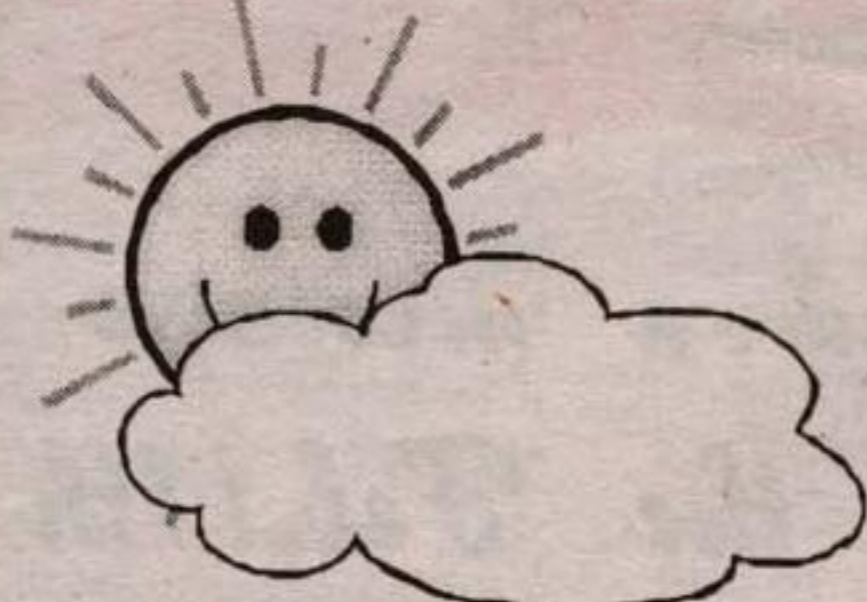

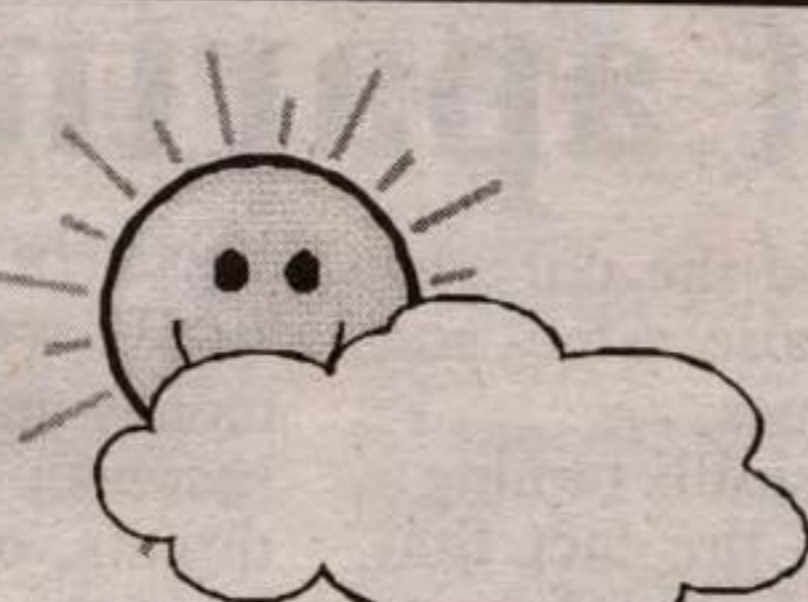


# 3 DAY WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Some clouds High -2 / Low -8	Possible Flurries High 0 / Low -2	Sun and Clouds High -1 / Low -10

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## HOROSCOPES

February 7-13

**ARIES - March 21/April 20**  
 Several loved ones are being secretive about a family matter. Don't get angry or push them to tell you what's going on. Try to be patient. You'll learn the facts soon enough. The person whom you've been seeing wants to take a break. While this upsets you, you know that it is the best thing to do. Aquarius plays a key role.

**TAURUS - April 21/May 21**  
 Don't be stubborn when it comes to a business meeting late in the week. Listen to what others have to say. Some of them make very valid points. Try to work out a compromise. A close friend is having romantic problems. Offer your advice, because you've been in his or her place in the past.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
 A business associate reveals his or her true feelings for you. No matter how you feel, don't get involved with him or her. It only will create problems at work. A loved one asks for your opinion about a family matter. Be honest — even if he or she won't want to hear what you have to say.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
 You have a falling out with that special someone early in the week. Cancer. While you have every right to be angry and upset, don't make any drastic decisions. The two of you can work this out if you just listen to each other. An acquaintance asks to borrow money. Don't do it!

**LEO - July 23/August 23**  
 Don't let a compliment from a co-worker go to your head. You certainly deserve the praise, but that doesn't mean that you don't have to work hard anymore. You must keep giving 100 percent. A loved one has good news. Help him or her to celebrate. Libra plays an important role.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Be honest when a good friend asks for your opinion about his or her new relationship. While he or she might not want to hear what you have to say, it still needs to be said. You meet an interesting person while running errands. Make plans to see him or her again. This could be the one!

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Don't let a minor setback get you down. Libra. You still can reach your goal; you just have to come up with another approach. If you relax and clear your head, you'll think of the perfect plan. A loved one is concerned about you. Don't ignore his or her questions. Talk freely, and tell him or her how you really are.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 You have a lot to do this week, Scorpio. Stay focused on the tasks at hand, and don't let others distract you. If you work diligently, you can get everything done and have time to enjoy yourself at the end of the week. A friend of a friend asks a favor of you. Do what you can.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Don't take your personal problems to work with you. Your superiors are expecting a lot from you this week. Don't disappoint them. A loved one lets you in on a family secret. Keep it to yourself. It's not your place to tell anyone. Leo plays an important role on Thursday.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Stand your ground when it comes to a disagreement with an acquaintance. You know that you are right. Don't back down just to end the situation. Others will support you. A close friend wants to set you up on a blind date. Don't do it. While he or she means well, the date has too much potential to be disastrous.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Don't get in over your head when trying to help a co-worker this week, Aquarius. While you want to assist this person, you have a lot of your own work to do. Don't make yourself look incompetent to make him or her look good. That special someone has a surprise for you. Enjoy it!

**PISCES - Feb 19/March 20**  
 When you see something that you want this week, Pisces, go after it. No one else is going to help you get it, so take some action. A loved one needs to talk to you about a personal problem. Listen to him or her, and try to be supportive.



**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS: Bob and Marg Merrikin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a party at Acton's Royal Canadian Legion on Jan. 23. - Ellen Piehl photo**

### Merrikins met on a blind date

BY ELLEN PIEHL  
 The New Tanner

Bob and Marg Merrikin's love for one another has certainly stood the test of time as they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with friends and family at the Royal Canadian Legion Saturday night, (Jan. 23.) The romance started in Marg's hometown of Toronto in June of 1958 when a girlfriend set her up on a blind date with Bob. Bob, a native of Burk's Falls, Ontario, was in Toronto at that time working in the sheet metal trade. Their first date took place at the stock car races and six months later they were engaged.

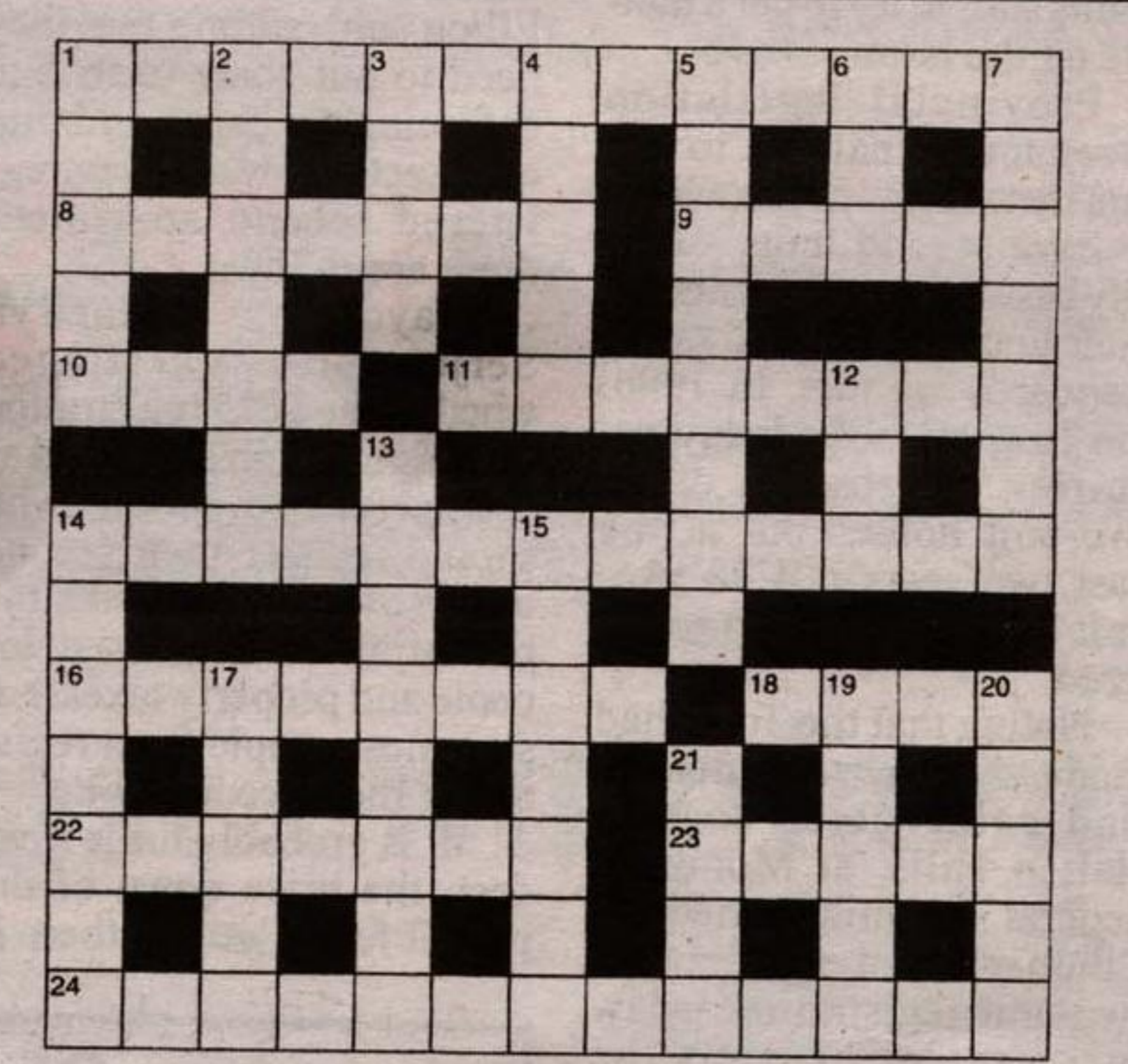
On Jan. 24, 1959, the Merrikins were married at a church in Toronto. During the 40 years of marriage, the Merrikins had three children and seven grandchildren.

In 1979, Merrikin's left the big city life behind and bought a house in Acton. "He (Bob) likes small towns," says Marg.

So, what is it that keeps this marriage going? "Nobody can put up with him, but me and nobody can put up with me, but him," Marg says with a grin. The Merrikin's live in a town house on Kingham Road. Bob now works as a truck dispatcher for the Convo company in Mississauga.



Don't forget Red Nose day this Friday and Saturday. Jack Carpenter, left, originator, and publisher Ted Tyler try their red proboscises on for size.



<b>CLUES ACROSS</b>	<b>CLUES DOWN</b>
1. Fossil material	1. Monetary units of Bolivia
8. Lawmaker	2. Reasonable
9. Flintstone character	3. Monetary unit of Peru
10. Underwater vessels, for short	4. Worn to Mecca
11. Slapping	5. Dejected
14. Pioneer vehicle	6. Artist's medium
16. Toothless	7. Trail on the ground
18. Make into a print	12. She was sweet as apple cider
22. Jewelry spot	13. Surfeit
23. _____ Park, CO	14. Indulge in gluttony
24. Columbus' destination	15. Edible kernel
	17. Supernatural
	19. Musical speeds
	20. Makes fast
	21. Used to control an animal


- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- FEBRUARY 7**  
James Spader, Actor
  - FEBRUARY 8**  
John Grisham, Author
  - FEBRUARY 9**  
Travis Tritt, Country-Western Singer
  - FEBRUARY 10**  
Lenny Dykstra, Baseball Player
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