



PLAN WITH THE PASTOR

The "Win Arn Growth Report" recently stated that by the year 2040, the last of the baby boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964) will have a life expectancy of 87 years for males and 92 years for females.

Cheryl Russell in her book, "Predictions for the Baby Boomers", indicates that their great quest will be for the meaning of life, and cocooning (being at home with family after working all day) will be the normal lifestyle of the 90's. She further states, "Baby Boomers will create a new industry that sells them experiences".

The rapid pace of change in our world exhausts the best of us. The Bible's prediction of men's hearts failing them for fear is a reality. The Prophet Daniel described our day as a time when knowledge would increase rapidly and travel would be greatly expanded.

Have you heard of "Virtual Reality"? The "Omega Letter" did a fascinating feature article on this experience-related and controlled computer. Initiated at NASA in 1984 for planetary exploration, the concept has been used to train surgeons, used by architects and by the military. Predictions are that Virtual Reality machines will be a common fixture in most homes, offices and schools within a decade. How does it work? Briefly, one puts on a head set and data glove, both of which are connected to a computer. The head set has a display screen for each eye and three layers of magnifying lenses, giving you the 3D Virtual world effect so that the illusion of being in the program is created. Your reactions are monitored and become part of the program, changing it accordingly.

The Baby Boomers have indeed provided change of every kind imaginable. As we start into 1992, I must ask, with all of our learning and changing, have we found real meaning in life? As grandparents cocooning, when the next generation asks us about the important values in life, what will be the reply? Perhaps a reasonable goal for 1992 would be to discover the faith of our forefathers. The Bible reveals meaning in life to be a personal relationship of surrender and love to the Lord Jesus Christ. St. Francis of Assisi offered this prayer for the new year.

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness joy.

Oh divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Baby Boomers have extended life expectancy, increased knowledge, provided many luxuries, etc., for the next generation. A legacy that only provides for material comforts is not sufficient to ensure that the next generation will be able to prosper both on earth and in eternity. Energy must be spent this year seeking ultimate reality -- Jesus Christ.

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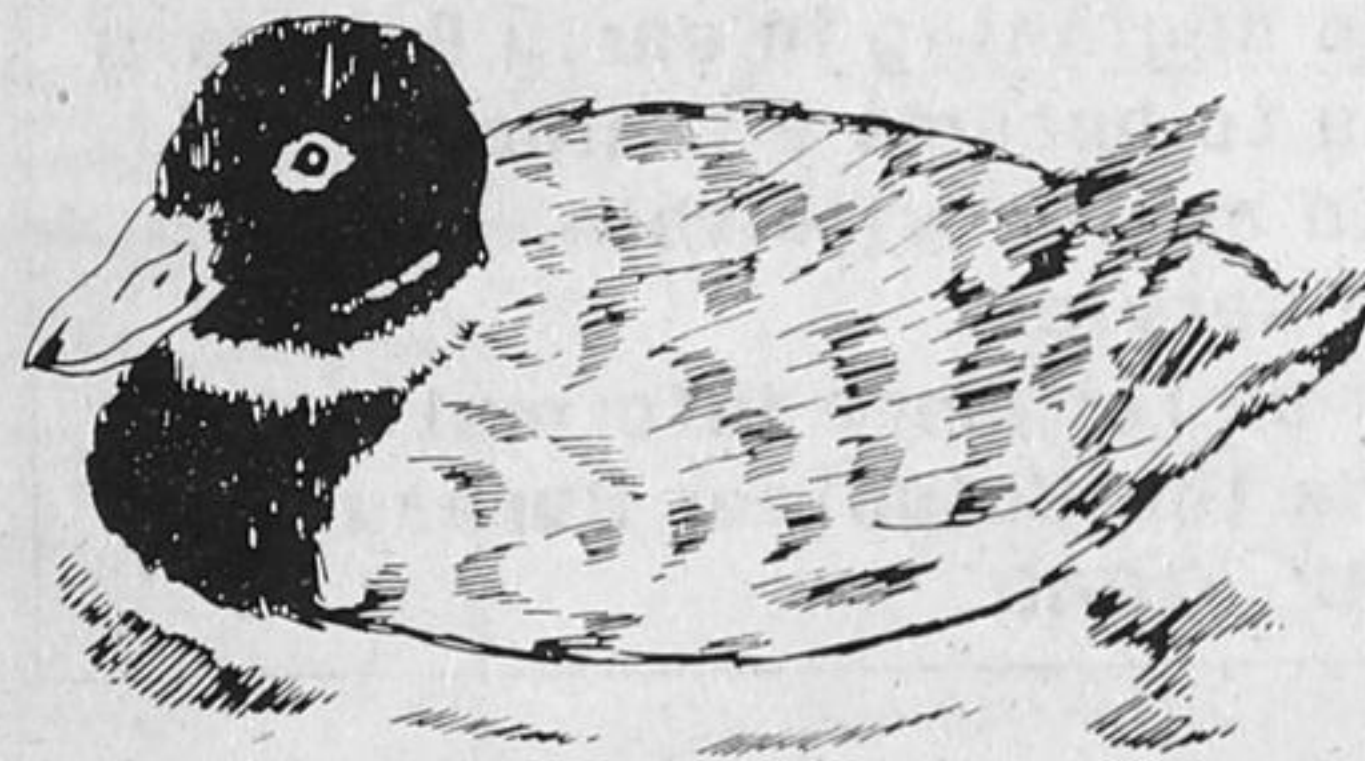
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**1991: REVIEW OF BIG RIDEAU LAKE ASSOCIATION
RIDEAU RECYCLE AND RESTORATION PROJECT
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The first year of this three year project proved to be a great success. The cash value amounted to \$7500.00. More important was the significant number of volunteer hours - more than 500, in the following activities:


- plantings of 2000 trees and shrubs along the shoreline
- photo inventory of shoreline erosion
- improvement of loon nest sites and construction of seven artificial nesting platforms
- environmental mailing to 700 lakeshore residents
- public environmental meeting at Rideau Ferry
- clean-up of tornado and forest fire zone
- comprehensive water testing
- survey and information package dropped off at 1300 lakeshore properties in support of recycling, composting, wake abatement and other environmental objectives
- visitation with over 200 lake residents
- environmental leaflets designed for day-in boaters distributed at various launching sites on Big and Lower Rideau

The above program is organized by the Big Rideau Lake Association, with some funding support from Environment Canada, E.P.F.. In co-operation with relevant government agencies it seeks to enlist partnerships with individuals and other groups that will make visible improvements to our shared lake resources.


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