

Northern Insights

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conservation limits.

Wildman made it clear through speeches to the Chiefs of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation in Thunder Bay last November, as well as in a speech to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters convention in the same hotel a few months later, that the government would have to change its game and fish policies as they are enforced on native people, because of the Sparrow ruling.

Farrer's letter on behalf of the conservation officers questions this government position. Farrer raises what he calls potential grey areas of

enforcement - such as situations where a native person might be only one of several people hunting or fishing illegally, and "take the rap" for the group. I guess Farrer hasn't bothered to read the Sparrow decision, or Wildman's speeches. The Sparrow case only recognizes an aboriginal right to hunt or fish for food for *personal consumption* or for food taken for *ceremonial use*. This means an illegal party hunt, where a native person was obviously gathering food not just for his own consumption, could still face charges.

The only point that Farrer makes in his letter to Wildman I can agree with is his request for "clear written direction". Obviously, Farrer is not capable of reading the Sparrow decision, or a Minister's speech - so Wildman has to make the conservation officers' marching orders clear.

Farrer's letter raises the very disturbing prospect that the conservation officers may not enforce the laws the way the government has laid down. The government has the difficult task of weighing the need for conservation of natural resources with the need for society to reach fair and equitable negotiated agreements with those who owned the resources before the British crown. The Supreme Court of Canada has speeded up the debate by clearly ruling that aboriginal rights remain unextinguished - regardless of the arguments or negotiations between governments and the aboriginal leaders over what "treaty rights" are in the mod-

ern context. The Supreme Court has indicated that conservation policies can be enforced, as long as native rights are also respected. Setting the balance between those two is the responsibility

of governing. If the NDP is successful in achieving its objective of negotiating self-government agreements, all the rules will then be clear.

But those new systems will take years to develop. In the meantime, the conservation officers are asking for clearly written rules. I urge Wildman to issue those rules and make them public. The conservation officers clearly need leadership from the top - to be told - in writing - that native people indeed do have special rights to resources the rest of us do not have. The conservation officers will have to live with that, even if they happen to disagree. After all, they are now being paid as professional police officers, and should act accordingly.

All the World's a Circus

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* While points are given for shape, size and placement of ears, judges put no value in "notches".

* In considering the pedigree and breeding heritage of show-caliber cats, the association refuses to recognize "one night stands."

* There is absolutely no reward for amazing cat feats like the 20-metre litter box dash, the three-and-a-half minute yawn or grinning with just two teeth, which happen to be on the same side of his head.

* Cats are judged on eyes that are "rounded and open, alert and expressive". Not one measly point for "closed most of the time."

* They reward cats with "long tails tapering to an oval tip." "Kinks" rate a big fat zero.

* And coats! This galled me the most. They rate a cat's coat according to "wooliness of texture and resiliency." Don't you think they could offer a door prize for the cat who looks so embarrassed by his coat, he wishes he could run out and buy one off the rack?

No I'm sorry but Malcolm will not be submitting his resume to the Cat Fancier's Association until they open their membership up to "Strays." "Runts" and "OVER 100 AND STILL WHINING."

When the C.F.A. wakes up and smells the sardines, Malcolm will be on the cover of their monthly magazine as the Grand Triathlon Champion - a three-sport wonder specializing in Tossing The Hairball, Boxing With Deceased Rodents and Mooning Judges who Deserve It.

and I wouldn't trade the little bugger for the world. Money and free kitten to be named later, yes. But the world, no way.

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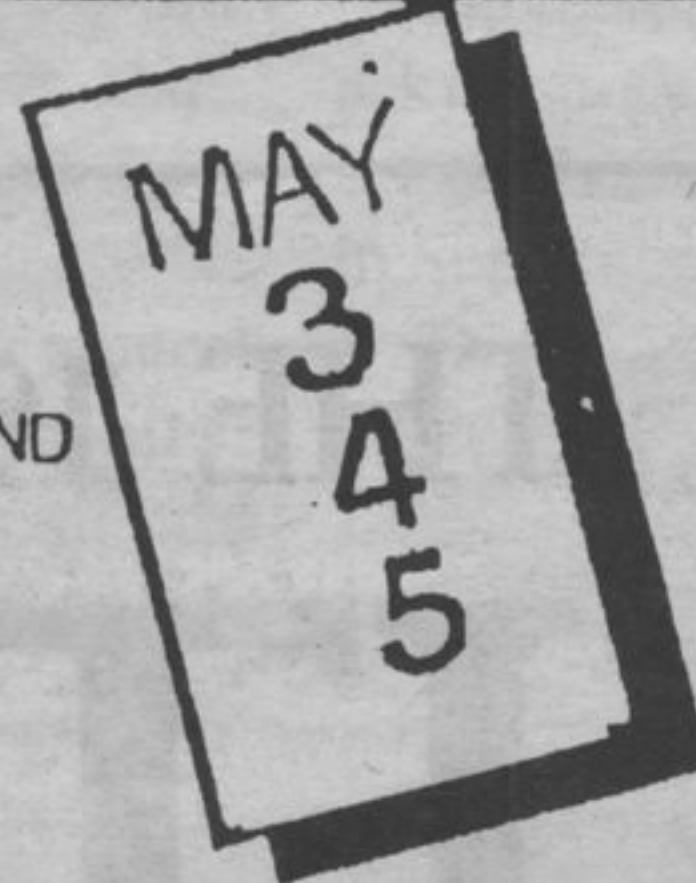
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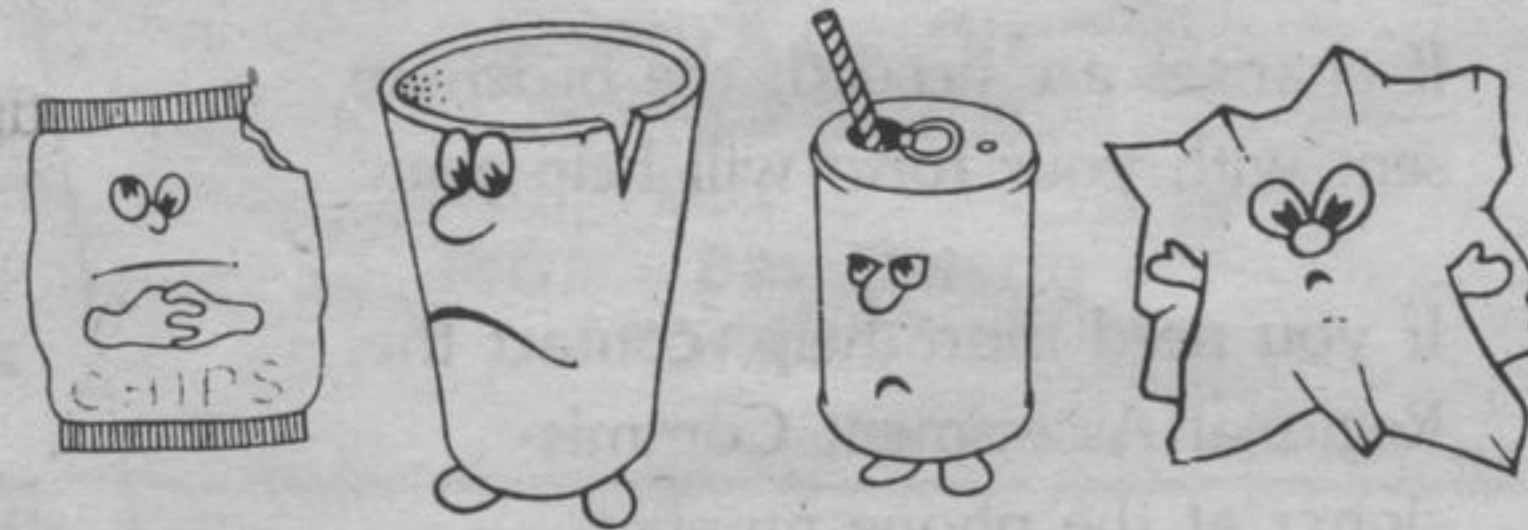
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