

OUR READERS WRITE:

Not using cross walks properly

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The Editor,
The Acton Free Press,

Whatever price the Town of Acton paid or pays for crosswalk installations and their maintenance, it appears a complete waste of tax money.

It is a rare occasion to see a motorist stop to allow a pedestrian safe conduct on one of these crosswalks and rarer still to see a pedestrian in Acton give the proper signal indicating their intention of using the crosswalk.

It is obvious that the town fathers, the citizens in both categories of motorist or pedestrian, are either completely ignorant in the use of crosswalks or they just don't give a damn about each other.

I have on many occasions noted young and old people patiently standing at a crosswalk waiting for an opportunity to cross over but the traffic goes merrily on its way. Right now using a crosswalk in Acton is a form of Russian roulette.

When I have been driving and seen people standing at a crosswalk I have stopped to let them cross, in such instances it has been notable to me that these pedestrians were so surprised it took a moment or two before they took advantage of a safe crossing. Of course, they then had to consider the other side of the road where a risk still remained.

One very obvious danger in using a crosswalk in Acton is the fact that vehicles are permitted to park almost on the crosswalks so that any motorist approaching the area could unintentionally hit a crossing user because his vision is limited.

This situation is ridiculous and is a simple matter to correct, either remove the crosswalks or apply the rules and laws governing their use. I wonder how many of the motorists know that they can be heavily fined and lose points for not giving pedestrians the right of way or for parking too close to a crosswalk.

One last thought—Are the crosswalks in Acton legal??

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Opposes government drug bill - effects

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN DOWN

"Mothers to be" You have a very heavy and responsible decision to make in the future—whether to have your babies and do a good job at looking after them yourself or having your children and have them slowly destroyed by "the powers that be" and big business tycoons who are making their fortune by selling drugs out of hand.

The word "sex" no longer goes hand in hand with the fruits of love. It has to be thought about before the decision is made whether to have a baby or not and when you have it, can you afford to keep it on one man's pay packet or do you have to go out to work and let someone else look after it while you help to provide?

As the child grows through the years he gets all sorts of vitamins fed into his body. He has all sorts of wonderful energy, which is hard to keep under control. Then when he is developing to his capacity there is no place in society for him. So what happens?

The nerves become overactive and have to be dulled or put to sleep one way or another, or else rioting, killings and other mischief becomes uncontrollable. What better way to keep these part-children part-adults quiet, than to drug them.

This is permitted to take place because mother and father egotistically believe the children are not yet capable of trying out their wings. Also, having a working child in the house is thought of as a sign of aging.

The old saying in this country of ours is, "there are not enough people in Canada to make her a successful world power" but at the same time, these same people are helping to destroy the future generation that

we as mothers have born, created and suffered for. No! We won't ever be a great power if we allow drug tycoons to take over.

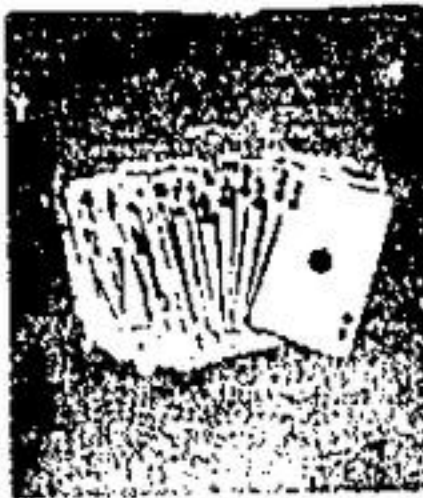
Our young people are as important a "natural resource" to our country as the minerals which are being dug up so laboriously out of the mountains and plains of Canada and it's about time that this human commodity was nurtured and brought to its full potential in as healthy a way as possible, instead of trying to destroy the mind and body before it comes to full maturity where it can do the most good.

Canada is supposed to be a very rich country in resources yet the richest resource of all is being neglected or is in the process of being destroyed.

Is the government going to sell drugs in the same manner as it sells hard liquor and then spend the millions of dollars accumulated from this to rehabilitate these poor drug addicts which they will no doubt become?—similar to the alcoholics which have been created in the past. One would think the government bodies were drug addicts themselves by the way they are trying to push this drug bill through.

It doesn't take a person with a high I.Q. or higher education to realize when things are going wrong for our children. So, rise up Mothers, and make your voices ring above all the other clamor that is going on and save your children from this drug menace. Surely there is still enough basic animal left in you to protect your young and never let it be said that we as parents let our children down.

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Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

By Bill Coats
The usual lead against a no trump contract is the fourth card from your longest and strongest suit. There is good reason for this. The opponents have announced that they have a majority of the high cards. You must use your small allotment to set up your small cards.

There are several other leads you can make against no trump contracts, leads from sequences, leads in your partner's suit, leads when your partner doubles etc. These are all clear cut and every bridge player should know what to do in each case.

There is another group of hands that do not occur too frequently. These are hands which for one reason or another you do not wish to lead your longest suit. Maybe the opponents have bid your longest suit or perhaps your longest suit is not headed by an honor card. Maybe your hand does not contain an entry card even if you get your longest suit established. In these cases you may choose to lead "top of nothing".

The lead of a ten, nine, eight, or seven is usually considered "top of nothing". It is made from a three card suit or a doubleton. It is an attempt to hit partner's suits in an effort to establish his suit instead of yours. Occasionally you lead "top of nothing" simply because you feel the lead of your suit will give away a trick that you cannot afford to give up. Here is a case that came up at the Acton Bridge Club.

South dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
S-A-7	H-4-4	S-7-4-2	H-A-K-10
D-8-2	C-A-K-Q-J-9-5-3	D-7-1-8-3	C-6-2
WEST		SOUTH	
S-10-6	H-7-5-3-2	S-K-Q-5-3	H-Q-J-9
D-A-Q-10-4	C-A	D-K-9-5	C-10-8-7

The bidding	WEST	NORTH	EAST
SOUTH	PASS	1C	PASS
1S	PASS	2C	PASS
2NT	PASS	3C	PASS

Opening lead—eight of hearts. North-South have enough points for game at no trump. South has stoppers in the unbid suits. It seems that North-South should make game easily and in fact a couple of pairs did make three no trump on these cards.

When the heart eight is led the results were a little different. West suspected that North had a long, solid club suit. He also suspected that South held a diamond stopper. He didn't want to lead diamonds and he didn't want his partner to lead back hearts so he led "top of nothing". East won the heart lead with the king and returned a low

diamond. West won the diamond with the ten and returned another heart. Back came a diamond and down went declarer to defeat.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first Dick Priest and Tom Warner; second, Betty Ashley and Cam Sinclair; third, Jan Coats and Jack Coats.



Think, don't blink! Bo water wial Learn and practise water safety every day.

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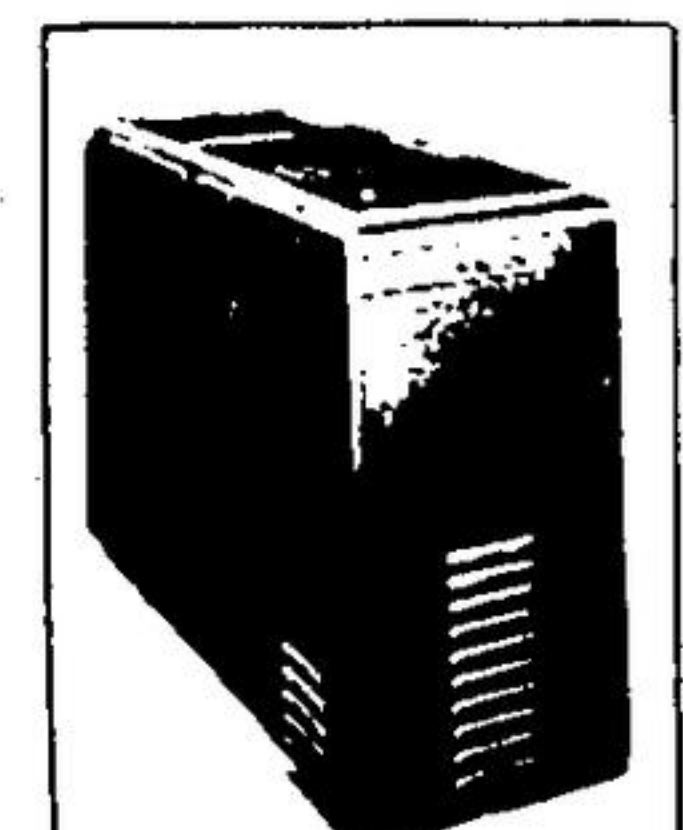
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Emo commends Fergus woman

A Fergus woman, Mrs. Aubrey Lovell, has been commended for her action during the recent drowning of Debbie Wardell in Acton.

Emergency Measures Organization co-ordinator W. G. Moon of Wellington County says Mrs. Lovell's action pointed out the training and planning of the organization. She took the telephone call asking for lights and dragging assistance and contacted various officials in the absence of her husband. EMO workers are all volunteers.



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