

Pet Talk

One of the best deterrents in preventing your house from being robbed is a barking dog. All dogs bark, except the Basenji, which is called the barkless dog. But excessive barking can cause problems for you with your neighbours. In most major cities there are laws against excessive barking. Many court cases involve frazzled people seeking relief from the annoying sound of a dog that barks night and day.

There are many outdoor distractions that cause a dog to bark. Kids can tease him, strangers walk by, and stray dogs roam the neighbourhood causing barking conversations.

It is important to place your dog's run or rope on the quiet side of the house. Having a fence that prevents the dog from seeing the street will help deter him from barking. Also having a dog house may appeal to the dog's denning instinct and clam his barking. You should also make sure your dog is not thirsty or hungry. He'll bark or chew to let you know he is frustrated, this is the only way they have of communicating. Remember, an animal tied outside and forgotten can suffer irreversible problems. Bring your pet in when you are home and spend some quality time with him.

When a dog barks indoors it is usually when someone comes to your door. I have always encouraged my dogs to bark at the should

of a knock or doorbell. But you don't want the dog barking the whole day. Try to use a cage with a puppy, they will feel much happier and content if they are in familiar territory. Leave the room and if the dog barks return and give a firm "NO" then praise your pet. Always remember to praise your dog after any correction. It is the number one rule of obedience training to praise. Each time you leave lengthen your time away. If you return and the dog isn't barking give him praise. Gradually start going outside for short periods and returning quietly for the element of surprise.

Remember that a dog barking a greeting isn't the same as excessive barking. Only give a correction if you hear him barking outside the house. You can also use a shake can as I explained in a former column. Shake the can and give him a firm "NO" wait five seconds then praise your pet.

A water pistol or spray bottle can also be used, in fact it is one of my favourite methods. It is usually effective, you might have the rare dog who will lick the water and think you are playing a game, but it is worth a try. Squirt the water at the dog and say "NO" in a harsh tone of voice. Don't yell, this has no effect except to cause you to get a sore throat and have a deaf dog. Wait five seconds then praise.

Remember provide food, water shelter, exercise and affection and you'll have a happy dog.



There was lots of end-to-end action during Thursdays action between the No Stars and the Canucks. Above, the No Stars goalie makes a save but the Canucks won the game 5-2. Photo by Dave Chmara

Elections - Canada vs U.S.

(NC)—The myriad of lawn signs during the recent federal and municipal elections confused even the most politically-minded citizen. Sorting out the strengths and negatives of federal parties and candidates, is difficult enough without having to decide which unknowns, or semi-knowns, might be the best school trustee, or councillor.

Pity, therefore, the unfortunate voters in the United States who are faced with electing not only a President, Congressman and Senator for Washington, D.C. but also a state Governor, State legislators, and a whole slate of others including judges and district attorneys. Senators are elected for a six year term, and 1988 is an off-year for some states. On the other hand a member of the house of representatives must

face elections every two years. For a congressman life must be a continuous election campaign.

Canadians tend to assume that elections for the House of Commons in Ottawa, and the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. are fundamentally the same. A comparison of November 1988 election results in Canada and the U.S.A. show marked differences.

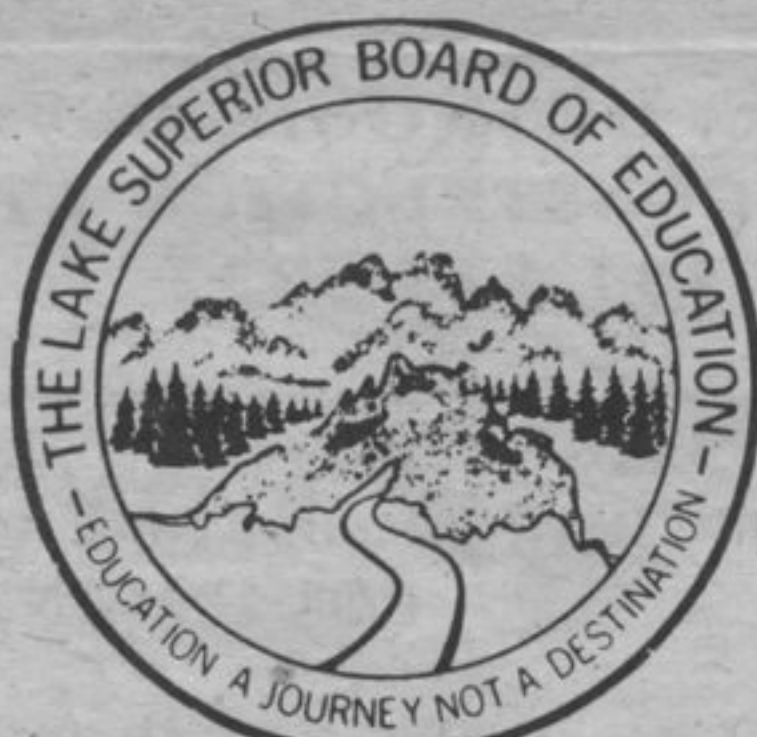
There are 435 members in the house of Representatives. Of all the incumbents who were up for re-election in 1988 only six were defeated; many were returned unopposed. Of the six who lost, four were accused of some malpractice. By contrast five prominent cabinet ministers lost their seats in the Canadian elections, as well as many

veteran and well-respected M.P.s.

Political analysts in the U.S.A. say that a congressman, once elected is as secure as a Supreme Court Judge who is appointed for life. He can conduct a non-stop election campaign at public expense. Each house member is allowed half-a-million dollars for his staff, has free postage privileges and can send unlimited newsletters to his constituents. His opponent has no such advantage.

Sheer election fatigue works for the incumbent. Worn out by an interminable presidential campaign and faced with a long laundry list of nominations the voter works on the principle of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" and votes for the incumbent.

Parliament appears better every day.



THE LAKE SUPERIOR BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Generally, meetings of the Board are as follows:

- * Conference Room, Marathon High School
- * Tuesday nights * 7:00 p.m.

1st Tues. of the month

French Language Education Council and Majority Language Section Education Committees (concurrent sessions) followed by Board Meeting

2nd Tues. of the month

Operations Committee followed by Board Meeting

3rd Tues. of the month

Regular Board Meeting

4th Tues. of the month

Finance Committee followed by Board Meeting

The general public is welcome to attend at any meetings although some portion of each meeting may be closed to the public. Any persons or groups wishing to make presentations to the Board should contact the Board Office (229-0436) well in advance of a meeting.

Minutes of regular Board Meetings are on file at each local library and at each school of the Board. Further information re Board Meetings can be obtained from any Trustee (see Listing of local Trustees below) OR by calling the Board Office at 229-0436.

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THE LAKE SUPERIOR BOARD OF EDUCATION AVIS PUBLIC

Generalement, les reunions du conseil d'education sont comme suit:

- * dans la salle de conference, l'ecole secondaire de Marathon
- * mardi * 19h00

1er mardi du mois

- les comites du conseil d'education de la langue francaise et de la section d'education de la langue majoritaire (des sections concourantes) - suivit par la reunion du conseil d'education

2e mardi du mois

- les comitedes operations - suivit par la reunion du conseil d'education

3e mardi du mois

- la reunion reguliere du conseil d'education

4e mardi du mois

- le comite des finances - suivit par la reunion du conseil d'education

Le public peut assister aux reunions mais des portions des reunions pourraient fermees au public. Des personnes ou groupes qui voudraient faire des presentations au conseil d'education doivent contacter le bureau de conseil (229-0436) bien en avance de la reunion.

Les minutes des reunions regulieres du conseil se trouvent a chaque bibliotheque locale et a chaque ecole. Plus d'information peut etre obtenue en contactant les conseillers scolaires (voir la liste au-dessous) ou par appeler le bureau de conseil a 229-0436.

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