Letters

McGuinty's greenbelt proposals frustrating for this landowner

To the Editor:

Regarding the Greenbelt.

As of Oct. 28 I feel as if my 72 acres isn't worth having because the McGuinty government has decided to basically control it.

At no time was I or anyone else I know who owns acreage in this expropriated land told about it.

In a government website it says "not giving up green space we love" and "support a vibrant and evolving agricultural and rural economy". Well, you better take a good look around you, because the best farmers are gone. In

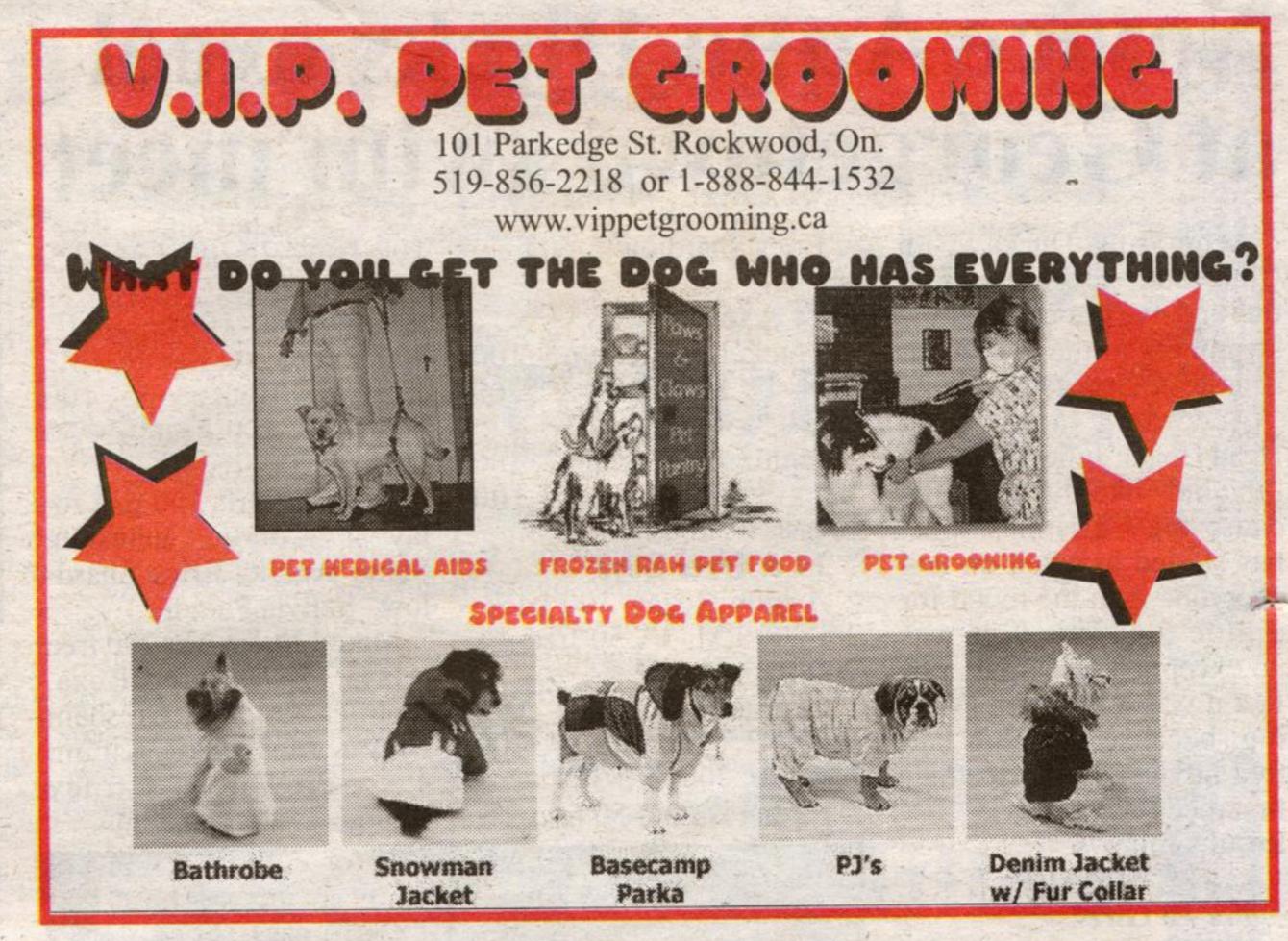
order for us to even possibly make a living on most of this land you would have to have a huge hog or beef operation to possibly even pay and what do you think that will do to those nice streams, etc. You will create another Walkerton.

It really gets me fuming with sayings like "green space we love". I guess I'm not part of "we" because you see no one is paying me or subsidizing me for this.

I have made up a proposal of my own that I feel will really help with the population problem. Every house over 4,000 square feet in the developed areas has to have at least six people or more living in it. That would mean if you have a family of three you have to take in another family of three or more.

This might sound crazy to you but it's no different than what you think my property should be; think of the advantages.

> Frustrated Landowner, Webb Kamminga.



Nov. 11th holiday?

To the Editor,

On November 17 I introduced a Private Member's Bill in the House of Commons that would see November 11 become a national holiday.

All Canadians should be able to observe November 11th as a national day of remembrance. Too often we take our freedom for granted. It is respectful that each year we take one day to remember the men and women who fought and the many who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

In recent weeks there has been considerable momentum from both the Conservatives and Liberals to open a national debate on this issue. Liberal MPs have actively called for the introduction of such legislation.

At present, Remembrance Day is observed as a holiday in all the provinces and territories except Ontario and Quebec.

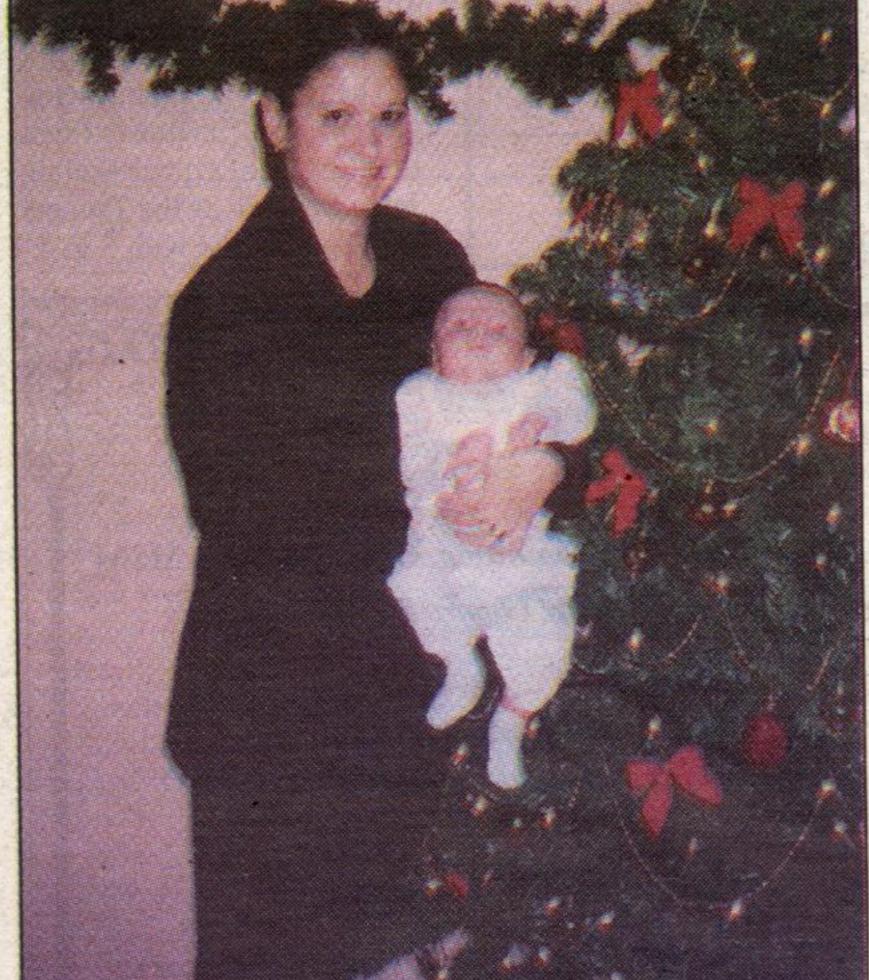
My Bill would amend the Holidays Act to make Remembrance Day a legal holiday and give it the same status as Canada Day.

If you would like to show your support for this legislation, please contact your local legion and let them know of your support, send a letter, postage free to your M.P. in Ottawa, or you can visit my website (www.inkymark. com), print off a petition to be mailed to me postage free at: Inky Mark, M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.

Remembrance Day needs to be marked in a way that is consistent with the sacrifice of Canadian veterans who fought for our families, homes and country. It is only right-that we dedicate time to remember.

Sincerely, Inky Mark, M.P.





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