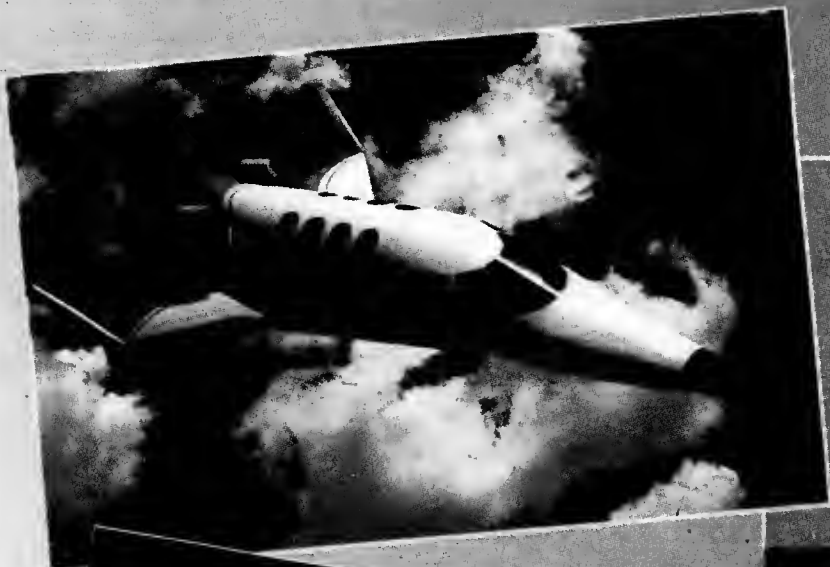
The cotton-polyester protectors act as a barrier between you and the mites inside the mattress and pillows. Queen size pillow protectors cost around \$30 each, and a queen size mattress pad is around \$80.

A cheap way to reduce dust mites, Langer said is try washing your sheets in hot water every two weeks and keeping your room clean.

Special Section



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Just floating around: Space includes zero gravity simulation.

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grandma ever," she joked, "or the shrewdest landowner ever." Her four acres on the moon cost \$15 apiece. MacDonald has no regrets about investing the money.

The largest pieces of property Hope's ever sold were 2.66 million-acre plots of land he called "State-size plots." They're no longer sold through the embassy, but were worth \$42,500 U.S. when they were on the market. "We've sold four of those," Hope said in a matter-of-fact-tone.

BE THERE IN A JIFFY

Like others involved with interplanetary real estate, MacDonald is confident she's not being led up the garden path. She said it's just a matter of herself or any of her five grandchildren finding a way to the moon. And she has faith technology will make that possible.

"When I was a little girl, people thought it was impossible for a man to be put on the moon. It was a big deal when someone just circled the earth!" she said.

It's simple, but true. Hope, the people at Moon Land Registry and those who have invested their money really only have useless bits of paper unless there's a way to actually get to the moon.

"You tell a person that you sell land on the moon for a living they'd want to put you in a rubber room."

- Dennis Hope

Enter the friendly scientists, who will provide space travel, for a price.

Space Adventures of Arlington, Virginia and California-based Spacedev, are two companies who are willing to put your money where their mouths are.

John Moltzan, marketing associate at Space Adventures is looking straight into

the future of space travel. "We are the number one space tourism company in the world," Moltzan boasts. "We plan to stay at the top of the merging industry. We plan to expand our space plans to include orbital hotels and space-ports [space shuttle airports] in America."

Of course, the top of the industry is a relatively simple place to stay when there are no real competitors to take your place. Moltzan admits that their only real competition is a military related adventure tour named Incredible Adventures. But, he said, Incredible Adventures offers a much more "limited" experience.

Ambition is what Moltzan said sets Space Adventures apart from other adventure get-aways. They've set their sights on having a sub-orbital flight package completed by 2003-2005.

For a mere \$98,000 (U.S.), Space Adventures offers a four day space training program, including zero gravity flight simulation, centrifuge simulation, theoretical lessons, hands on instruction as well as equipment and training materials.

DON'T HAVE \$100,000?

The program ends with a flight 100 kilometres into the atmosphere, where travellers will experience seven minutes of weightlessness.

But, if you are one of the many earthlings who doesn't have close to \$100,000 to throw out on a whim, or you actually want to go into space then maybe the people at Spacedev are the ones you should call. They are the world's first publicly traded commercial space exploration and development company.

Spacedev's Chairman and CEO, Jim Benson, is proud that Spacedev is a commercial entity and not a government body.

"Governments have made us believe that space is risky and expensive, and that only governments can go there," he said over the phone from California. "If we can find profitable ways to make space [travel] happen, then humanity can get off the planet and be able to work, live and play in space."

Spacedev has been fully operational since February 1998, fairly young for any company, but they have already begun taking on exciting projects.

"We've started test firing small rocket motors," said Benson. The rockets are to be used on manoeuvring and transferring vehicles, called a MTV meant to do things like inspect satellites in space.

Eventually, Benson hopes to adapt the plans for the MTV, into a sub-orbital space plane. The introduction of the craft could be anywhere from five to 10 years away, but to those holding deeds for plots of land on Mars, the moon or Jupiter, it's worth the wait.



...will make space the new \$98,000 U.S.

Life & Health

*"All birth control pills are an effective contraceptive."
- Dr. Leslie Ou-Hingwan*

Birth control pills play with your hormones

by Janine Good

Many women are advised by their doctors to take the birth control pill to avoid unwanted pregnancy if they are sexually active. However, knowing which brand would be the most effective with the least amount of side effect can be difficult.

"All birth control pills are an effective contraceptive," said Dr. Leslie Ou-Hingwan of Parkway Medical in Don Mills. "I recommend lower estrogen brands to my female patients since the lower 20-microgram pills such as Alesse, compared to 35-microgram pills such as Tricyclen, aren't as hard on the female body with fewer side effects."

Although the lower estrogen pills are recommended more often than other brands for the lower side effect risks, the balance of the hormones must be maintained.

"Depending on what pill females take, the amounts of each hormone are different and the risks are varied."

- Selma Savage

Such brands as Tricyclen and Symphasic, contain higher levels of estrogen with 35-40 mcg per pill, and Triphasil has a 30-35-40 mcg split depending on the week. These higher estrogen levels can augment the risks of related side effects such as dizziness, headaches, vomiting, breast tenderness and bloating.

In comparison to high estrogen level pills, brands such as Alesse, Micronon and Demulon, each contain lower estrogen



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Birth control pills come in a variety of different doses to help find the one that is right for your body.

levels of 20 mcg or less. The lower estrogen does alleviate risks of side effects involved with pills containing higher estrogen. However increases the risk of progestin and androgenic related symptoms.

"Higher levels of progestin can contribute to such side effects as appetite increase, depression, fatigue, hydro-

glycemia symptoms, weight gain, hypertension and spotting," Ou-Hingwan said. "Pills work as a balance of both hormones, so if one hormone has less, then the other will be increased to keep the balance. There will be side effects, no matter what pill is taken."

Some androgenic related side effects include acne, oily skin and scalp, weight gain, periodic rashes, minor jaundice, fatigue, depression and risks of hypertension.

"Depending on what pill females take, the amounts of each hormone are different and the risks are varied," said Selma Savage, a nurse from the Toronto Public Health office. "But females should keep in mind that these side effects usually end after the first three months while the body gets used to the pills."

"My doctor told me Alesse is one of the safest pills to take," said Christine Brown, a first-year Humber College Computer Programming student. "I set my watch everyday to take it, and it helps with cramps and bloating."

"The pill highly reduces the risks of ovarian and colorectal cancers, eases and regulates periods, reduces risks of ovarian cysts and can reduce risks of benign breast cancer," said Theodora Samiotis, representative from Wyeth Ayerst, manufacturer of the Alesse birth control pill.

World Health Organization researchers found the birth control pill 99.9 per cent effective in prevention of pregnancy, and that a lower-dose pill is the safest oral contraceptive for women.

Birth control pills come in 21 and 28-day packages. Some brands are available in the Humber Health centre.

Being a parent isn't always all fun and games

by Cynthia Muskat

It's 1:30 p.m., Thursday afternoon, and Angie Grant is having trouble concentrating on her studies. At 20, she looks like any other student in her accounting program. But there is a difference, Grant is the single mother of a two-year-old.

"Last week was difficult because my daughter, Zoë, was sick. My mind kept drifting back to her, hoping she was OK and feeling guilty for not being with her."

For Grant, who left high school early to have her daughter, it was her chance to get ahead. In school since September, she's already feeling the pressure.

"It's next to impossible being a single mother who goes to school," Grant said. "The financial burden is the hardest, but that burden, combined with other stresses, like whether you are being a good role model for your child, the guilt of leaving her at daycare, it all adds up."

Debra Castellán is the supervisor of the child care centres at Humber, and agreed that many of the sole support parents that she meets at the centre are struggling financially.

"A lot of them do have support, like a parent or grandparent, who can help out. I think that helps a lot

when you have outside support."

Margaret Antonides, manager of the Financial Aid Office at Humber said there are financial resources designed to help single mothers.

"The financial worry often takes away from my motivation."

- Angie Grant

Single parents are eligible to receive up to \$17,500 in OSAP per school year, if the necessary requirements are met, (the student cannot drop out early, or go beyond the 35-week study period.) The parent is also eligible to receive a grant of \$40 per week per child, which is part of the OSAP loan.

Loan forgiveness for single mothers is also high. A single parent who receives \$17,000 for one school year is likely required to pay back only \$7,000.

But Grant doesn't see the virtues in this kind of a system.

"It's so hard because when I graduate, I'm going to owe \$21,000, which is almost impossible when you are a single mother who's trying to get herself established."

While Antonides points out

that loan forgiveness is high among single parents, so too is the default rate.

"If a payment is not made in 90 days once the student is required to pay back the loan, then he/she goes into default and the collection agencies are called," she said.

Loan forgiveness after this point cannot be applied for.

"Seeing as I have to worry about rent, food, daycare - which only a small amount is subsidized - and all the other expenses that come along with having a child, I worry constantly about money and whether I will be able to pay my loan back," Grant said. "The financial worry often takes away from my motivation."

Grant sees the only solution as being a revert to the past.

"I have a lot more riding on everything I do. After all, my future is my daughter's future."

- Angie Grant

"It used to be that sole support parents could receive Mothers Allowance, while also getting OSAP. They've gotten rid of that now, so it's no wonder that so many mothers are becoming stressed out over their



CYNTHIA MUSKAT

Angie Grant knows the stresses and rewards of being a parent.

financial state."

Castellán agreed that some of the stresses that single mothers face can be ongoing, and difficult, but she also points out that parents often find support from each other at the centre.

"I know that some of our families have become friends and do spend a lot of time with each other at the centre," Castellán said. "On an emotional level, that's an important support to have."

On a social level, although Grant

hasn't met any other parents at school, she values the friendships that she has made.

"I really love the people in my courses, but it doesn't bother me that I miss out on the social aspect of school, because I love spending time with my daughter," Grant said.

"It's a joke among my friends that I don't have the luxury of slacking off or being undisciplined. I have a lot more riding on everything I do. After all, my future is my daughter's future."

Entertainment

"My boyfriend calls me 'princess', but I think of myself more along the lines of 'monkey' and 'retard'."

-Alicia Silverstone

Boygina sucks on V-Day

by Lauren Ferranti

But you've been wondering whatever became of Boygina. A lesson learned from their recent Valentine's evening extravaganza: you need to suck good and hard to produce an authentic blood-red hickey.

The night began with a balding, chubby man shaking his thang in red one-piece pyjamas, a diaper and Nike aerobic shoes.

But there was nothing remotely aerobic about the grown man thrusting his loins in my face.

He was a pale, unco-ordinated and wholly ungraceful cupid, and since this was Boygina's Valentine's show at the El Mocambo, he wasn't completely out of context. Boygina had been planning this show for months. There were to be costumes, contests and prizes.

"The night began with a balding, chubby man shaking his thang in red one piece pyjamas."

But this flabby excuse for a cupid is only the first in a long line of near misses during the evening.

I have seen Boygina play twice before and both shows resembled one of those deep, sweaty and strange technicolour dreams you have when you go to sleep after eating far too many chocolates.

They have been fast-forward, jumpy and bright. Most likely due to the fact that they were completely excited to be playing for a live audience, incredulous even, and utterly under-rehearsed.

The anticipated Valentine's show was sadly not much like this.

The first band of the evening,



LAUREN FERRANTI

Terrence Dick, Shannon McNally and Tim Muirhead are Boygina.

Pony de Look, was composed of five painfully beautiful young women with instruments.

The brunette, Farah Fawcette-esque drummer modeled short red running shorts while the other four ruby-lipped wonders lined the stage coolly fingering the keyboards in front of them. They were understated, their voices monotone, coaxing the audience into some deep trance.

Drummer was the second band, made up of a male guitarist and a male drummer.

They were loud, fresh-faced novices at best and they handed out candy, and broke for an audience slow dance where a spinning disco ball replaced them on stage.

This night, the quiet and aloof beauties from high school played on the same bill with the goofy boys who could only dream of talking to them.

To figure out where Boygina fits in, is to court confusion.

Enter Terrence Dick and Shannon McNally, the lead vocalist/guitarist and drummer, respectively.

Both dressed in Valentine red, Shannon with the flaming lips,

Terrence with the tight checkered pants.

The third band member, Tim Muirhead, vocalist/bassist/self-proclaimed clown appeared, jogging clumsily.

Then techno-Cupid made his appearance, dancing in that otherwise safe buffer between the stage and the audience.

"Both shows resembled one of those deep, sweaty and strange technicolour dreams you have after eating far too many chocolates."

At first comical, he fast became a distracting red blur, making Boygina's antics seem all the more ridiculous.

The contest/prize portion of the show consisted of a stack of self-help books from the '80s available to audience members who were willing to put aside their shame for the sake of entertainment ... much like Boygina and Cupid were doing, in fact.

The first one slipped away quite easily to a girl who fetched Muirhead a glass of water.

The next set of books would cost a good red hickey though. The only couple who volunteered had no idea what they were in for.

The couple on stage did not perform the sucking act for a full song as required by Muirhead, but rather ducked off stage awkwardly (with their books!).

This ill-fated aborted hickey contest turned out to be much like Boygina's anticipated, somewhat disappointing Valentine's show.

They sort of suck, and that made them the glorious band they were in their last two shows.

They just didn't suck hard enough this time to produce a really shocking love-bite.



LAUREN FERRANTI

Tim Muirhead sporting his trademark mullet, danced around.

A hilarious slice of cheese on stage

by Caroline Grech

A packed house covering a wide range of age groups at Second City's main stage last Saturday night roared with laughter at the theatre's latest offering, Honk if you Love Cheeses!

The reaction was well warranted as many of the skits performed by the cast were side splitting, mostly because of their slice-of-life portrayals of North American society, which struck a familiar chord with audience members.

Cheeses, playing since Nov. 2, is a splendid assortment of sketches mocking North America's corporate culture.

Audience interaction was encouraged throughout the entire show making the cabaret-style theatre all the more cozy - you almost almost forget that you aren't sitting in your living room.

For various sketches, cast members asked the audience to answer a few questions. The audience's answers were then used to shape subsequent skits, exhibiting the raw improvisation skills of its talented, six member cast.

In comedy, timing is everything, and Cheeses' cast has more than their fair share.

Nothing could have been more masterfully handled than an audience member's cell phone ringing in the middle of a clue-inspired murder mystery sketch.

The ringing came despite the multiple warnings at the beginning of the show to turn off all cell phones and pagers. When the phone rang, cast member Paul Bates said, "One moment I'll get it." Lisa Brooke replied, "I thought I told you to turn that thing off!" to which Bates said, "I know, but I'm an asshole!"

The entire exchange was brilliantly executed displaying the quickness and adaptability of Cheeses' cast to not only change personas but also to turn the unexpected into a major part of the show.

Sketches ranged from a perfect nuclear family whose entire life is a running promotional ad, to a gossipy security guard who is more interested in knowing everyone's personal business than protecting people.

The entire show is based on poking fun at the stupidity of humans and does a remarkable job in underlining our many idiosyncrasies as a society.

Honk if you Love Cheeses! is running until the middle of March. It runs Monday to Saturday at 8 p.m. with two additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on both Fridays and Saturdays.

Prices range from \$20.33 on weeknights; \$24.61 on Fridays, and \$26.75 on Saturday, all taxes included.

Student rates are also available Monday to Thursday with tickets at \$12.85.



COURTESY

Honk if You Love Cheeses! runs until the middle of March.

"Men are rats. Listen to me, they're fleas on rats. Worse than that, they're amoebas on fleas on rats."

- Frenchie (Grease)

"You have the look of a man who accepts what he sees because he is expecting to wake up."

Morpheus (The Matrix)

Get thee to the kitchen

Wives should always be available for sex

by Desmond Devoy

Women should shut up with their nagging, let their husband's handle the family finances, and be ready for sex at a moment's notice.

This is the advice of first-time author Laura Doyle, a 33-year-old housewife from Costa Mesa, California, to married women everywhere.

Doyle has written a book called *The Surrendered Wife* that has become an instant bestseller in Canada and America, and is expected to do just as well when it's released in places like Ireland this March.

But it's the book's content that is confounding feminists to explain the book's popularity.

In it, Doyle advocates a return to "traditional gender roles," but also claims that she is "not implying that the 1950s when 'men were men and women were women' was a panacea."

Doyle goes beyond the marriage vows to "love, honour and obey," and claims that 21st century women should, among other things;

- "Give up unnecessary control and responsibility"
- "Resist the temptation to criticize, belittle, or dismiss their husbands"
- "Trust their husbands in every aspect of marriage - from sexual to financial"

NO SEX WITH MOM

Doyle writes that, "Men are not interested in having sex with their mothers, and that is who we remind them of when we try to control them - A surrendered wife always says yes to sex, and is always available for sex."

Doyle claims that by "surrendering" to her husband John, a 43-year-old Internet advertising designer, she was able to save their 11-year marriage. She gave up her day job so she could dedicate herself more fully to her husband and his needs.

The book has drawn howls of protest from all corners of the women's realm, from feminists to working moms, while other women are starting to apply the book's instructions to their own lives.

Doyle claims that women in both the U.S. and Great Britain are forming self-help groups to aid them in living their lives according to the book's recommendations.

"I think it's garbage," said Lise Martin, the executive director for the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women in Ottawa. "It's taking us back a number of years. I don't think any long lasting relationship can be based on inequality."

She said "[Doyle] is saying that women should go out and make money, but let their husbands handle it ... That's based on an unequal relationship."

On the book's advice to women to let their husbands have their way, Martin said that "It's sort of like men being children, letting them have temper tantrums ... It all sounds absurd to me."

Martin though, was somewhat at a loss to explain the



STACEY ROY

The Surrendered Wife is a bestseller in Canada.

book's popularity. "I think it's part of the backlash against women's equality ... It's definitely not a progressive stand that she's taking."

Martin surmised that part of the reason for the book's controversial point of view is because "It's from California, so they might have been bored and thought they could make money off of this."

Back at Humber though, some men were quick to disagree with Martin's condemnation of the book.

"Sexual availability. That's a given. Duh," said second-year Graphic Design student Mike Ciupka, enjoying a smoke outside of North's L wing. "The availability thing, that was right on the money."

As for the women who may disagree with the book, Ciupka encouraged Humber's women to "maintain an open mind."

Ciupka concluded, "Laura Doyle seems to be on the money. Two thumbs up!"

THAT'S JUST PLAIN SAD

First-year Public Relations student Sarah Pearston could not disagree more.

"I feel sorry for any woman who believes that stuff," she said. "I don't know any female that would do any of that stuff so I don't know where [Doyle] is coming from."

Pearston said she was most definitely not interested in buying the book, or any book like it, and added, "It sounds really sad that there would be a book like that around ... I think [it's] really outdated. It sounds like they used to live in the 1950s when my grandparents were married."

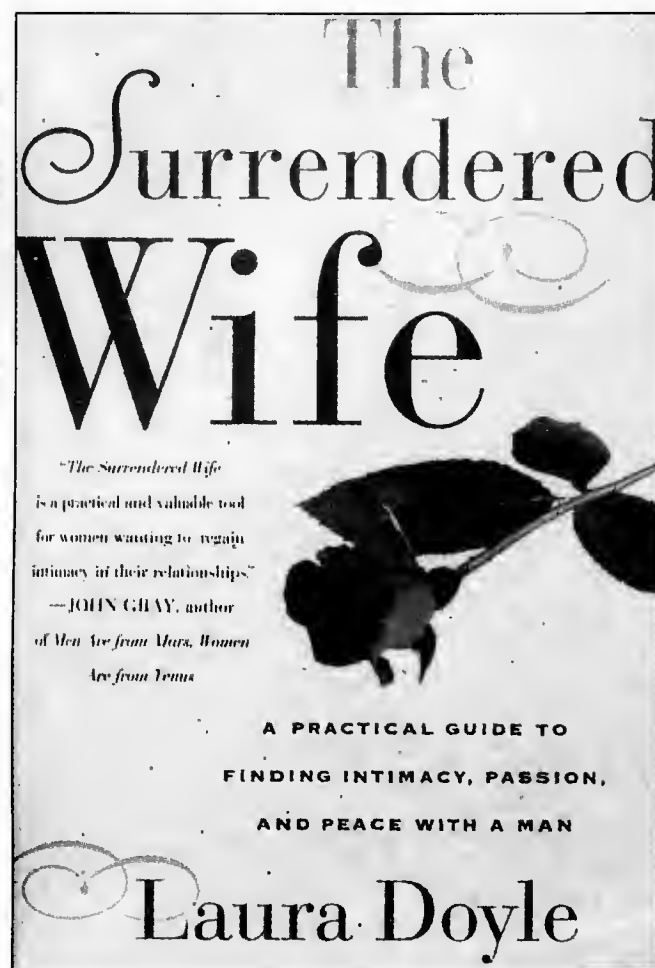
But one can go back beyond the 1950s to find examples of women "surrendering", often against their will.

According to the British book series *Horrible Histories*, in the Middle Ages, women were seen as downright evil. As a result, they had to be kept in their place.

If wives became irate, husbands were encouraged to beat them, in order to keep them obedient.

Interestingly, there were laws to protect women from being too savagely beaten. Husbands were told not to beat their wives if drunk or in a sour mood.

Humber College Professor John C. Metcalfe, who teaches sociology at the North campus, said there was even a law in the Middle Ages that "a husband shall not beat his wife with anything thicker than his thumb." Coincidentally, this is where the expres-



sion, 'rule of thumb' evolved.

The Catholic Church was perhaps the most influential in continuing the idea that women should be kept in line.

One priest in particular, Robert d'Abrissel, according to the *Horrible History* series, said that "A woman is a witch, a snake, a plague, a rat, a rash, a poison, a burning flame and an assistant to the devil." Damning words indeed.

Now though, Doyle encourages, to a large extent, surrender. She does say that her advice is not applicable in certain circumstances, such as: if a woman's husband is an abuser, a drunk, a drug addict, or screws around.

Doyle even claims on her Web site (www.surrendered-wife.com) that her book will make a relationship "divorce-proof," as a "bare minimum."

Many women, and men, may feel outraged by the ideas expressed in Doyle's book, but she does manage to achieve something that only a small percentage of writers can - spark widescale debate.



DAVID WYLIE

Sarah Pearston says "NAY!"



DAVID WYLIE

Mike Ciupka says "YEA!"



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-Jennifer Aniston

Student interns with Annie in the Big Apple

Kyla MacArthur is excited about working with Annie Liebowitz in March

by Drew Harmer

A photography student from Humber College will be interning with Annie Liebowitz in New York during this upcoming reading week.

Kyla MacArthur, 21, is in her second year of the Creative Photography program. Every student is required to complete an intern position before they graduate, however, not every student will get a chance like this.

Annie Liebowitz is a world famous photographer, renowned for her celebrity portraits. Her work can often be found in *Rolling Stone* and *Vanity Fair* magazines.

"Kyla came to me with the idea. I wrote her a letter of recommendation and gave her the papers, but she did the rest of the work on her own," said Cathy Bidini, program co-ordinator for Creative Photography at Humber.

"It's an amazing opportunity. Kyla is so outgoing; she won't let anything stand in her way," Bidini explained. "It's a great learning experience. It will help her network with people in the States."

MacArthur said she's always liked visual arts. She likes to capture moments in time.

Photography also makes her feel more comfortable around strangers.

"It gives me an excuse to talk to people I wouldn't normally approach," she said.

In the past, MacArthur assisted a wedding photographer for two years and she also spent last summer shooting portraits in the Yukon.

"Growing up, I always wanted to work for *National Geographic*. I wanted to travel around the world, shooting images that people would stop and look at," she said.

MacArthur is trying to stay realistic as she waits for her trip to New York.

"I know I won't be doing much, just a lot of filing, making copies, pushing a broom around, that kind of thing. But I know I'll get the chance to talk to Annie and show her my portfolio. That's what I'm looking forward to the most."

Greg Henderson, a Creative Photography instructor at Humber, thinks MacArthur will do just fine in New York.

"She's adventurous enough. Kyla's got a good head on her shoulders and a good eye for photography. She's good at what she does. When one photographer admires another's work, that's the best compliment they could receive," she said.

MacArthur has more than enough emotional support from her teachers and friends, what she needs now more than anything is financial support.

"I had to rent an apartment in New York for two weeks.

It's pretty expensive. The internship is volunteer so I have to raise all my own money," she explained. "No matter what the cost, it's definitely worth it."

When asked about the future, MacArthur said, "I still want to travel. I'm not sure where I'll go or what I'll do, but at some point I want to be suntanning on the beach in southern Europe. I'm putting in my dues now so I can relax later."

If all her teachers are correct, Kyla MacArthur has a stunning future ahead of her. This trip to New York could be the first big step in her journey.



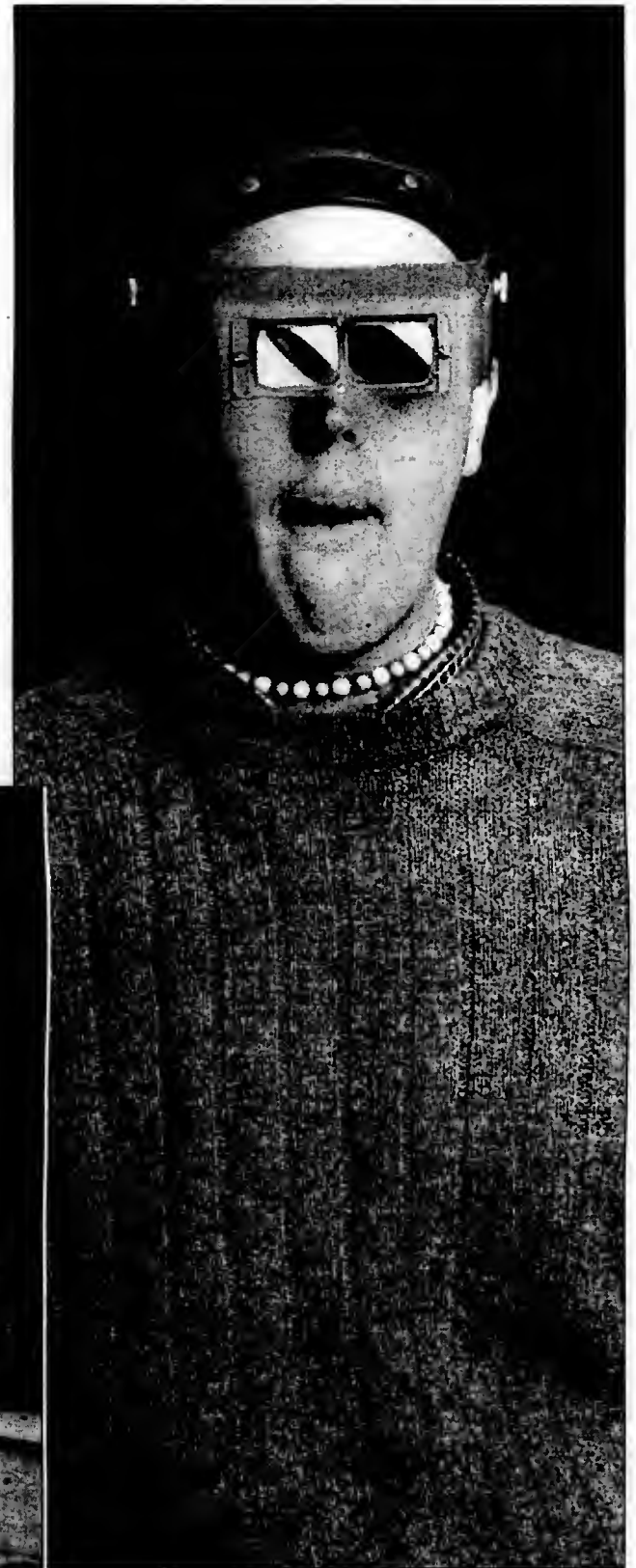
DAVID WYLIE

Kyla MacArthur is going to New York.

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Samples of Kyla MacArthur's photographs. She is excited about showing Annie Liebowitz her portfolio.



KYLA MACARTHUR

Teen film festival coming to Toronto

by Chris Iorfida

Teenage Hitchcocks and Scorceses will have their chance to shine this fall at the first-ever Toronto International Teen Movie Festival (TITMF).

The festival is the brainchild of Jonathon and Naomi Hiltz of Hiltz Squared Productions, and Myles Shane, a Toronto producer and writer.

"We're not asking teenagers to pick up a 35 mm, rent a helicopter and make a movie," said Naomi Hiltz. "We're asking them to pick up whatever they want, a handycam, a digital, whatever they feel like and tell a story and use their imagination."

The festival was officially launched on Feb. 1 at Playdium in downtown Toronto.

Categories will include feature-length films, shorts and documentaries.

Along with film, there will be categories for music, videos, Web site

development, animation, commercials or public service announcements and poster art.

"With kids, there is a broad range and we want to open the market as much as we can. It's a festival for the masses, not just a

film festival," said Festival Director Angie Feth.

Levi's is the title sponsor for the festival, along with The Movie Network, Trojan Condoms, Kiss 92 and Pizza Pizza.

"It was pretty easy [getting the sponsors], the product was really sellable," said Hiltz.

"Most of the people we chose gear specifically towards teens and kids."

Feth said the festival is really about the content.

"For teenagers, it's an amazing opportu-

nity because we know the talent is out there. We've seen it, they've approached the Hiltz Media Group and sent it in, and there was nothing we could do with it, but now we can."

TITMF will be held Oct. 27 to Nov. 4 at the AMC Interchange 30. The event will be held over two weekends and two mini-concerts will be held during the week.

"It will be like a big block party," said Feth.

Anyone 19 and under interested in applying for the festival is encouraged to visit www.hiltz2.com and Levi's stores for an application form.

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the fool who follows him?"
- Obi Wan (Star Wars)

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DJEN CHOO

*Soulphoenix put their heads
together and came up with over
200 musical influences.*

Soulphoenix breaks rock colour barrier

by Djen Choo

Soulphoenix breaks the traditional
image of rock bands, bringing a
different shade to a side of music that
has traditionally been lighter.

A decade ago, if you were told that
a band was about to play rock or
alternative music, most people would
assume they were white. Today, with
Soulphoenix, people would only be
two-fifths right because three guys in
the group, brothers Joel, Earl and
Anthony James, are black.

"We've never ever had a problem
with anybody," said Mike Lynn, who
plays guitar, "people are usually very
receptive."

WHITE RAP/BLACK METAL

Scott Willemsen, part owner of
Re-define Records, the band's label
said, "I don't think it's an issue any-
more ... maybe in the '80s and early
'90s but not anymore. You see white
rappers, DJ's, R&B singers, black
people in metal bands, in punk bands
and in rock bands like Soulphoenix."

Joel James, who plays the key-
boards and sings back-up vocals,
offers his take on the issue.

"I don't know any other band with
three black guys and two white guys
that play alternative music," he
laughed. "A few times at shows, peo-
ple have been like, 'are you guys an
R&B group?' but, for the most part
people are cool."

Underneath, Soulphoenix is like
most other bands, a group of people
who love music that really vibe
together.

"We're very emotional yet very
melodic rock," said Lynn.

Dave Hennig, the lead singer,
offered his own opinion, "I'd say alter-
native because that's probably the
closest that anybody could really
understand what we play. We don't
really know ourselves completely yet.
One night we sat down and wrote out
our influences and we came up with
over 200."

**In an upcoming issue of the *et cetera*:
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Women's Volleyball team finish with 8-4 record, look to defend OCAA title. see "Ready to defend"

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Playoff bound Hawks seek championship

Win was led by the stellar play of Hawk co-captain Jennifer Edgar

by Jeff Neal

The Hawks have once again moved on up and are in the post season.

With their win over the Seneca Sting last Thursday, the Humber women's volleyball team clinched second place in the division and have guaranteed themselves a spot in this weekend's OCAA championship tournament.

Humber had to beat Seneca in less than four matches to take over second place from the Sting, who had won their last game against the Hawks in November.

"We did that easily in three matches. They didn't play that strong and we played exceptionally good defense, good hitting amongst everybody. We played as a team. We knew we had to win and we made it happen," said Hawk co-captain Jennifer Edgar.

Edgar was also named player of the game in the 3-0 sweep.

"I was surprised. My defence was really good tonight, I didn't

let too many balls get past me. No single player on the team is a player of the game. It's a bonus and I'm really happy about it."

In the first set, Humber opened up a 5-0 led on the serving of setter Laura Solski and played extremely well as Lindsay Bax led the offence.

Most of Seneca's points scored were on Hawk errors, not because the Sting earned them in the 25-14, Humber win.

Set two went back and forth and the lead was exchanged four times before Edgar served the Hawks on a four point run at 14-13. Humber kept the lead and took the match 25-18.

Seneca opened the scoring in the last set but the Hawks immediately took back the serve and played tough ball, never relinquishing the lead.

The Sting were their scrappy selves but Humber showed they're as tough defensively as they're talented offensively, holding off a

late push by the Sting and winning 25-22.

"Our goal was, since we couldn't finish first, we would finish second," Hawk coach Dave Hood said.

"We had to come out and play. We were playing playoff type volleyball the past few matches we played and we did that [tonight]."

The scary part for the opposing teams is Hood said that the Hawks are not at their apex yet, but are getting stronger game by game.

Right side, Carrie Moffat, had a reason for the Hawks improvement.

"We played well tonight. We're looking forward to the future. We played better because we know we have to for next week when we play OCAAs."

The OCAA championships will be played at Centennial College tonight through Saturday.



JEFF NEAL

Let's second that: Carrie Moffat, No. 10, spikes the ball towards the win against the Seneca Sting. The win secured second place for the women's squad.

Tight battle goes the Hawks' way

by Randy Cooray

The Hawks men's volleyball team capped off their near perfect win with a five set win against Seneca.

They concluded their regular season with another win against rival Seneca Sting, 3-2.

The Hawks played more than three sets for the first time since defeating the Cambrian Golden Shield in mid January.

"It is a lot more fun to play five games than sweep a team in three straight and in under an hour," said Power forward Tim Ryan. "To sweep is great but it is a lot more fun to play great volleyball."

Aside from opening night at Georgian,

the Hawks have won every match since going 14 straight without a loss. Head coach Wayne Wilkins saw the intensity in his opponents, as this could be a possible match-up in the provincials.

"Today was one of the best games I have seen Seneca play," said Wilkins. "They knew that this game was for bragging rights."

Since the Christmas break, the Hawks played teams hovering close to the .500 mark and Wilkins believed his players were more than up to the challenge of playing a more balanced Seneca Sting.

"It is our first competitive game since we came back," Wilkins said. "It's tough if we

had to go another couple of weeks to play the Georgian [College] and Boreal [College] but I think a lot of credit goes out to these guys [Hawks team] they have been working hard in practice and they are ready for [Ontario Championships]."

Despite sweeping the Sting three straight, each of the three regular season matches has gone the distance by going down to the wire in the fifth set. Sting Head coach Ed Drakich seemed happy with his players' effort.

"It was a close one," Drakich said. "We played them three times, and we have lost to them in five sets each time, so I guess it was

par for the course."

Next up will be the provincials which will be at Newhamn Campus, Seneca's main location. Drakich is looking forward to hosting the first men's championship in school history, despite dealing with team injuries.

"I think our team meeting is in the therapy room," Drakich said. "The guys are really fired up and the [athletic] staff here are taking care of [running the tournament] so [all] I have to do is coach, but there's enough to do with that, trust me."

The Hawks, who are ranked second, will face the Durham Lords on Feb. 22-24.

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Canada



Lindros deal off the table for now. Flyer GM Bobby Clarke wants to deal with other teams

New Jersey Devils shut out slumping Leafs 2-0 without four of their seven top scorers

New York Rangers goalie, Mike Richter will miss the rest of the NHL season with a torn knee ligament

Hawks ruling the roost

by Jason Thom

Everything has fallen into place for the resurgent Humber men's hockey team.

After a huge win against the defending league champions the Seneca Sting, a week ago, the Hawks were up against the lowly Conestoga Condors at home on Saturday night.

The Hawks ravaged the Condors by a score of 7-2, a score that didn't reflect the total domination the Hawks had over their victims.

Traditionally, Humber comes out flat against teams lower in the standings, and Head coach Joe Washkurak was fully aware of this.

"I told them before the game, 'you know what, this game scares me,'" Washkurak said.

Conestoga should have been scared because Humber had J.J. Dickie back in the lineup after a three-game suspension for match penalties he received during a loss against Fleming last month.

And it didn't take long for him to get

back into the groove as he and reunited line mate Jamie Visser worked a sweet give and go behind the net which Dickie finished off to make it 1-0 after the first period.

"We knew that we had to watch for coming out flat, but we were aware of it and countered it by coming out with full guns," Dickie said.

Terry Gilmer started his third consecutive game in net for Humber and only faced eight shots through the entire first and second periods combined.

However, a weak wrist shot off the stick of Mike Kosterewa beat Gilmer early in the second to tie it at one.

But then it was all Humber.

Chris Pugliese broke the tie with a beautiful solo effort and flipped a rebound over the fallen Condor goalie.

Pugliese then connected with a streaking Colin Gillespie on the left wing who ripped it through the five-hole to make it 3-1.

Then the monstrous line of Visser, Dickie and Shawn Gibbons went to work again as Visser took a nifty no-look pass

from Dickie and scored his sixth of the season for a 4-1 Humber lead after two.

Even though the Hawks took control on the scoreboard in the second, it was Scott Barnes who stole the show.

After taking a two-handed slash to the hand early in the second, Barnes was the usual thorn in the side of the Condors until Shane Kin took exception.

After exchanging pleasantries the helmets and gloves came off and the scrappy forward landed six hard shots to Kin's head, making him visibly woozy and bloody after the bout.

Hawk heavyweight Dickie appreciated what the much smaller Barnes did.

"That was classic, it's great to see guys step up to take the role and spark the team," Dickie said.

Washkurak agreed with his power forward.

"Barnes' [family] are known to be tough guys down in the Dunnville area and that was a huge spark for us," Washkurak said.

The bleeding was far from over for the

Condors however, and this time it was D.J. Marchese doing the damage.

Marchese scored two goals in under 40 seconds in the third period to make it 6-1 and take away any life that Conestoga tried to muster.

Team captain Chris McFadyen added another as did the Condors to make it 7-2 with only one regular season game to go against the first place Cambrian Golden Shield.

With the team firing on all cylinders it makes Washkurak's job that much tougher.

"There's going to be some tough decisions on who's going to play in the playoffs," Washkurak said. "I'm already losing sleep over it."

The players on the other hand seem to be quite confident, especially the returning Dickie who ended the night with a goal and two helpers.

"I think we're a playoff team and we have one last game until then and we're ready to go."

Leafs signing Big-E could bring dough to T.O.

by Jamie S. Kokiw

The Eric Lindros deal may fall through, but if it doesn't, the Leafs won't be the only ones to receive a windfall if a deal is made.

As the Toronto sports hopefuls hold their collective breath on the pending deal to bring Eric Lindros to the Leafs, "independent" ticket salesmen and merchandising stores are ready to make their orders and raise ticket prices for the acquisition of a lifetime.

Lindros previously held Sault Ste. Marie and Quebec City for ransom before he got what he wanted, and when he told the media in October that he wanted to play in Toronto, he put the ball in the hands of Flyer's GM Bobby Clarke.

He also placed the eight-ball on Leaf's coach and GM Pat Quinn.

Antropov, Markov, Berezin, and Kaberle have all been mentioned in the deal that would bring Eric Lindros to Toronto, but at that price, is he worth it?

Will the Leafs pay him \$45 to \$50 million for five years without a guarantee that the next smack to his noggin will sideline him forever?



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"Don't ask about Lindros," said Bill Watters, Leaf's assistant to the president. "Don't call about Lindros and don't ask about him."

To the Leafs, the transaction involving Lindros has been a sensitive issue as of late.

Owner Steve Stavro told the Toronto Star this week that the situation "is no good. It's interfering with our whole operation. So, one way or the other, it's got to be resolved because it is hurting everything."

The addition of Wade Belack last week and the call up of

Nathan Dempsey and Jeff Farkas, have many believing that moves will be made before the March 13 deadline.

Mum's the word on the Leaf side, however, the prospect of having Lindros in Toronto has scalpers and sports stores licking their lips at the possible money influx issue.

"Anytime you add a marquee player to the lineup, such as [Shayne] Corson and [Gary] Roberts, you'll have an increase in terms of merchandising and jersey sales," said Jeff Newman, director

of consumer products for Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

"We cannot comment nor speculate what will happen if Lindros joins the club, and we really won't know until he does come."

If and when the Leafs make a big deal, scalpers can't wait for the first game in a Leaf jersey because the mark up on prices will be "at least 50 to 100 per cent," said Phil, an "independent" ticket salesman.

"The Leafs are playing bad hockey right now. If Eric does get traded here, it will only affect the first game, but until they

improve, tickets will continue to be cheap. Everyone will want to see [Lindros'] first game in the blue and white, and trust me, they'll pay anything to see it.

The Leafs are currently in a six-game winless slump, and the pressure to bring the "Big-E" to the big smoke is keeping a closed eye to Lindros' injury prone situation.

Can the patchwork with Lindros' addition be what the Leafs need to end the slump?

Who knows, but from a marketing stand point, the addition of the Big-E in the Leafs lineup will be a benefit and profit from the little scalper to the merchandising king.

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British promoter says the earliest a Lewis-Tyson showdown would be is in October

"We were a bit sluggish ... But we were able to turn it on," Hawk coach Denise Perrier

The Chicago White Sox are still waiting for pitcher David Wells to show up at spring training

One from

by Patrick Campbell

The Humber Hawk's women's basketball team has reeled off 17 straight wins this season, sent three players to the All-Star festivities, and should be the hands down favourite to be the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association champions.

But with the OCAA championships being held in Hamilton this year, home of the Mohawk Mountaineers, the trophy is still some distance away.

The women's squad lost to Mohawk on a heart-breaking buzzer beater in the OCAA semifinals last year. With the main core of last year's players returning and a new crop of players joining the mix, the Hawks are out to avenge their untimely dismissal. The Hawks are putting their money on erasing the memory of last year's loss.

The undefeated team is in fine form with only one win away from a perfect season. Although the Hawks haven't fared well in tournament play, they have shown massive strength against provincial opponents, a statistic they hope to ride with throughout the



PATRICK CAMPBELL

Adding one more: Beth Latendresse sinks a foul shot ending up with team high in points. Humber cruised to an easy 71-41 victory.

playoffs. The Hawks have beaten every team in the OCAA, by at least 10 points, which shouldn't be surprising because their focus is on a tough, hard defense.

The Hawks travelled to Durham College last Tuesday

night looking for their sixteenth win of the season. After trading baskets with the lowly Lords, the Hawks pulled away with key baskets that allowed them to settle into their usual groove and control the tempo of the game.

The Hawks finished the first half feeling confident and headed to the change room with a comfortable lead.

After giving up some easy baskets in the second half to Durham, the Hawks forced the Lords to play their style of game.

Humber continued to hit easy baskets en route to their sixteenth consecutive season win, 72-60, and kept their undefeated season intact.

The Hawks turned around the next night and hosted the Redeemer Royals in what turned out to be a romp.

The Hawks scored six quick points going three for three from the floor, taking the lead 6-0. The Royals tried to stay close with sparse baskets of their own by pulling to within two, 12-10.

"We started off well, but began to go cold," said Head coach Denise Perrier.

After trading fast-break points, the two teams began to roll. The visiting team reeled off six points of their own before the Hawks spoiled their fun with runs of eight and five, to finish the half 34-22.

The Hawks' first half attack was led by OCAA all star forward Beth Latendresse's, who had 13 points, while Brenda Chambers

put in a 10-point effort.

The second half showed no surprises as the Hawks continued to dominate. The undefeated squad started off with two runs of six points to pull even farther ahead 45-30.

The Hawks closed the game off with a 'royal flush' dropping eight points within the last three minutes of the half, finishing the two game stretch with a 71-44 win over Redeemer.

"We were a bit sluggish because we played two games in a row, but we were able to turn it on." - coach, Denise Perrier

Latendresse finished with a team high 19 points, while point guard Natalie Wood and Erica Fowler both chipped in with 10 points.

"We were a bit sluggish because we played two games in a row, but we were able to turn it on," Perrier said.

"Shape-wise, we were a better team. I rested my starters for a while, and the bench came out and played great. I was pleased with the girls. They played a great second half."

Bruins avoid season swe

by Luc Hebert

The only thing harder to believe than the Humber Hawks losing to the Sheridan Bruins is the Hawks doing it by 18 points.

The win marked the second time Sheridan has been the Giant-Killer this season. On Jan. 24, The Bruins earned their place in the national top .15 with a 99-91 win over former No. 1, George Brown College.

This time, they avoided a season sweep by blowing out the country's hottest team, and snapping Humber's 12-game winning streak which spanned over the last two months.

With exactly one minute left in the game, Sheridan's Hugh Bent stole the ball in the backcourt and exploded to the other end of the floor where he emphatically put an exclamation point behind his team's performance as he dunked the final points to his game-high 16.

With 14:15 remaining in the game, Chris Bennet missed a free-throw attempt, but Marcel Lawrence seemed to climb over everyone on the floor to complete a sensational put-back that gave

Humber only its second lead of the game 45-44. It would ultimately be their last. Sheridan quickly regained the lead with a pair of free throws from Bent.

The final six minutes of the game completely belonged to the Bruins, who continued to create terrorizing defensive pressure.

"I think that says a lot about our defence, when we can hold a team like Humber to such a low score," said Sheridan Head coach Jim Flack. "Just look at our defence in the second semester, it's been excellent." The Hawks appeared frantic, and the Bruins took advantage, creating a 25-10 run that was capped off by Bent's slam-dunk.

The Bruins ended the first half in similar fashion. After leading Humber by as many as 10 points at the 7:30 mark, Sheridan let Humber crawl back into the game. After a successful three-point shot by Dexter Miller, and a pair of free throws from Marcel Lawrence, the Hawks had cut the deficit to one, 27-26, with 5:06 remaining. The Hawks were then shutout for the next 3:11. The Bruins ended the first half on a 10-2 run.

Humber missed Point guard Cwentun McLeod. He has been a spark-plug off the bench, and has been instrumental in helping Humber claw back into similar games this season, but he did not suit-up against Sheridan. However, Humber College Head coach Mike Katz firmly said that McLeod's presence in this game would not have influenced the final outcome.

It was the first time this season that Humber was held under 30 points for two consecutive halves, and a number of factors contributed to the unusually low offensive output. The Hawks average 7.3 successful three point shots per game, second only to Fanshawe's 8.9. Tuesday, the Hawks were held to one three-point field goal, scored by Dexter Miller late in the first half. The Bruins controlled



LUC HEBERT

Grounded for now: Kingsley Hudson, No. 11, leaps above the Sheridan defenders, but Humber returned to earth with an upsetting loss, 99-91.

the offensive glass. Whether it was a poor rebounding effort from the Hawks, or a series of good bounces in favour of the Bruins, Sheridan was consistently able to get second chances throughout the game.

Furthermore, Sheridan kept Humber's shooters from the free throw line. Although the Hawks

only missed one free throw all night, they only had seven attempts. The loss comes a few days after Humber defeated George Brown College to clinch first place in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's Central division, and a first round bye in the OCAA Championships which are to begin March 1 in Ottawa.

Legendary Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel announces decision to quit international football

Manchester United pursue Swedish striker Larsson but Celtic won't sell for less than 15 million pounds

Frenchman Eric Cantona was voted the best player in Manchester United's history

Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA)

Basketball

February 20, 2001

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Men's Basketball				Women's Basketball			
TW		LW	TW		LW	TW	
1	Humber Hawks ON	1	1	Montmorency Les Nomades PQ	1	1	Montmorency Les Nomades PQ
2	Fraser Valley Cascades BC	3	2	Saint-Foy Dynamiques PQ	2	2	Saint-Foy Dynamiques PQ
3	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB	4	3	SAIT Trojans AB	3	3	SAIT Trojans AB
4	Cariboo Sun Demons AB	2	4	Mount Royal Cougars AB	5	4	Mount Royal Cougars AB
5	SAIT Trojans AB	5	5	Fraser Valley Cascades BC	6	5	Fraser Valley Cascades BC
6	Montmorency Nomades PQ	6	6	Vanier Cheetahs PQ	4	6	Vanier Cheetahs PQ
7	Fanshawe Falcons ON	7	7	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB	7	7	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB
8	Langara Falcons BC	9	8	Lethbridge Kodiaks AB	8	8	Lethbridge Kodiaks AB
9	Dawson Blues PQ	10	9	Okanagan Lakers BC	13	9	Okanagan Lakers BC
10	Algonquin Thunder ON	11	10	Edouard Monpetit Lynx PQ	11	10	Edouard Monpetit Lynx PQ
11	George Brown Huskies ON	8	11	Langara Falcons BC	14	11	Langara Falcons BC
12	St. Thomas Tommies AC	13	12	Capilano Blues BC	9	12	Capilano Blues BC
13	Sheridan Bruins ON	14	13	Cariboo Sun Demons BC	10	13	Cariboo Sun Demons BC
14	Okanagan Lakers BC	NR	14	Humber Hawks ON	12	14	Humber Hawks ON
15	St. Lambert Cavaliers PQ	NR	15	NSAC Rams AC	15	15	NSAC Rams AC

Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA)

Volleyball

February 20, 2001

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Men's Volleyball				Women's Volleyball			
TW		LW	TW		LW	TW	
1	SAIT Trojans AB	1	1	FX Garneau Elans PQ	1	1	FX Garneau Elans PQ
2	Red Deer Kings AB	2	2	Malaspina Mariners BC	2	2	Malaspina Mariners BC
3	Niagara Knights ON	3	3	Grande Prairie Wolves AB	8	3	Grande Prairie Wolves AB
4	Okanagan Lakers BC	4	4	Red Deer Queens AB	4	4	Red Deer Queens AB
5	Humber Hawks ON	5	5	Douglas Royals BC	5	5	Douglas Royals BC
6	Limoilou Titans PQ	6	6	Lanaudiere Libellules PQ	6	6	Lanaudiere Libellules PQ
7	Douglas Royals BC	14	7	Cambrian Golden Shield ON	7	7	Cambrian Golden Shield ON
8	Loyalist Lancers ON	8	8	Mount Royal Cougars AB	3	8	Mount Royal Cougars AB
9	Montmorency Nomades PQ	9	9	Capilano Blues BC	9	9	Capilano Blues BC
10	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB	10	10	Beauce-Appalaches Condors PQ	10	10	Beauce-Appalaches Condors PQ
11	Grande Prairie Wolves AB	11	11	Humber Hawks ON	11	11	Humber Hawks ON
12	Seneca Sting ON	12	12	St. Thomas Tommies AC	15	12	St. Thomas Tommies AC
13	Mount Royal Cougars AB	13	13	Andre Laurendeau Ideal PQ	10	13	Andre Laurendeau Ideal PQ
14	Malaspina Mariners BC	7	14	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB	14	14	Grant MacEwan Griffins AB
15	NSAC Rams AC	NR	15	Algonquin Thunder ON	NR	15	Algonquin Thunder ON

Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA)

Volleyball

February 20, 2001

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Men's Volleyball			
TW		LW	
1	Mount Royal Cougars AB	1	1
2	SAIT Trojans AB	2	2
3	Cambrian Golden Shield ON	3	3
4	NAIT Oaks AB	4	4
5	Humber Hawks ON	5	5

*Statistics current up to Feb. 20, 2001

Blame the mouse

Last week the Vancouver Grizzlies franchise clanged off the rim as the big league brick thrown by Arthur Griffiths and his Northwest Sports Entertainment company finally fell to the floor.

When NBA commissioner David Stern gave permission to Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley to seek another city for the sad sack team, he opened a Pandora's box of problems and left many people in the organization with a loose lip.

In reality, the demise of the franchise could be seen coming from the first day Vancouver was awarded the franchise.

Blame it on Disney. If it wasn't for them, people would've identified with the team more as the Vancouver Mounties. You see, Disney owns the trademark to one of the most recognizable symbols in Canadian history, and when Griffiths and NSE publicly revealed the Mountie as their nickname, Mickey Mouse flexed his corporate muscles and created the first in a long line of PR disasters for the new-born franchise.

And opening tip-off was still two-years away.

After John Bitove Jr. and Isiah Thomas announced Toronto's hip Raptors' name, Griffiths took the second best name, already rejected by Toronto for their own. Maybe the name Grizzlies was more appealing than The Vancouver Dragons.

After having four owners in their five years in existence, the NBA, has given the franchise permission to relocate, and has indirectly admitted that expanding to Canada's Northwest was a mistake.

A lot of people have to be blamed for the team's lack of success and horrific overall track record.

Right now they have decent players in Bibby, Swift, Michael Dickerson and of course Shareef

Abdur-Rahim, but the overall tone of talent came on June 28 in Toronto when Vancouver, with their first ever pick, Oklahoma State's seven-foot, 292-pound Bryant "Big Country" Reeves.

Every subsequent draft, general manager and VP Stu "I don't know what I'm doing" Jackson passed up on such great talents as Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter and Toronto's early cor-



Jamie S. Kokiw

nerstone Damon Stoudamire.

Imagine a team like that built by the draft and then solidifying the roster by trading spare parts in the form of Greg Anthony, Blue Edwards and of course New Jersey bench boss Byron Scott.

The only bright spot in the franchise's history was when they managed to out win the Raptors in year three. Of course that's when Thomas became a whining baby and "Mighty Mouse" wanted to get out of the mess.

Basketball could've worked out in a city where the high school championships nearly paralyze the burgeoning metropolis for a week.

When they first began their initial moves to become a legitimate franchise (I have to admit) I thought they'd be more successful than Toronto. But as the Grizzlies begin to walk into the Pacific sunset heading for the Cajun life of New Orleans, Nashville, or St. Louis; one has to wonder if the NBA had good intentions on moving to a city where they knew the product wouldn't survive.

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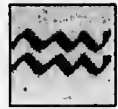
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21 Jan - 18 Feb
Well it seems the winter months have left you feeling rather depressed and down in the dumps. Get used to it because your depression is caused by your overall crappy outlook on life.



Pisces
19 Feb - 20 March
You are a self-proclaimed genius and don't let anyone convince you any differently. If you don't know the answer to a question, just remember to smile and nod. At least, that's what my father always told me to do when I get married.



Aries
21 March - 19 April
You discover a sure-fire cure for the hiccups but Ron Popeill beat you to the infomercial. Try inventing another meaningless invention to strike it rich.



Taurus
20 April - 20 May
While visiting a psychic this week, she maps out your future. Sitting on the subway on the way home, you notice your future looks a lot like a TTC map.



Gemini
21 May - 20 June
Like a bad episode of *Ally McBeal*, everywhere you go you hear the same song over and over again. But don't worry, you'll end up falling for a former drug addict who bounces in and out of rehab.



Cancer
22 June - 22 July
Spend the day relaxing and pondering the wonders of life, like how do they keep the raisins from falling to the bottom of the cereal box and why do you always see only one shoe on the side of the road.



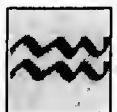
Leo
23 July - 22 August
You constantly tap your fingers on the table. Have you ever wondered if you are really calling for help in Morse Code?



Virgo
23 August - 22 Sept
You are sometimes a cold person that has been known to fall asleep during sex. Your constant nit picking drives your friends nuts and has your family members wondering when you're moving out.



Libra
23 Sept - 22 Oct
You are the artistic type, well at least try to be. You have a hard time dealing with reality and spend most of your time daydreaming about what you want to be when you grow up.



Scorpio
23 Oct - 21 Nov
You are a shrewd, cold, heartless bitch when it comes to business, so you cannot be trusted. That is why you can never find the candy dish in the lunchroom during your breaks.

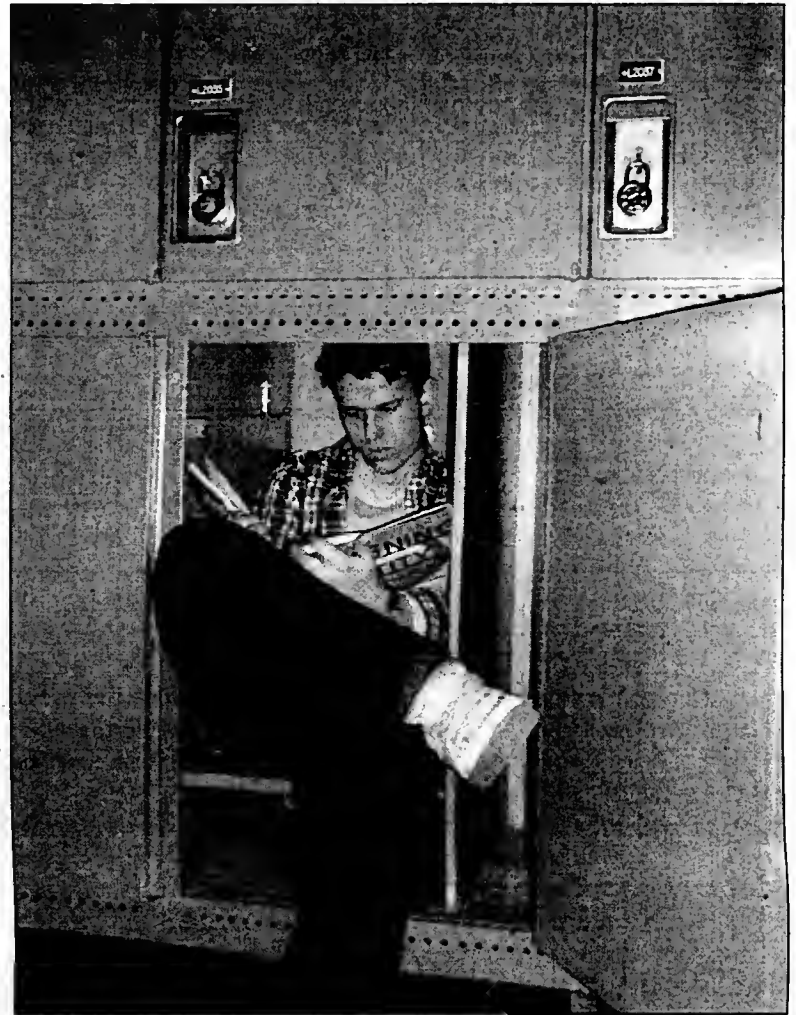


Sagittarius
22 Nov - 21 Dec
You are the friendly, optimistic and enthusiastic type of person, which leaves you wide open for being the butt of all your friends' jokes.



Capricorn
22 Dec - 20 Jan
Your latest fling will seem to be normal at first, but once you fall sleep he/she will go into your closet and try on your underwear. Ladies, hide the undies you don't want stretched.

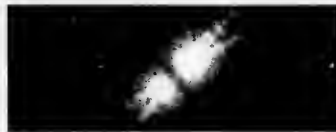
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Space Trivia



1. What is the name of our galaxy?

- The universe
- The Milky Way
- Europa

2. What was the first Earth-orbiting satellite?

- Viking I
- Sputnik
- Explorer I

3. What does ISS stand for?

- International Space Station
- International Space Section
- International Saturn Society

4. What is the third planet from the sun?

- Earth
- Venus
- Neptune

5. What was the first test subject suggested by a high school student to fly aboard the space shuttle?

- A monkey

Insects
A dog

6. Where does the sky end and space begin?

- 50 miles
- 100 miles
- 200 miles

7. By weight, the sun is approximately 70 per cent _____?

- oxygen
- helium
- hydrogen

9. Saturn is the solar system's _____?

- biggest planet
- hottest planet
- second largest planet

9. Who was the first astronaut to become a teacher?

- Neil Armstrong
- Jim Lovell
- Buzz Aldron

9. Neil Armstrong
8. second largest planet
7. hydrogen

6. 50 miles
5. Insects
4. Earth

3. International Space Station
2. Explorer I
1. Milky Way

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Canada

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British Columbia

It is illegal to kill a Sasquatch.

Ontario

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Etobicoke

No more than 3.5 inches of water is allowed in a bathtub.

Guelph

The city is classified as a no-pee zone.

Ottawa

It is illegal to eat ice cream on Bank Street on Sunday.

Alberta

When a man is released from prison it is required that he be given a handgun with bullets and a horse, so that he may ride out of town.

Alberta

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