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## SCBE estimates too little: Paquin



### Exhausting work

Ever since a front-end loader crashed through the ice at the foot of Main Street near Penetanguishene town dock efforts have been made to bring the machine up from "Davey Jones'

Locker." Here workmen cut through the ice so as to allow them more room in their salvage operations. Driver of the machine was saved from drowning during the mishap.

### Visitor centre project

## Barrie firm win \$452,000 contract

A Barrie construction firm has been awarded a \$452,000 contract to build an orientation centre at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene, Minister of Culture and Recreation Reuben C. Baetz said late last week.

Bentorswell Construction won the contract over six other firms.

The orientation centre will consist of three sections: a visitor

reception lobby, a display area that will resemble the afterdeck of a 19th century British sailing ship, and an audio-visual theatre which will authentically re-create the lower deck of a ship.

The Historic Naval and Military Establishments is located on the eastern shore of Penetanguishene Bay, in lower Georgian Bay. It is a restored and reconstructed naval and military base which

originally had been built and maintained by the British as a supply depot on the upper lakes after the War of 1812-14.

Site Today the site is operated by the ministry of culture and recreation as a summer visitor attraction re-creating life as it was

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## FLAC chairman critical

by Murray Moore

Claudette Paquin said yesterday that the report that included an estimate that a French language high school here with only 75 students in 1983 might cost the county nearly \$900,000 was a good one - as far as it went.

The estimate was part of a report prepared for the Simcoe County Board of Education and released at its last meeting a week ago. The other major estimate included was that the cost to the county by 1983 of a French high school here with 150 students would be about \$511,000.

The FLAC chairman's criticism was that the report did not go far enough in the range of its estimates. Estimates should have been made for a school with 200, and 250 students by 1983, she said. Such figures, she said, are not unreasonable.

She was returned as chairman of the area French Language Advisory Committee last week in an election held during last Thursday's FLAC meeting. FLAC, she said, projects a student population for a separate French unilingual high school here of 300 by 1983.

"I've always said that we'll have the numbers if we get a school," she added.

Minister of Education Bette Stephenson, she said, has set a number of 240 students as the minimum needed for a separate school, a figure below FLAC's figure.

Paquin and other members of FLAC got their first notice of the details of the report at last Wednesday's Simcoe County Board of Education meeting. The advisory committee restated its desire at its meeting to be represented on the committee studying costs and programs at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School and Ecole Secondaire Le Caron.

The provincial Education Act, he provincial Education Act states, Paquin says, that the boards of education "shall seek the advice in all matters" of administration concerning French languages instruction.

FLAC has written, but not received a reply from, the provincial Commission of Languages of Instruction on the matter.

FLAC also wants to be on the mailing list for reports issued by the principal of ESPSS, so that FLAC can better make recommendations. FLAC made a recommendation on the last report, she said, and it was accepted. The number of credit courses offered per day was lowered from 10 to nine.

A draft copy of a brief has been prepared in case representatives of FLAC are invited to go to Ottawa and deliver, as FLAC requested by telegram earlier this month, a brief to the parliamentary committee studying the constitution.

The draft is neither long nor elaborate, but straight to the point, in Paquin's words. She suggested that the members of the parliamentary committee have probably read enough long briefs to not need another one.

The number of FLAC members who would go to Ottawa if the opportunity arises would depend on the day of the week, she said.

At the same meeting at which Paquin was re-elected for the coming year as chairman, Rosita Desroches was re-elected as vice-chairman.

## Citizen briefly

### Book, a permanent record of songs

Two hundred copies of *Trouvailles d'hier et d'aujourd'hui* recently went on sale at Boutique Chez-Nous in the Centre d'activites francaises.

The 142 page, spiral bound volume contains around 100 lyrics and music to songs that local people learned to sing in their youth. Four students taped the singers rendering their songs and one student wrote the music from listening to the songs for the book. Each of the songs has with it the name of the singer, the singer's age, and their address.

The book also contains a few local folk tales. The Centre's first book, a francophone history of Huronia, is out of print.

### Charge laid in December hit, run

A 31-year-old woman was charged Monday by Penetanguishene police in connection with a hit and run involving a parked car on the evening of Dec. 23, 1980.

Diane Larmand, of 19 Nelson Street, Penetanguishene, has been charged with failing to report an accident.

The car of David Mailloux, of Tiny Township's Con. 16, was struck Dec. 23 around 8 p.m. while parked in front of 72 Main Street. Damage amounted to \$350.

Town police said Monday damage to Larmand's car was an estimated \$500.

### Break, enter charge follows recovery

The driver of a snowmobile reportedly stolen from in front of 26 Main St., sometime late last Thursday or early Friday morning, was apprehended by the Midland OPP snow vehicle patrol around 10:30 a.m. Friday in Midland.

Gabriel Forget, 19, of R.R. 3, Penetanguishene, has been charged with possession of stolen property, impaired driving, having excess alcohol, all in addition to the break and enter in connection with the Maple Valley Social Club earlier Friday morning and the theft of \$160 from the club.

The snowmobile, belonging to Sally Beausoleil, sustained \$100 damage between the time it was reported missing and the time that it was recovered.

### Councillors meet Monday night

Members of Penetanguishene council are slated to meet for a regular monthly meeting this coming Monday night.

The session rolls into high gear at town hall at 7:30 p.m.

### A taste of spring as mercury rises

Mild air and considerable sunshine pushed the mercury up to a "sweltering" 45 degrees on the old scale Monday.

After several days of record cold temperatures this winter, Monday's rare taste of spring prompted residents in Huronia to reach for lighter clothing, even if it was just for the day.

### Teenager charged with careless driving

Brenda Dorion, 16, of 8 Gignac Drive, Penetanguishene, was charged with careless driving following a two car collision at 4:35 p.m. last Thursday in front of 151 Main Street, Penetanguishene.

The driver of the other car was Justin Moreau, 44, of 437 William Street, Midland. Damage to his car was \$1,200, to Dorion's car, \$300. Moreau's passenger, Jennette Moreau, 46, complained of minor injuries, she was not taken to hospital.

A snowmobile stolen some time late Friday evening from the Hotel Brule parking lot was discovered burned on Tiny Township's Con. 16 early Saturday morning. It was the property of Bernard Deschamps of Port McNicoll.

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