

EDITORIAL

Article creates storm of protest

In last weekend's Halton Hills This Week we published an article about a Georgetown woman who is upset with the charismatic movement with Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church.

The article and photograph of the woman being arrested on the church steps caused a storm of letters and phone calls in our offices.

The 48-year-old woman, who has been at odds with the church group for about two years, was charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with disturbing religious worship.

Here are a couple of the letters we received.

Dear Sir,

There are some things about your front page article in the Saturday, August 22 paper which do not ring very true. Praying is known to be one of the things that Christians are to do at all times. How does a woman, praying at one door of a church "disturb" a group who are meeting inside the building and accessing that building by another entrance? Was she praying in such a loud voice to raise all of Georgetown?

The activities listed in your article as to what would happen in the charismatic service are known to be common in such services. Charismatic services, when of God, are full of the

Holy Spirit, and would be either bridging the gap between the group and the woman on the steps, or convicting her of her mistake about God at work in that place. Disturbing prayers should be a challenge to the Charismatic movement, not a cause for fear or anger which involves secular forces.

If the lady involved does represent the silent majority, then that majority needs to learn to pray that the Real Holy Spirit will blow through their midst and involve them all in wisdom and light. As a matter of fact, it would not hurt all Christians to pray this kind of prayer.

Sincerely,
Florence Wilkinson

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I strongly suggest an apology to church officials and parishioners should be forthcoming in your next issue.

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The following letter was addressed to HHTW reporter Jamie Harrison.

Dear Mr. Harrison,

As a 23 year parishioner of Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown I accept and respect the Charismatic Movement as an alternative and approved-by-the-Pope form of worship by many Roman Catholics throughout the world.

Thus, I protest vehemently the irresponsible quotation in your by-lined front page article in the August 22 edition of your paper, "Church Goer Charged for Disturbing the

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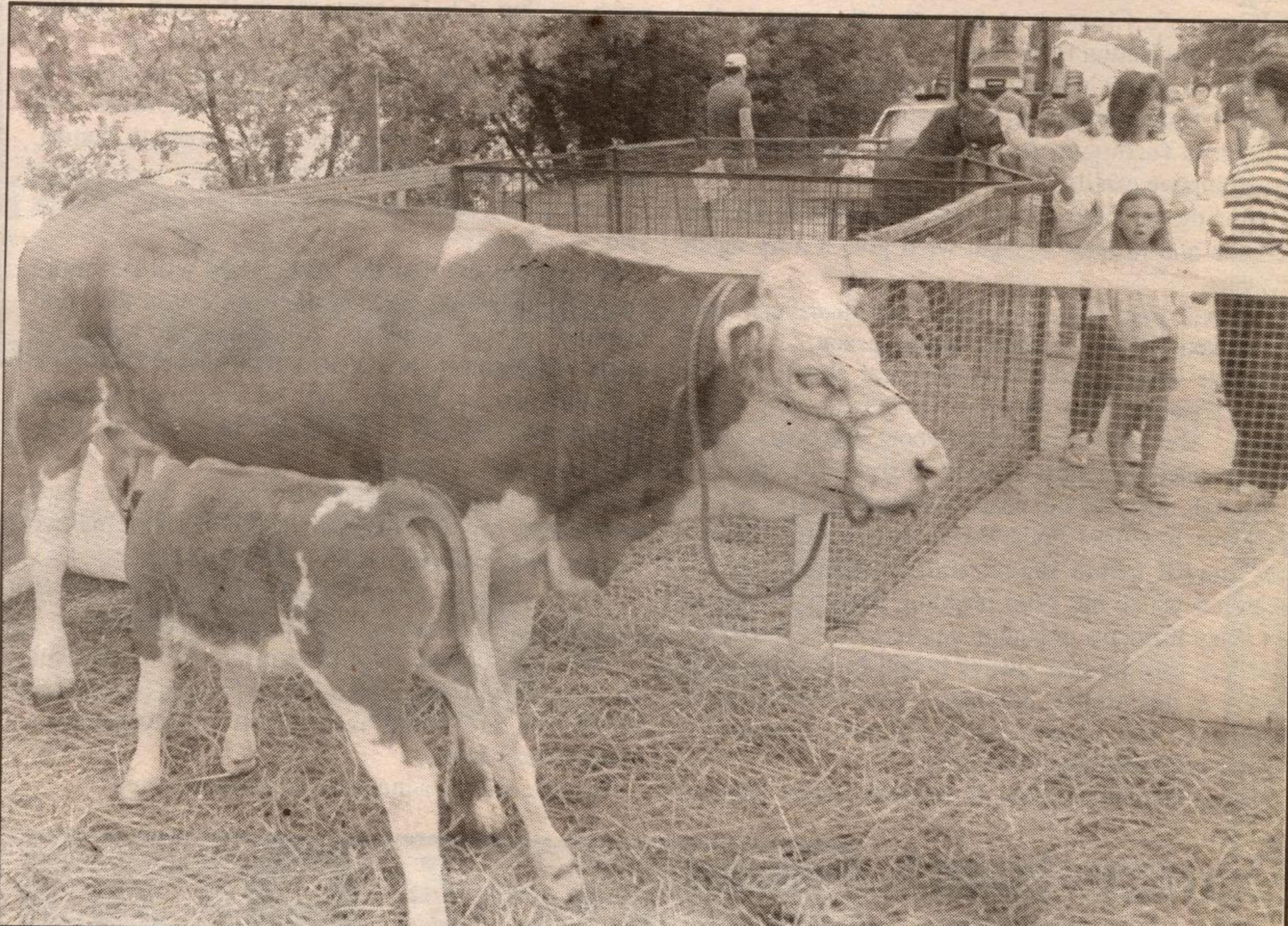
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Moo...Moo...Moo...Moooo!



Remember when you were a kid and your mom told you to drink your "moo-juice"? Apparently this young calf is heeding his mother's advice, drawing back on a long, cool one at the Leathertown Festival, recently in Acton.

Photo by Jamie Harrison

Écho des Canadiens français



Par Germaine Bagot

La voix des Canadiens français est sonore à Halton Hills. Que nous venions du nord de l'Ontario, du Québec, du Nouveau-Brunswick, de Terre Neuve ou du Manitoba..., nous vivons en harmonie avec nos frères et sœurs de langue anglaise.

Lors de la fête du Canada, le 1er Juillet, "La Fondation Ô Canada" a demandé des volontaires de langue française, pour répondre aux appels téléphoniques, à la suite des émissions télévisées de cette société. Notre réponse a été mirobolante. Nous sommes vraiment actifs dans notre communauté.

Vous souvenez-vous quand nous étions enfants, apprenant notre petit catéchisme? Une réponse disait: "Hors de l'Église, point de salut". Je pense que bien des gens croient

que: "Hors du Québec, point de Canadiens français". Quelle fausseté! Même en petit nombre, nous sommes vivants et vibrants. Nous avons gardé notre langue, notre culture et nos coutumes. Nous avons, de plus, accepté les coutumes des Anglais, des Portugais, des Hollandais et des Écossais que nous côtoyons. Imaginez la richesse culturelle que nous léguerons à nos enfants.

Il est vrai que la majorité des Canadiens français réside au Québec, et qu'ils sont la source culturelle qui nous alimente. Cependant, ne coupez pas la tête du corps francophone, car les autres membres ne pourront pas survivre.

Un mot de gratitude...

Hier, j'ai voulu acheter un journal de langue française. À mon grand désappointement, je n'en ai pas trouvé dans mon quartier de Georgetown.

Nous sommes très reconnaissants au journal Halton Hills This Week, et de façon toute particulière à Ken Bellamy, qui nous a permis de nous exprimer en français dans son journal. Merci à Yvan Desjardins, son port-parole, et Scott Kline qui m'a finalement recrutée.

Le Coin des Arts

Festival de Stratford - "Bonjour là, Bonjour" de Michel Tremblay

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Il y aurait peut-être possibilité d'y aller en groupe. Ce serait à discuter à notre réunion dominicale, au sous-sol de l'Église Sacré-Coeur.

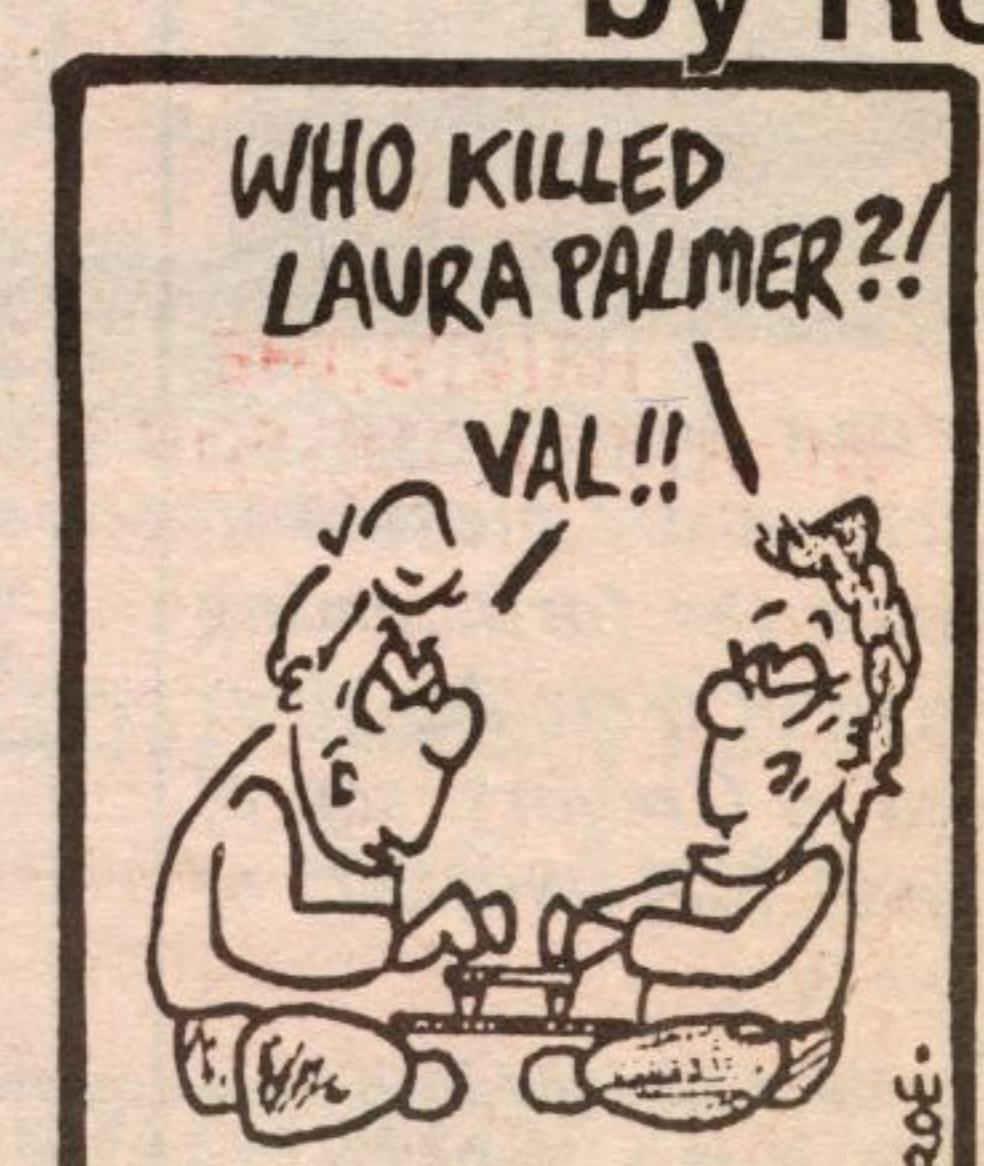
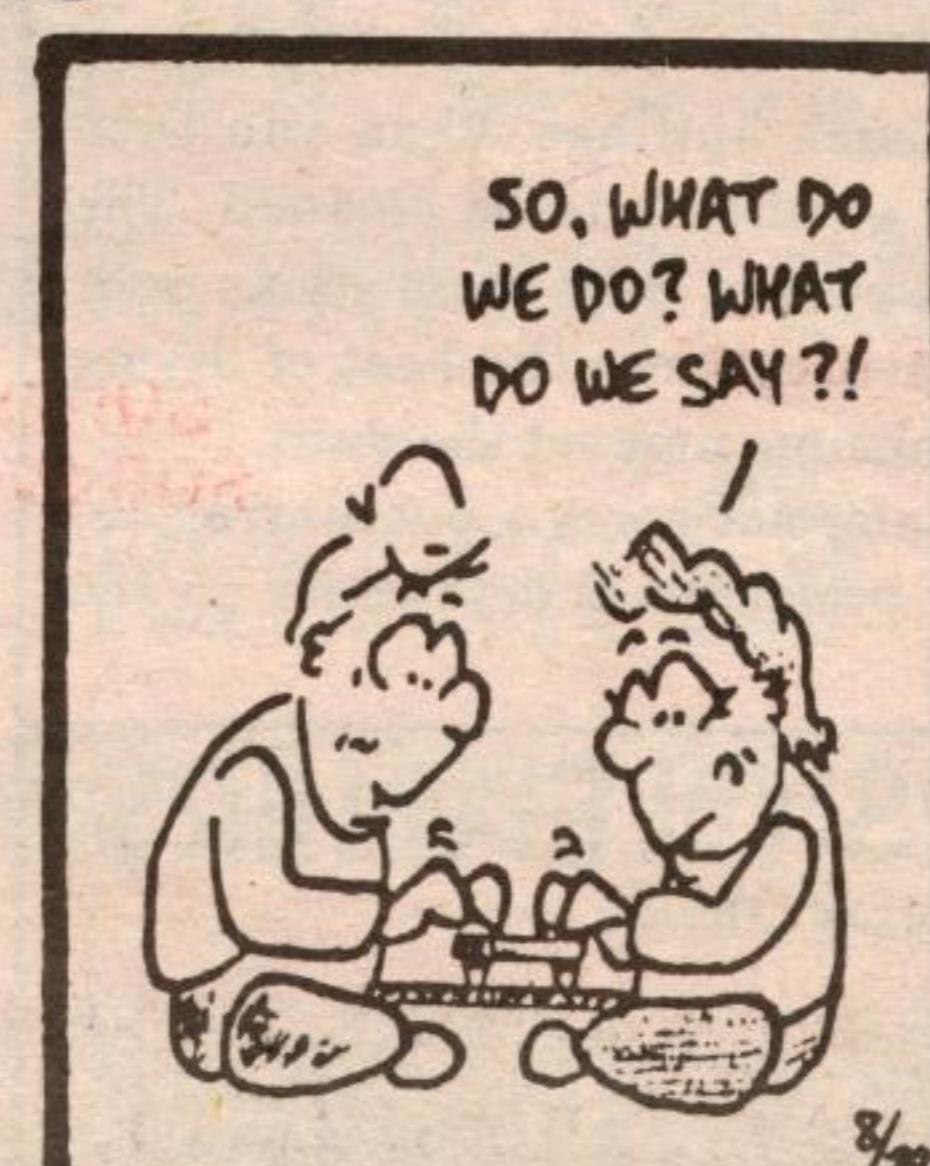
J'ai besoin de vous...

Les sources de renseignements de français sont très limitées à Halton Hills. Si vous voulez écrire un article d'intérêt pour les Canadiens français, s'il vous plaît n'hésitez pas! Vos écrits sont les bienvenus. Ils doivent être signés, et porter vos nom et adresse au complet. Sur demande, votre nom ne sera pas publié.

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