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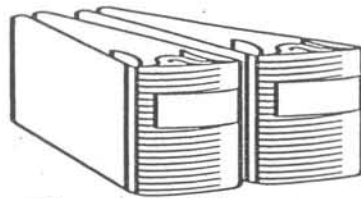
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# Spring is here

What's got 18 legs and catches flies? A baseball team.

If I kiss a frog will I get a prince?

No, but you might get very sick from salmonella. Even if you just hold hands, there's a chance you could pick up the bacteria. So, a frog (or toad or newt or iguana) must never be kissed! Alas, you must find your prince elsewhere. (Taken from Just Curious Jeeves.)



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What are the most intriguing questions asked on the Internet? Ask Jeeves at [www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com)

Speaking of the Internet, the Cobourg Public Library subscribes to Ebsco's Canadian Reference Centre online. This product provides full text to numerous Canadian newspapers, magazines, reference books, as well as, international magazines and newspapers including the *Daily Mail*, the *Sunday Times* and the *Associated Press* online. To access this product bring your library card to the second-floor reference area or go into the library's web page at [www.cobourg.library.on.ca](http://www.cobourg.library.on.ca). Click on the link to Ebsco and key in all of the numbers on your library card.

### On a more serious note

The local newspaper is interesting today — but it could be critical tomorrow. One library user recently used the back issues of the *Cobourg Daily Star* to discover the

weather conditions on a certain day last year (very stormy) in order to support his case involving a traffic accident. The

Library has copies of the *Cobourg Star* on microfilm dating back to 1831.

A library patron requested a copy of the June issue of *National Geographic*, 1985 to trace the April 2002 article entitled "Found After 17 Years: An Afghan Refugee's Story. Our print holdings date

back to 1980. *National Geographic* can be found on the Internet at [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com). In their Archives there are story highlights dating back the past six years.

### In our local history room

Did you know that if your house is 100 years or older you may find it in the Inventory of Cobourg's Century Buildings in 8 Volumes. The entries are arranged alphabetically by street name and include a brief architectural description. This set was prepared by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

Last, but not least, we received a copy of local author Alwine Franke's work entitled *Not Alone*. She recounts her experiences as a lone young British woman caught in Germany as the Second World War unfolded, and trapped there for the duration.

Bonnie Symons, manager of public services / Cobourg Public Library

# Information meeting on changes to Hydro at library Tuesday

If you have questions about the deregulation of hydro, you can ask them at the Cobourg Public Library on Tuesday, April 2 at noon.

Bruce Craig, president of Lakefront Utility Services, will be making a presentation and field questions on hydro deregulation,

how it will affect you and clarifying what your options are.

The information session is free, but due to space limitations you are encouraged to pre-register to attend by calling the Cobourg and District Chamber of Commerce office at 905-372-5831.

# A Fair and Reasonable Offer

The Government of Ontario has offered OPSEU members a fair and reasonable wage offer over three years. This offer is similar to those already accepted by other Ontario public service unions. OPSEU has rejected this offer and is now on strike. The Government remains available to return to the table at any time.

## The Government's offer includes:

An up to 10 per cent raise for all staff over a three-year contract made up of:

- a 5.96 per cent raise for all staff over a three-year contract;
- a one per cent raise in the first year in exchange for productivity and efficiency gains; and

