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Finally, when Prof. Attaran is not in his office, he can frequently be found on a bicycle or canoe in eastern Canada.