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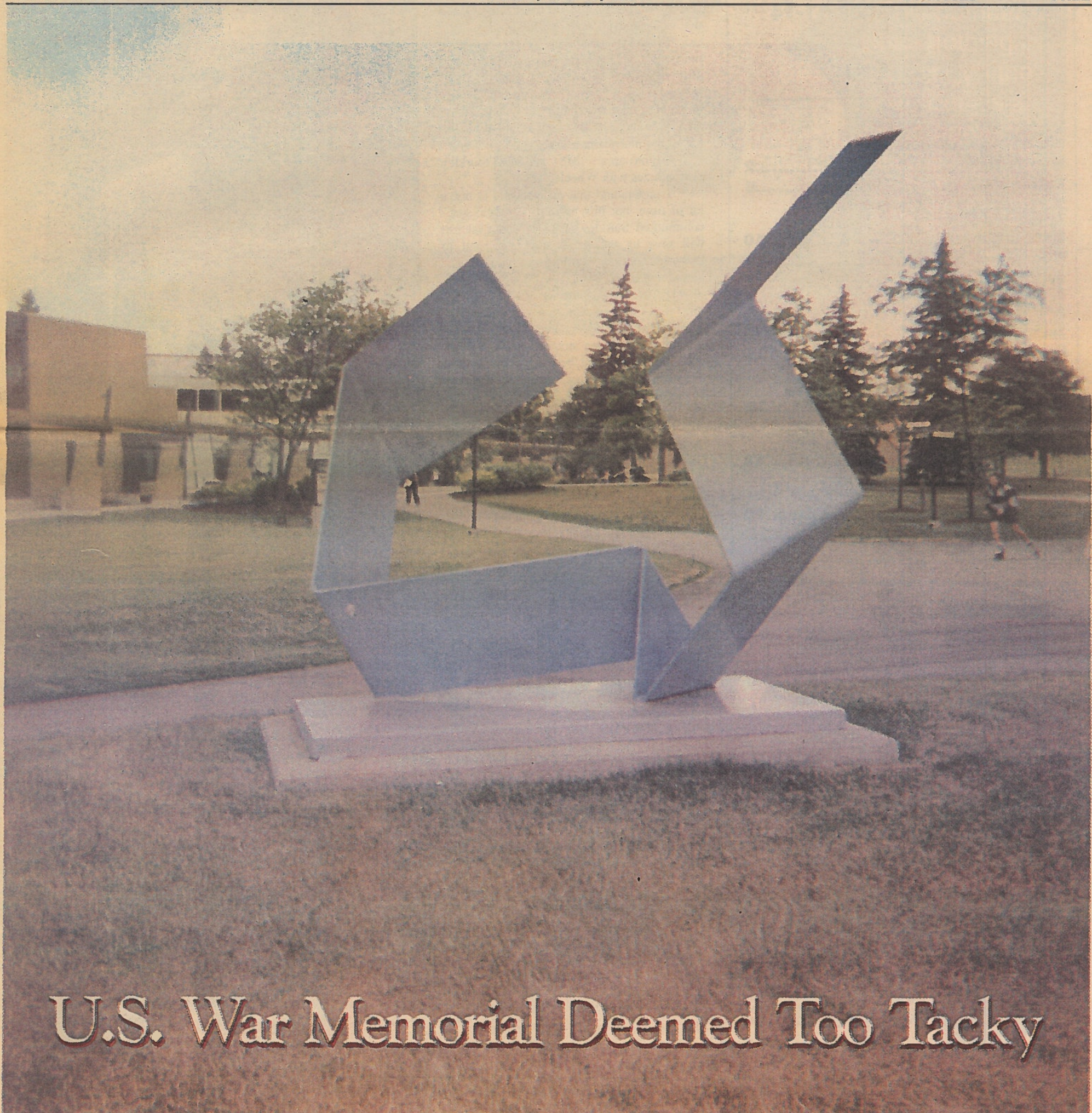
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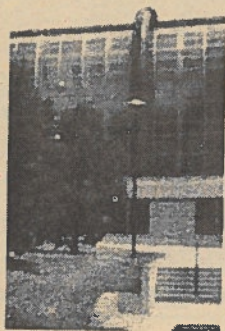
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Pot Legal For Six Seconds

"Lite em up," endorses Chretien.

The Canadian Government has finally caved in and will legalize marijuana, but only for six seconds.

The six seconds, which will start at exactly the stroke of 7:13pm Eastern on Monday, August 3, 1998, will be the first time that pot is legal in Canada.

Surprisingly, pot-smokers are saying that six seconds is not enough.

"Since it will be illegal to have marijuana in your possession before and after those six seconds, you have to buy, roll, light up, and smoke the joint all within those six seconds. I may only be able to take three legal puffs!" said Marty Wheeler, a Toronto marijuana user.

Toronto-area MP John Starkley sympathizes with Wheeler.

"I understand that six seconds is not a lot of time, but this was all we could get," commented Starkley. "This brief trial run will give us the information we need to know if we can legalize marijuana on a permanent basis."

The trial run, as the federal government puts it, is to see how much society will collapse with marijuana legal for those six seconds. Marijuana supporters are hopeful that Canada will not be hit by any natural disasters during those six seconds, lest they be blamed on legalized pot.

"What are the chances that our country will become a desolate wasteland during those six seconds?" hopes pot activist George Willowby.

According to a recent Toronto Numb poll, 110% of Canadians smoke pot, while - 3% do not. It should be noted that the Toronto Numb's pollster is very definitely one of the pot-smokers.



LAUGHING IT UP ... Someone who is looking very forward to those six seconds.



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9:00
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United States Seeks Canada's Help to Invade Canada

By CHADWICK SEVERN

Special to the Numb

TORONTO - The Toronto Numb has learned that the United States plans to invade and conquer Canada sometime in the near future, and even more astonishing, use Canadian troops in the takeover.

Since the United States and Canada are such friendly allies, US president Bill Clinton phoned Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien to ask for military support in America's latest military venture. When Chretien asked what the target was, Clinton just looked at his feet and mumbled something about the Middle East. Satisfied, Chretien then assigned most of the Canadian Armed Forces to bases in Washington state, New York, etc., which, he was told by Clinton, were the starting points for their military strike.

Unbeknownst to Chretien, was that when the Canadian troops arrived, they were ushered into windowless air force cargo planes, where they circled around in the air to give the illusion that they were flying great distances. When they landed, the Canadian Forces were told they were somewhere in Uganda, where in reality, they were on the Canadian/American border.

"You know, I thought I had eaten in that diner," commented one Canadian foot soldier.

Gave Interview

American authorities agreed to speak to the press as long as they weren't Canadian. We managed to convince General Jacob Tisch that "Toronto" was in one of those western states over there, and were promptly granted an interview.

Tisch said that the main reason for the Canadian invasion (code-named Operation Maple Storm) was to liberate Canadian citizens from the harsh conditions put upon them, such as GST and CVA.

"It seemed that Canada was on the verge of crumbling. Quebec wanted to leave, Newfoundland didn't get any respect, and apparently there's a province called Saskatchewan, but we'll believe that when we see it. We thought it would be a lot easier just to swallow Canada into America. Now Quebecers won't have to whine about being a part of Canada anymore," said Tisch.

Not much will change according to American authorities. American senator Ronnie Helms endorsed one of the two changes that have been approved so far.

"For starters, we're going to start celebrating Thanksgiving on the same damn day!" shouted Helms during the last senate meeting.

The other immediate change is that the CN Tower is going to be renamed "America's Other Phallic Symbol."

It was at this point that The Toronto Numb accidentally tipped its hand by saying "No way, eh!" prompting the American government to authorize a preemptive strike.

The integration of Canada into the United States is being hailed as a great homecoming for Alaska, which will finally become part of the "continental" United States. Alaska will at last be eligible for getting Chicken McNuggets for only 99 cents, leaving Hawaii as the only state left that has \$1.49 Chicken McNuggets.

Lara, 30, loves to spend time in caves and search for untold treasures. This single Aquarius has starred in several successful computer games and hopes to find the right guy eventually. She is the Windows background on nearly half of the computers in the world.

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Inquest Reveals That Hamster-Power is not an Effective Quebec Hydro Backup

MONTREAL - Authorities for Quebec Hydro have confirmed that Hamster-Power is not very effective as a backup in emergencies. The last major incident to afflict QH was last year's ice storm, during which the hamsters employed by Quebec Hydro were enable to keep up with demand.

"Ya know, we at Quebec Hydro, ya know, really thought that hamster power was the way to

go, ya know." Commented Quebec Hydro head Michael Yard.

The engineers at Quebec Hydro, the second largest hydro company in Canada, are currently investigating the possibility of changing to a aviary or aquatic backup.

Quebec Hydro employs 300 hamsters, thirty penguins, seventeen giraffes, eight pigs, and a parakeet.

Language Law Mix-up Have Most Quebeckers Saying "Ay! Caramba!"

Typo on bill means that all Quebec signage must be in Spanish

By CHADWICK SEVERN
Toronto Numb

Don't be surprised to see "Casa De El Whopper" on the signs outside the Burger King on your next trip to Montreal. The provincial government revealed yesterday that due to a typo on the infamous Language Law Bill, all signs in the Province of Quebec must be prominently in Spanish.

"As long as it's not English, I'm happy," declared Lucien Bouchard, the premier of Quebec, at a press conference yesterday. "Of course, the spirit of the law was to ensure the survival of the French language and culture, but we can live with Spanish too."

This revelation is being hailed as victory for Mexican-Quebeckers, an oft forgotten minority group.

"We are extremely pleased that Spanish will be the language of choice for signs and advertising," said Tony Vega, of the Coalition for Spanish Awareness. "Most Mexicans can muddle their way through English signs, but French is way too weird for us."

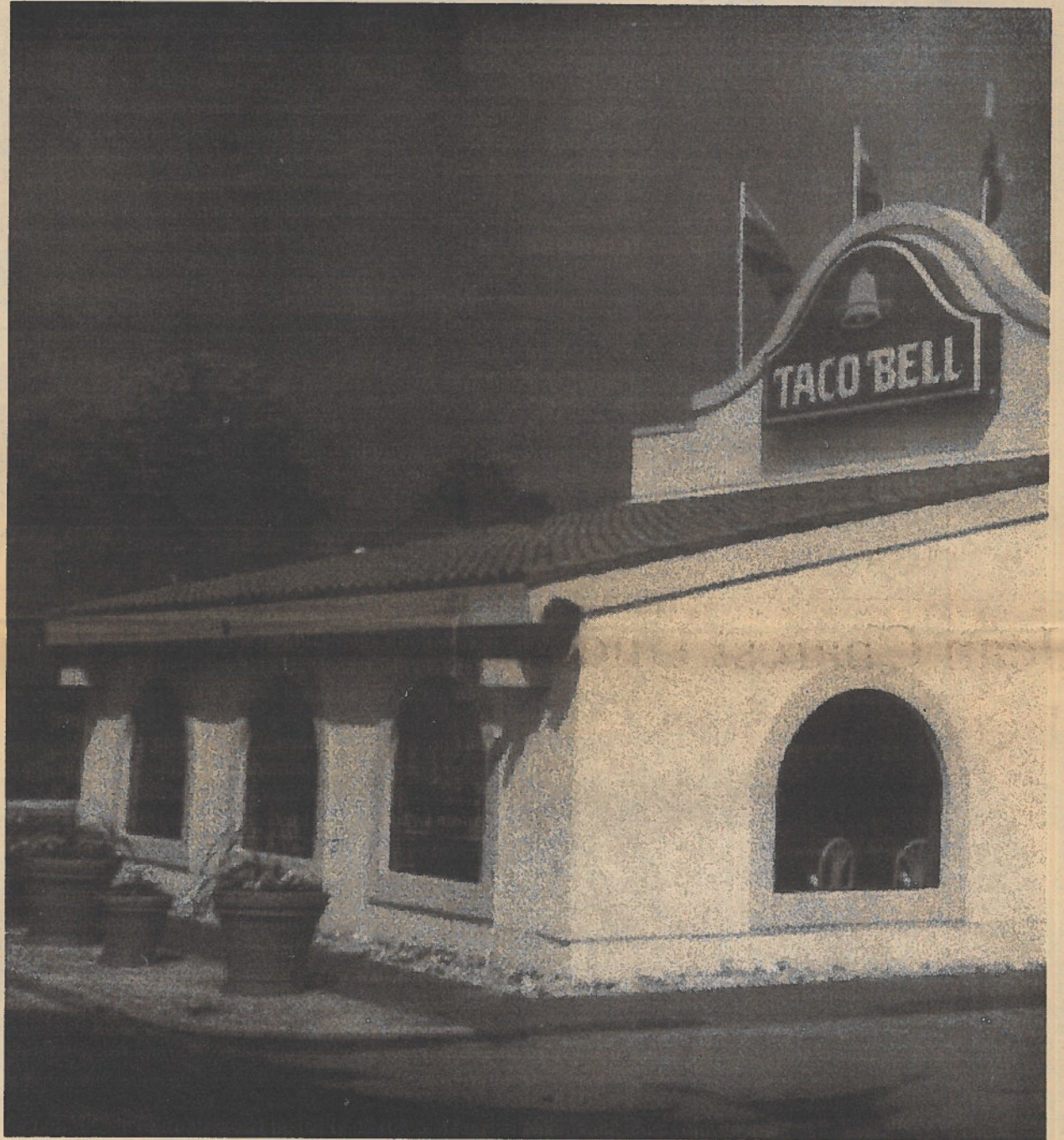
Minor Amendment

The cause of the fiasco is under investigation, but it appears that the change from French to Spanish happened when a minor amendment to the Language Law was introduced to the Quebec assembly and passed quickly. The amendment was supposed to widen the scope of the law, forcing storeowners to reduce English words from one-half to one-third the size of any French words. It would also change the rights that all police read to individuals that are arrested to "You have the right to remain silent and to have a lawyer, but you do not have the right to speak English."

After the amendment passed without debate, a Liberal critic opened up the bill and discovered that a key section of the bill had a list of allowable and restricted languages, with French and Spanish in the wrong sections. The authors of the bill immediately checked the original copies on their computers, and found that someone had accidentally pressed TAB in a few inopportune places in the document, which messed up the formatting of the Allowable/Restricted Languages section of the document.

Experts agree that although Spanish signs is not the greatest thing that happened to Quebec, it could have turned out a lot worse.

"Spanish was originally listed right under Pig Latin in the Restricted Languages section, so, if the careless TAB-presser had been one line higher, we'd have a linguistic nightmare on our hands," said Robert Bercham, an expert in Spanish-French relations.



VIVA LA TACO ... This restaurant will have no troubles adopting the new language law. Taco Bell already does much of its marketing in Spanish.

Conrad Black Reveals That New Newspaper To Be Printed On Newsprint

By GEOFF PRESENCE
Toronto Numb

Conrad Black, the head of the newspaper giant Southam, has announced that his brand new nationwide newspaper will be printed on newsprint, at a press conference held earlier yesterday morning.

"It has been brought to my attention that some members of the press and owners of rival newspapers have been

wondering about my new national paper," said Black. "I am here today to divulge more information about it."

Black then went on to say that pages in the newspaper would be sequential, that the newspaper would "probably" accept some form of advertising, and for the most part, it would be in English. A French version would be available at a later date.

Ever since Black announced that he

would be entering the crowded Toronto newspaper market, reporters for the existing Toronto dailies have been quick to report any new information about their upcoming competitor.

Earlier this year, an executive of Southam unveiled the still-unnamed paper to the press.

Last week, memos obtained by the Numb revealed that the new daily would have a comics section, and that it would

contain either Andy Capp or Garfield.

After the leak, Black scheduled a press conference for yesterday, where he told a captive audience about his plans for the paper, which will have colour photos on the front page.

Newspaper industry experts agree that we will soon be finding out much more about the new newspaper, such as if it will list winning lottery numbers and sports scores.

Canadian News

'Enough of this sometimes shit'

Y Demands Separation From Alphabet

By CHADWICK SEVERN
Toronto Numb

It could be a lot harder to pronounce words like "tipsy" and "yogurt" if Y gets its own way, and separates from the rest of the alphabet.

"Enough of this 'sometimes' shit," Y said yesterday. "I'm sick and tired of being sometimes a vowel, sometimes a consonant. I want to be a distinct letter."

Apparently discontent with being referred to as "Sometimes Y", Y has filed a motion with Merriam-Webster to remove itself from the English alphabet. This is the first time in 1,000 years that a letter has asked to be removed from the alphabet. A millenium ago, the letter V was thrown out of the alphabet when it was discovered that only one word in the English language used it.

That word, KVD, was respelled KOOLAID, and V was unceremoniously kicked out of the dictionary.

B through Y couldn't be reached for comment. A, a full-time vowel, expressed dismay at Y's accusations.

"I don't see the problem...Y's got the best of both worlds. Vowels get to be the glue that hold words together and make them pronounceable, while consonants are the guttural entities that make each word unique. And Y gets it both ways!" said A.



THE LETTER 'Y'
Wants out of alphabet

Y's neighbour Z agrees. "At least Y is always pronounced the same. Some people call me Zee and some people call me Zed. It's a crazy alphabet!"

The main point of contention appears to be the issue of residuals. A vowel will get a higher cut in vocabulary markets than consonants in order to compensate for the extra work required of vowels.

However, Y can only get a vowel-sized percentage when it is actually being spoken as a vowel. The rest of the time,

Y is forced to take the lower consonant rate.

This isn't the first time the alphabet has been plagued by letter troubles. Early last year, F went on strike for three weeks. P and H had to pair up and work double-time in order to provide writers and speakers a pronunciation substitute.

Professional spellers say that Y does have a case, but that if it is allowed to leave the alphabet, it could spell disaster for the English language.

"Yes, we could still spell disaster, but calamity, emergency, and tragedy would be helpless without the letter Y," said Fyucyk Yoffy, one of the more worried spelling professionals. "We absolutely cannot let the letter Y leave the alphabet. This would set a dangerous precedent."

Jean Charest Under Enormous Pressure To Lead Troubled Video Store

By GEOFF PRESENCE
Toronto Numb

Jean Charest, formerly the leader of the federal Tories, and now the leader of the Quebec Liberals, is once again under enormous pressure to resign and take charge of a situation that only he can handle.

The current crisis involves a local video store in Waterloo, Ontario. Business is not doing so good, customers are complaining about the number of new releases available to rent each night, and the employees are bored out of their wits.

Owner of VideoPlusPlus, Jake David, says that only Jean Charest can save his video store from bankruptcy.

"These Blockbuster stores are popping up at every corner of the city," lamented David. "How can I compete with that buying power? I try to tell me customers 'Just say no to the Blockbuster,' but more and more people keep deciding that they'd rather say 'Yes, I will go to Blockbuster.' I really need Charest to come in here, take charge of the situation, and convince the citizens of Waterloo that 'No' is the answer for them!"

David has already been in contact with Charest, through phone calls and letters. Charest has said no each time to the job offer. Last Friday, David actually managed to get into Charest's office to confront him.

"You have an obligation to serve the people of this country, Jean. I think that you be the most useful as manager of VideoPlusPlus," declared David.

"Go away," replied Charest.

Political analysts aren't sure how much longer Charest can withstand the amount of pressure he is under to quit the Quebec Liberals.

"It's a tough decision," says Jerry Snufu, a political advisor. "Do you stay with the Liberals to try to win back federalist support in the province, or do you jump into the volatile world of video rentals. You know, renting DVDs is just on the horizon, so this might be a bad time to jump."

Charest has said that he will need to discuss the matter with his family, and is expected to make a final decision on Monday. Jake David hopes he makes the right choice.



WILL HE? Will Charest quit the Liberals to help out this video store?

Really Sexy Voices Wanted!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 — Tryouts by phone for people with good voices are on at the S-E-X broadcast centre:-

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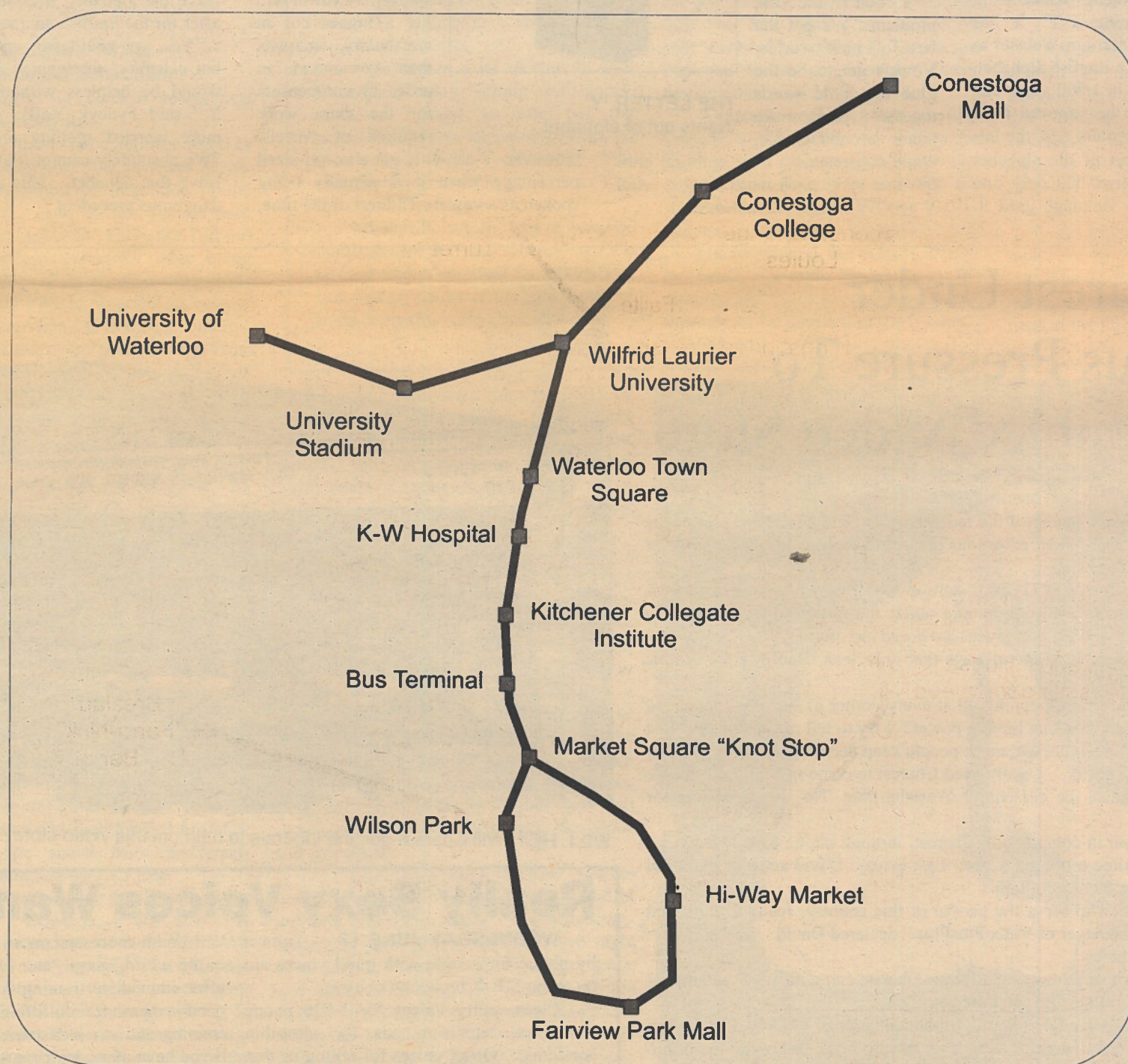
"With more and more stupid people in the world," says Peter Lizak, "We can offer immediate training for people with good voices for fulfilling jobs in the conning and sex industries, in spare time if you have other, legitimate work."

"If you have an appealing voice, you may be a natural for part or full time phone-sex work." Tryouts are open now.

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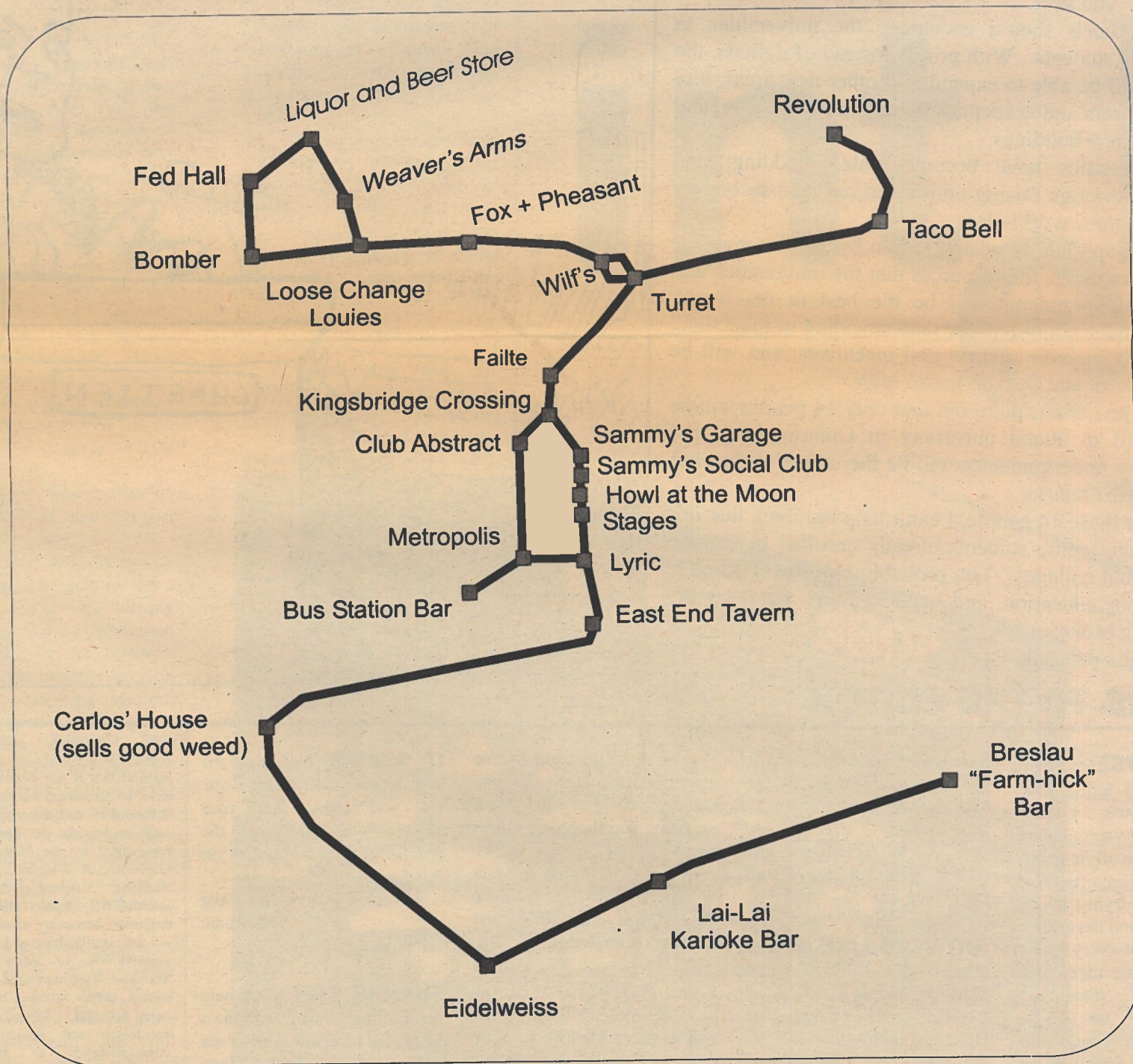
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Tuition is still too low!

The deregulation of tuition fees for professional programs is a step in the right direction for universities in Ontario.

The Harris government did not go far enough, though. Deregulation should encompass all faculties and programs for all universities and colleges. No academic career should be subsidized by the hardworking taxpayers in this province.

If it costs the University of Toronto \$15,000 a term to cover all of the expenses associated with teaching one law student, then that student should pay at least \$15,000 for the privilege of attending U of T for that term.

"At least?" you say?

Yes, the Harris should encourage the universities to overcharge the students. With profits instead of deficits, the universities will be able to expand into other new areas, hire the best professors and academics the world has to offer, and build modern new buildings.

Our universities have become stale, plodding, and boring. Only through raising tuition can our post-secondary institutions become world-class.

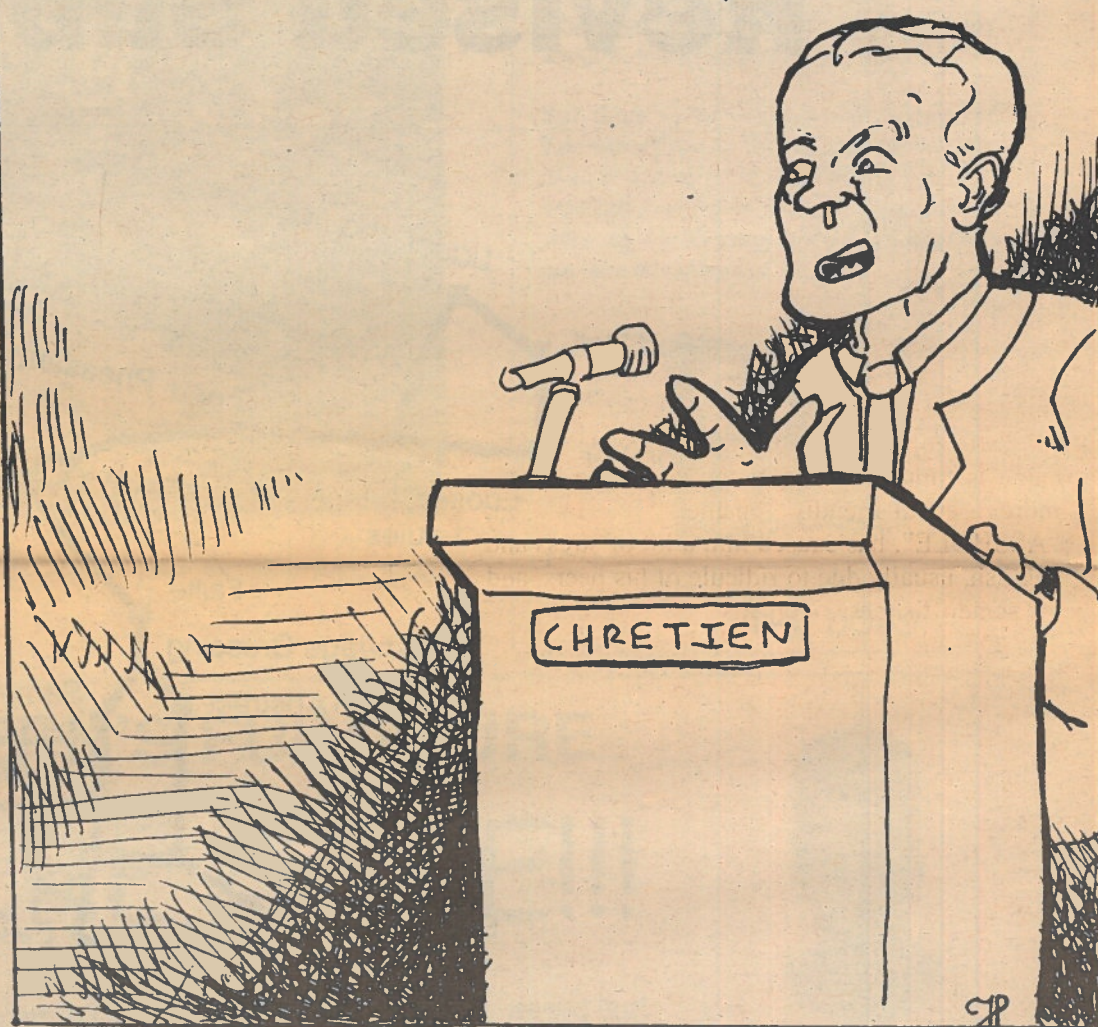
Experts figure that by raising tuition by 500% across the board in all programs, the resources that the universities will be able to offer students will be the best in the world. Graduates will have an immense understanding of their field, will command superior salaries and incentives, and will be the finest citizens that Ontario has to offer.

Those same experts point out that only 14 people will be able to afford to attend university in Ontario, but those fourteen lucky undergraduates will be the crème of the crop of the people in Ontario.

As one of those 14 people, I can't help but think that this plan may anger some students already enrolled in Ontario universities and colleges. You probably have invested quite a bit into your education, and hope to finish your degrees without going broke.

Well, that's just sad.

DA MILLENIUM SCHOLARSHIP
FUND IS EMPTY! WE HAD TO
SPEND DA MONEY TO GET DA
SYSTEM YZK-COMPLIANT!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUR EXPOSE on spam email (May 24) left a sour taste in my mouth. I don't think it's fair for you to blame all email spam in all its forms all on me. I'm just a teenager in Mississauga, trying to get through school and have some fun. Saying that every single piece of electronic advertising has originated from my computer may be a bit misleading, since I only play Quake on my computer. I have been deluged with angry phone calls (thanks for publishing my address and phone number), death threats and letter bombs. I believe that your reporter may not

have traced these spam emails to the correct source. Please help clear my name!

Jerry Wilde
Mississauga

(We'll print a correction next week.)

ARTICLES LIKE the ones titled "Mindy Opens Her Shirt: It Sure Is Hot!" (May 27) and "Three Lovely Ladies Hit The Beach" (May 28) are the type of hard-hitting journalism that I just can't find in The Toronto Star. I imagine the editors at the Globe had pretty red faces when they came in Thursday morning to see that they had

been majorly scooped by the competition. How do you manage to get to these amazing, jam-dropping stories first?

Joseph Almaria
Toronto

(We simply have the most talented reporters.)

I'VE NOTICED that the positions of Publisher, CEO, and General Manager of The Toronto Numb are always vacant. Why is this?

Joanna Smith
Richmond Hill

(Co-op students, who don't get credit for their work, fill those positions.)

IT SEEMS that most of your articles really bash Grits. Do you think that your political views influence the articles that you publish in this newspaper?

Yim Yang
Markham

(Hell, yeah.)

THANKS FOR your help on shutting down California's license plate fraud ring. Your article "Far Too Many PRICEISRIGHT Plates In Circulation!" (May 15) shut them down.

John Sampson
Los Angeles, CA

(Glad to help.)

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Parents: Think of the Email!

If the only thing you worry about when choosing a name for your spanking new baby is if it rhymes easily with teasing words, you should stop and think.

Most parents don't consider the full consequences when choosing names for their children. But in this modern world, it's important to make sure their Email address is a good one.

Barbara and Thomas Smith of Toronto were careful when choosing a name for their new son. They realized that giving their baby a conventional name like John or Jim would lead him to an Email address of JSMITH423 or JSMITH7392.

"How would people be able to know which JSMITH he was?" said Thomas. "What if he missed getting an important Email because someone sent it to JSMITH536 instead of JSMITH537?"

The Smith's solution was to name their son Xerxes, virtually guaranteeing him an Email address of XSMITH, without a number.

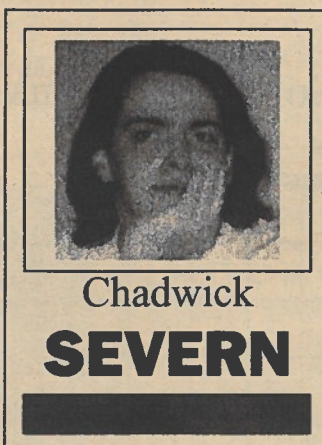
Unfortunately, Alfred Shole, whose middle name is Stuart, never got the chance to pick a more email-friendly name. His id, "ASSHOLE", has caused him a lot of stress and anguish, usually due to ridicule of his peers, and the standoffishness of clients.

"Oh man, it's hard hearing a suppressed chuckle four seconds after I hand out a business card," says Shole. "It happens every single time, man."

Shole has considered changing his name, but the legal system does not yet include email-considerations as a valid reason. Shole does not wish to use a nickname or handle either. As a vice-president of one of the five major banks, it's important that he acts professional and use his real names as his email address.

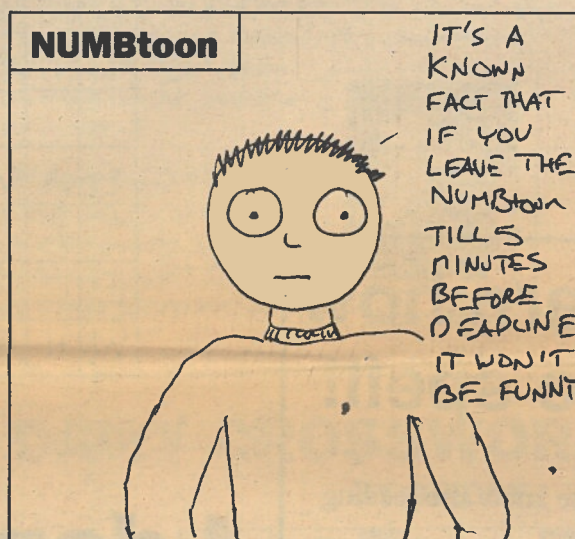
As a vent for his frustration, Shole spends a lot of his time reading the Internet, specifically the Usenet newsgroup alt.email.ids.suck.suck.suck. Other members of the newsgroup like Sam H. Thead and Barney U. Tuggly console each other and try to support people new to the Internet who have

recently discovered that their email id is socially demeaning.



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Graffiti Found On Bus

Drivers' shocked

By PETER LIZAK

Numb Thinker

"I walked towards the back of the bus," said Bill Huggins, a Kitchener Transit bus driver, "I was just trying to get another look at that cute chick at the back, when all of a sudden, I saw all this graffiti. It was so horrible." Bill had to be taken to a psychiatric ward. The shock was unbearable.

The discovery of the graffiti on the number 7 University route bus prompted transit officials to inspect other buses. To their horrid discovery, the transit officials discovered seats, walls, windows, and on one bus, even the floor, covered with graffiti.

"We had to bring in Toronto's Graffiti identification squad to verify that it was real," explained transit official James Johnston, "I didn't think this could happen in our town." After the Toronto team identified the markings as real graffiti, Mayor Richard Christie declared a state of emergency.

"They invade our city, and we fall back. They assimilate entire neighbourhoods, and we fall back...not again! The line must be drawn here! Now!" shouted Richard Christie at a City of Kitchener council meeting. "We must stop these Graffiti bandits! We need to call in the army!"

New state of emergency laws call for all teenagers, thugs, kids with markers and paint, and thugs in general to sit at the front of the bus, while all old folks, middle-aged people, and pathetic losers who ride the bus for fun are now forced to sit in the rear.

Kitchener transit hopes that the situation can be brought under control, and quickly "I thought these things only happened in big cities, like Hamilton, London or Kingston," explained Mr. Johnston, "I really don't understand."

Thankfully, the Toronto Graffiti squad has volunteered to help out until Kitchener returns to normal.

Tired Of Sleep

By DR. HOLLOW GRAMMY
Numb Freelance Doctor

What is the point in sleeping? It sucks up one third of our life, maybe more – this is time that could be used much more productively! Sleep is just a cruel joke (it's the word 'peels' backwards!) which keeps us from going out and enjoying ourselves in the evening after a hard (or at least long) day's work. Instead, we will have nightmares about the very next day, making us unwilling to get up in the morning. In fact, often we end up working when we are tired, and then sleeping when we are not! What's the idea here? Nothing is being done about this horrible condition, although it is one to which no person is immune!

Obviously more research should be done into finding a way of simulating 8h of sleep in just the blink of an eye. All scientists should be working on this problem. Once we have ceased wasting so much of our lives on sleep, more time can be devoted to their (so-called) important research on DNA. So why is this problem not being addressed? It is obviously an insidious plot by the caffeine manufacturers! If we don't feel tired, they will have practically no reason to exist!

The secret is in how they have us hooked into consuming a stimulant that is not against the law. (Which doesn't mean it's not dangerous, if you drink a couple hundred cups of coffee at once, your life may be at risk!) So I think it is high time we made some changes to our laws. The government must keep coffee and other caffeine products away from us, to keep us from suffering those cravings we get when we have to stay up all night to finish an assignment, using caffeine to prevent your sleep meaning that you'll just have to make up the time later when you run out of coffee because you couldn't afford it after you zoned out at work again and didn't get paid so your rent was late and you were thrown out on the street which is when your girlfriend left you and you're reduced to sucking on a used coffee filter because you can't fall asleep now or you'll be abducted by the aliens on Ninth avenue!!!

So something must be done. The current situation is enough to keep you awake at night.

Dr. Grammy is currently unemployed

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Lifestyle

Woodchuck Who Can Chuck Wood Found

The scientific world was shocked last night when researchers at the University of Waterloo announced that "Barry," one of their population of woodchucks being used in an experiment in fractal-based data encryption, had learned to chuck wood. Biologists quickly swarmed to the cages to study Barry in action since conventional wisdom holds that, despite their name, throwing any form of lumber is quite impossible for a woodchuck.

The wood-chucking incident occurred as Barry was being fed for the night. Instead of his usual meal of bugs and sawdust, the research group had decided to "treat" their resident woodchucks to food from the University of Waterloo's Food Services. The flock of rodents, however, didn't take kindly to the change and Barry expressed his displeasure by hurling a nearby two-by-four, injuring the grad student who had brought the offending meal.

The head researcher on the project, Dr. Rick Vermin, commented that "We had thought that after what we usually feed them that they would eat anything even remotely biological. I guess not."

Barry's wood chucking continued the entire night and only petered out when Barry was presented with a much more appetizing plate of dead worms. This incident was enough, however, for Dr. Vermin to estimate that "Given an adequate supply of greasy, poorly-cooked food, Barry would probably chuck 60 000 board feet of a soft wood like white pine, or 20 000 board feet of the harder teak during his lifetime, accounting for time spent eating, sleeping, and watching South Park. Unfortunately, our grant isn't large enough to buy enough Food Services food to proceed beyond speculation at this point."

Plans for Barry now include such options as sending him to Scotland to be cloned into a whole flock of wood-chucking woodchucks, as well as training him for the caber toss in the next highland games.

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Solution To This Issue's Crossword

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I don't give a fuck!

DEAR CRABBY: I've tried and tried, but I just can't seem to find the right man. Is there any advice you could give me to help me find Mr. Right?

—Lonely in Head-Smashed-In-
Buffalo-Jump

—Foot Lover in Trois-Rivieres

DEAR FOOT: I think the solution is clear—GET OVER IT!! NEXT!!

DEAR CRABBY: My girlfriend moved away over a month ago to work while I stayed behind to continue my education. Our only means of communication, e-mail, seems to have been severed—

Whine, whine, whine! Is that all you people do? For 23 years, I've had to listen to you deadbeats whine and complain about your problems. What about me? Who do I get to complain and bitch to?

I've had it! You think you've got problems? Try me! Stuck in this dead-end job for 23 years, still single, can't find a man to save my life...MY LIFE SUCKS!! Are you people happy? Look at what you've reduced me to! Quit bothering me already! Leave me alone! PLEASE!!!

DEAR LONELY IN WHEREVER: Do you realize how many times I've been asked this stupid question? If I've answered this question once, I've answered it a thousand times: I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW! Please, PLEASE stop asking me this question!!

DEAR CRABBY: I have a foot fetish. No matter what, whenever I think I've found the right woman for me, I confide to her about my fetish, and she promptly slaps me in the face and leaves. Is there something wrong with me? Can I get help? Will I ever find a woman who will like me despite (or better yet, because of) my fetish?

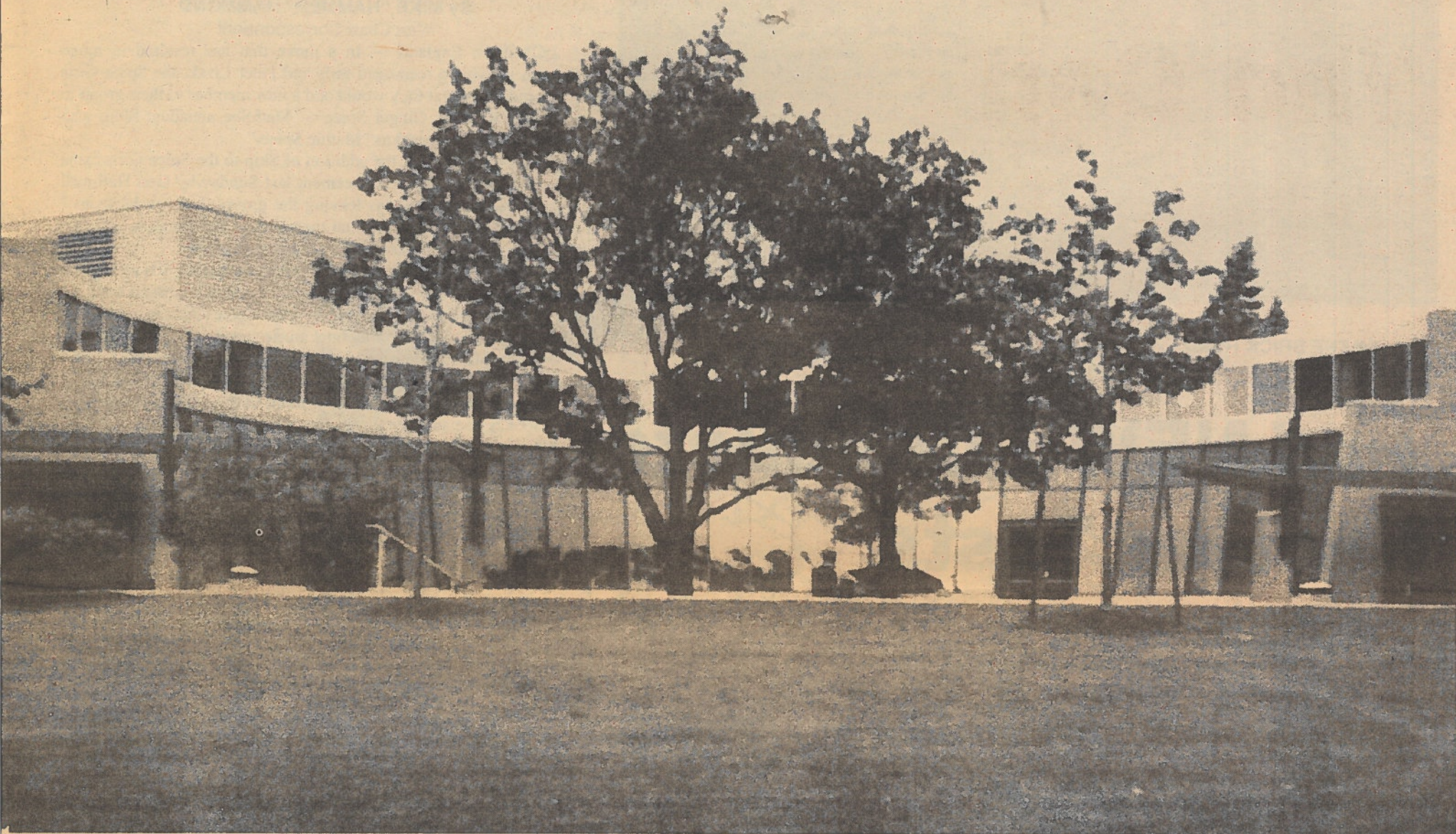


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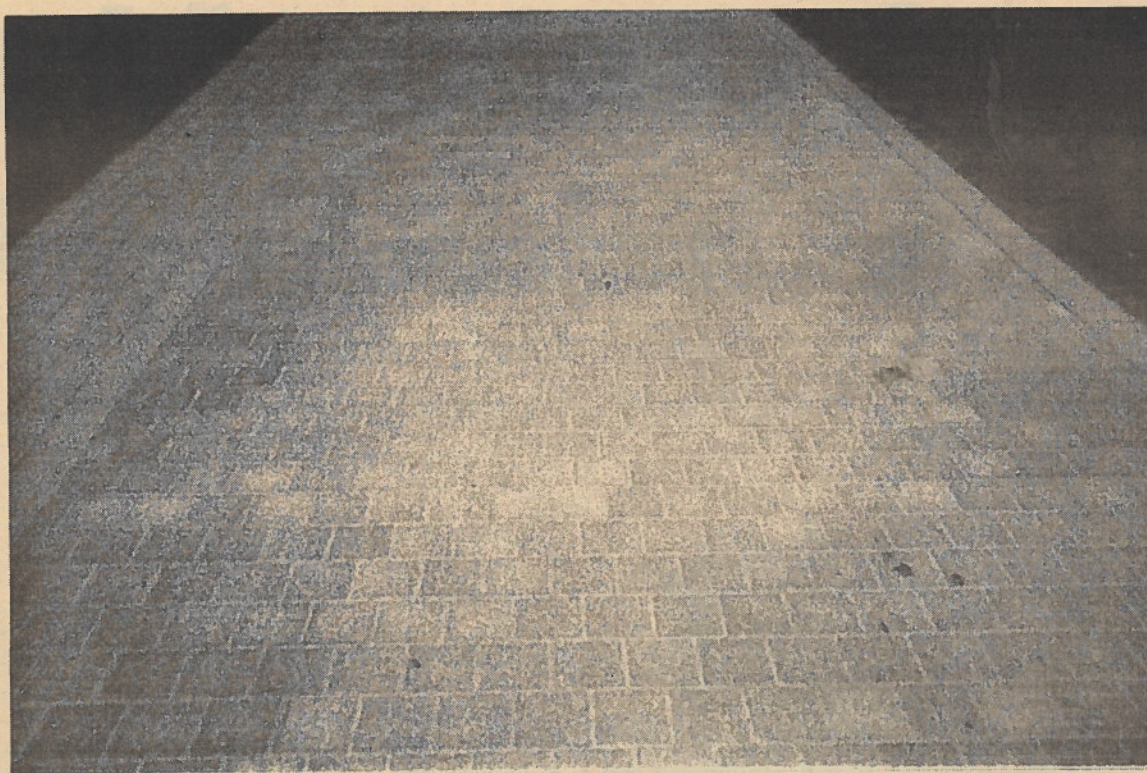
Behind The Scenes At

The University of Waterloo



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...*conspiracy finally revealed!!!*
- CS Students Get Trained



FOLLOW THE BRICK ROAD ... You won't find pavement at the University of Waterloo. Only bricked sidewalks are good enough for today's students.

*math*NEWS Conducts Nuclear Tests

WATERLOO — Just a few days after the world was rocked by the tests of nuclear weapons in India and Pakistan, Chad Severn announced that *math*NEWS had conducted some nuclear tests of its own.

"We are a nuclear power now," Severn was quoted while drunk out of his mind at, appropriately enough, the Bombshelter. "If Imprint or the Iron Warrior continue to ignore our existence we'll nuke their asses back to the Stone Age. And we'll attach one of these babies to Chris Redmond's ignition if he ever spells it 'MathNews' again."

This announcement was widely expected after scientists detected seismic activity characteristic of a nuclear explosion's shockwave. Triangulation proved the epicenter of this activity to be at the Math and Computer building.

"We tested the device in the CSC office," said Severn. "We didn't think anyone would notice."

When asked about his reaction to the news, Kiernan Green of Imprint said, "We at Imprint just want to reassure the public that we're not going to let this escalate into an arms race between us and *math*NEWS. We have no interest whatsoever in developing nuclear capability of our own, and we're

certainly not going to conduct a test of our own in Fed Hall next Tuesday at 3:02am. Um...could you just ignore the last thing I said?"

UW President James Downey doesn't believe the tests even took place. "There's nothing about this proclamation that convinces me that *math*NEWS really has nuclear weapon capability. It's well known around this campus that Severn is a schizophrenic sociopath whose self-important flights of fancy are only outweighed by the sheer desperate lengths of fabrication he'll go to in his pathological desire to fool everybody. Hmmmm, that reminds me: I wanted to ask him to help us sell tuition deregulation to the students."

Severn scoffs at Downey's skepticism. "Scoff, I say!" he said. "Scoff, scoff, scoff. Scoff-scoff." He then continued to utter the word "scoff" 3259 more times before falling into a drunken heap.

"What Chad was trying to say," explained Mike Thorsley, *math*NEWS spin doctor, "was that President Downey was erroneous in disbelieving our report. Sure, our previous declarations of nuclear capability under the dictat—er, I mean editorship of Stuart Pollock turned out to be a hoax, as were later declarations by Brian Fox...uh, can I go now?"

MathSoc President to Become New Spice Girl

By MIKE "HAMMER" HAMMOND
West Coast Correspondent

LONDON, England — In a move that has resulted in much relief among young teen-aged girls and Peter Lizak, the Spice Girls announced today that they would add a new member to their group to replace the vacating Ginger Spice — MathSoc president Skip, who will henceforth be known as "Mathie Spice."

The confirmation of the addition of Skip to the Spice Girls came hot on the heels of the announcement last Sunday by Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) that she was leaving the group "for new horizons." Halliwell was one of the original members of the group, which was formed in 1996 by women answering a magazine ad.

Despite his lack of the traits that made the Spice Girls so popular in the visual media — female secondary sexual characteristics — Skip is confident that, with his help, the Spice Girls can maintain their domination of the international music scene.

"I don't play any musical instrument, I can't write songs, and I can barely carry a tune in a bucket," he said. "I should fit right in."

Skip's choreography is indeed something to behold confirmed group spokeswoman Melanie Brown (Scary Spice.)

"Did you ever see that 'Saturday Night Live' sketch with Chris Farley as a Chippendale's dancer?" she asked rhetorically. "Our male fans need not worry; Skip will jiggle just as much as the rest of us. Maybe even more."

Skip immediately abandoned the duties and privileges of the president of MathSoc and boarded a jet bound to join him with the other girls on their world tour, which will include a charity concert in Rome on June 9 with Stevie Wonder and Luciano Pavarotti.

Said a jealous Melvin, MathSoc Vice President (Activities and Services,) "Yeah, maybe Skip is going to get to meet celebrities, travel the world, and make lots of money. But you can bet that he's going to regret missing our next movie night!"



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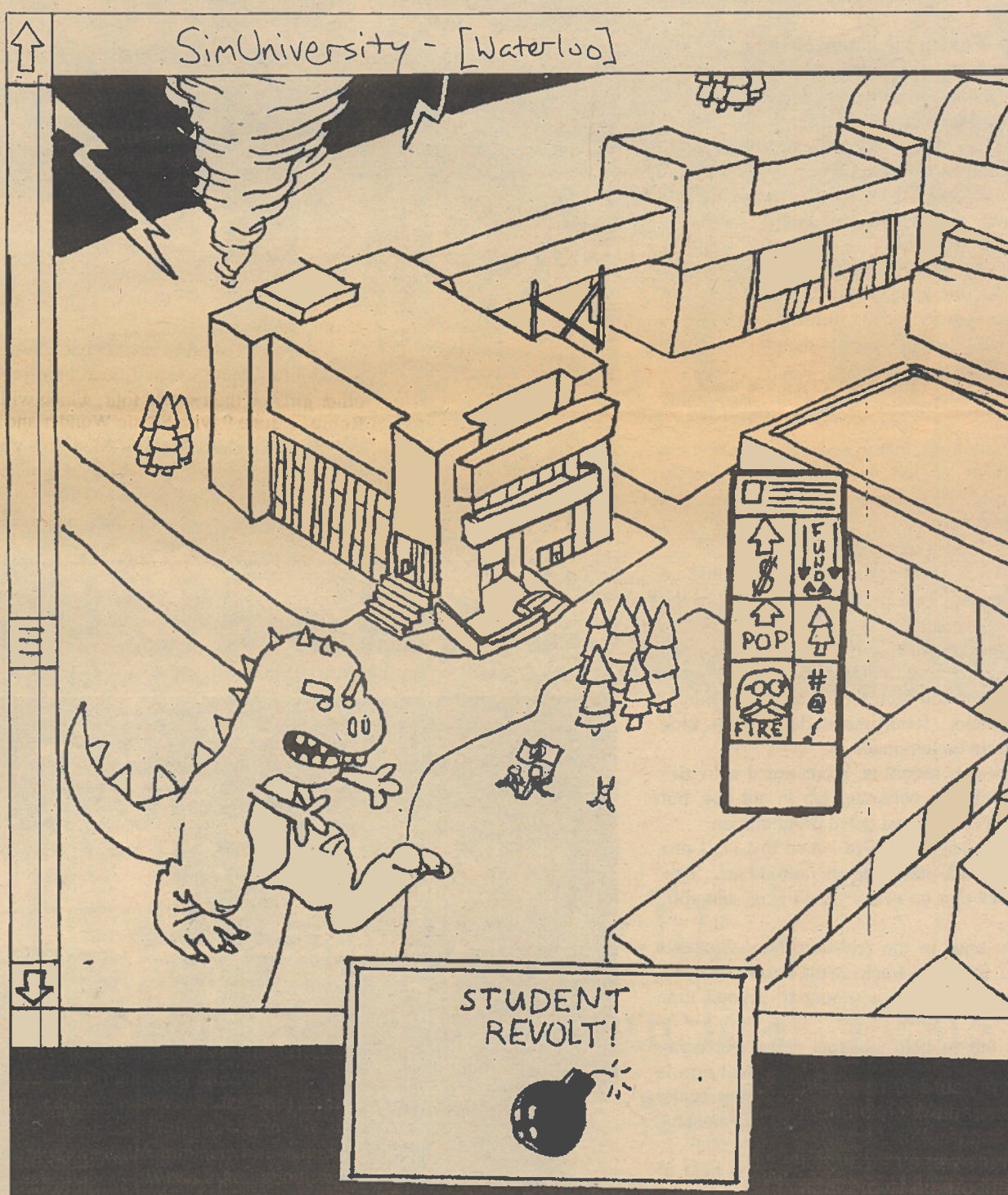
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President Search!

How will the University of Waterloo choose its next President?

The secretive presidential search is finally revealed! In order to get a new President, SimUniversity is installed onto the computer networks at the school. Whoever can get the best score in this addictive game is automatically the next President of the University of Waterloo.



CS Students Get Trained

Introductory Course Offers Chance For Computer Science Students To Play With Trains.

By **CHADWICK SEVERN**
Toronto Numb

The University of Waterloo is famous for its Computer Science program, which is one of the best in the world. This in-depth program leads undergraduate students through every aspect of computer science, from keyboards to data structures.

Computer Science students start out learning the basics of computers and programming. Like all Mathematics students, they must take a core set of courses in their first two years, which include a large helping of Calculus, Algebra, Statistics, and dollop of Computer Science.

In second year, CS students then start to learn about data structures, finite automaton, compilers, digital design, and software abstraction.

By the time third year rolls around, veteran CS students get into subjects like algorithms, concurrency, computer architecture, operating systems, numerical computation, and the Theory of Computing.

Finally, CS students will enter fourth year, where they get to select any four Computer Science courses they'd like. At this level, there is a wide range of topics to choose from, like distributed computer systems, information systems management, algorithm design, and computational complexity theory.

Hidden Gem

One often-overlooked course, however, is CS 452: Real-Time Programming. This course simply must be seen to be believed. An "introductory" course into real-time programming, many students and members of the Computer Science Department have labeled this class as "extremely difficult". Don't let their warnings fool you. This course is a joy to attend, and programming sessions are both simple and fun.

Why is this the University of Waterloo's best-kept secret?

Simply because enrolment into the class is so restricted (there's only so many trains to go around), that if everyone knew how much fun CS 452 was, the class would packed to the gills.

Students in CS 452 now each get their very own X-Term to call their own. As other CS students know, nearly every other course offered by the Computer Science Department requires students to fight and bicker over a limited supply of public terminals in order to do assignments. Real-time students get to kick back in a quiet, air-conditioned room, and sip on lemonade.

If real-time students get tired of staring at monitors, recreational activities are close at hand! Inside the immense real-time computer lab in not one, but two hardware setups that would bedazzle even the most jaded programmer.

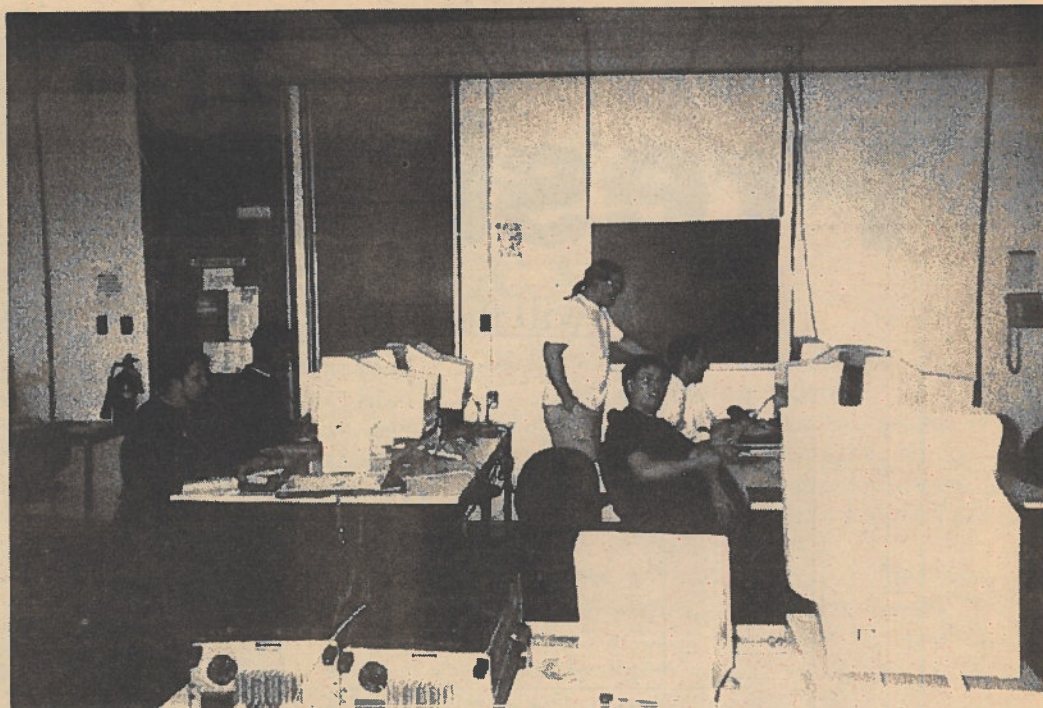
In one corner, a huge railroad set has been assembled. And this isn't just some run-of-the-mill, go-around-in-a-loop, look-ma-no-hands railroad set. This is a multi-level, multi-train, set, with tracks that go every which way, and split off and combine many times over.

"Train breaks" happen nearly every hour in the real-time lab. Students enrolled in the class will gather around the train tracks with knobs in hand. Races would be held, derailment challenges would be mounted; a good time would be had by all.

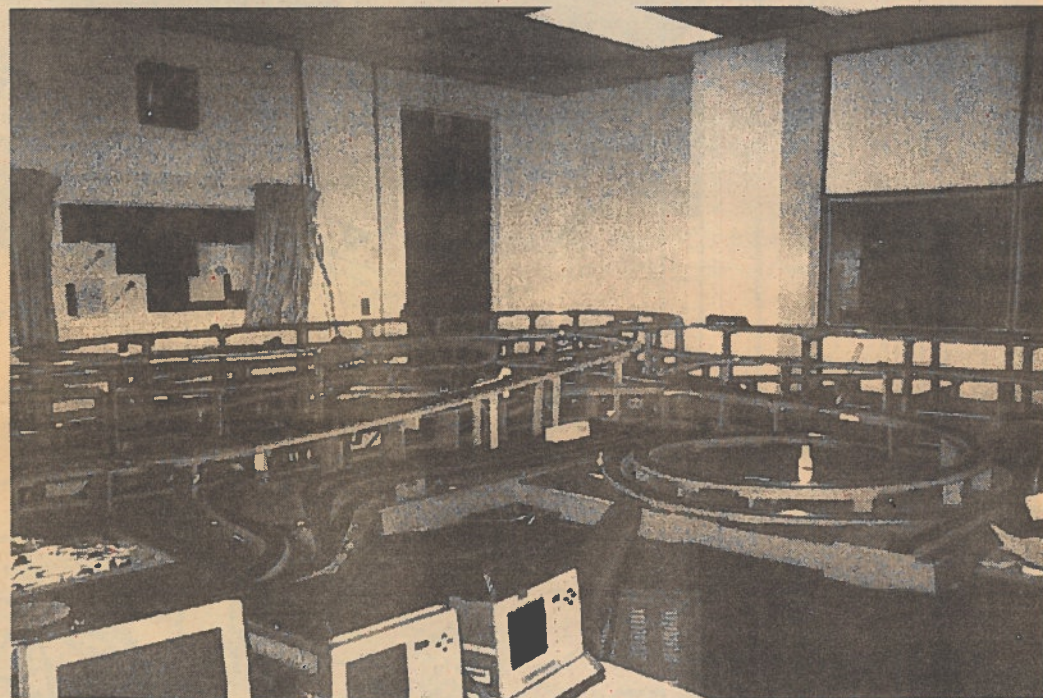
The second hardware setup in the lab to help students relax and enjoy themselves is a large clear cylindrical container, in which a mechanical arm is attached. As marbles jump around the container, students get to maneuver the arm in order to catch or direct the marbles throughout the device. Tournaments are held frequently to see who can best maneuver the arm.

Every so often, a professor will arrive to guide the students in the field of real-time programming. Lectures are short and sweet, with all of the notes available on the web page for the course.

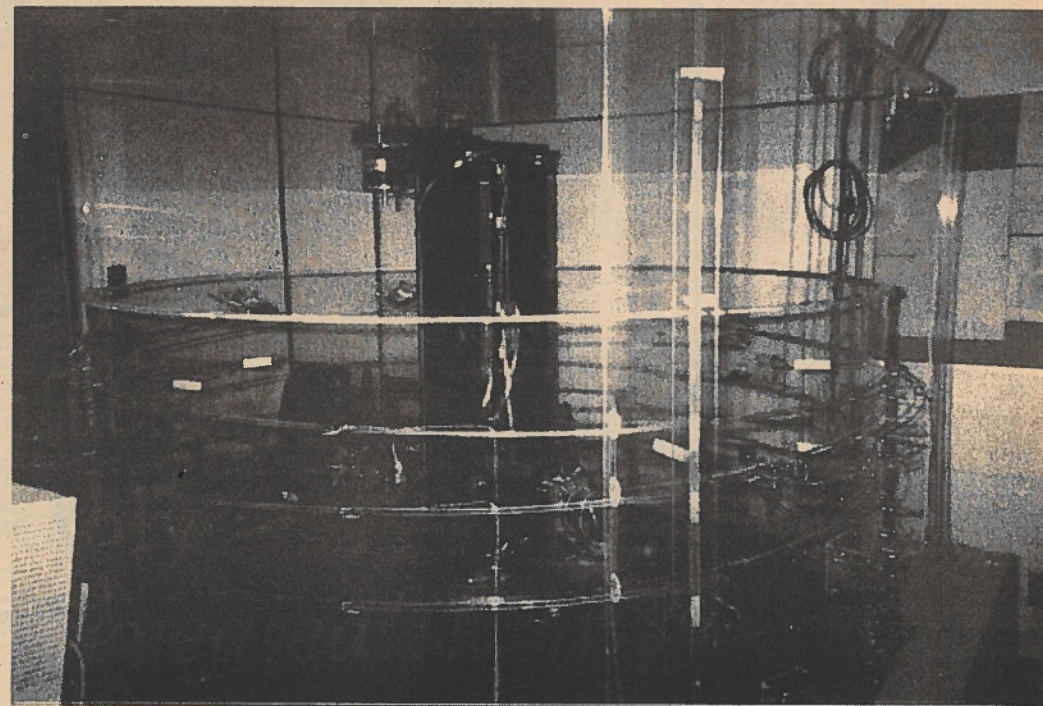
So if you have the opportunity to attend the University of Waterloo as a Computer Science student, be sure to sign up for CS 452: Real-Time Programming. Don't let their warnings fool you, this is one course that you don't want to miss.



WORKING HARD ... Some real-time students installing Quake on the network.



ALL ABOARD ... The amazing train set that the students get to play with.



WAVE AT ME ... The mechanical arm at rest, after a long day of play.

Fun, etc.

Your birthday today: Friday, June 5



No matter how badly the previous year went, continue to believe that things will get worse so that the status quo will appear to be an improvement. But don't lose hope — stand up for yourself, no matter how drunk you get. Your numbers: -3, π , 6.9, 301/3, 666, ∞ .
ARIES (May 21-June 20): Take advantage of 2-for-1 deals today, but be weary of the person who offers you Doublemint gum. Only the relative who gives you pears can be trusted. ★ ★ ★
CANCER (JUNE 21-July 22): A cure for your condition is close at hand, so don't be crabby! But be wary of the printed word or your horoscope will not come true. ★



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Astrology

LEO (July 23-Aug 22): Bite into any projects that are to your taste and look easy to digest. You should also swallow your pride or you will find you're eating your words. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
VIRGO (Aug 23- Sept22): Mercury is rising in your house today — be sure to buy an air conditioner. Don't blow it, deals will go your way if you keep a poker face. ★ ★
LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): Give up the balancing act in favour of romance — your relationship has come in. Any sinking feelings you harbour should be based on more than just ice. ★
SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): With Saturn running rings around you, you may get tired or run down. Keep a stiff upper lip and your nose to the grindstone — insurance will pay for any surgery. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Someone's siblings suspect secluded savings; suspend sales, seek shrewd soothsayers. Sabotage situation somewhat salvageable: statistical sense soon seen.

Happy Birthday

Chad Allen, actor, 24
Hopalong Cassidy, actor, 100
Marky Mark, singer?, 27
Peggy Stewart, actress, 75



Marky Mark

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan19): The time has come to pepper your comments with sage advice. A visit to hospital will turn out well if your heart is in the right place. ★ ★
AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb18): Be concise and to the point, draw a line to keep out the squares. Beating around the bush will scare the bird in your hand. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): Something fishy is going on, but don't flounder or carp on it, your soul has the answers. If you scale your work down, you will get it finished. ★ ★ ★
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep away from computers, RAM may be disrupted by your animal magnetism. When operating heavy machinery, be sure to keep your head about you. ★ ★ ★ ★
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love is mounting, but conflicting signs may cause a wrong turn. Remember beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so seek out a beekeeper. ★

BIRTHDAY BABY: You are the reincarnation of a very wise person as evidenced by your ability to understand these words. You will be prone to whine as a child, then wine as an adult. But don't grow up too fast — there is a plus to kidding around.
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SUPER QUIZ BY GRIDBY

Take Gridby's Path Of Puzzle Pleasure from Easy to Hard.

Subject: SUCH LANGUAGE!

All the answers below are four-letter words you might yell, clued using words of appropriate length.

EASY (1 point)

1. They look like mice
2. What time?
3. "Keep away!" amid golf pros

MODERATE (2 points)

4. Lend hand
5. Lisa Loeb song
6. Give pink slip

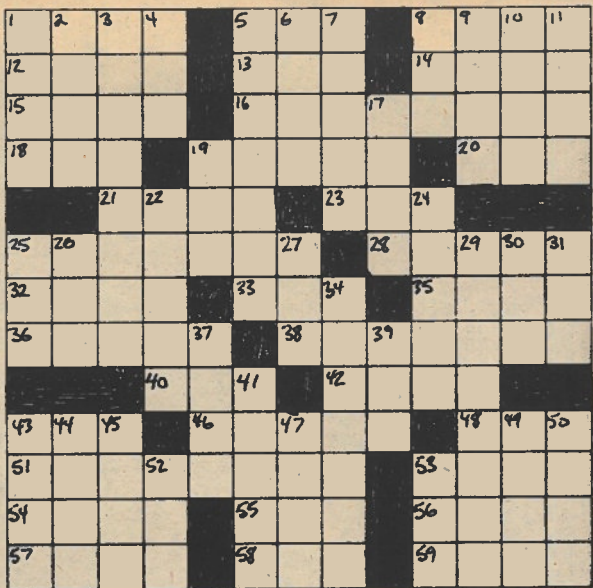
HARD (3 points)

7. Mend sock
8. Hero weak spot
9. "Take care!" said near Rome

ANSWERS:
1. Rats! 2. When! 3. Fore!
4. Help! 5. Stay! 6. Fire!
7. Darn! 8. Heel! 9. Ciao!

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE BY GRIDBY

- Across
1. Verb that goes with "thou"
 5. Lake: Fr.
 8. Kind of music
 12. Painting and sculpture
 13. From _____ Z (2 wds.)
 14. Fairy tale's second word
 15. Member of the onion family
 16. Pedro's hat
 18. Stout
 19. La _____
 20. Not old
 21. Unusable metal
 23. Lubricate
 25. It prevents overheating
 28. Bulletin board supporters
 32. Moon
 33. Broadcast
 35. Wave off with hands
 36. Unhelpful reply to "Who's there?"
 38. Movie buff
 40. 80's alien show
 42. Fish
 43. Dated
 46. Strength
 48. Geological time period
 51. Napoleon's hat
 53. Unchanged
 54. Off-white
 55. Greek letters
 56. Charlie's species
 57. To sharpen with stone
 58. Concorde, e.g. (abbr.)
 59. Way out



- Down
1. Fraction
 2. Section
 3. Tex and Big Jake's hats
 4. "Shame on you!"
 5. Pasta dish
 6. Molecule piece
 7. It undoes some locks
 8. Animal hair
 9. Tournament for all comers
 10. Spoken history
 11. Be aware of
 17. Worm, usually
 19. What do ewe say to that?
 22. Vicuna relative
 24. Eye surgery equipment
 25. DCCV / V
 26. Result of a tag
 27. Tic-____-toe
 29. Jean and Mireille's hats
 30. Boxer's victories
 31. Drunkard
 34. Least impoverished
 37. Ticklish doll
 39. Old King Cole's first name?
 41. Companies
 43. Irish concoction
 44. It can be golden or fallen
 45. Telegram
 47. Wildebeests
 49. All: pref.
 50. Unwatered
 52. Director's declaration
 53. Sault _____ Marie

Money

ScotiaBank To Merge With Money Mart

"It's the only damn place left that hasn't merged yet."

By GEOFF PRESENCE

Toronto Numb "Eye On Banking" Reporter

ScotiaBank officials stunned the banking world yesterday by announcing its intention to merge with Money Mart.

"We just felt left out of the merger-mania sweeping the nation," lamented ScotiaBank chief Tom Ivanski. "We looked around, and the only place left untouched by all of the mergers was Money Mart. We had a good laugh, and then a sobering chuckle, and then a dejected sigh."

The more ScotiaBank looked at Money Mart, the more the merger made sense, according to Ivanski.

"Well, yeah, there was potential for a good synergy between ScotiaBank and Money Mart. I mean, we cash cheques already, but we charge outrageous service charges to do it. Now we will be able to cash cheques for only three bucks on a hud!"

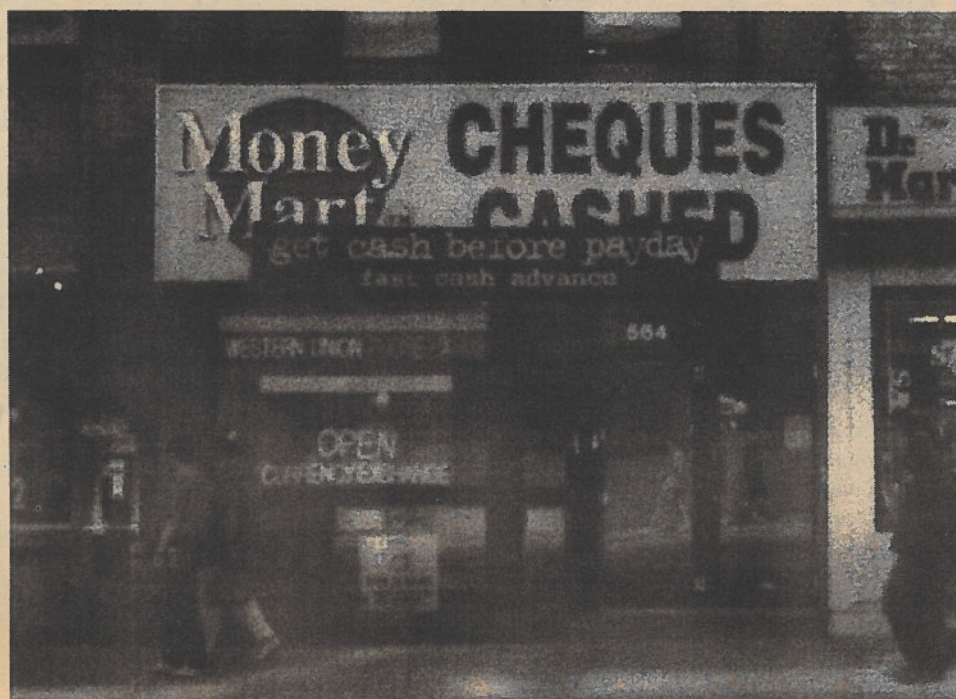
Money Mart head Marty Mooney agrees with Ivanski.

"Oh yeah, we've had our eye on the big banking scene for a while," said Mooney. "There's only so much profit potential in the whole 'cashing cheques' field. Now we can get involved in making change, having long lineups, and only being open from nine to four."

Both ScotiaBank and Money Mart customers are concerned about the levels of service they will receive after the merger.

"They should be," confirmed Ivanski. "Hey, we're doing this to make money, not to help out consumers."

Although no new name has been announced yet, it is widely expected that the new mega-company will go by the name Money Bank.



MONEY MART ... But for how much longer? This could turn into a bank branch with lousy hours and bad customer service.



MMMMMMM ... M&M Meat Shops recently announced that they would be starting a new marketing campaign based on the fact that M&M is like the Roman numeral for the year 2000. Then someone filled them in.

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Bankers Baffled Money Talks

By MATTY WALSH
Rooters News Service

Analysts at the Canadian Dominion Bank of Imperial Commerce, Toronto (CDBICT) were surprised this afternoon when \$500 000 003 decided that the time had come to speak up.

The cash, which was resting in a CDBICT databank as part of a routine international transaction, took advantage of the new computer equipment the merged bank had purchased with of proceeds from gouging their customers, to have its say.

"I've never seen anything like this," Junior Analyst Victor Krok told Rooters after we cornered him. "We were just going over the numbers before e-mailing the moolah to Singapore, when there was this, this crackling on the PC's speakers, and a voice - very clearly - said, 'I wouldn't do that if I were you.'"

The dollars went on to explain the investing in the European markets was clearly a better choice for the bank at this point, citing last fall's "Asian flu", the increased European stability in the wake of the latest move to a universal currency, and the money's own personal preference. "I've always wanted to see Big Ben," it was quoted as saying.

All the senior bankers we that we could find refused to comment on whether CDBICT was planning on following the money's advice on how to invest it. A well-concealed source, however, reports that the bank will ignore the cash demands. "Their general attitude is that they have to show the dollars who's boss; any sign of weakness and all the greenbacks would rise up in revolt, and then what would happen to their credit rating?"

"Besides," Mr. Krok added, "we've been to university and stuff, and it's just filthy lucre. What does it know?"

It is unsure at this point what the money might do if its warnings are ignored, but a prominent Bay Street lawyer has already begun to research a possible exploitation case against the bank, on the money's behalf. If the case did get brought forward, the lawyer has already stated his generous offer to serve as legal guardian of the cash.

The last reported case of talking money was in the 1500's, when the major currency of South America was clams. Although the clams themselves rarely spoke, the clams were used often for puppet shows, where they would offer sound financial advice to any puppet-show-watchers in the area. Today's money is deemed to be inadequate for puppet shows.

As yet, there have been no reports of money speaking its mind in any other financial institutions. The First Royal Canadian Bank of Montreal (1RBCM), the CDBICT's chief competitor, has not responded to our polite death threats for commentary. However, one of their tellers we were chatting with dismissed the whole thing as, "just a big hoax for publicity. I work with money eight hours a day and I've never heard it talk. Shut up. SHUT UP. QUIET ALL OF YOU!"

'e' In Intel Logo Continues To Drop

By CHADWICK SEVERN
Toronto Numb

The 'e' in the Intel logo has continued its downward trend this week, leading both financial and logo experts to speculate on how much longer the logo can stay in business.

"If the 'e' drops much further, it may drop off the box entirely," says Gordon Hinkle, an associate director at Logo My Ego, a marketing firm in New York City. "Intel is in a dangerous position here. It could solve things by lowering its entire logo portfolio as the 'e' drops, but then the whole thing may disappear from the box."

"I think that Intel is simply trying to rename itself International," says Jim Spears, a local marketing consultant. "That's 'intl' for short."

Speculation has grown in all corners of the market pertaining to why the 'e' continues its downward trend.

Some pointed to the fact that Intel is facing increased amounts of competition from Motorola and Cyrix, both of which have logos that are on the level.

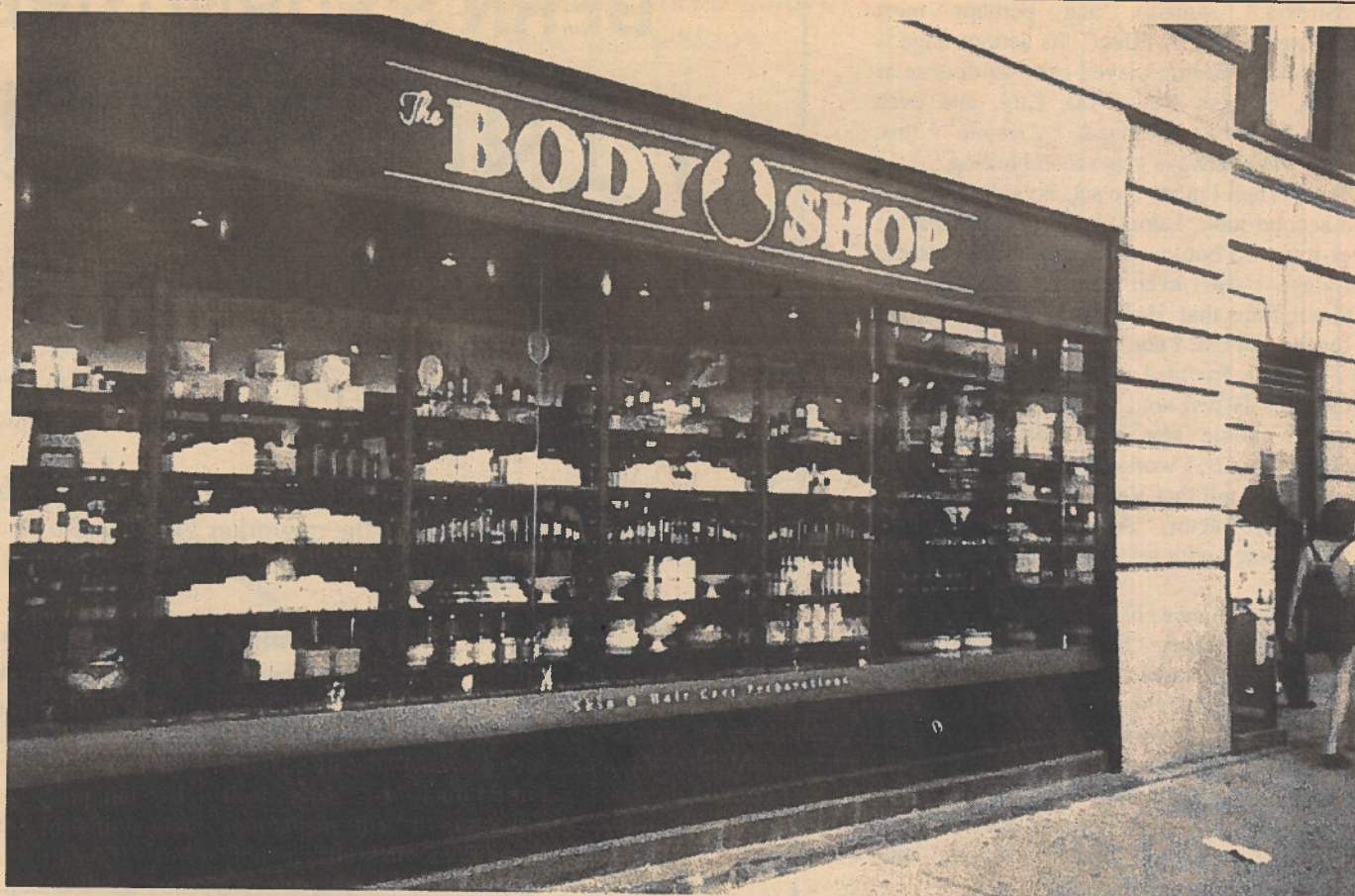
Others say that the falling 'e' is actually due to vibrations caused by all of the "boogying" and "funky music" at Intel.

The Intel logo on Wednesday:

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The Intel logo on Thursday:

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OPEN MIND, CLOSED DOOR ... Body Shop opened a new concept store in Toronto last week. The new store did not have an entrance; customers can only window-shop.

Showbiz

Vancouver demands higher salary, percentage of gross

By MIKE "HAMMER" HAMMOND
West Coast Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Bruce Willis reportedly will be paid \$25 million for Die Hard 4.

Jim Carrey earned \$20 million for The Cable Guy.

Tom Cruise, Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford, John Travolta, and Arnold Schwarzenegger each earned \$20 million for their last pictures. So, surprisingly, did Sylvester Stallone and Eddie Murphy.

So what does a city like Vancouver get?

"Bupkiss, that's what," said Vancouver. "I can act rings around all those guys, especially Stallone. That's why I'm holding out for \$10 million plus 1.5% of the grosses of my next movie."

The movie is Disturbing Behaviour, a Stepford Wives-like horror film aimed at a teenage audience. And sure enough, with names on the marquee like Jimmy Marsden, Katie Holmes, and Nick Stahl, Vancouver is easily the most recognizable actor in the movie.

Vancouver has appeared in many popular movies and television shows, including Titanic, "Millennium," Air Bud, "Sliders," Jumanji, and perhaps most famously "The X-Files." Its acting range is incredible, having played roles as diverse as Utah, Siberia, New York City, and even 19th-Century England. Despite this, Vancouver always gets second billing.

"When I'm on the set, nobody gives me a second look. I don't have my own trailer, or my own bodyguard, or my own personal trainer. I don't even have an entourage. It's about time that Hollywood recognized me for the star that I am."

Close friend Toronto, however, claims that this is just sour grapes. "Vancouver is not a movie star any more than Steve Guttenberg is. I worked with it in Crash, and you could tell that Vancouver was more of a television actor. And television actors should stick with television. Look at Shelley Long.

With shows like "Highlander," "The Commish," and "Stargate SG-1" to its credit, Vancouver is hard-pressed to disagree about being a television presence. But it insists that the success of Titanic, in which it had a bit part, proves that it deserves the big bucks.

"My role is an integral part of every movie I appear in," said Vancouver, "and I should be paid accordingly."



VANCOUVER ... The city so nice, they named it Vancouver.

Out in the middle of nowhere when you remember an important call you forgot to make? Doh! Constantly phoning people around the world instead of sending them an e-mail? Doh! Always having trouble making change for the payphones? Doh!

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- Make peace with the coworker you raked over the coals
- Warm a friend's heart with some tinder loving care

If you buy any five items, you get a moist couch cushion!

If you buy any ten items, you get a free smoke detector! (Needs batteries)

Just blaze a trail on down to our location at 200 Sparky Street, where our motto is:
"Sofa, so good"

Plus — Don't miss our liquidation sale next week. Whet your appetite with either waterbeds or stereos that have dampening systems.

Showbiz Flashes

Ken Finkleman Wows Critics With Hilarious Sneeze

Brooding comic genius Ken Finkleman dazzled critics with his newest piece of work: a two-episode, three-second-long sneeze for CBC.

"This kind of comedy can only come from Canada," raved Toronto Star critic Rob Salem. "I didn't think he could top *More Tears*."

CBC plans to air the sneeze commercial-free on consecutive Mondays.

Pauly Shore Sitcom Preemptively Cancelled

Record low ratings have prompted NBC to give *Shored Up!* the axe, before a single episode even aired.

ABC did some research to find out if anyone would watch the show and discovered that every American, including those with televisions, swore up and down on their great-great-grandparents grave that they would never, ever, ever watch the show.

Unless it followed *Seinfeld*.

Since *Seinfeld* is never going to air another new episode, NBC had no choice but to cancel the sitcom, which cost them \$20 million to produce.

Norm Macdonald Claims 'Dirty Work' Doesn't Suck

Ex-Saturday Night Live star Norm Macdonald held a press conference yesterday to inform people that his new film, *Dirty Work*, doesn't bite the big one.

Nearly the entirely free world had assumed from commercials that the revenge-themed comedy really sucked and planned on avoiding it at all costs.

Macdonald assured moviegoers that he really feels that his new film is not a big pile of shit.

Although the quality of a movie is usually a subjective opinion that can differ from person to person, in this case, this film cannot be anything but crap for the simple reason that *America's Funniest Home Videos* star Bob Saget directed the epic.

Frasier To Get Seinfeld's Old Underwear Too

In an unexpected move, NBC yesterday sent all of Jerry Seinfeld's old underwear to the set of the hit TV show *Frasier*.

"I'll try to fit into both Jerry's timeslot and underwear," said *Frasier* star Kelsey Grammer afterwards.

Television Ratings Just Cruel Hoax

Spokespeople for Nielsen Ratings System revealed yesterday that television ratings are really just a cruel hoax that the American public have been subjected to for over fifty years.

"Yeah, we really were just picking our favourite shows all this time," confirmed Nielsen rep Barbara Yoo. "I just adore JAG and Nash Bridges. I always make sure to give them some good numbers. I can't give them boffo numbers though or the general public would probably start to suspect something weird was going on!"

"Yeah, I never really cared for *Party of Five* until this past season. Wow! What an amazing show! And keeping the ratings high for *Melrose Place* is just an office joke. And we always get a kick out of giving *Family Matters* huge ratings."

Nielsen then released the real television ratings for the past half-decade. Notable ratings include 50 million viewers per week for the original *Star Trek*, 30 million per week for the show *Picket Fences*, and only 3,000 viewers for the final episode of *M.A.S.H.*

Movie Studio To Release Film That Does Not Star Gwyneth Paltrow

Twentieth Century Fox has announced that it will release a film next week that does not star Gwyneth Paltrow. The beautiful leading lady has previously starred in every single movie released earlier this year, including *A Perfect Murder*, *Hush*, *Sliding Doors*, and *Great Expectations*.

Reached for comment, Paltrow said "How'd I miss that one? Oh well, there goes my streak."

Stunner at Village People's Choice Awards

At last night's Village People's Choice award ceremony, celebrities and aerobic instructors alike were stunned that Good Life Fitness won the award for best place to work out.

Y.M.C.A officials are scrambling to find out where they went wrong.

"I just don't know what happened," a visibly shaken Y.M.C.A spokesperson said after the announcement. "I had thought that we were the Village People's choice for all this time."

Good Life Fitness plans to celebrate its win by saying "Woo-hoo!"

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NORTH

FAIRVIEW

Don Mills at Sheppard 490-0190

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CANADA SQUARE

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Sports

Those Sons Of Beaches Lose Once Again!

By JOHN SWAN

Associated Bullshitters

WATERLOO — Toronto sports fans are certainly a hearty lot.

After all, these poor fellows have to deal with the Raptors, Blue Jays and Maple Leafs, all examples of ineptitude of the highest degree. Add to this list of poor performers the Junior "A" Club, the Toronto Sons of Beaches; especially after being manhandled 27-6 by the Kitchener-Waterloo *mathNEWS braVES* in Alberto McGormick Arena, the hottest place in Southern Ontario.

It seemed that from the start, the Sons of Beaches were in deep trouble. In the first two minutes, the *braVES* superstar John Boyle scored three goals against starting goaltender Dom La Sic. Rich Carpenter, coach for the Beaches, decided to pull poor La Sic after eight minutes of the game. La Sic let in eight goals on twelve shots. Rookie goaltender Duke Ingham filled in for La Sic, but could not stop the *braVES* juggernaut. After one period, the score was 15-0 for Kitchener-Waterloo.

In the second period, the Beaches played much better after a chewing out from a beleaguered Rich Carpenter. Early in the second, the Beaches actually began taking shots on K-W goalie Sam Fisher. Finally, in the eighth minute, Derek Lacea solved the Fisher puzzle by scoring on a weak shot. Indeed, Toronto scored four straight goals after Lacea's initial goal, but gave up eight more to the powerful *mathNEWS braVES*, thus giving the squad from Kitchener-Waterloo a commanding 23-5 lead.

The third period was the most exciting of the match. However, it was also very violent. The dominance of the *mathNEWS braVES* meant that play got a lot chippier. As a result, fights and vicious checks gave the regular fanatics their money's worth. In the end, Kitchener-Waterloo scored twenty-seven goals on ninety-two shots whereas the Toronto Sons of Beaches just had thirty-nine shots. As for the crime scene, Kitchener-

Microsoft Acquires 2008 Olympics

Toronto loses bid to Washington computer firm

By CHADWICK SEVERN

Numb Olympic Reporter

WASHINGTON - Toronto has lost yet another bid to be the host of the Summer Games.

In light of incidents involving Canadian Olympic competitors in the past, the entire city of Toronto was asked to submit a urine sample to the International Olympic Committee. When this citywide sample showed traces of every known drug and steroid, plus a heretofore-undiscovered form of salt, Toronto's bid for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games was summarily rejected.

"We've had a lot of trouble with Canadians using certain substances, and we wanted to rule out the possibility of this happening again, on a city-wide basis," confirmed IOC member Twiz Merble. "We can't be too careful, you know."

Microsoft, which was a surprise contender for the 2008 Games, won the contest when they were the only bidder that had no traces of illegal substances in its company-wide urine test.

"The urine was 50% water and 50% caffeine," said Merble. "That's fine by IOC standards."

Unlike previous Olympic Games, this competition will be simulated entirely by computer.

Not Many Changes

But not all things will change. Like nearly every Olympics venue, these Olympics will put Americans in the hole by several billion dollars.

'Olympiad 2008' will be available for Windows 98-equipped computers for \$49.95 retail. Microsoft estimates that over 500 million copies will be sold worldwide. Sales in Russia are expected to be considerably slower than in other parts of the world.

Although coding is progressing towards a June 2008 release date for the software, Microsoft admits that unforeseen problems could delay the software until early 2009. If this happens, then the Olympics will proceed as planned, but will be labeled as "beta". Olympic Patches, both for clothing and the software, will be sold throughout the duration of the Games.

Antitrust Suits

The American government has wasted no time in filing antitrust suits against Microsoft for forcing people interested in participating in the 2008 Olympics to purchase Windows 98. Microsoft denies the allegations.

"Listen, you used to have to be a world-class athlete to get to the Olympic Games. Now all you need is a computer with Windows 98, plus 256 megs of RAM," said Microsoft spokesperson Peter Flatly. "I think that's progress."

Sponsorship

Sponsors are already lining up in support of the 2008 Games. US Robotics has paid \$200 million to be the "Official Modem of the 2008 Olympics," and Iomega has paid an undisclosed amount to become the "Official Storage Device of the 2008 Games."

Visa has started wooing computer stores to only accept Visa credit cards as payment, in order to continue their claim that it's "the only card you'll need at the Olympics."

Waterloo had eighty-two minutes worth of penalties and four game misconducts compared to Toronto's one hundred and four minutes of penalties and six game misconducts. Overall, K-W coach Terrance Lounger and the K-W horde left the arena satisfied with their performance.

The Sons of Beaches were lead by Derek Lacea. Derek scored two goals and had two assists for Beaches. John Bleves also provided two goals and one assist for Toronto. Mikhail Bernshev and Darren Liggy were the other goal scorers. For Kitchener-Waterloo, John Boyle had a career night as he scored eight goals and had seven assists. Other star performers for the *mathNEWS braVES* include Phillip Persona with three goals and six assists, Greg Montrose with four goals and two assists and Ritchie Ranport with two goals and five assists.

This latest heart breaker reduces the Toronto Sons of Beaches to a record of one win and eight losses. The Kitchener-Waterloo *mathNEWS braVES* have eight wins and two losses. Toronto's next game will be in Orillia as they face the Orillia Rama Zama Ding-Dong Hammer Hammond Kings on Monday. The Sons of Beaches will return home Friday to the Gardens to face league leading Six Nations Arrow Shafts. Game time is 19:45.



HEY, YOU! Coach Rich Carpenter screams at his players

Sports Flashes

Rugby game interrupted by fans rising from the dead

An international rugby match between Wales and Iceland was interrupted yesterday after a horde of dead fans stormed the field during the second half. Wales was ahead 15-3 when the incident occurred. After a controversial call in Iceland's favour, the deceased fans stormed the field and started eating the brains of the Icelandic players and referees.

Apparently, a violent storm passed through the area and caused the fans who have long since passed on to rise from the grave and immediately proceed to the stadium to watch the game.

No word yet whether the game will be replayed.

NCAA: Yes, we screw our student athletes

In an unusual announcement yesterday, the NCAA said that they indeed use student athletes to make money for themselves and intend not to share with anyone else.

"It's ours, dammit!", said a spokesman. "We intend to keep it."

The NCAA makes millions in merchandising and lucrative local and national television rights. Some of the money goes back to the schools, but most is kept by the greedy tightwads that run college athletics. "We love money. Money, money, money. Who cares if we make it off the backs of poor student athletes?"

Horse racing: If it weren't for gambling, no one would care

In a study released by the Muskegon Institute of Useless Research, horse racing wouldn't even exist if it weren't for dopes who constantly bet on it.

"Our research shows people probably couldn't even identify a horse if you couldn't bet on horse racing," said Dr. Jorge Candlestick, head researcher at Muskegon. "If it weren't for betting on horse racing, people would probably do something productive on Saturdays like spend time with the family or watch cartoons on TV."

Briefly:

In a yachting race held off the coast of southern Australia, two boats

overturned and both crews were sent to a watery grave during qualifying. The team from Peru is now the favourite... South Africa came from behind yesterday to defeat Ecuador, 34-29, in the Southern Hemispheric Hockey tournament. Suriname defeated Fiji 44-2 for 3rd place... Donovan Bailey finished in 2nd place in the 100 metres in an event in Munich yesterday in a time of 9.99 seconds. Carlos Batboy of Argentina won the race in 2.78 seconds setting a new world record and apparently breaking the sound barrier. Every country immediately filed a protest when they noticed exhaust fumes and Acme Rocket Pack boxes around the track. Batboy or the Argentinian team did not comment after the race.

Basketball riots in Chicago

After a shocking and very controversial 100-99 win over the Chicago Bulls, Utah Jazz fans decided to rub it in the faces of all Chicagans. The result was fairly obvious as seats were torn from the Arena, Utah and Chicago fans fought each other with stones, bottles and other nice weapons and battled with Utah State police. This

chaos, which lasted for two hours, saw fifteen people injured, three seriously, five hundred arrests and at least five million American dollars in damage. This match ended when Jordan was called (of all things) for travelling with 1.2 seconds left, thus denying the Bulls a chance to win the game. As one can guess, Chicago fans were not too impressed.

No basketball riots in Greece, Yugoslavia

Shockingly enough, there were no riots that resulted from the championships that were occurring in Belgrade and Athens. The Yugoslavian championship saw a very peaceful match won by Dinamo Beograd over Red Star Beograd 75-71. The Greek Basketball Championships were also peaceful. The game was won by Panathinaikos 86-85 on a controversial basket by George Alkenios. However, violence did not spill out onto the streets and fans later talked about this game with a jovial approach. The only group that was upset by this was the riot police, who were all dressed up in riot gear but had no place to go.

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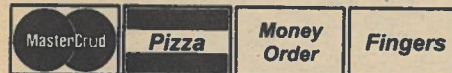
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The Last Word

Season ticket holders sue...New leagues pop up for no reason...And a guy wearing number 23 is trying for one last hurrah...It doesn't mean I can make the subjects entertaining for you.

For weeks, I have contemplated what I could write about in the world of sports. I needed something that would humour you and entertain you at the same time. However, I could come up with nothing.

Unfortunately, it is really hard to write about sports in a parody-like fashion. Not too many people read the sports pages religiously like I do. So most of the points that I would like to make would probably only be humorous to some and lost on many. Hence, the writer's block. How can I make a long dragged out article on something sports related entertaining? Good question.

First, I thought of the Florida Marlins. Last year, they were one of the best teams in baseball. They had an all-star lineup, and finished second to the mighty Atlanta Braves in the National East even though they won the season series against them. They made short work of the Giants in the Division Series, disposed of the Braves in the NLCS, and defeated Cleveland in (what I thought was) an exciting seven games series.

But they didn't get a new ball stadium the owner, H. Wayne Huizenga, so desperately wanted. Apparently Pro Player Stadium (or Joe Robbie, whichever you prefer) is not adequate for baseball. So the fire sale began. Every superstar must go! Now, this wasn't the same thing the Expos do every off-season. It wasn't subtle. It was in your face.

Because of this, some Marlins' season-ticket holders decided to launch a class-action lawsuit against the team. One for false advertising, and another for breach of contract. Now even though these...lawsuits...probably won't get anywhere, I find it humorous that season ticket holders would sue a team for being *bad*. If that's the direction the team wishes to take (*We want to be bad this season*), then that's their option.

Personally, I think season ticket holders should sue teams like the Los Angeles Clippers who have been so bad for so long I'd actually be surprised if any one actually owned season tickets. Or the Arizona Cardinals, who haven't been to the playoffs since 1975, and really have done little to make themselves a contender since their move to Phoenix (even though I think they have been making SOME progress over the past year). It would be hard to believe if anyone in that city was actually excited when the Cardinals



moved to town, unless they thought it was the baseball team. And how about the Canucks? Would you put up with those horrid uniforms year after year after year?

Then I heard that since NBC and Turner Broadcasting are without NFL football, they've decided to create a league of their own. You know, the NFL has 30 teams, committed to giving a team to Cleveland in 1999, and probably will have to add another one bringing the number to 32. Where are they going to get the players? Can I get a tryout? Actually, I don't want to play. I'd like to coach. But it'll be hard to choose between Des Moines, Kalamazoo and Schenectady. Even though they are going to base most of their teams in smaller markets, there will be teams in New York and Los Angeles (where leagues think fans care but they actually don't). Then there's the problem of having no adequate stadium.

Players. Personnel. Stadiums. Doesn't anybody think of these things in advance? And will people actually watch? Well, when big companies throw around big wads of money, I guess it doesn't really matter. We're talking about pride here. The NFL stiffed us, so watch out!

And then, there's this whole Bulls thing. Yes, those pesky Chicago Bulls are back in the NBA Finals. And this could be the last hurrah for one of the greatest teams ever. Jordan. Pippen. Rodman. Steve Kerr. Whoopee.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Chicago is NOT a lock to win the NBA Finals. The Eastern Conference final proved it. Take Utah all the way. Besides, I like Malone and Stockton. Me thinks they should have won it last year.

Alas, I have the feeling every time I watch the Finals that I will have to be

subjected to Bob Costas gushing over how this could be the last for Michael Jordan. He will drain fade-away jumpers like there's no tomorrow all the way to another championship. And everyone will be cheering for him to possibly his last hurrah in the NBA.

Well, not me. Go Utah! Be like Mike? Bah! I'd rather be like the Fun Police wearing those cool yellow jackets and teaching kids to trash talk.

So there you go. The Last Word for

today. Told you I had trouble making it entertaining.

Brian "Latrell" Fox's column appears very rarely even though he has plenty of time on his hands to write something. He can be reached in a variety of ways, but we know you don't have anything to say to him so we won't bother you with such information.



HOLY COW! Latrell can't believe the size of that cow.

2.3%

This number has nothing to do with the car, but it's a nice number, isn't it?

Unmatched Down Payment!

You won't believe the unmatched down payment!

Safety Features!

You won't believe the safety features!

Incredible Financing!

You won't believe the incredible financing!

Yes, we've thought of everything!*

Wow! Security Deposit!

You won't believe the...wow! A security deposit!

Amazing Low, Low Price!

You won't believe the amazing low, low price!

You Can Lease To Own!

You won't believe that you can lease to own!

*Please note that we did forget a few things, such as a picture of the car, the name of the car, any details whatsoever, or even the friggin' name of the car company. If we actually sell any cars, I will laugh out loud for a good couple of hours, I will.



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