



Holy Cross student Daniel Bukovcan stopped a goal while classmates Frank Burke, Amanda Becker and Barry Fraser watched.

The hockey was part of the school's winter carnival Thursday which had teams compete in games such as hockey, scooter race, curling,

team dog sleigh race and Bonhomme target shoot. (Herald photo)

Carnival capers



Leonard the Lion was part of the fun at Holy Cross School Thursday as students took part in the winter carnival. Bonhomme the snowman

of the Quebec winter carnival and Louis the frog ran around entertaining students as well. (Herald photo)

Police beat

Fails to yield

Feb. 27 at 3:20 p.m. a 1975 green Plymouth, driven by a 34-year-old Georgetown woman, was travelling southbound on Chapel Street. A 1985 white Chevrolet, driven by a 65-year-old Kitchener woman, exited from a private drive and pulled directly into the path of the Plymouth causing a collision. A charge of failing to yield at a private drive was laid.

Hits bumper

Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. a 30-year-old Georgetown woman was sitting in her 1978 Pontiac adjacent to a commercial plaza at 10 Mountainview Road South when a Puroator Courier truck, driven by a 29-year-old Cheltenham man, attempted to go around the car. The truck sideswiped the right rear bumper of the Ford.

Fails to stop

A 1986 grey Chevrolet, driven by a 35-year-old Ballinacraig woman, was in the centre lane of Guelph Street Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. when it attempted to stop for a 1987 blue Ford Ltd. The Ford was slowing down for traffic ahead when it was struck from behind by the Chevrolet. A charge of following too close was laid.

Don't attack cats warns columnist



Weir's View

By Ian Weir
Thomson News Service

As any observer of civic politics knows, city councils — as a breed — are occasionally prone to making decisions which seem slightly less than sensible. There was a fairly widespread raising of eyebrows a couple of years back, for instance, when city councils across Canada decided to pass bylaws declaring themselves nuclear-free zones. Granted, there's nothing wrong with a city's declaring itself a nuclear-free zone. It just seems... well it just seems a little pointless, somehow. Let the Soviets be warned: municipalities across this nation are firmly resolved to issue tickets to any and all nuclear warheads which are dropped upon them. But there are times when you read about some innocent municipality's decision to embark upon a course so horribly naive, so devastatingly foolish, that you just have to wring your hands and implore the city fathers to admit the error of their ways before it's too late. This, I'm sure, was the response of all right-thinking Canadians when we discovered that the City of Edmonton wants to pass a cat-control bylaw which will enable it to impound loose and noisy felines. To begin with, there are just two words of advice you can offer to any city which decides to impound loose cats. These words are "good" and "luck," in that order. Catching stray dogs is a comparatively straightforward business. This is because dogs, by nature, are very much like Canadians: they are trusting, respectful of authority, and mindful of men in uniforms. Cats, by contrast, are the anarchist guerrillas of the animal kingdom. Expecting a cat to surrender itself to a cat-catcher is about as realistic as supposing that the Nicaraguan government could end all its problems by sending a regiment into the mountains crooning, "Heeereee, Contra, Contra, Contra." I've known a number of cats over the years, but I've never met one that showed the slightest interest in the wishes of any other inhabitant of the planet. Civilized society as we know it is

able to exist only because cats cannot operate firearms.

But the extent of Edmonton's folly goes far deeper than mere impracticality. Let me put it this way... Every newspaper columnist learns, early in his career, there is precisely one subject he can never attack.

He is perfectly free to attack children, motherhood, fair play and fundamental human decency. But woe betide the miserable wretch who dares to attack cats.

If you're ever faced with a choice between offending cat-lovers and offending a pub-full of loggers, for heaven's sake make rude noises at the loggers and be thankful you'll be getting off comparatively lightly.

And here we have a municipality passing an anti-cat bylaw. Worse yet, the mayor has actually gone on record as saying he isn't particularly fond of cats.

Pray for him. Quite frankly, I've never understood why cat-lovers are so passionately loyal to felines, considering that cats — as a group — are about as loyal as a back-room full of Liberal strategists whose leader is behind in the polls.

But boy, are cat-lovers loyal. They have cat clubs. They have cat magazines. And they have an abiding disdain for those of us who much prefer dogs, and who harbor the secret conviction that the only good cat is a tennis racket.

(Bite my tongue. I didn't mean that. Please. Honest.)

Actually, I bear no particular animosity toward cats. I have co-existed — more or less peacefully — with several, over the years.

I even developed a grudging admiration for one of them — a tiny feline named Ellie, who had the disposition of the Sheriff of Nottingham, a studied contempt for all mankind, and an unwavering refusal to rest until every small rodent on earth had been slaughtered and deposited behind the piano.

(Ellie deserted us after it became clear we intended to keep two of her kittens, whom she disliked even more than she disliked us.)

In any case, my heart goes out to those brave (if foolhardy) Edmonton councillors as they attempt to address their fair municipality's cat problem.

A tiny band of men and women, sticking to their guns and riding stoically forward despite the odds and the peril. It reminds you of... Well, it kind of reminds you of the Light Brigade. But it's probably kinder not to tell them that.

Departments to ease chief medical officer duties

Medical staff at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital may soon have more input into hospital policies and procedures.

At the request of the Medical Advisory Committee the hospital board studied the operation of the hospital and came up with a recommendation to form five departments.

The departments include clinical services, emergency room, operating room (including gynecology and anaesthesia), medicine (including intensive care) and obstetrics.

Dr. Craig Browning, Chief of Staff at the hospital, said one outcome of the departments will be to ease the workload on the Chief of Staff, who is also the chairman of the MAC.

The Chief of Staff at the hospital is appointed to the board and responsible to the board, said Mr. Dr. Browning.

However, the extra work that comes with the position makes it difficult for the Chief of Staff, he said.

"There's a fair amount of responsibility on the shoulders of one person," Dr. Browning said.

Once the departments are formed, the heads will be responsible for the operation of each of them, he said.

The idea is not only to reduce workload on the Chief of Staff, but delegate responsibilities as well, he said.

Once the department heads are in place, any problems or occurrences which arise in each department can be investigated by the department head and not just the Chief of Staff, said Dr. Browning.

He expects to have the department heads appointed by the next Hospital Board meeting in March.

Lorne Scots tested on infantry skills

The Lorne Scots Peel Dufferin and Halton Regiment held their annual section competition at Canadian Forces Base Borden Feb. 19-21.

The competition tested each of the four sections. Each section consists of eight men with assorted infantry knowledge.

MCPL Schmidt led the Georgetown section to win the trophy making it three straight years the C company has won the championship.

The Feb. 19 to 21 competition was really the 1987 championship which was postponed last November due to an unexpected heavy snow fall.

The tests included an inspection to check to see if each section had the proper equipment, qualification and insignia; the march and shout to time; the section which can get from point A to point B and shoot accurately afterwards; the advance contact - in which the section advances on a route uphill until they get attacked by the enemy and then successfully engage them; the occupation of a hide which is securing an area.

Other areas tested were support weapons - which tests the knowledge of each person on a machine gun and anti-tank launchers; a written map test; night invasion; a round robin which consisted of a relay rest for the section on basic weapon drills; and finally lighting a Coleman stove, boiling water, making a cup of coffee and practicing first aid.

The competition was fairly close all the way through except the support weapons stand in which Georgetown walked away with a score which almost doubled the A company, which came second on that stand.

The competition is also used to see how much the troops have learned in the past year. It gives them an indication on which areas need improvement.

Sash wants crisis line

The Sexual Assault Service of Halton (SASH) hopes to make their crisis line a 24-hour operation this year.

The line opened in January of 1987 but with expected funding from Halton Region this year the service could be provided 24 hours a day, said Carol Lennon of SASH.

More public awareness of the crisis line has brought an increase in the amount of calls lately, said Ms. Lennon.

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Ottawa budget ignores Ontarians



By WALT ELLIOT
Halton North MPP

Finance Minister Michael Wilson's recently introduced federal budget does not please Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon. Mr. Nixon argued that Ottawa's budget ignores provincial concerns. He stated that the federal budget will bring about a steady reduction in the rate of federal transfer payments for health care and education. This will result in a shift of the financial burden to the provinces. "Ontario's medicare costs alone are expected to increase by \$358 million," Mr. Nixon predicted. On Monday, MPPs returned to the Legislature to pass three important bills. On Tuesday, new conflict-of-interest legislation was passed. The

new law requires all members and their immediate families to disclose their assets, debts and financial holdings to a Commissioner.

While the conflict-of-interest legislation cannot guarantee that members will always act with integrity, it will permit much greater public scrutiny of members' activities. The legislation was designed to increase public trust and confidence in our elected officials.

On Thursday, the Legislature passed a bill establishing a review board to monitor auto insurance premiums. In order to ensure fairness, the legislation eliminates such factors as age, sex and marital status in the setting of insurance rates.

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