Even the mighty 'Bow hunt interrupted by the call of duty



"Bee - BEEP! Bee - BEEP! Bee - BEEP! Bee - BEEP!"

I locked down at the noisy little black box attached to my belt, pressed the red quiet button and then glanced forlornly at Manley Densmore, my fishing buddy on this day.

"You know, sometimes, man... sometimes I could strangle this darn beeper... or heave it into some very, very deep water... even out there," and if I was looking for a new, more permanent home for the little transmitter, I could have done a lot worse than choosing the beautiful big pool of this stretch of Credit River, a calm, inviting portion that certainly, I thought, must hold at least one big rainbow trout.

Manley had promised an impressive spot and he had delivered on this crisp, spring morning.

"You're not on-call are you Len?" Manley asked innocently.

"No," I answered firmly. "No, not that I know of anyway... and today, I checked. No, for that beeper to go off now... maybe means something bad... maybe even a

problem at home... maybe one of the kids is sick..."

"You don't get a message with the beep?" Manley asked, again quite innocently.

"Now Manley, do I look like someone who could carry one of those big luxury jobs? I mean, we're talkin' pickup trucks and second hand fishin' boots here! Nope, all I know is that someone wants me at home or the hospital... Gotta go. But you stay here, Manley. Get that big 'bow. I'll get to a phone, find out what's up, and I'll be back in... oh, about thirty minutes... Now, uh,... save some fish for me, okay?" And Manley smiled as I departed to answer the call of duty.

I made my way back along the rough and rugged trail that had brought us to that beautiful spot, past the patch of fiddleheads that Manley had pointed out earlier, a location where we had stopped to collect a batch of the tasty green vegetable...

"Pick the ones that are curled up tight, Len. If they're unfolded, even a bit, they're too far gone," Manley had advised me, a raw rookie in this particular business. "Mmmm good! Wait till you taste these boiled and buttered!"

"Well, if nothin' else, we caught a few fiddleheads today. Thanks a lot, beeper..." I mused as I broke through some tough cedar branches on my way back to the truck at roadside.

I took a last glance at the river. It was fast here, and I couldn't help but reflect on how Manley was doing back at that calm, quiet Credit

pool where Ol' Big 'Bow must surely be lurking.

Well, to make a long story short, I hopped into my truck, travelled five minutes to the nearest phone booth, answered the call of duty, and made my long way back to where Manley was fishing.

When I got back, I detected a very smug, satisfied smile on the countenance of my buddy.

At his feet lay Mr. Big 'Bow, a spectacular specimen demonstrating the spectrum of colors for which the fish is renowned.

"Manley! My gosh, what a beautiful rainbow! Look at the colors! Beautiful 'bow!" I exclaimed. Then, Manley looked sheepish

for just a moment. "I owe you an assist, old friend,"

he said quietly. "What ...?" "Well, just after you left, I got

my line hung up," Manley explained, "It was stuck bad. So... I grabbed your pole... You know, those Little Cleo's you're always talkin' about... well, they're not bad... not bad at all... Took just two casts. The first one I messed up...' "Aw, you just weren't used to my

gear..." I added solemnly.

"Yeah," Manley continued. shrug and a sly smile, "they should

"That 'bow hit on the very next cast. I was so excited, I almost missed landing him! Well... um... what was the message all about, Len... uh... Len?"

"Beautiful 'bow ... look at the colors... nice fish, Manley... Caught with my equipment... could've been my fish...

"Len, the beeper... is everything okay back home?"

"Hooked him right at the far edge of the pool, I bet, right Manley? Right where I had fired about ten casts before I got called away..."

"Speaking of which, is everything all right Len? Maybe we should go, answer that call ... "

"Huh? Oh, heck no, Manley! Everything's under control."

"That's good ... " "Heck, that was just Speyside Headquarters, my wife Rita, calling," I explained. "We need milk, eggs and bread..."

"Oh no! I don't believe it," Manley laughed aloud.

"And they better be the best darn eggs, milk and bread I've ever tasted, man! Gosh, look at that fish..."

"Well," Manley said with a

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all go good with the fiddleheads ... " Wise guy... but a good friend, and man, what a fisherman...

SHORELINES: The Ninth Annual Trout Fishing Derby is slated for this weekend (Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day), at the Kelso Conservation Area, Milton. Register at the Kelso gatehouse, open at... yawn... 6 a.m. (\$5 for adults, \$4 for youngsters and seniors, and lots of prizes...)...

...Better hurry if you want to join in on the Orillia Perch Festival, which runs until May 6. Call (705) 326-4424 for details...

ON THE HORIZON: Another angling adventure.

Challenge

The Town of Halton Hills has challenged the City of Guelph in the Crownlife Participaction Challenge. On Wednesday, May 31 the community should participate in a physical activity like walking, raking your lawn, house cleaning, etc. for 15 continuous minutes, then call the new Civic Centre at 873-2600 to register your activity.



Checkmates

Harrison Public School chess masters did well at a recent elementary competition. In the back (left to right) are Stewart Houston (spare), Chris Wilkes (first in Rook Division), Kevin Shapcott (fourth in Kings Division) and Jamie Briggs (first in Bishop Division). In the front are, Ryan Taylor (second in Queens Division), Chris Goodhew (second in Knights Division) and Steve Sheppard (first in Pawns Division). (Herald photo)

Herald Scoreboard

GEORGETOWN Y.B.C. SENIORS: Robert Harrison 773 (309). Scott Smith 736 (272), Carrie Walsh 652 (278), David Ridley 629 (270).

JUNIORS: Joe Robichaud 614 (235), Ryan Martin 586 (237), Tonya Morris 580 (234), Mark Reaume 525 (199), Robin Zander 525 (206), David Leslie 518 (179), Julie Lounds BANTAMS: Jeff Pringle 460 (188), Tanya

Martin 458 (232), Chris Gostlin 434 (176), Geoffrey Beauparlant 432 (163), Paul Larocme 428 (159), Kevin Shapcott 425 (147), Monica Beauparlant 423 (160), Martin Johnston 418 (159). PEEWEES: Matthew Walker 445 (168),

David King 400 (146), Michael Chiney 349 (154), Suzanne Larocque 318 (115), Gerry Burns 301 (125), Nils Varga 253 (93). SMURFS: Richard Gostlin 341 (141), Brendan Louth 296 (122), Alex Foster 268 (103), Thomas Palichuk 222 (111), Ryan Louth 203

(76).GEORGETOWN "HOTSHOTS" FRI. NITE SOCIAL: Paul Chaplin 834

MON. SOCIAL LEAGUE: Frank Pointner 720 (296). MEN'S LEAGUE: Aurello Garcia 781 (286), Andy Parent 751 (284), Paul Chaplin 735 (277), Larry Larocque 708 (244), Bill

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