

Firearms editorial out of touch with agricultural community

Dear Editor,
Regarding your March 31 editorial, "Good riddance to all firearms"

This article, once again, illustrates the irrational and emotional arguments put forward by the anti firearms forces.

If firearms lead to murders, then one must conclude that snowmobiles lead to drownings, downhill skiing leads to avalanches and newspapers cause news.

The use of isolated instances and convoluted logic does not serve to bring clarity to a complex societal issue. Recently released RCMP statistics for the year 1993 are much more revealing. "The RCMP investigated 88,162 actual violent crimes during 1993, where only 73 of these offences or 0.08 per cent involve the use of firearms," Commissioner J.P.R. Murray.

The irresponsible statement made by your paper regarding the lack of need for firearms in our society, illustrates how out of touch your paper is with the agricultural community you live in.

The present epidemic of coyotes, caused by misguided "save the whale" amateur naturalists, causes hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to livestock every year.

Indiscriminate poisons kill everything, leghold traps are politically incorrect and the clever coyote has figured out just about everything else. The farmers choice of defence: the firearm.

Recreational firearms users purchase liability insurance to cover all lawful firearms activities for a mere \$3 per year for \$5 million.

Ask your doctor, your lawyer or your local newspaper how much their liability insurance is.

Since the major insurance corporations are in business to make money, not pay claims, this would lead one to believe that legally owned firearms represent an extremely low risk to the public. In the wake of three recent murders

committed with steak knives, the following conclusions seems obvious:

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In our Sheer Beauty insert, included in this newspaper on March 25, 1998, please note: Page 2, Jaipur Homme Eau de Toilette Spray, 50ml \$59 was incorrectly described. Copy should read: "Jaipur Homme Eau de Toilette Spray, 50ml \$60." We sincerely apologize to our valued customers and regret any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

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