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## Multiculturalism

New and improved citizenship information is the first initiative under the Ontario government's new multicultural strategy.

Speaking at a luncheon before 30 leaders from Sault Ste. Marie's multicultural community, Lily Munro, minister of Citizenship and Culture, brought the news of the strategy to the North.

Under the new strategy all government ministries are encouraged to deliver culturally-sensitive programs and services.

"What we are talking about is a fundamental change in the way government operates," Munro said. "For the first time, multiculturalism will be the responsibility of all ministries and not just the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture."

"Together, we will ensure that the commitment to multiculturalism inspires the policies and programs of the government as a whole."

In November of 1985, a public consultation on multiculturalism was held in Sault Ste. Marie. It was one of many held across the province with representatives of cultural communities.

Dr. Munro recently announced that her ministry will devote more than \$400,000 a year to create and maintain a supply of relevant, up-to-date citizenship education products.

"Our aim is to help people gain access to the key skills and knowledge required to participate fully in Ontario life," she said. "Under the civics initiative, newcomers will receive orientation information more effectively, citizenship materials for students and teachers of English as a Second Language (ESL) will be created and updated, and civic information will be produced to meet the organizational needs of groups working in the multicultural field."

Highlighted among these activities is the production of "Newcomers Guide to Services in Ontario", a practical handbook on government and community programs which will be written in eight languages for newer refugee and immigrant groups.

This year, grants will be available to develop a series of training booklets and facilitators' guides, designed to help community organizations become more stable and effective.



## Forest management agreement

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio signed on May 28, 1987, a forest management agreement (FMA) with Superior Forest Management Ltd. of Chapleau covering 8,530-square kilometres of Crown land in Northern Ontario.

"The integrated approach to forest management called for in this agreement will bring long-term benefits to Chapleau," the minister said.

"Superior Forest Management will receive \$2.3 million in the first year of the 20-year agreement for the regeneration and tending of harvested forest lands in the Chapleau area."

Forest management agreements replace existing timber licences. Under these agreements, forest companies become responsible not only for the harvesting of timber, but also the regeneration and tending of the new forest.

Since the first FMAs were introduced in 1980, a total of 329,000 hectares of forest has undergone regeneration treatments, tending and site preparation by forest companies.

The signing of this 29th FMA boosts the percentage of licensed forests covered under such agreements to more than 66 per cent," the minister said. "It will help ensure that sound forest manage-

ment goes hand-in-hand with the harvesting of timber in Ontario."

The agreement with Superior Forest Management will be reviewed every five years.

If the conditions of the agreement are being met, the agreement will be extended for another five years beyond the original expiry date.

Superior Forest Management is a joint venture of Chapleau Forest Products Limited and A. & L. Lafreniere Lumber Limited.

It was created to manage the co-operative forest management agreement on behalf of the two principal companies.

## Arthur Black

### Crooks are sometimes klutzes

By Arthur Black

I'm a little concerned about the image criminals are carving out for themselves these days. Television series such as *Miami Vice*, *Police Story* and *Night Heat* depict overworked, underpaid policemen, shamuses and other defenders of Law 'n order going up, time and again against drug-money-rich, Uzi-bedecked thugs and gangsters -- evil geniuses who seem to have a whole world of resources at their beck and call. Crooks are portrayed as Machiavellian masterminds of unlimited wealth who can unleash a whole fleet of sleazebag lawyers at the merest flutter of a parking ticket.

Same with movies -- films such as *The Untouchables* and *Dragnet* show the forces of justice to be poor sad schlemmles hogtied by red tape, inferior superiors and bad tailors. Sure, the good guys in the movies and on TV usually win, but you get the feeling it's more by good luck than good management.

clever and well-nigh invincible. The truth is somewhat less edifying. Fact is, statistics show that when it comes to klutzes, buffoon and outright idiots, *The World of Crime* is at the very least, and Equal Opportunity Employer. I won't bore you with a lot of charts and graphs -- just three or four examples recently culled from the dailies.

Take the case of the bank robber in Miami who surrendered -- to an envelope. Chap had just knocked over a branch of Barnett Bank and was sprinting out the door when he ran afoul with a customer by the name of Spurgeon Brown. Brown levelled a manila envelope -- yes, a manila envelope -- at the robber and snarled "FREEZE!" The crook did, dropping a switchblade and two bags containing more than two thousand dollars. Mister Brown, with his envelope cocked and ready, picked up the money and the knife and marched his prisoner back to the bank to await the arrival of police armed with more conventional weaponry.

nasty paper cut as a kid.

Besides, he wasn't as dumb as the burglar arrested in Pittsburgh last month. This guy was rifling an office when he came across a camera -- one of those instant jobs that takes your picture and develops it while you wait. Well, he got half of it right -- he took a photograph of himself -- but he didn't wait. Instead he threw the still-developing print into the wastebasket, popped the camera into his gym bag, and took off.

And it case a personal mug shot wasn't sufficient for investigators, the burglar also left two books behind when he went out the fire escape. They were books he'd checked out of a local library that morning.

Poor guy. As soon as he finishes doing time for burglary he'll be slapped with a fine for those overdue books. It's not hard to see how people fall into a life of crime.

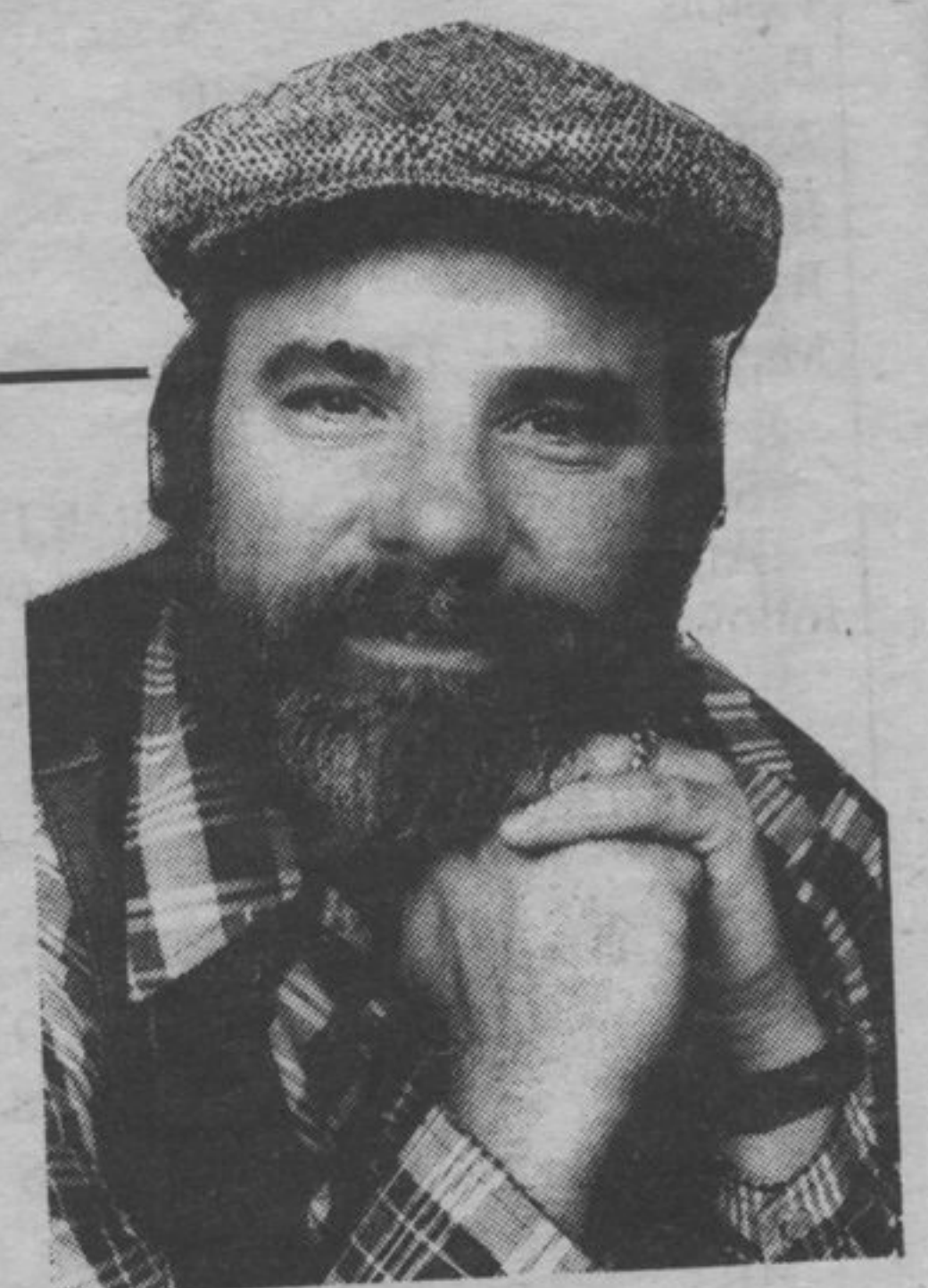
Then there's the case of the London man who broke down when authorities confronted him with a human skull unearthed in

of his wife. He had strangled her 23 years ago in a fight over money. He was glad they had found her skull and ended his life of deception.

Well.... actually they hadn't. The man had been so eager to confess that he hadn't given the finders of the skull time to explain that they were anthropologists, and the skull they'd dug up belonged to a Roman legionaire who'd been tromping around that area about 15 centuries earlier. The homeowner hastened to assure everyone that he'd, heh-heh, just been kidding about the murder, but police aren't laughing, they're digging. And the suspected murderer is awaiting Her Majesty's Pleasure in a London gaol.

What's that I here you cry? All these second rate felons are foreign? You want Canadian content? Fear not. When it comes to dumb crooks, Canada takes a back seat to no nation.

Ask the management and staff of the K Mart store in Whitby, Ontario. They recently had to deal with a young woman who



dropped to the floor. K Mart staff are competent and trained to deal with such emergencies. While one cashier felt for the woman's pulse, another, fearing that drugs (prescription or otherwise) might be involved, looked into the woman's eyes and asked firmly: "What did you take?"

The swoonees eyes cleared briefly, focussed on the K Mart official looming over her. Despondently, she whispered:

"Two wristwatches... you want them back?"

The watches were returned. The woman was taken to hospital for observation. K Mart decided not to press charges.

Must have been Be Kind To Animals Week