

Hi Trevor + Amanda:

I was honoured when asked for information on the AIDS Awareness Committee.

I had a very personal reason for initiating this committee, I lost my brother to AIDS in 1991.

At that time, we were lost. There was very little support in Belleville. Basically, no where to turn.

After a while I decided to make a difference.

I contacted the health unit. After a few meetings, things started to fall in place. Other community members and agencies joined.

For the most part, this community was very supportive.

The committee held many events ... AIDS walks, candlelight vigils, open forums, information displays, banner flying, World AIDS Day events, as well as some fund raising events i.e. BBQ, yard sale

From 1994 to 2004 we held annual vigils at Eastminster United Church. None would have been possible without the caring and dedication of Rev. Ed Bentley. I have enclosed copies of first and last vigils.

I resigned from the committee in 2005 (creative differences) The primary agencies followed their own agendas afterward.

Thank you for thinking of us. Continued success
in all you do!

If you have any questions do not hesitate
to ask.

Barbara

A photograph of a multi-arched concrete bridge. A banner is stretched across the bridge, featuring the text "AIDS AWARENESS" and "CARING FOR EACH OTHER" with red ribbon symbols. The sky is overcast, and there are utility poles and buildings in the background.

AIDS AWARENESS
"CARING FOR EACH OTHER"

***“Who, me?
Couldn’t be!”***



A Red Ribbon is a symbol
of support and caring
for people who have
HIV/AIDS

The AIDS Awareness
Committee of Quinte
invites you to prepare
for **WORLD AIDS DAY**
by attending our
community's
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Belleville



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infected but you can't
avoid being affected!

*"If you dare to care...
and be aware...
be there!!!"*

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OF QUINTE

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The AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte is a group of volunteers who meet regularly to plan and create awareness raising events. The AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte believes that we should advocate in the community for continuous improvement in public awareness of HIV/AIDS.

The AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte will create awareness regarding HIV/AIDS and in doing so, understanding and caring will follow thus benefiting all those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The committee consists of concerned community members and representatives from agencies;Addiction Services,All Care, Hastings/Prince Edward County Health Unit, Hospice Quinte, Kingston AIDS Project, Palliative Care B.G.H. and V.O.N.

The committee creates awareness by organizing events such as AIDS WALK CANADA, Candlelight Vigil, Open Forum, Information Displays, Banner Flying, World AIDS Day Ceremony and fund raising activities.

AIDS WALK CANADA- money raised through this event go directly to support those living with HIV/AIDS in this area.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL- is a celebration of those lives lost to AIDS and offers support to those living with HIV/AIDS.

OPEN FORUM- provides the community with guest speakers who relay facts and information on AIDS issues.

INFORMATION DISPLAYS- provide the community with printed materials, red ribbons, and details on HIV/AIDS.

BANNER FLYING-during AIDS AWARENESS WEEK the AIDS Awareness "CARING FOR EACH OTHER" banner flies across the Bridge St. bridge as a reminder to all who pass.

WORLD AIDS DAY - DEC. 1st- is a worldwide day of commitment to carry on the fight against AIDS and a time of remembrance of those lost to and living with HIV/AIDS.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES- provide the money to carry on the business of the committee as outlined in the terms of reference and to participate in special projects.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT

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Walk for Life raises \$2,000 for AIDS

*Event organizer
thrilled at turnout
for first-time event*

By Jennifer Bell

The Intelligencer

They walked for a variety of reasons.

Perhaps they know someone who is HIV positive. Or a friend or family member has died of AIDS. Or they wanted to contribute something to the fight against this deadly illness.

Seventy-two people strolled a 5.6-km. trek through Belleville's south end Sunday afternoon on the AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte's Walk for Life.

It was, said organizer Barbara

Brenton, "a wonderful turnout for a first-time event."

Almost \$2,000 was raised, said Brenton, which goes through the Kingston AIDS Project and back to Quinte to help those living with HIV or AIDS.

The local committee is a group of volunteers who pledge to increase public awareness of the disease, promote prevention programs, and provide advocacy and support for those living with HIV or AIDS.

Participants warmed up with aerobics at West Zwicks Park shortly before 1 p.m., and set off around the Bay of Quinte and back to West Zwicks Island.

Kingston also held a Walk for Life Sunday morning.

The event kicked off national

AIDS Awareness Week — Oct. 2 to 8 — during which a variety of local events are slated to help educate people about the disease.

They include a panel of people who will talk about living with HIV and AIDS Oct. 4 at the Belleville Recreation Centre, a memorial vigil at Eastminster United Church Oct. 5, and drama performances by a Bayside Secondary School theatre group at area high schools Oct. 2 to 13.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Public Health Unit, and Regional Hospice of Quinte, are also supporting National AIDS Awareness Week.

For more information, call the health unit at 966-5500, or the Kingston AIDS Project at 1-800-565-2209.

Close to 100 support AIDS awareness

By Jack Evans

The Intelligencer

Belleville did its bit for AIDS sufferers Sunday as close to 100 people turned out to take part in the second annual walkathon in aid of the national AIDS fund.

"We were one of 62 communities across Canada taking part in this national walk to raise funds for, but especially awareness of AIDS, said John MacTavish, support services co-ordinator for the Kingston Project for AIDS which takes in the Quinte Area.

Of more than 120 patients in the territory he covers, MacTavish said about 30 come from the Quinte area .

The weekend walk had a goal of raising \$2.9 million nationally, with a hoped-for participation of 65,000 walkers.

MacTavish said information on local totals will be circulated as soon as they are known.

The cause was a special one for Barbara Brenton, co-chairman of the walk, and Larry Sacco, one of the key volunteers staffing the headquarters.

"I lost my brother to AIDS when he was only 33 years old," said Brenton.

Sacco is a victim of the disease and continues to live with it and still find energy to work for the



Intelligencer photo by Jack Evans

Larry Sacco, aids patient, left and Barbara Brenton, AIDS walk co-ordinator and prizes for raffle.
cause.

While pledges from the walkathon are expected to raise some funds, workers are also selling tickets on a three-part draw to be pulled on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day.

Local prizes, all donated, are a carousel terrarium from Sandpiper Studio, a stained glass window donated by artisan Carol Riddell-Elson, and a third prize.

The team is also selling tickets on a guaranteed \$1,000 minimum 50-50 draw for Friday, Oct. 4. Anyone wanting tickets can call Sacco at 966-5984.

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For more on AIDS Awareness Week, see page 8.

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Several events set to celebrate AIDS Awareness Week

Next week is AIDS Awareness Week and will be commemorated locally with an AIDS walk, candlelight vigil and open forum.

According to statistics released by the National Aids Awareness Campaign, more than 14,500 people have been diagnosed with the disease in Canada and at least 50,000 have contracted the virus which causes the disease.

Each year between 3,000 and 5,000 more Canadians are infected with the virus and more than half of those are under 25.

The AIDS walk, organized by AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte, will be Sunday, Sept. 28 at West Zwicks Park. Registration begins at noon, opening ceremonies at 12:30 p.m. and the walk at 1 p.m.

Money raised through pledges goes to support people living with AIDS in the local area.

The candlelight vigil will be in Eastminster United Church Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the memory of those who have died and to support those living with HIV or AIDS.

The vigil will include a memorial tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, in recognition of her contributions to AIDS awareness.

The third event of the week, an open forum, will also be in Eastminster church, on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

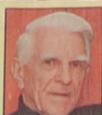
Guest speaker Yvette Perreault of the AIDS Bereavement Project of Ontario will talk about "healthy grieving."

Reunion game

Where were you in '72?
Team Canada heroes
reunite: Pg. 5

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Man has 'better'
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Finally, affordable
housing for
seniors: Pg. 9



Stereotypes persist

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on gays, they remain hard
on Arabs: Pg. 11



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GOVERNMENT

BGH cut on hold: Maitland

Up Front



Isolated showers

Showers will continue today with sunny breaks. Today's high temperature will reach 18 Celsius. See page 2 for weather details.

Many have unsafe sex

TORONTO (CP) — A "surprising" 42 per cent of Ontario's sexually active adults between the ages 16 and 44 years don't use condoms for protection against sexually transmitted diseases, a study shows.

The study, recently published in The Canadian Journal of Public Health, found those most likely to use condoms were 16 to 24 years of age, students, non-binge drinkers, urban residents and those at higher risk to contract the AIDS virus.

The Ontario Health survey, which involved 61,239 adults living in private dwellings, reported 42 per cent as having two or more partners, but had not used condoms for protection against sexually transmitted diseases in the 12 months before the survey. Of those who used condoms, 68 per cent did not use them consistently.

Mourn loss

MEDAN, Indonesia (Reuters) — Grieving relatives wept uncontrollably as unidentified victims of Indonesia's worst plane crash, in which all 234 people aboard died, were buried in a mass grave today.



Mandy Brenton releases balloons at West Zwick's during AIDS Walk in Belleville, Sunday.

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Provincial government defers funding reduction of \$3 million

Bill Hunt
The Intelligencer

The provincial government has deferred a funding cut of approximately \$3 million for Belleville General Hospital, Bruce Maitland, vice-president of human resources and diagnostics confirmed today.

The ministry of health was planning to chop another even per cent from the hospital's 1998-99 operating budget after cutting it by approximately seven and six per cent respectively during the last two years.

"The government has indicated these (funding cuts) are probably on hold," Maitland said this morning.

He added there was no indication in correspondence from both the finance minister and health minister that the cuts would not be implemented in future years.

"I think the general content (of the correspondence) is that they are accepting the argument the third year of cuts should be revisited," said Maitland.

Hospital officials were informed of the change within the last week, through the Ontario Hospital Association.

The good news doesn't mean the hospital's financial concerns are gone because there may still

be increases "in areas of other expenses — benefits and probably salaries," added Maitland. "It's still not totally clear sailing."

But the move indicates the government is acknowledging that "hospitals are having trouble adapting to the financial change" of the last few years.

BGH receives most of its funding through the ministry of health, which is the body cutting its funding. The hospital's budget for 1997-98 is \$54 million, of which \$44 million will come from the ministry of health.

PEOPLE

Ottawa to crack down on student bankruptcies

WINNIPEG (CP) — The federal government will move this week to crack down on students who declare bankruptcy simply to avoid repaying student loans.

Ottawa is proposing a series of new regulations to prevent students from using bankruptcies to further student loans for at least two years after they graduate or leave school.

"They can't just walk out the door, see a trustee, and declare bankruptcies," said Russ Krawetz, federal acting superintendent of bankruptcy for Manitoba. The change means, in legal terms, that student loans will become "undischargable debts" for two years. However, students can still apply to the courts and plead unusual hardship, Krawetz said.

Brighton busy during Applefest

Story and photo by Jack Evans
The Intelligencer

BRIGHTON — It's hard to equate lighthouses and apples. But they combine for the official logo for the annual Applefest here. And it sure works, even given that some visitors might not realize the significance of the replica of the Presqu'île Point Lighthouse.

This town's streets went into overload with pedestrians and traffic all weekend as ideal autumn weather prevailed for festivities at several venues.

The entire main street was closed off to traffic Saturday for much of the program, which included various types of apple and apple pie contests, a parade, entertainment and feasting.

Sunday was more subdued, but the King Edward Park area drew a huge crowd of people and cars for the continuing carnival, while at Proctor House Museum, youngsters showed off their pets tricks.

Also drawing mob-sized interest in the park were dozens of exhibitors for arts and crafts in both the arena and curling club.

The museum complex was also busy, where the huge crowd for tours. Outside, children displayed their pets' accomplishments.

It was Open House at the downtown Legion Branch, and a special live performance for the monthly Lighthouse Cafe coffee house in Proctor House provided a fitting end for the weekend.



Florence Aver, one of the volunteers at Brighton's Proctor House Museum, displays the first-prize entry in the Apple Monster contest. The entry was created by Jennifer Ezard of Brighton.

QUINTE

DAILY SMILE

The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple.
Oscar Wilde.

» BUSINESS

Keeping drier and cooler

Stirling inventor believes he has a more efficient dehumidifier

By Bill Hunt
The Intelligencer

STIRLING — After 25 years of building houses and water-proofing basements, Ross Swan believes he has invented a device to keep homes and other buildings drier and cooler.

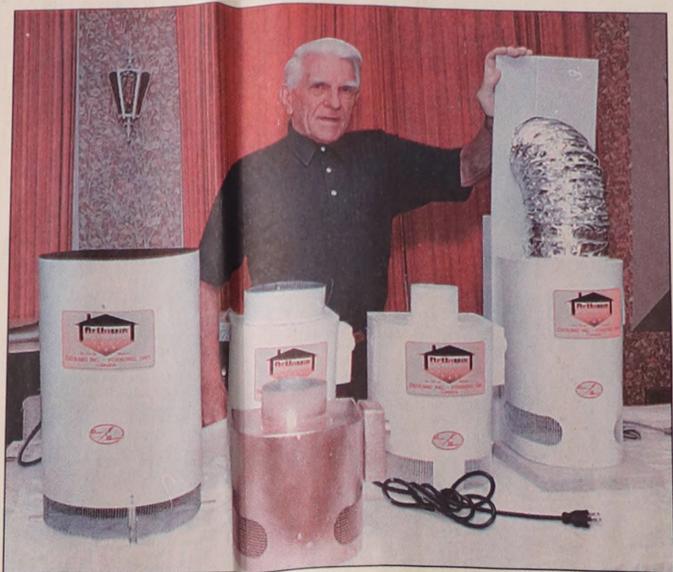
Swan is a home builder who has developed a dehumidifier he says works more efficiently than conventional units and costs a fraction of the price to operate. His dehumidifier uses a fan and exhaust hose to carry the moisture outside, compared to conventional dehumidifiers which use a fan, cooling coil and froon gas.

"Mine is strictly circulation and absorption of water within the moving air," he says. "The air is then exhausted outside through a flexible hose and air exterior louvre vent."

Mass production will begin this week in a shop near Foxboro and if things go as hoped, the business, called DeHumid Inc., could employ several dozen people within the next year. Swan currently has two employees but has marketing agreements with a sales representative in Florida, with Co-op Farm Stores in Ontario and GrowMart in the United States. The product will also be carried in other retail outlets.

The dehumidifier, he says, uses about \$2 of electricity per month compared to approximately \$40 to \$50 for conventional dehumidifiers. Swan also says his units can take up to 25 quarts of water from the air during a 24-hour period compared to about four quarts for conventional dehumidifiers.

He's sold about 1,000 units during the last four years and has tested the five different sizes in



Ross Shaw of Stirling with his five sizes of dehumidifiers.

Intelligencer photo by Bill Hunt

homes, motels, boats, mobile homes, chicken coops, milking parlors and factories.

The first unit is intended to keep boats dry, particularly while they are cocooned for the winter. The second is for mobile homes and module classrooms, which frequently suffer extreme dampness and odors. The third is for houses but can be used in chicken coops. Shaw says it can reduce the odor in chicken coops by up to 80 per cent, making them easier to

clean and healthier for the birds.

A still larger version can be used in milking parlors, where the humidity is around 95 per cent and can cause corrosion of equipment. Furthermore, the temperature can exceed 120 F. "That's an awful lot of humidity at that temperature," notes Shaw.

He says his invention can bring the humidity down to 45 to 50 per cent and the temperature to between 80 and 85 per cent,

reducing if not stopping the corrosion and expensive repairs." It is also useful in factories or storage areas.

The fifth design was made specifically for motels. With lower humidity, it also reduces demand on the air conditioner if the temperature is below 80 F.

Shaw expects to make 250 units a day at his Foxboro plant but if sales take off, he'll move to larger quarters and hire more staff.

424 Squadron tops SAREX competition; to play host next year

CFB TRENTON — Bringing home the hardware.

8 Wing's 424 Search and Rescue Squadron was presented the Diamond Trophy for best overall performance at the National Search and Rescue Competition (SAREX 97) last week at Gimli, Man.

The CFB Trenton-based squadron posted the highest cumulative standings in all five events of the competition along with Winnipeg's 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron.

The tie was broken by comparing total penalty points; Trenton had less.

Six teams representing the Canadian Forces' five SAR squadrons and three combat units competed in the annual event, which was held at the Gimli Industrial Park last week.

Trenton won two competitions outright, the team parachute accuracy and the search event with Winnipeg placing first in rescue, medical and maintenance.

Individual winners saw Sgt. Brian Weir of 413 Squadron in Greenwood, N.S. win the individual parachute accuracy while MWO Bob Verret, 442 Squadron of Comox, B.C. won the parachute over 40 category.

Best team spirit went to 424 Squadron.

The annual SAREX highlights the skills of Canadian forces search and rescue personnel in the spirit of friendly competition.

The duties of hosting the event rotate annually between the Canadian Forces' five SAR units across the country, with 435 of Winnipeg acting as host for 1997.

Next year, 424 Squadron of Trenton will play host to the event.

» HEALTH

Helping people cope

B. Tom Gavey
The Intelligencer

The Belleville-area is in a unique position in regard to AIDS treatment and support because of the lack of a community-based centre, says the executive director of the AIDS Resource Centre at the local health unit.

Marsha Olinski says that means it's been necessary to come up with unique and creative ways to help those in the community who have AIDS or are HIV-positive and those who care for them.

Quinte area residents needing the services of an AIDS-devoted centre use the Kingston AIDS Project (KAP).

Olinski says one of the ways the Belleville-area has responded is the creation of the Quinte Committee for HIV/AIDS Care. It's a group that includes representatives from various health care organizations in Hastings and Prince Edward counties, including all four area hospitals, the area home care organization, home care providers, the health unit, KAP, the Addiction Research Foundation and others.

"We look at issues related to people living with HIV and AIDS and the needs of local service providers," says Olinski.

Recently the group did an assessment of the needs of health care professionals in the two counties and their needs in respect to caring for people with HIV and AIDS. There were 269 responses to the surveys and there were also phone interviews and focus group discussions. The surveys went to doctors, nurses,



health care aids, homemakers and others.

"What we learned was that they were most interested in learning more about precautions, treatments, workplace issues and care and prevention," says Olinski.

Now, she says, the group will begin addressing what the assessment revealed, starting with a seminar on dealing with loss slated for early December.

"It's not just the loss of clients, but also losses in the workplace and in their own lives," says Olinski.

Copies of the findings from the surveys have gone to various health care educators and the Ministry of Health.

Meanwhile, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte is busy promoting events for AIDS Awareness Week (Sept. 28-Oct. 5). They include yesterday's AIDS Walk Canada from Zwicks Island in Belleville, a noon discussion "The Changing Face of AIDS" Wednesday at the Belleville Pub-

lic Library, an AIDS vigil Thursday at Eastminster United Church at 7 p.m. and guest speaker Yvette Perreault of the AIDS Bereavement Project of Ontario at the church Thursday (Oct. 9) at 7 p.m.

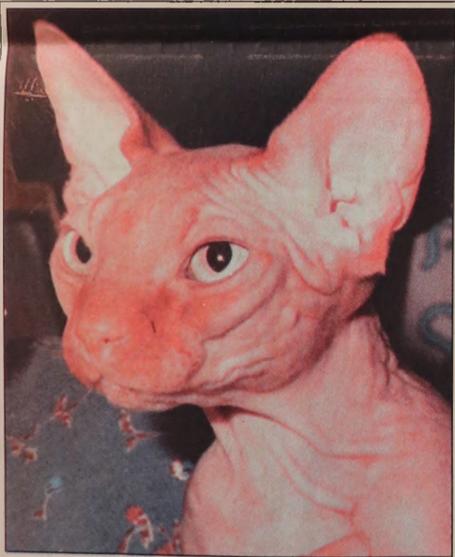
That committee includes service providers, people infected and affected by the disease and other concerned citizens.

Olinski says one of the biggest concerns of those treating people with the disease is that while the number of cases of AIDS in Canada is declining the incidence of people being HIV positive is rising.

"That means that we're losing the people who were diagnosed in the 1980s and a new group is coming along," she says.

The group causing the biggest concern is intravenous drug users, where the infection rate is rising dramatically. Olinski adds:

"There is also good news. "New treatments are making a big difference. People are staying healthy longer," says Olinski.



Intelligencer photo by Lorne Douglas

Hair-raising experience?

Radar, a 11/2 year old Sphynx, a style of hairless cat, won second best of show during Saturday competition at the first annual Cat Show held by the Quinte Cat Club at the Belleville Armouries. The Sphynx breed has been around for approximately 100 years and has peach fuzz style hair. Radar is owned by Becky Harrison of Guelph.

Newsmakers

Correction

The price of The Intelligencer for Saturday, September 27 was incorrectly given at the weekday cost of 70 cents plus GST. The correct price of the Saturday Intelligencer is \$1.40 plus GST. We apologize for the error.

Frank Johnston demonstration

The Prince Edward Yacht Club is holding its sixth annual art show and sale Oct. 3 to 5 with artist Frank Johnston giving a demonstration.

Johnston returned to Prince Edward County last year after a 20-year absence. His works hang in major collections across the country and abroad, while his depiction of winter scenes in Muskoka have become collector's items.

This year's art show coincides with the local Artists' Cooperative studio tour.

Admission to the yacht club is free and visitors can have Johnston complete a caricature portrait of them.

An opening dinner will be held the evening of Oct. 3 followed by entertainment by the Ardmore Trio.

To reserve tickets for the dinner, call the club at 476-5586.

Clarification

A caption for a front page photograph on Saturday's Intelligencer discussed Fire Prevention Week and its theme for the week.

The entire theme should have read Know When to Go, React Fast to Fire says fire prevention officer Dave MacMullen.

HIV/AIDS

— In Hastings and Prince Edward counties the total number of AIDS cases to March of 1997 was 47 and the number of HIV positive tests reported to the Medical Officer of Health was 83.

— By the end of 1996 there had been about 20,000 AIDS cases reported in Canada since the epidemic began, with 5,700 in Ontario alone.

— The number of new HIV infections in Canada last year was between 3,000 and 5,000.

— Nearly 11,000 Canadians have died from AIDS since the disease was discovered.

Army troubleshooter offers no excuses

By Wendy Cox
Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Brig. Gen. James Cox has walked into his new job as army troubleshooter offering few excuses. He agrees some military leaders have failed badly. He expects he'll find more ugly secrets among Canada's soldiers. But moving beyond a past that has included the beating death of a prisoner, videotapes of racist and vulgar jokes, sexual misconduct

allegations and other boorish behavior aren't stark until everything is out in the painful open, he says. "We may still have a couple of warts out there that are still hiding and I have to go out there and uncover them," Cox said Tuesday after his appointment. "We're clearly focused on the minority that we have to hunt out and take care of." Cox has been appointed the army's new command inspector. His job will take him across Canada to speak to

troups of all ranks in an attempt to deal with leadership and morale problems. He plans to be aggressive about it. "I have a team of soldiers who are going to go out there, stare people in the face, ask all the hard questions and expect honest answers." Cox says he won't be involved in current investigations, focusing instead on problems that need a closer look. As a result, he won't be included in an investigation

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announced Tuesday into reports that Canadian soldiers in Bosnia took patients at a mental hospital and had sex with nurses there. When asked if he agreed with critics who say there has been a recent breakdown in army leadership, Cox promptly replied: "Absolutely." Among the most vocal critics of army leadership has been army chief, Lt. Gen. Maurice Baril, who suggested the new position to Cox earlier this spring. Baril has said the command inspector position will be able to give him fast information about trouble spots and provide soldiers with a "short pipeline" into his face.

James Cox
A sketch of Brig. Gen. James Cox, appointed to deal with leadership and morale problems.
Born Scarborough, Ont. Age 50
Joined military 1968
Past missions Served three peacekeeping tours in Cyprus. Military chief of staff of all UN forces in Somalia in 1990
New job Command inspector

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Ottawa on right track

It isn't surprising that Prime Minister Jean Chretien is walking on egg shells as it proceeds to the Supreme Court for clarification of the rules regarding the separation of Quebec. While he should not be concerned about provoking the Quebec government (anything he says seems to outrage Premier Lucien Bouchard), he should be worried about provoking the people of Quebec. The perception that Ottawa will try to control the fate of the province could be enough to provoke them to independence in another referendum.

OUR VIEW

Supreme Court should rule on Quebec issue

That said, however, the federal government is right to proceed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Parti Quebecois government has proven it cannot be trusted to hold a fair referendum. Nearly a year ago, Quebecers were given a vague question about separation. The vote was less than democratic, as the PQ tried to stifle the NO side, its chief electoral officer was clearly pro-sovereignty, voting irregularities were largely brushed off, and NO supporters now face charges.

All that considered, it is up to the government to ensure that a future vote is fair. Justice Minister Allan Rock said as much this week, conceding the government does not contest Quebec's right to a "consultative" referendum. Instead, he says Ottawa wants guidelines on how to make sure a referendum question is clear; what percentage of votes would be needed for Quebec to separate; what would happen in the event of a Yes win; and what role the rest of Canada should have.

By going to the Supreme Court, Ottawa is finally moving to protect those Quebecers who do not want to separate, not to mention the rest of Canada.

Had they not moved this issue to the Supreme Court, the federal Liberals would have been guilty of something they have been accused of for more than a year: sitting on the sidelines while Quebec moved toward independence.

It is about time Ottawa moved on this issue.

Canada Post and Disney go goofy over Winnie the Pooh

OTTAWA (CP) — American entertainment giant Walt Disney has its paws all over Canada's Winnie the Pooh.

Canada Post is issuing a set of four commemorative stamps designed by Walt Disney's Canadian division next Tuesday. Each depicts a period of the Canadian bear's life.

In return for Disney's help, the Crown corporation is giving away 10 trips for four to Walt Disney World in Florida to celebrate the theme park's 25th anniversary.

It's not the first time Disney has partnered with a Canadian institution. The conglomerate signed a licensing agreement last year with the RCMP to protect the force's image in Mountie souvenirs.

The Council of Canadians was quick to pounce on Canada Post consorting with the U.S.-based entertainment giant.

"Just like Disney taking over the Mounties, here is one more example of the kind of corporate incursion into Canadian public life," said council spokesman David Robinson. "It does

make (Canada Post) look like Mickey Mouse."

To Canada Post spokesman Tim McGurran, the Disney relationship is a perfect example of cross promotion.

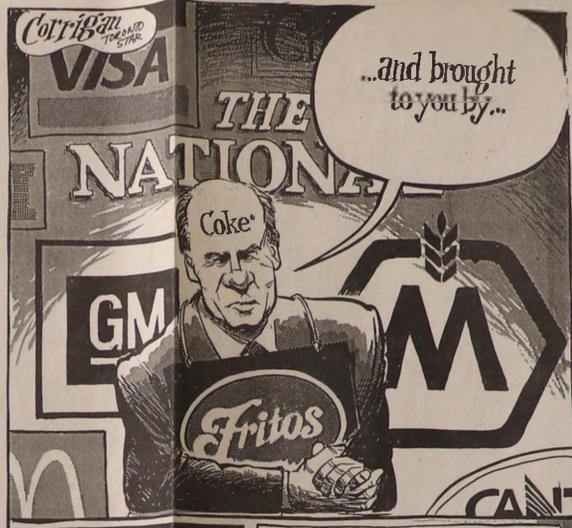
"They're promoting the 25th anniversary of Walt Disney World in Florida. We're promoting our stamps. We're trying to capture the youthful market. Disney is trying obviously to capture the Canadian hearts of everybody who has been to Disney World."

The real-life Winnie was a female black bear born near White River, Ont. She was bought by Lt. Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian in a cavalry unit during the First World War. Colebourn named her after Winnipeg, his hometown.

When Colebourn's unit was ordered to the battlefields of France, Winnie was placed with the London Zoo for safekeeping and became the inspiration for A. A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh character.

Disney purchased the story rights to Winnie the Pooh from Milne's widow in 1961.

With repeating... "I don't have to talk about my life to anybody. It's my mind, my body, my temple. It's not the government's." Christine Saphon, 59, of Edmonton, outraged by questions posed for a national health survey.



Politicians aren't ostriches

Editor, The Intelligencer
I had hoped that someone else might have challenged your editorial, "Politicians or ostriches?" However, since no one else has risen to the occasion, I feel I must.

I have been astounded by how readily our local municipal politicians have embraced the concepts of restructuring and amalgamation even before there was much of a threat from Al Leach, minister responsible for municipalities. This is despite the fact that I don't believe either they or Leach have the political mandate to make such drastic changes.

So for me, it was most refreshing to hear some politicians with the intestinal fortitude to say no to the bully boys from Queen's

Park. I would remind you that one of those politicians is Joe Best, a veteran of municipal politics. Possibly, he is comparing the Harris Tories' version of the Dog and Pony Show with that of the Roberts-era Tories. It was called regional government and we are well aware of what a fiasco it has been, adding another layer of government and costs.

If you need any convincing, simply check out Metro Toronto, where the "furniture salesman" and the "winkle Queen of the West" keep things in a constant turmoil.

No sir! I think these changes are too important to be left to the politicians and bureaucrats, especially the tight-fisted bean counters from Queen's Park. I think

we need to slow down the whole process, and add citizens to the committees.

However, as I understand amalgamation, it can have benefits because, when downsizing occurs, it commences at the top, with the politicians. For example, in a new super city, the political offices would all be declared vacant, new wards established — say, one ward per 10,000 population — and elections held to fill those offices.

The downsizing would continue down through administration until it reached the lowest levels, where the savings achieved could be used to hire more workers to provide the extra service the enlarged area would require.
John A. D. McLean,
Belleville

Who decides what charities are worthwhile?

Editor, The Intelligencer
As a member of the AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte and as co-chair of the AIDS Walk Belleville, I am writing in response to your editorial Sept. 21 ("No winners in this fight").

Belleville is holding its second annual five-kilometre AIDS walk, Sept. 29 at West Zwick's Park. Registration is at 11 a.m. with the walk beginning at 12 noon. Last year, more than 80 walkers raised over \$2,000. This year we hope to top that. This year's proceeds will be divided among Kingston AIDS Project, Hospice Quinte and Palliative Care B.G.H. All are recognized and registered charities that provide tax-deductible receipts.

The AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte has a mandate to create awareness regarding AIDS. Once awareness is created, understanding and caring will follow.

Those of us who are working in the AIDS network are used to having doors slammed in our face. Mostly it is from people who do not have all the facts and some who are biased by prejudice.

Most informed people realize that "AIDS does not discriminate." AIDS is a disease that knows no boundaries. It attacks a body and it takes and destroys until there is nothing left. Taking many young lives in its toll.

Who decides what charity is most worthwhile? Not me! Not you! They should be all equal.

Barbara Brenton

Malette will return
Chris Malette is on vacation. His City Hall column will return next week.

Sign your letter
Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must be signed to be considered for publication.

What Canada Think

We shouldn't expect perfect politicians

Ordinary citizens should try to put themselves in their politicians' place, says James Read of the Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg, writing in First Reading, a magazine produced by the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

It is reasonable and appropriate to expect politicians to be ethical. Not everyone would say yes.

They might say that ethics is no more relevant to being good in government than it is to being a good shortstop or a good violinist. We wouldn't want a philandering violinist for a

spouse, they would say, but what's that got to do with whether we hire him for the orchestra? Violinists need not be virtuous to be virtuous...

As a father I have a far greater responsibility for my own children than for anyone else's. I'm supposed to be partial towards them. And when I am a patient, my physician's ethical obligation is to attend to my needs, not to the viability of the medicare system (as important as that is). By sharp contrast, the good politician, the politician who seeks to be ethical, will refuse to give

preference to her kids when education policies are on the legislative order paper, and she will not push herself to the front of the me-too queue.

How do we find people who meet these ethical standards? ...

I think a big part of it is in finding a readiness in the ordinary citizen to put himself or herself imaginatively into the politician's place...

Ethics in government is contingent not only on the moral character of the politicians but on the character of the voter too.

Time Capsule

Marjorie Donald, of Fogo, sends us this photograph of her mother Elizabeth (Nellie) and her brothers Willie and Robert (all deceased). The photograph was taken at One Hill shortly after the turn of the century.

Do you have an old photograph or post card which would be of interest to our readers? If so, we're always looking for more submissions to Time Capsule. Bring your picture to our office, at 45 Bridge St. E., Belleville (downtown, beside Century Place). Pictures can be picked up again after they've appeared in the paper. Unfortunately, old newspaper clippings cannot be used because of poor reproduction



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Post-death support needed

You never get over how cruel the disease is'

By Tom Gavey

The Intelligencer

Their loved ones are gone, but two Belleville women and their families can testify to the devastation AIDS has had on their lives.

One is a widow and the other a sister of two men who were lost during what should have been the prime of their lives. They were brought together by the local AIDS Resource Centre at the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit to put a local face on a world wide issue.

Today is World AIDS Day and the focus this year is on families and the way the disease disrupts them, but can also draw them closer together.

"It changes your life. It devastates you. You never get over how cruel the disease is," says Barbara Brenton, who lost her brother Brian to AIDS in August, 1991. He was just 33.

An already close family united to help with a major book firm deal with the disease after he was diagnosed in 1988. Unfortunately, Brenton says that support couldn't always be found in the community at the time.

"We saw a lot of prejudice. Surprisingly, a lot of it came from medical staff. That has improved, but people should know that it (AIDS) is here and they should be caring and compassionate," she says.

Brenton says her brother came home to Belleville from Toronto during the latter stages of the disease and family rallied around him.

"We stayed at the hospital all day during the final stages. Our faith pulled us through," she remembers.

She also remembers her brother being ravaged by a debilitated central nervous system, AIDS-related dementia, meningitis and finally pneumonia as the disease obliterated his body's immune system.

Meanwhile, for Sally (real names are not being used in this case) the disease not only robbed her and a four-year-old daughter of a husband and a father, but

even today it continues to cast a shadow over her life.

"I got pneumonia last year and I thought this is it, I've got the disease. It's in the back of your mind every time you get sick," she says. Doctors have told Sally that because she has tested negative several times that she isn't at risk. And, her daughter is also in the clear. However, that doesn't bring Nick back.

Her husband of seven years believed he contracted the disease from an infected needle while getting a tattoo in Vancouver. He lost his fight with the disease at age 33 in May of 1993.

For Nick, the disease manifested itself through painful and crippling arthritis and he also suffered AIDS-related dementia and eventually liver failure.

"We got good support from our family and friends. There was only one incident where he was shunned," says Sally.

One thing she discovered, though, was that all of the sup-

port that was there during her husband's illness seemed to disappear after his death.

"I think there could be more support for the bereaved afterwards. I was lucky, I had plenty of family and friends," says Sally.

She was reluctant to attend a local support group for AIDS sufferers, because she was afraid she would remind others of her husband's death.

And, she adds, even today people need to be reminded the disease doesn't just strike homosexuals or any one segment of society.

"Also, if people are going to have a family, they should be tested first. The last thing you want to do is bring a baby into this world with the disease," she stresses.

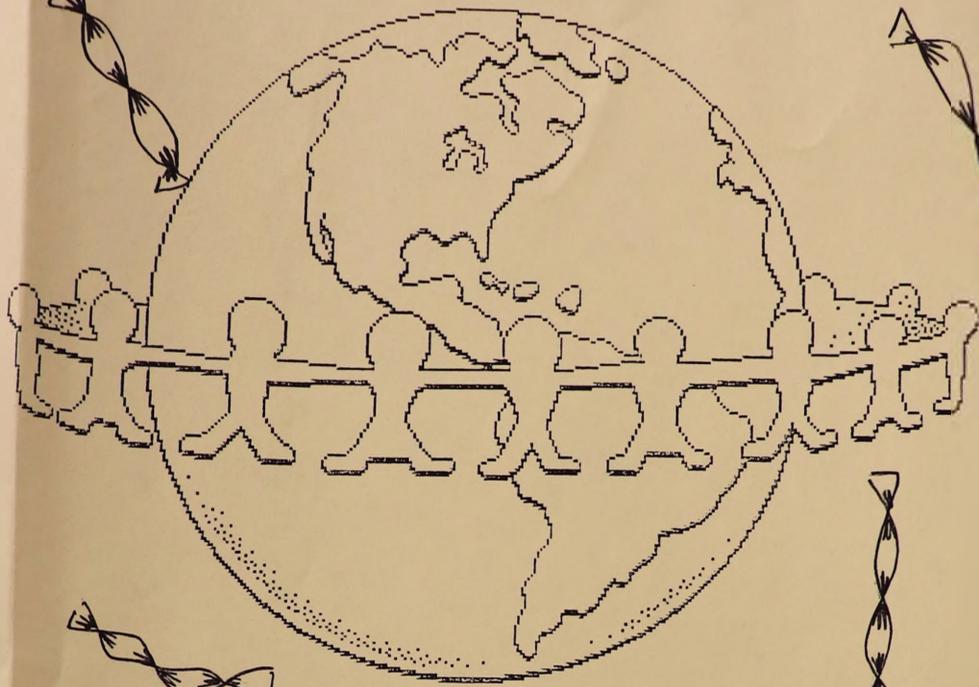
Barbara Brenton speaks for thousands of Canadians who have been touched by the disease.

"Once you've been touched by it, the hurt never goes away," she sighs.

In Hastings and Prince Edward counties alone 12 people have been found HIV positive in the past two-and-a-half years, health unit statistics reveal.

See Page 11 for more on World





THE AIDS AWARENESS COMMITTEE OF QUINTE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM
IN CELEBRATION

OF
WORLD AIDS DAY
AT

Behrens Park
(NEXT TO GREENLEYS BOOK STORE)
Front St.
SUNDAY NOV. 30TH, 1997
1:00 p.m.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
REFRESHMENTS
CAROLLING

Today is World AIDS Day

Attitude towards AIDS victims has changed

Story and photo by Tom Gavey

The Intelligencer



People tie ribbons during ceremony to mark World AIDS Day.

When Barbara Brenton got involved with the AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte four years ago she remembers it was like "pulling teeth" to get people to talk about the disease.

Sunday, at a tree lighting ceremony to mark World AIDS Day at Belleville's Behrens Park, she said she was happy to report that's changed.

"People are much more willing to talk about AIDS now. They realize that it can touch any segment of society," said Brenton.

She lost a brother to the disease in 1991 and said she now regularly meets people who have lost a loved one or friend to AIDS.

World AIDS Day (Dec. 1) began in 1988 and 1997 is the second year it's been marked in the Quinte area. This year's theme is Children Living With AIDS.

Brenton said her committee, which includes representatives of various agencies who deal with the disease and those in the community who have been touched by AIDS, works to raise awareness both that will help those with the disease or who have lost someone and to prevent others from becoming HIV-positive.

Among the committee's major tasks are AIDS Awareness Week activities like an annual AIDS Walk in September, a candlelight vigil at Eastminster United Church and a tree lighting ceremony.

Sunday, about a dozen people braved a freezing rain to tie red ribbons to a Christmas tree at the park.

"This year's walk raised double the amount raised in 1996 and we had twice as many people, so that's very encouraging," Brenton said.

When her brother died six years ago, she said, she felt she had no one to talk to.

"Now, I have friends who have gone through the same thing and people are more willing to talk about it. It helps those with the disease and those who have lost people to know people care," Brenton said.

Committee member Terry Belford read Sunday from The Color of Light, written by Perry

Tilleraas:

"All of us living with AIDS are part of a great move back to remembering who we are, to remembering that we are not alone, isolated or separate, to remembering that we are all one people...There are still people with AIDS dying alone and living alone. There are children with AIDS abandoned to hospitals where they deteriorate because they aren't touched or held enough. There are gay people living in fear and homophobia and IV drug users living in the daily terror of addiction. There are mothers with AIDS who need love, acceptance and support. And there are mothers of people with AIDS who need support too."



Intelligencer photo by Frank O'Connor

Loved ones remembered

The AIDS Awareness Committee of Quinte held a candlelight vigil at Eastminster United Church Thursday evening, remembering those who have died of the disease, and supporting those who are living with

HIV/AIDS. Karen Scott-Michel's thoughts were with her brother Brian, who died of AIDS in 1991. This is AIDS Awareness Week in Canada.

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AIDS memorial

A candlelight vigil was held at Eastminster United Church, Thursday, in recognition of those who have died of AIDS, and those living with the disease. Lighting a candle representing AIDS sufferers was Larry Sacco, left,

while Rev. Ed Bentley represented the AIDS committee. The ceremony is part of AIDS Awareness Week.

OUR CITY

QUOTE OF
THE DAY

"I'm grateful for my health. Many times, that's what keeps me going," said HIV carrier Terry Belford.

PEOPLE

'Keeping the faith'

AIDS vigil seeks to remember those who have died

By Henry Bury
The Intelligencer

While others die around him of AIDS, Terry Belford is keeping his faith.

It's one of the precious things the 40-year-old has left.

Belford has been living with the HIV virus for the past 10 years and has been lucky enough to fend off the full onslaught of the deadly disease.

"My family and friends keep me going," he said Monday night prior to taking his seat in the sanctuary of Eastminster United Church for the fifth annual AIDS vigil held to celebrate the memory of those who have died and to support those who are living with HIV and AIDS.

"Keeping the faith is important to me. It's hard to, sometimes, but you have to."

Belford, a former Belleville resident, moved to Kingston last May. But he returned home Monday night for the AIDS vigil, one of several events held for AIDS Awareness Week (Nov. 23-30).

Joining him was his mother, Dorothy Belford, of Trenton, and about 50 other people for the hour long service of music and words.

During the service, Belford and others lit candles on the altar in memory of loved ones who died of AIDS.

"I'm here to pay remembrance to my friends who passed away and for the rest of the world. It's important I do this," he said.

Belford acknowledged he's one of the lucky ones.

His health has been especially good since testing HIV positive a decade ago.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'm an eight or nine," he said.

He credits good but expensive



Terry Belford, HIV positive, lights a candle with his mother Dorothy during an AIDS Vigil Monday evening at Eastminster United Church in Belleville

Intelligencer photo by Henry Bury

medication (about \$1,500 every month), good eating and lots of rest for keeping himself healthy.

"I'm grateful for my health. Many times, that's what keeps me going."

Belford said he's learned to live with his situation. He doesn't ask "Why me?" any more.

Instead, he's pinning his hopes on even better medication and, perhaps, a cure for AIDS "that people like me will be cured."

For now, though, he's taking one day at a time "and hoping."

Dorothy Belford, 65, has

learned to cope with her son's disease.

Besides reading about AIDS and attending clinics with her son, "I say my little prayers at night for him and anyone afflicted with this."

"As a parent, you have to be strong with them and for them. You have to listen to them and understand what they're going through," she said.

Belford's only hope is that her son lives to be 100.

"You don't want to see your child die before you."

During the service, Eastminster's Rev. Ed Bentley told the audience it's his belief that people aren't paying as much attention to AIDS nowadays as in the past.

"It's become so familiar that we've stop listening...we have to break the circle of familiarity."

Bentley urged communities to persuade their residents that AIDS is not at the periphery of today's society, "it's invading our society."

"Ignorance allows us to be at risk of AIDS. We become allies of this virus if we don't care."

1994 AIDS Vigil

To celebrate the memory of those who have died
and
To support those who are living with AIDS

*When you are sorrowful,
look again in your heart
and you shall see that in truth
you are weeping for
that which has been your delight.*

Kahlil Gibran

Thursday, October 6th, 1994

7:00pm

sponsored by

Hastings-Prince Edward AIDS Awareness Week Committee

hosted by

*Eastminster United Church
432 Bridge Street East, Belleville*

Order of Service

The Gathering in Silence

The Prelude: *'Somewhere Out There'*

Performed by Wayne McFaul

The Welcoming

John MacTavish

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn:

Tune: *Ode to Joy* by Ludwig van Beethoven

Words: Ed Bentley

God, Creator, to this service
We have brought the loads we bear,
Come in search of helping solace,
Trusting in Your godly care.
While the songs may sound rejoicing
And the mask of smiles we wear,
Though it may be joy we're voicing,
'Tis the grief we come to share.

Love has been our sweetest pleasure,
Love has been our hardest pain,
Love has been the richest treasure -
We would do it all again.
Deep within our secret places
Love has touched our very soul;
Now as we recall their faces,
That same love will make us whole.

By whatever name we call you,
'Allah,' 'God,' 'Jehovah,' 'Lord,'
Now united here before You:
Speak to us a healing word.
Lift our hearts to soar believing,
Grant us mem'ry's sweet caress;
Lift our spirits, grace receiving -
Those we love deserve no less!

*Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.
And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises
was oftentimes filled with your tears.
And how else can it be?
The deeper that sorrow carves into your being,
the more joy you can contain.
Is not the cup that holds your wine
the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven?
And is not the lute that soothes your spirit
the very wood that was hollowed with knives?
When you are joyous,
look deep into your hearts
and you will find
it is only that which has given you sorrow
that is giving you joy.
When you are sorrowful,
look again in your heart
and you shall see
that in truth you are weeping for
that which has been your delight.
Some of you say,
'Joy is greater than sorrow,'
and others say,
'Nay, sorrow is the greater.'
But I say unto you,
they are inseparable.*

A song: 'Sometimes'

Music: Ron Klusmeier; Words: Walter Farquharson
Performed by Tina Bentley

A Reading from Scripture: *Psalm 23*

A Song: 'Shades of Grey'

Music & Words: Andy Forgie
Performed by Andy Forgie

An Act of Remembrance:

*Everyone is invited to speak out loud
the names of loved ones
who have died from AIDS*

A Time of Reflection: *'Wind Beneath My Wings'*

Performed by Wayne McFaul

A Reading:

Anonymous

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am the thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glint on snow;
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awake in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand by my grave with tears:
Remember me, and let go of your fears!*

A Song: *'Ring of Bright Water'*

Performed by 'Harris Tweed'

A Reading from Scripture: from *John 11*

Meditation: *'Breaking the Silence'*

Ed Bentley

A Song: *'The Last Song'*

Music: Elton John; Words: Taupin
Performed by Andy Forge

Hymn: *'Blowin' in the Wind'*

Music: Bob Dylan
Words: Vs 1 by Bob Dylan
Vs 2-4 by Ed Bentley

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes and how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes and how many deaths will it take til he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind;
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times must a friend die alone,
Abandoned by judgement and fear?
Yes and how many times will our children come home
To a love that's afraid to be near?
Yes and how harder still is the grief that we mourn
When the hurt we have cost them is clear?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind;
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times will the preacher speak out
With religion that burns to condemn?
Yes and how many more will for comfort reach out
To a righteous refusal to bend?
Yes and how many walls will the hollow devout
Build around them, while God welcomes in?
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind;
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times will our voices be still
Hiding wisdom and sense like a veil?
Yes and how many graves will with beauty we fill
While silence extends sorrow's trail?
Yes and how many more will indifference kill
'Til love and compassion prevail?
The answer, my friend, is up to you and me;
The answer is up to you and me.

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Prayers:

One: Compassionate Holy One, open our hearts and minds and hands so that we may connect ourselves to the global community of others responding to AIDS as we pray.

We remember all those women, men and children in our community, in this country and around the world who are living with AIDS:

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: We remember all who care for people living with AIDS in their homes, in hospices and in support centres:

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: We remember all who are involved in research and hospital care that they may honour and respect the dignity of each person:

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: We remember all partners who are left to mourn for their beloved ones:

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: We remember all parents who learn the truth about their children's lives through the process of facing death:

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: We remember those who suffer in silence, because parents prefer not to know, because friends turn away, because we choose not to hear.

All: *Justice demands that we remember and respond.*

One: God help us to remember.

All: *God help us to respond.*

Written by Diann Neu for World AIDS Day, 1992

A Song: *'Comes a Time'*

Music & Words: Neil Young
Performed by 'Harris Tweed'

Hymn: *'The Servant Song'*

Music & Words: Richard Gillard
In *'Songs for a Gospel People'* # 133

Benediction

*Thank you for being here
and for helping us to
BREAK THE SILENCE!*

*Everyone is invited to remain for
a time of fellowship and refreshments
in the Eastminster Church Parlour
(West end of building, main floor)*

Readers:

Members of the Hastings-Prince Edward
AIDS Awareness Week Committee

Music:

Jean Bentley (Organist)
Wayne McFaul (Wind Synthesizer)
Tina Bentley, Andy Forgie, 'Harris Tweed'

Worship Leader: Ed Bentley

Flowers provided by Flowers by Marvin

"My outer shell is worn out now and it's time for me to go on to the next road on my journey. If I could ask one thing, it would be for you all to go on and enjoy life, live life, believe in yourselves and believe in God. The world has become a pretty scary place so we have to stick together. Love will save us all. Try to see the good in others and the good in yourselves and the good around us. They say that miracles are happening all the time, but only for those who are grateful enough to see them.

I will always be a part of all of you and you a part of me, and for that, I thank you.

Live. Love. Laugh. Until we meet again."

from a message written by Dan
to be read at his Memorial Service



AIDS Vigil

2004

Celebrating ...
the memory of
those who have died.

Standing with ...
those who are living
with HIV/AIDS.

Creating ...
public awareness
about the pandemic.

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

7:00 pm

hosted by
Eastminster United Church
Belleville, Ontario

Order of Service

Prelude

Scattered Seeds

Welcoming

Prayer of Invocation

A Song by Everyone:

based on 1 Corinthians 13

Words: ©1972 Hal Hopson; Tune: Traditional

Though I may speak with bravest fire
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Psalm 31:9-16

- One: Have mercy on me, God, for I am in trouble;
my eyes are wasted with grief, my soul and my body also.
- All: **My life is worn out with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails in my misery, my bones are wasted away.**
- One: I am the scorn of my enemies, yes, even of my neighbours.
- All: **My acquaintances shudder at the sight of me;
when they see me in the street, they shrink away.**
- One: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- All: **I hear the whispering of many; fear is on every side,
while they conspire against me and plot to take my life.**
- One: My times are in Your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies, those who pursue me.
- All: **Save me, O God. Let Your face shine so I can see You.**

A Song: 'Be Still My Soul'

Scattered Seeds

An Act of Remembrance:

***Everyone is invited to name loved ones
who have died from AIDS.***

A Litany of Remembrance:

Author Unknown

One: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

All: **In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.**

One: In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

All: **In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.**

One: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

All: **In the year's beginning and when it ends, we remember them.**

One: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

All: **When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.**

One: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

All: **So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.**

A Song: 'Shades of Grey'

Andy Forgie

A Reading from the Christian Scriptures

1 John 4:7-12,20-21

A Song by Everyone:

Music by Bob Dylan; Words by Ed Bentley

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Abandoned by judgement and fear?
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Build around them, while God welcomes in?
The answer, my friend, is up to you and me;
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How many times will our voices be still
Hiding wisdom and sense like a veil?
Yes and how many graves will with beauty we fill
While silence extends sorrow's trail?
Yes and how many more will indifference kill
'Til love and compassion prevail?
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Prayer:

Reader 1: O God, as we focus on HIV and AIDS, we confront things we usually prefer to avoid.

All: **Here we are confronted with chaos.**

Reader 2: Here we feel the surging Spirit of God who shakes our foundations and hurls the mountains into the sea; we feel the God who upsets our order and threatens our security.

All: **Here we are confronted with death.**

Reader 1: Here we face the truth that we are vulnerable and mortal; here we face the fact that life is fragile and precious; here we face the challenge that we cannot come to terms with our life until we have first come to terms with our death.

All: **Here we are confronted with sexuality.**

Reader 2: Here we discover that humanity and sexuality are inseparable; here we discover that divinity and carnality are inseparable; here we discover that, according to the purposes of God, our sexuality is redeemed and not denied.

All: **Here we are confronted with judgement.**

Reader 1: Here we stand before God's judgement that rejects our self-righteousness, that tears away our efforts to justify ourselves, that condemns our efforts to find acceptance by condemning others.

All: **Here we are confronted with fear.**

Reader 2: Here we face the fear of those who are different from us; here we face the fear of chaos, of sexuality and judgement.

All: **Here we are confronted with grace.**

Reader 1: Here we feel the embrace of God's grace that accepts and affirms, that is faithful and merciful.

Reader 2: Loving God, redeem us from our captivity and turn our fears to freedom. Be with us when we go from this place so that whatever confronts us on the way, we will have the blessings of Your grace.

All: **Grant it, O God, we pray. Amen.**

(Lance Stone, modified)

A Song: *Scattered Seeds*

A Message *Ed Bentley*

A Song: 'Angels In Disguise' *Jeanette Arsenault*

Benediction

*Thank you for being here
and for helping us to remember!*

*Everyone is invited to remain for refreshments
in the Eastminster Church Parlour.*

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Scattered Seeds

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for helping us remember with gratitude
and live forward with hope.

***'Blessed ... be the God of mercies and all comforts,
who comforts us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.'***

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

***'When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart
and you shall see that, in truth, you are weeping
for that which has been your delight.'***

Kahlil Gibran

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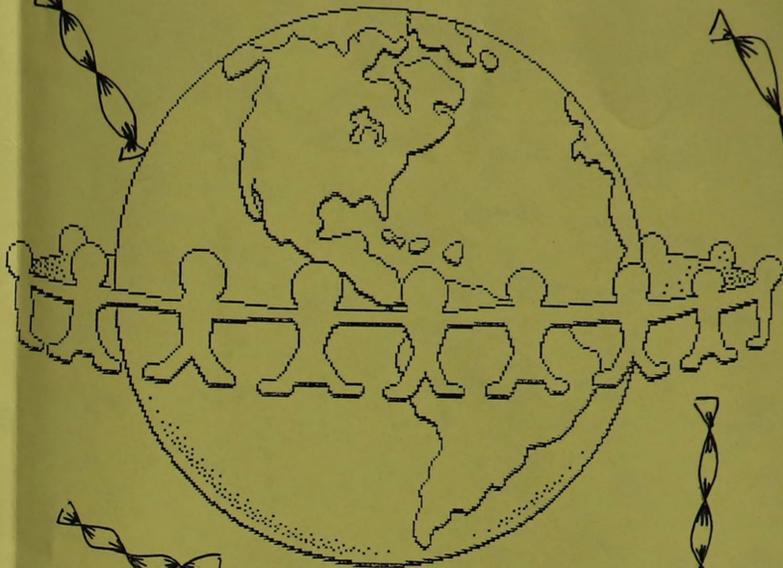
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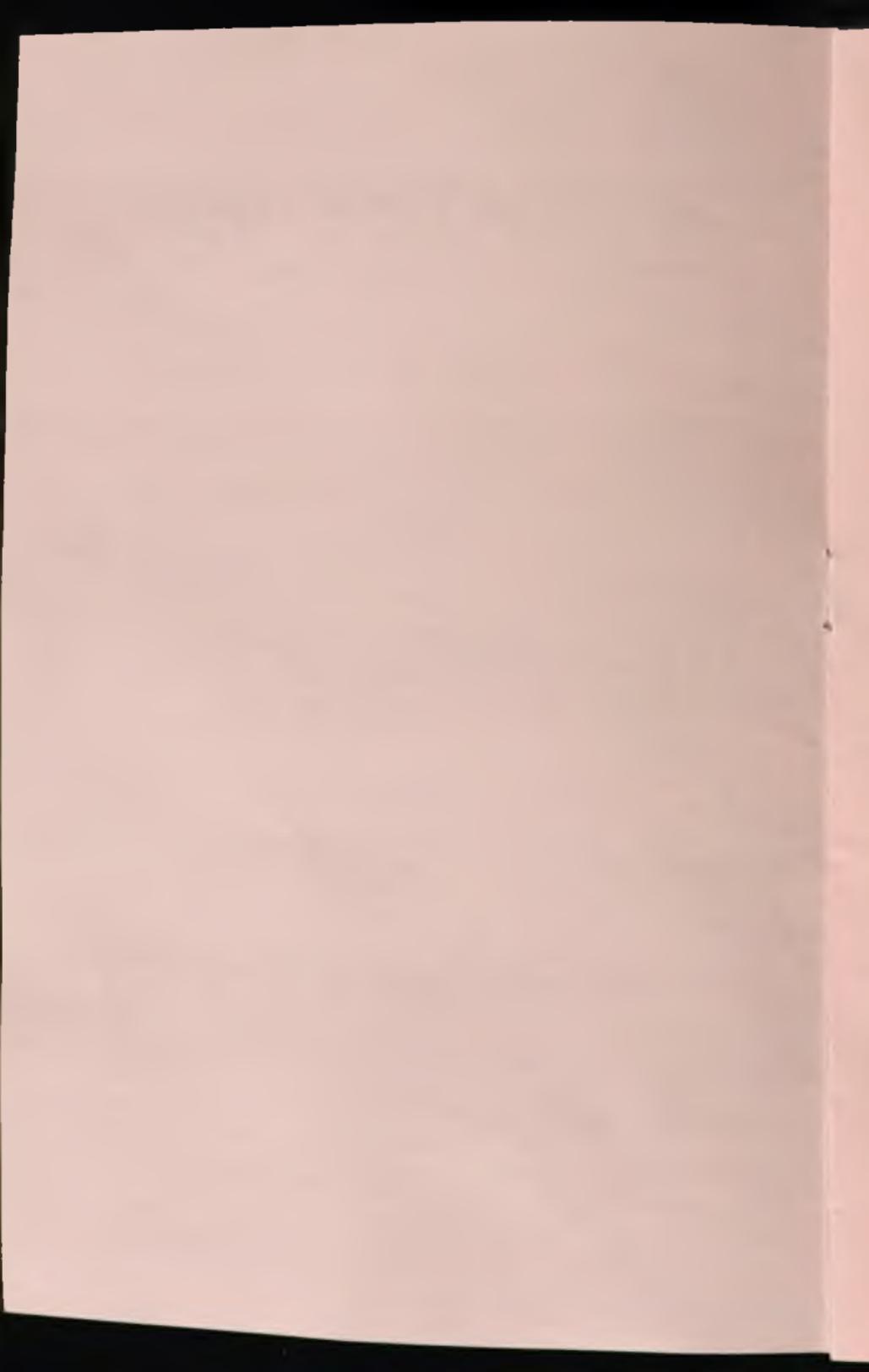
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Prayer of Invocation

A Song by Everyone:

based on 1 Corinthians 13

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Though I may speak with bravest fire
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Psalm 31:9-16

- One: Have mercy on me, God, for I am in trouble;
my eyes are wasted with grief, my soul and my body also.
- All: **My life is worn out with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails in my misery, my bones are wasted away.**
- One: I am the scorn of my enemies, yes, even of my neighbours.
- All: **My acquaintances shudder at the sight of me;
when they see me in the street, they shrink away.**
- One: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- All: **I hear the whispering of many; fear is on every side,
while they conspire against me and plot to take my life.**
- One: My times are in Your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies, those who pursue me.
- All: **Save me, O God. Let Your face shine so I can see You.**