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TOWNSHIPS DIGEST

Reform's Liberal patronage appointment list

On Tuesday, the Reform party released a list titled "Club Chrétien" of 111 people it termed "Loyal Liberals" who have been appointed to plum government jobs. The list of appointments covering the last year is subtitled "Membership has its privileges." The following is a smattering of Quebec politicians who made the list. For more on the story, see page 5.

- Andre Bachand, Liberal candidate (1988) and long-time riding President in Brome-Missisquoi, now with the National Parole Board.

- Lise Bacon, former Quebec Liberal MP, past President of Quebec Liberals; now a Senator.

- Michel Bastarache, partner at Lang Michener with Jean Chrétien and Quebec co-chair of the "yes" side during the Charlottetown Referendum; now a Justice with the Supreme Court of Canada.

- David Berger, former Liberal MP (forced to resign for Lucienne Robillard); now Ambassador to Israel.

- Joan Ilylian Kouri, former president of Liberal National Woman's Commission, defeated candidate in Brome-Missisquoi (1993); now with the Immigration and Refugee Board.



TODAY'S WEATHER

Cloudy periods

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Townships hash headed for Iqaluit Biker arrested in early morning raid

By Rita Legault
ROCK FOREST

Local RCMP officers arrested a full-fledged member of the Hell's Angels Tuesday in connection with a drug ring they say was distributing hashish from the Eastern Townships in the Northwest Territories.

François Goupil, 29, of St-Elie, was arrested and will be charged with drug trafficking, conspiracy to traffic drugs and conspiracy to launder the proceeds of those illegal activities. Police say Goupil, for whom there was an outstanding arrest warrant from Iqaluit, was a "color-wearing" member of the Lennoxville chapter of the notorious biker gang.

Sherbrooke RCMP spokesman Sgt. Denis Roy said that Goupil was one of the leaders of a drug ring that was selling hashish from the Sherbrooke area in Iqaluit, an isolated town on Baffin Island formerly known as Frobisher Bay.

HELL'S ANGEL GARB

Roy said the early morning raid in St-Elie uncovered about \$10,000 in cash. Also found were a leather Hell's Angels vest bearing the biker gang's crest on the back and Sherbrooke embroidered on the front as well as a gold pin in the shape of the club's infamous winged skull logo encrusted with a half dozen diamonds. No drugs or firearms were found on the posh property on Chemin Dion.

Also arrested on Tuesday was alleged ringleader Claude Caza, a former Quebecer and Iqaluit businessman who was apparently the Northern connection for the drug ring.

Five properties in the Northwest Territories worth between \$2.25 and \$2.5 million were also seized under legislation which allows police to confiscate the proceeds of crime.

The properties included a restaurant and a candy store owned and operated by Caza as well as three residences. A Supreme Court restraining order has



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been placed on each of the properties until the court has time to determine whether or not they were purchased with laundered drug money. If so, they will be forfeited to the Crown.

Valleyfield area RCMP officers also raided a summer cottage in Ste-Barbe owned by Caza. Roy said police uncovered little in that search.

Early morning raids in Iqaluit, Pangnirtung and Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories as well as Montreal and Rock Creek, British Columbia led to the arrests of 21 others on drug related charges.

Roy said the 23 arrests are the result of Operation Caribou, an investigation that began in Iqaluit two years ago. Roy

said the Townships segment of the investigation, which began in the spring of 1997, included wiretaps and police tails of the suspect.

Police say the investigation is continuing and that any information of assets, properties, buildings or other valuable assets of the identification of owners in connection with this file will be treated confidentially.

Goupil was arrested and detained briefly at the RCMP headquarters in Rock Forest where he spoke with a lawyer. He was later to the Sherbrooke airport where he was escorted onto a RCMP jet to be transported to Iqaluit where he will face trial along with his alleged co-conspirators.



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PM has first hand experience with libel laws

Manning wise not to take his comments outside

We expect the leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition to poke, jab and provoke the Prime Minister in his search for the truth about potential scandals. However, Preston Manning crossed the forbidden line in the House of Commons. He implied publicly that Jean Chrétien received a pay-off for appointing Ross Fitzpatrick to the Senate.

He alleged a kindly, speedy profit of \$45,000 on the sale of shares in Fitzpatrick's company, keeping us on our toes for almost a week as we wondered when he would reveal the missing links.

Maybe Manning's excesses can be excused; lately he has had a hard time finding a meaty bone to pick. He tried to capitalize on the Speaker's dumb remarks on Cuba. That provoked a few headlines and then thanks to a timely apology the story faded out. Then we were introduced to two weeks of flag waving theatrics and some history lessons on patriotism; now everything is history.

Finally, Manning's allegations inside the House of Commons sounded like he was aiming for Chrétien's jugular by alleging that the appointment had been bought 11 years ago.

When he couldn't back up his allegations outside of the Commons, the assault was watered down to a condemnation of a sleazy patronage appointment.

Somehow, when questioned by the media outside of the Commons, Manning still managed to dangle the notion of a financial benefit in one hand and a political favor in the other hand but without ever having the slightest proof that they were linked.

After receiving no doubt a crash course on our libel laws, Manning claimed that the whole purpose of the exercise was not to attack Chrétien personally. It was to give him an added inducement to stop making appointments to the Senate based on patronage and cronyism.

Such a change in strategy outside of the Commons obviously had everything

to do with Chrétien's threatening a libel suit. After all, Chrétien learned the hard way about our libel laws when his government was forced last year to reach a settlement with Brian Mulroney. A lesson that cost the public almost \$3 million in legal fees thanks to a few errors and leaks.

Manning's far fetched Commons' allegations, repeated in every newspaper, wouldn't even justify a loose canon rookie cop initiating an investigation unless politically motivated and sent on a witch hunt.

So what if there was a friendly relationship, back in 1987, when Jean Chrétien was in private practice and appointed to Senator Ross Fitzpatrick's board of directors. The friendship was equally apparent in 1984 and in 1990 when Fitzpatrick, now 65, co-chaired Chrétien's leadership campaigns. What difference does it make that his good friend, a mining promoter as well as a B.C. liberal organizer, sold him shares worth more than what he paid for them? Why is it such a big deal that Jean Chrétien sold half of his shares within a week and made a tidy profit? Haven't we often heard of other CEO's and directors receiving attractive stock deals?

The facts support only one conclusion and that is we are dealing with just another case of patronage. And so what else is new? More than likely Preston Manning won't be thinking of appointing Jean Chrétien's friends if he ever becomes Prime Minister. Besides, who can say that Ross Fitzpatrick won't turn out to be a good senator?

There is no proof that the stock deal was executed in consideration of a future appointment to the Senate. If anything, the facts tend to demonstrate quite the opposite. At the time, 11 years ago, Jean Chrétien wasn't even a Member of Parliament. If there had been, as Manning seemed to imply, the elements of an ongoing conspiracy dating back to 1987, Jean Chrétien and his good friend



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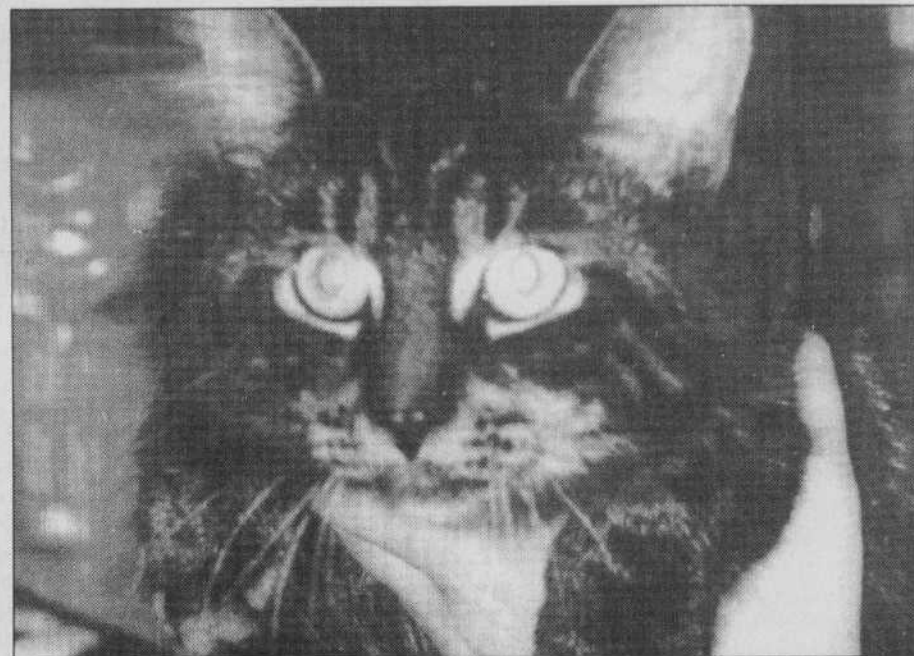
would hardly have been involved in a transaction that left their documentary fingerprints all over the place and for such an insignificant amount. If it were all part of a plan why would Jean Chrétien wait so long when he had ample opportunity to appoint Ross Fitzpatrick from the day he became prime minister.

Immunity against libel within the sacred walls of our House of Commons is clearly necessary in order to promote open debate and to search for the truth. However, based upon the facts as we now know them, accusing, if not implying that our prime minister had been involved in a long lasting conspiracy to

sell an appointment to the Senate is another instance where parliamentary privilege has been abused, once more, by political self-interest. Jean Chrétien was perfectly justified in having threatened Preston Manning with a lawsuit if he ever repeated his allegations outside of the House of Commons. After all, if any ordinary citizen has a right to be protected from such groundless and serious allegations why is a prime minister expected in our parliamentary system to sit back and ignore them in the name of free speech and spirited debates?

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Mediation with 'speak French' QPF officer stalls No police apology for Picken, yet

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

A planned mediation meeting between Howard Picken and a Quebec Police Force officer Monday night has done nothing to resolve the conflict between the two men.

"They're trying to make it a language issue when what it is is his attitude," said Picken Tuesday.

Last December Picken called the Quebec Police Force for advice on a legal matter. While discussing the issue with QPF Sergeant Claude Pouliot, things turned nasty when Pouliot told Picken he should speak French because he lives in Quebec.

Picken recorded the conversation and later placed a complaint with the QPF.

The conversation between the two men gained province-wide attention when it was picked up by the Quebec media. Also revealed during the investigation into the story was that the QPF is actually under no obligation whatsoever to provide services in English.

Monday night was supposed to have been a face-to-face meeting between Picken, Pouliot and police ethics commission mediator Serge Fortin. The meeting never happened, Picken said.

According to Picken both men were taken into separate rooms for a brief meeting with Fortin. Fortin then asked

Picken what he wanted.

"I told him I wanted just what I had written in the letter," Picken said. "I want a personal apology and a public one. I told him if the guy isn't ready to apologize, then don't waste my time."

During his discussions with Fortin, Picken said the mediator brought up different aspects of what was said on the tape, including when Picken asked Pouliot if he was a separatist. Picken said that had nothing to do with why Pouliot brought up the language issue in the first place.

"It was obvious he was going to try to justify what he had done," Picken said. "I told them if he was too proud to apologize then I wanted no part of

it."

Picken said Fortin then left the room to talk to Pouliot. A few minutes later he returned to tell Picken there wouldn't be a meeting.

"He (Fortin) was all one-sided," Picken said. "I heard him in there with Pouliot laughing, and then he comes back and puts it all on me."

Fortin was unavailable for comment on the meeting Tuesday.

For now Picken is unsure what happens next. But he said nothing short of an apology from Pouliot will satisfy him.

"He's the professional who is supposed to be courteous," he said. "He didn't do his job."

Canada aware of Iraqi anthrax threat

Border guards told to watch for anthrax

By Mike Trickey
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Canadian border agents have been told to stand on guard after the government received warning of a possible scheme by Iraq to smuggle deadly anthrax into the country.

Revenue Canada, which is responsible for border security, says word of the threat was received from one of the other nations involved in the 20-country alliance that has sent troops to the Persian Gulf to force Iraq to comply with United Nations' weapons-inspections resolutions.

British Home Secretary Jack Shaw said Tuesday that an intelligence report outlining a scheme to smuggle anthrax into the country in duty-free cigarette lighters, alcohol, perfume and cosmetic containers spurred a heightened alert in Britain's air and sea ports.

"We've received similar reports and we've disseminated information to all of our regional offices, to our border points, that Iraqi agents might try to send anthrax to countries deemed hostile," says Revenue Canada spokesperson Colette Gentes-Hawn.

"We've known for some time but there was no reason to alert anyone else except for our own staff. We are aware of this. We have alerted our staff and we're doing our jobs."

However, she said, Canadian officials believe the threat "has significantly reduced" in recent days.

She refused to say where the information came from, why the threat is believed to have diminished or what kind of security measures were being taken.

"To divulge all the measures that are in place to look after something like this would be to make those measures

less effective," she said.

Anthrax is a deadly bacteria that can be used as a weapon by releasing its spores into the air.

Canada has a frigate with a crew of nearly 300 patrolling the Persian Gulf as part of the alliance supporting the American and British-led military threat to bomb Iraq to force the government of Saddam Hussein to grant unrestricted access to United Nations weapon inspections teams.

Weapons inspections have been proceeding smoothly since United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan brokered an agreement with Saddam last month. However, the first major test of the agreement comes today with the beginning of the inspection of the so-called presidential sites from which the Iraqis had previously barred inspectors.

Eighteen foreign diplomats, including Canadian Michael Bell, will accompany the inspectors on their tours of the presidential compounds, which include 1,058 buildings over 31 square kilometres.

Iraqi officials denied the smuggling allegations, calling them "silly and baseless."

The official Iraqi news agency de-

scribed the report as another example of the "lies" used by the west to discredit the country.

"How could Iraq, after eight years of sanctions and destroying its weapons, use weapons it did not have to start with and how could Iraq deliver such weapons to Britain while being under the embargo?" it asked.

In another development, the New

York Times reported Tuesday that Nassir Hindawi, the architect of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons program, had been arrested as he attempted to flee the country.

Western officials have asked to interview Hindawi, a U.S.-educated microbiologist.

Iraq has offered no comment on the reported arrest.

HEART FUN



COURTESY HEART FOUNDATION

Yolande Dostie of Sherbrooke was the lucky winner of \$500 in the Heart Foundation lottery for the Eastern Townships region. Tickets are still available and will be for the next few weeks. Pictured are Colette Bilodeau, of the Foundation's lottery committee, Yolande Dostie and Robert Landry, regional president.

Job opportunities for youth

Enthusiastic Townshippers spread the fever

Over 120 people found out about jobs, opportunities and quality of life. Monday night in Lennoxville. The session of the Team of Enthusiastic Townshippers invited young people and their parents to find out more about why the Townships is the place to be.

Lawyer Richard McLernon started things off by encouraging young people to get involved in Townships life and discover what is around them in order to truly appreciate the region. Photographer Grant Siméon presented a dynamic view of the economic opportunities of the Townships and the possibilities that exist here. Beckwith-Bemis President Blair McIntosh spoke about promoting yourself as a unique individual to potential employers as well as other techniques included in his Checklist to

Employment Success in the Eastern Townships. Bishop's University's employment officer Sue Meesen presented a practical approach to searching for a job, and stressed the great importance of networking.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and also to speak to team members individually. The free job search resources disappeared quickly, as did a listing of over 200 summer job opportunities in the region, compiled by Youth Animator Julie Sommerville.

Sessions of the Team of Enthusiastic Townshippers can be organized for groups who are interested in hearing more about what the Townships has to offer. The listing of summer jobs, the

Checklist to Employment Success and other resource information is available at our Ascot office. Call Julie Sommerville (819) 566-5717 for more information.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

TOWNSHIPERS ASSOCIATION

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

A good showing by Townshippers' Association board members and their families made for a full float on Sunday at Richmond's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Thanks to Cathy Watson for organizing the float and to board members Ted Laporte, David Leng, Lois Miller, Scott Morin, Theo Brinckman and their families for braving the snowy weather to participate in the parade.

JOBS IN FOCUS

There is still time to sign up for the Jobs in Focus workshops taking place on Saturday, April 4 at Bishop's University. These free workshops will be of great benefit to job seekers and potential entrepreneurs. Individuals can sign up for up to four workshops covering topics such as A Winning Résumé, Presenting Yourself Powerfully, What Employers Want, Where to Find a Job in the Townships and Starting a Business.

Individuals from the Cowansville, Richmond and Stanstead areas have access to free bus transportation.

To register for Jobs in Focus, call Job Links at (819) 566-2422. Make sure to mention if you need transportation when you call.

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Senator Patrick Leahy says Lake Champlain is just a cousin

Lake Champlain is just Lake Champlain

By Julian Beltrame
SOUTHAM NEWS
WASHINGTON

Greatness is fleeting for Lake Champlain.

The story of the little lake that needed to be great - at least in name - so that Vermont could claim federal grants for Great Lakes environmental research, came full circle Tuesday when the Senate voted to strip it of its new designation.

"We have agreed to call Lake Champlain a cousin instead of a little brother to those larger lakes," said Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy to the upper chamber in passing an amendment to his original bill.

At only one-seventeenth the size of Lake Ontario, the smallest of the Great Lakes, Champlain was never a threat to change the public's conception of the great bodies of water that form part of the border between Canada and the U.S.

And Leahy noted that his original intention was to designate Champlain great only for the purposes of the \$50-million National Sea Grant Program and not to change the geography books.

But words have power, and the name designation offended many who can look with pride at the vast bodies of water carved out of North America during the glacial age.

Congressmen with Great Lakes in their states were up in arms, their angry

constituents sent letters to their newspapers, and Leahy got an earful.

"This is not just a tempest in a teapot," said Michigan Senator Carl Levin. "This is a matter of identity."

Added Spencer Abraham, also of Michigan: "The designation of any lake beyond the original five is simply unacceptable."

And as Ontario Premier Mike Harris observed earlier this month, just where does this defining of greatness stop?

"Lake Nipissing is the greatest lake I've ever known," Harris, the member for Nipissing, had observed.

Leahy could no longer resist the pressure, even though he insisted that Vermonters still consider Champlain "the sixth Great Lake."

A spokesman for Leahy said Representative Fred Upton of Michigan will soon introduce a similar amendment in the House of Representatives, which is also expected to pass through a routine voice vote.

Still, Leahy could claim a moral victory in the whole brouhaha.

While dropping the designation, the senator was able to have his state university access the grants as if Lake Champlain were still great. And he said the controversy "has all been a great tourism ad for Vermont."

As for Lake Champlain - which has been enjoying the elevated status in U.S. law since the original bill was signed March 6 - it has been a great two weeks.

Senator admits money played role in resignation

By Jack Aubry and Graham Parley
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

As a result of his resignation from the Senate, Andrew Thompson says he will collect about the same money from his pension as he was receiving in salary before he was suspended for contempt.

In a telephone interview Tuesday with the Ottawa Citizen from his winter house in La Paz, Mexico, the Senate truant said part of the reason for his resignation was to collect his \$48,000 pension.

"I had only a year and a half to go," said Thompson, 73. "Frankly some of (the \$75,000 Senate salary) was taken in taxes. I think there is not that great a difference between the pension and salary."

His resignation, in a fax Monday evening to Gov. Gen. Romeo LeBlanc, followed talks last week between his lawyers and those from the Senate. Thompson learned he had no legal case to challenge his suspension.

In an unprecedented move, the Senate voted Feb. 19 to suspend him for the rest of the session after he failed to show up to explain his woeful attendance record. The former Ontario Liberal leader had attended only about five per cent of the sittings since the early 1980s, claiming illness and alternative treatment in Mexico made it impossible for him to attend.

For the first time, Thompson admitted Tuesday he could have attended more Senate sittings.

"I do have this regret that I should have got up and sat in my seat since it

had that significance to the Senate and the public," he said. "But travelling was tough for me. I probably could have."

News of his resignation sparked renewed opposition calls for reform or abolition of the beleaguered Senate.

NDP MP Lorne Nystrom told the Commons that the Senate should be abolished to save taxpayers "tens of millions of dollars" in renovations costs to the Centre Block in the next five years. Instead of fixing up the West Block to accommodate the Commons while the regular chamber is repaired, Nystrom said the MPs could just move into the empty Senate chamber.

"Liberal Senator Absentee Thompson is finally going on to the green pastures of his pension," Nystrom said. "As we gather to say Adios, Senator, MPs should start preparing another 'Bon Voyage' -

for the Senate itself.

Reform Leader Preston Manning said that if his party were the government, it would litigate to reduce government pensions, including Thompson's. However, the Senate was advised by its legal counsel in February that it could not touch Thompson's pension even if it wanted to.

Senate Government Leader Al Graham acknowledged that the Thompson furore, which started with a series of articles in the Citizen last September, may lead to rule changes in the Senate that would lead to better 'discipline' over attendance.

Meanwhile, Thompson said he has become a bit of a tourist attraction in La Paz, the Mexican village on the Baja peninsula.

Report subtitled Club Chrétien: Membership has its privileges

Reform publishes Liberal patronage list

By David Pugliese
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

To the Reform party, patronage appointments under the Liberal government have taken on the air of an exclusive resort.

That's why on Tuesday the party released its "Club Chrétien" report - a list of 111 people it termed "loyal Liberals" who have been appointed to plum government jobs. The list of appointments covering the last year is subtitled "Membership has its privileges."

Reform Leader Preston Manning said the list should prompt the public to ask tough questions about patronage. "I suggest this country become

more vigilant about patronage," Manning said. "It's just riddled with it and we take it for granted."

Manning says an arms-length committee should be set up to make recommendations on appointments so the public can be assured such jobs are filled on merit.

Included in the list are defeated Liberal candidates, former cabinet ministers and riding presidents.

But Chretien spokesman Peter Donolo said some of the so-called "loyal Liberals" on the list aren't even associated with the party. Gilles Bernier, named ambassador to Haiti, is a former Tory MP. Canada's ambassador to Peru, Graeme Clark, served as legislative as-

sistant to Chretien but Donolo said he was a long-time career foreign service officer who was seconded from the public service. Donolo also points out that Raymond Chretien, appointed as ambassador to the U.S., is listed as the prime minister's nephew. While this is true, the Reform document doesn't point out that he is also a well respected career foreign service officer. Some, like former Liberal cabinet minister Judd Buchanan, chairman of the Tourism Commission, get only \$1 a year for their services, Donolo said.

"(Reform) is so full of crap it's not even funny," he said. "They're more interested in slinging mud than they are in speaking the truth. They ought to

climb out of the gutter."

He also said that some people left off the list include former Reform MP Jack Fraser, who has been appointed to the veterans review and appeal board. The list also doesn't include the appointments of high-profile members of other political parties such as former Conservative prime minister Kim Campbell, who the government named as Canadian consul in Los Angeles.

This is the second time Reform has published such a list. In November it awarded a "parliamentary pork" trophy - topped with a gold pig - to Chretien. That list had 50 names on it, including some of those on Tuesday's roll call.

Price praises Lennoxville and Bishop's in House of Commons

David Price, MP for Compton-Stanstead, delivered the following statement in the House of Commons following the Bishop's Gaiters victory in the Canadian University National Basketball Championships.

"I rise today to speak of pride. The pride of Lennoxville, a small municipality in the beautiful Eastern Townships of Southern Quebec with 6,000 citizens. And the pride of Bishop's, a small but beautiful university in Lennoxville with 1,700 students from all across Canada.

You see, yesterday in Halifax one of Canada's smallest universities won the Canadian University National Basketball Championships for the first time. A dream come true.

Last year Chatelaine Magazine listed Lennoxville as one of the top 10 cities in Canada for all-around sports.

A couple of years earlier Lennoxville was named one of the top 10 places to live in Canada.

Mayor Doug Macaulay and university Chancellor Alex Patterson and over 200 anglophone and francophone fans travelled to Halifax to cheer our Bishop's Gaiters to victory.

We are a community that supports our people and institutions. We are what Canada is all about - proud to be Canadian. Thank you."

TRIUMPHANT RETURN



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Back from their long-awaited success at the national basketball championships in Halifax, the members of the Gaiters team were able to celebrate among their friends, classmates and admirers. After watching the first half of the Sunday game on television, coach Eddy Pomykala introduced the players, along with little anecdotes about the tournament. Just before the TV returned for the second half, coach Pomykala made one final gesture. Explaining that a capital campaign was being launched, and Principal Janyne Hodder would be visiting a lot of important people, asking them for lots of money, he took off his medal, for which he had worked all his life, and placed it around the principal's neck. He said that that might help.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Thanks for clearing that up.

DEAR EDITOR,

I refer to the latest report in the Record (Friday 20th March, p 5) on the Noranda Magnolia magnesium Project, in which a statement is again incorrectly made on the anticipated gaseous emissions to atmosphere from the proposed plant. These emissions are stated to be (potentially) some 2.4 million tonnes per annum from the fully operational plant, a comment presumably based on information released in the BAPE review of over two weeks ago. The gaseous emissions figure of 2.4 million tonnes in your article is grossly overstated because of a misunderstanding of the true nature of the estimate. This figure is the estimated gaseous emissions, calculated in terms of their carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent (in terms of its Global Warming effect*), it is not the actual annual quantity(ies) of the gas/gases that will be released from the operating plant. In the absence of details of the precise composition of these emissions, it is not possible to estimate the expected individual emission quantities, however we know that Sulphur hexafluoride, SF₆, is proposed for use in the plant operations and some discharge of this gas is anticipated. How much? Well, a quick search for information on the Web reveals that SF₆ has a surprisingly high atmospheric "global warming effect" when released, being some 25,000 times more effective in this role than CO₂, and two or more times more effective than those long lived 'bogeymen' of atmospheric pollution, the chloro-fluoro-carbons (CFC's). If it is assumed that all plant emissions would consist of SF₆, then the 2.4 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent emissions would be produced by 2.4 million divided by 25,000, or 96 tonnes of SF₆ per annum, i.e. a release of less than two tonnes of SF₆ per week. However this estimated quantity of SF₆ would in practice be reduced by the presence of other gases of lower global warming effect in

the emissions make-up, e.g. nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and of course CO₂ itself. Thus, to arrive at the 2.4 million tonnes total of CO₂ equivalent emissions, the global warming effect for each individual gas component of the emissions must be taken into account to get a meaningful picture of the material quantities involved. Nevertheless, the effect of even a modest release of SF₆ in particular is very considerable and it is important that the Magnolia Company make all practical efforts to minimize the discharge of this particular atmospheric pollutant.

• The term "Global (atmosphere) warming effect" is a much better and more accurate term to apply to pollutants released into the atmosphere than the incorrectly used "greenhouse" and is now being used widely in the technical literature on this topic. When "greenhouse" is used without the accompanying qualifying word "effect", Greenhouse "gases" is an ambiguous term, it could equally refer to gases employed in greenhouses for some (hoped for) beneficial action, e.g. fumigants and pesticides such as methyl bromide and phosphine or plant growth promoters such as carbon dioxide itself (up to a point!). French has it more correctly in the use of the term "gaz de effet de serre" as you presently find in French language reports and correspondence on the Magnolia project.

Also, your recent reports on this topic have incorrectly used the word "gasses" instead of the long accepted "gases" as the plural form of "gas". Certainly, the double "S" is used for participles of the verb "to gas", as in "gassing" and "gassed", something one might do, or become, in the above mentioned "greenhouse" in the case of unwise usage of methyl bromide or phosphine, as well as CO₂ of course!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flags and flaps

DEAR EDITOR,

The redoubtable Suzy Tremblay wishes Canadians to understand that when their flag is displayed in large numbers, said display constitutes a rude and vulgar redundancy. She has also postulated that when the Maple Leaf is waved in the House of Commons, it is an insult to her blockish colleagues: a sentiment, re postulated by the speaker. Only in Canada, you say!

The surviving veterans of the Boer war should present the un-Canadian Ms. Tremblay with a pair of ladies' step-ins fashioned from a Canadian flag. Were she to wear said panty-flag in the proper fashion, they should become the benchmark of her "Flagamania." They would never be waved in the House of Commons, at sporting events, nor in the faces of her fellow blockists.

Canada's detractors in high places in Sammyland have complained that by trading with Cuba, we ignore the horrors of Castro's regime in favor of commercial profit.

Note that the U.S. trades with China: A totalitarian, communist regime. Canada also trades with China. In this instant, both Canada and the U.S. have agreed that business is business.

One can be certain that U.S. business is itching to have a go at Cuba,

and when the best brains of the U.S. State department can figure a rational excuse for a love-in with Castro, U.S. trade with Cuba will become a motherhood undertaking.

In the meantime, Uncle Sammy's precursor to embracing Castro is U.S. inspired pre-election humanitarian aid and allowing dollars to be sent to Cuban loved ones by ex-patriot Cubans.

GRAHAM SMITH
Knowlton

American culture is greater influence

DEAR EDITOR,

Let us consider the American presence in Canadian culture, a short list. 70 per cent of English language books

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84 per cent of musical recordings sold
70 per cent of music on radio
86 per cent of English t.v. drama
95 per cent of films in movie theaters

It seems rather obvious that Quebec should be separating from the United States of America not Canada.

Yours truly

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Understanding Men's Passages provides tips on planning for aging

Men resist the trappings of middle age

By Karen Gram
SOUTHAM NEWS
VANCOUVER

Gail Sheehy hopes her new book on the psychological development of men will be their secret friend, hidden under the bedside table, easing them through the stages of middle life.

But after two years studying the male species, Sheehy, author of *Passages* and *New Passages*, knows they aren't going to rush to buy her soon-to-be released book entitled *Understanding Men's Passages*.

"My hope is that it will be a cross-over book that women will buy, then read to their husbands or partners when they are a captive audience in bed at night... or put stickies on it and put it in the den or bathroom," she said.

Men think that not knowing something makes them look weak, she says, so they don't buy self-help books or leave them out on the coffee table for everyone to see.

However, she feels they desperately need information about what is going on inside them.

"Men are really in some confusion at this point," she says, adding that most men still live by the old rules from a time when they only lived into their mid-60s. Faced with a greatly extended lifeline, they don't know how to adjust.

In her book, she sets out the decades of adult men using the same alliterative language she used in *New Passages* - the turbulent 30s, flourishing 40s, fear-

less 50s and so on. She focuses on the 50s and 60s, a time when family and work responsibilities decline and health issues arise. She argues it is when they need to redirect their lives to maintain meaning.

"What I noticed when doing *New Passages* is that men were having more difficulty moving into second adulthood than women. I didn't get to the bottom of why, so I decided to spend a couple of years studying the species.

"The main thing I came to was that men do not equate change with growth. They mostly associated change with loss."

Women are used to change, she says. Their bodies change more with puberty and then blow up during pregnancy. Women move from the workforce to domestic life and back to the workforce - all this makes it easier for them to see change as positive.

And, unlike men, as women move into middle life today, they see opportunities and are quite exhilarated.

"They also know they're going to live a long time - longer than men. So they are likely to give themselves permission today to really invest in a major second adulthood.

"Whereas most men, it seems, want to hang on to what they have. They don't want to make a passage into middle life."

Sheehy says her book will show that making the change will improve men's lives. "They may have to rely on their

wife's income for a while, they may have to scale back their material standards for a while and they may have to be a learner and stumble around and feel foolish.

"But the men who do it, the men I sought out to write about, say, 'I would have died inside if I hadn't done this,' she says. 'The change was survival.'"

In the book, she describes a man who was having a heart attack while he and his wife were on a camping trip.

"He just threw himself on to the hood of the car to try to stop the pain, and kept shouting at her not to call for an ambulance. He essentially said, 'I'd rather die right here than admit I'm having a heart attack.'"

"These are all signs of weakness to men," she says concluding that society needs to redefine manliness and how manliness can be expressed in the second half of life.

"Men are really wedded to power and power is a very liquid thing that slips through their fingers. If they try to grab it they always feel lost."

She feels if manliness had more to do with influence, men could move out of the corporation and into teaching or mentoring positions and feel much more satisfied.

"At the grunt level, there is an expression of real hunger to figure out what makes them essential and expand that range. I think men are pretty programmed to be narrow, directed, moving ahead in a dumb beast sort of way

and hoping things work out."

But when an obstacle confronts them - failing health, forced retirement, sudden death of a friend - men try to force their way through it rather than see the writing on the wall and change directions.

If they could mentally prepare for changes in their lives, it would ease the process, she says. And that's why she's hoping her book will become their secret friend.

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Gail Sheehy is a four-time recipient of the New York Newswoman's Club Front Page Award for distinguished journalism. She has written 11 books. Her in-depth magazine portraits of national and world leaders, such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Saddam Hussein, George Bush and Margaret Thatcher won the Washington Journalism Review award for best magazine writer in America. Since writing her bestseller, *Passages*, in 1976, she has remained fascinated by the stages of adult life.

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Sheehy books in print

Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life, 1976

The Silent Passage: Menopause, 1992 (A revised paperback edition will be released in June for \$9.00. Trade edition in April, \$17.00)

New Passages: Mapping Your Life Across Time, 1995

Understanding Men's Passages (Random House, scheduled for release in May, \$29.99)

Women ignore early signs of heart disease

By Christina Doyle
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
LONDON

One in two women will experience some form of heart disease in her lifetime, but heart attacks are still perceived as predominantly a male affliction is still prevalent.

A recent U.S. study found that even highly educated Ivy League graduates believe their major health concern to be cancer.

In fact, coronary artery disease kills more women - even those under 65 - than anything else. With around 78,000 deaths a year in Britain, six times as many women die from heart disease as from breast cancer, and twice as many as from all forms of cancer. (In Canada, the number is about 39,000, about 39 per cent of all female deaths.) Yet there is no campaign to press for specific research into women's heart disease, or to raise awareness of early-warning signs or lobby for improved access to specialist services.

Women who have heart attacks are more likely than men to die, because they are generally older and often have

complicating factors, such as raised blood pressure. However, until we can be sure that women have what Dr. Graham Jackson, consultant cardiologist at St. Thomas' Hospital in London, calls 'equal opportunity management,' we cannot know how many might survive or have improved quality of life.

He says time is running out. "Heart disease figures in women are rising, even among younger, pre-menopausal women, whose hearts are still protected by estrogen. One estimate is that by the year 2005, more women will die from heart disease than men."

Already, as one coronary league table has shown, the death rate of women in Glasgow from heart disease is equal to that of men in Toulouse, in southwest France.

"Young women who take up smoking must think about what they are cooking up for the future."

Demanding jobs, and the pressures of leading a double life, are also blamed.

Jackson urges women to be alert to early signs and to describe them clearly.

"Men tend to describe their symptoms as from a textbook. Women often

describe a mixture of symptoms and play them down. If they have a chest pain, they are sure it must be indigestion." Or if it came on after exercise: "Well, I have been under stress."

"Doctors have to wheedle the warning signs out of women," says Jackson. "But if you are a busy doctor and you think women do not have as much heart disease as men, you may not respond urgently."

Rapid advances in hormone replacement therapy could offer a way through the heart risk dilemma for a proportion of post-menopausal women. Dr. Peter Collins, senior lecturer in cardiac medicine at Britain's National Heart and Lung Institute, says:

"We know that estrogen has a direct effect on the tone of blood vessels, causing them to relax and improve blood flow. Studies show an overall 30- to 50-per-cent reduction in heart-disease risk. For women at higher risk, the protection could be much greater."

In a small, recent study, Collins and colleagues have also shown that long-term estrogen therapy improves the

blood supply to the hearts of women with established coronary artery disease.

But the biggest breakthrough, he says, will be with a new hormone type known as Selective Oestrogen Receptor Modulator, or Serm. This has a selective impact on the body's oestrogen receptors, to give the benefit of HRT on the heart and bones, but without the possible cancer risk to the breast and womb. An international study into its effects covering 10,000 women should be launched shortly.

Interestingly, Livial, a no-bleed hormone replacement, is believed to have a similar selective capacity. Livial contains a chemical called tibolone, which has the properties of the two hormones (estrogen and progesterone) in most HRT packages.

Jackson, who has carried out some research with tibolone, says: "We are just waking up to the fact that it appears to be selective. We are not sure how this works: it could be half-way between the new Serms and older products."

On January 7, 1998, the federal government unveiled *Gathering Strength – Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan* to renew its relationship with Aboriginal people in Canada. The spirit behind the plan is one of reconciliation, healing and renewal. Its aim is to build a joint plan for the future between Aboriginal people and the federal government. Its success depends on the participation of Aboriginal people, the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, the private sector and Canadians as a whole.

Gathering Strength

Canada's Aboriginal
Action Plan

What?

Gathering Strength is a renewal of our relationship with Aboriginal people. It is based on: recognizing past mistakes and injustices; commencing reconciliation, healing and renewal; and building a joint plan for the future.

Why?

Conditions in Aboriginal communities generally are much worse than those of their non-Aboriginal neighbours. Many Aboriginal communities lack the appropriate institutions, resources and expertise needed to deal effectively with such serious problems as rates of infant mortality, youth suicide, unemployment and dependence on social assistance which are higher than the national average.

When?

Gathering Strength is about taking steps today to give Aboriginal people – particularly Aboriginal youth and children – the promise of a better tomorrow.

Who?

The success of *Gathering Strength* will depend on the determination of the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments and the private sector working with Aboriginal people.

How?

At the heart of the Action Plan is a commitment to address the needs of communities by building real partnerships with Aboriginal people, including the development of mechanisms to recognize sustainable and accountable Aboriginal governments and institutions.

Statement of Reconciliation Learning from the Past



As Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians seek to move forward together in a process of renewal, it is essential that we deal with the legacies of the past affecting the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including the First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Our purpose is not to rewrite history but, rather, to learn from our past and to find ways to deal with the negative impacts that certain historical decisions continue to have in our society today.

The ancestors of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples lived on this continent long before explorers from other continents first came to North America. For thousands of years before this country was founded, they enjoyed their own forms of government. Diverse, vibrant Aboriginal nations had ways of life rooted in fundamental values concerning their relationships to the Creator, the environment, and each other, in the role of Elders as the living memory of their ancestors, and in their responsibilities as custodians of the lands, waters and resources of their homelands.

The assistance and spiritual values of the Aboriginal peoples who welcomed the newcomers to this continent too often have been forgotten. The contributions made by all Aboriginal peoples to Canada's development, and the contributions that they continue to make to our society today, have not been properly acknowledged. The Government of Canada today, on behalf of all Canadians, acknowledges those contributions.

Sadly, our history with respect to the treatment of Aboriginal people is not something in which we can take pride. Attitudes of racial and cultural superiority led to a suppression of Aboriginal culture and values. As a country, we are burdened by past actions that resulted in weakening the identity of Aboriginal peoples, suppressing their languages and cultures, and outlawing spiritual practices. We must recognize the impact of these actions on the once self-sustaining nations that were disaggregated, disrupted, limited or even destroyed by the dispossession of traditional territory, by the relocation of Aboriginal people, and by some provisions of the Indian Act. We must acknowledge that the result of these actions was the erosion of the political, economic and social systems of Aboriginal people and nations.

Against the backdrop of these historical legacies, it is a remarkable tribute to the strength and endurance of Aboriginal people that they have maintained their historic diversity and identity. The Government of Canada today formally expresses to all Aboriginal people in Canada our profound regret for past actions of the federal government which have contributed to these difficult pages in the history of our relationship together.

One aspect of our relationship with Aboriginal people over this period that requires particular attention is the Residential School system. This system separated many children from their families and communities and prevented them from speaking their own languages and from learning about their heritage and cultures. In the worst cases, it left legacies of personal pain and distress that continue to reverberate in Aboriginal communities to this day. Tragically, some children were the victims of physical and sexual abuse.

The Government of Canada acknowledges the role it played in the development and administration of these schools. Particularly to those individuals who experienced the tragedy of sexual and physical abuse at residential schools, and who have carried this burden believing that in some way they must be responsible, we wish to emphasize that what you experienced was not your fault and should never have happened. To those of you who suffered this tragedy at residential schools, we are deeply sorry.

In dealing with the legacies of the Residential School system, the Government of Canada proposes to work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, the Churches and other interested parties to resolve the longstanding issues that must be addressed. We need to work together on a healing strategy to assist individuals and communities in dealing with the consequences of this sad era of our history.

No attempt at reconciliation with Aboriginal people can be complete without reference to the sad events culminating in the death of Métis leader Louis Riel. These events cannot be undone; however, we can and will continue to look for ways of affirming the contributions of Métis people in Canada and of reflecting Louis Riel's proper place in Canada's history.

Reconciliation is an ongoing process. In renewing our partnership, we must ensure that the mistakes which marked our past relationship are not repeated. The Government of Canada recognizes that policies that sought to assimilate Aboriginal people, women and men, were not the way to build a strong country. We must instead continue to find ways in which Aboriginal people can participate fully in the economic, political, cultural and social life of Canada in a manner which preserves and enhances the collective identities of Aboriginal communities, and allows them to evolve and flourish in the future. Working together to achieve our shared goals will benefit all Canadians, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike.

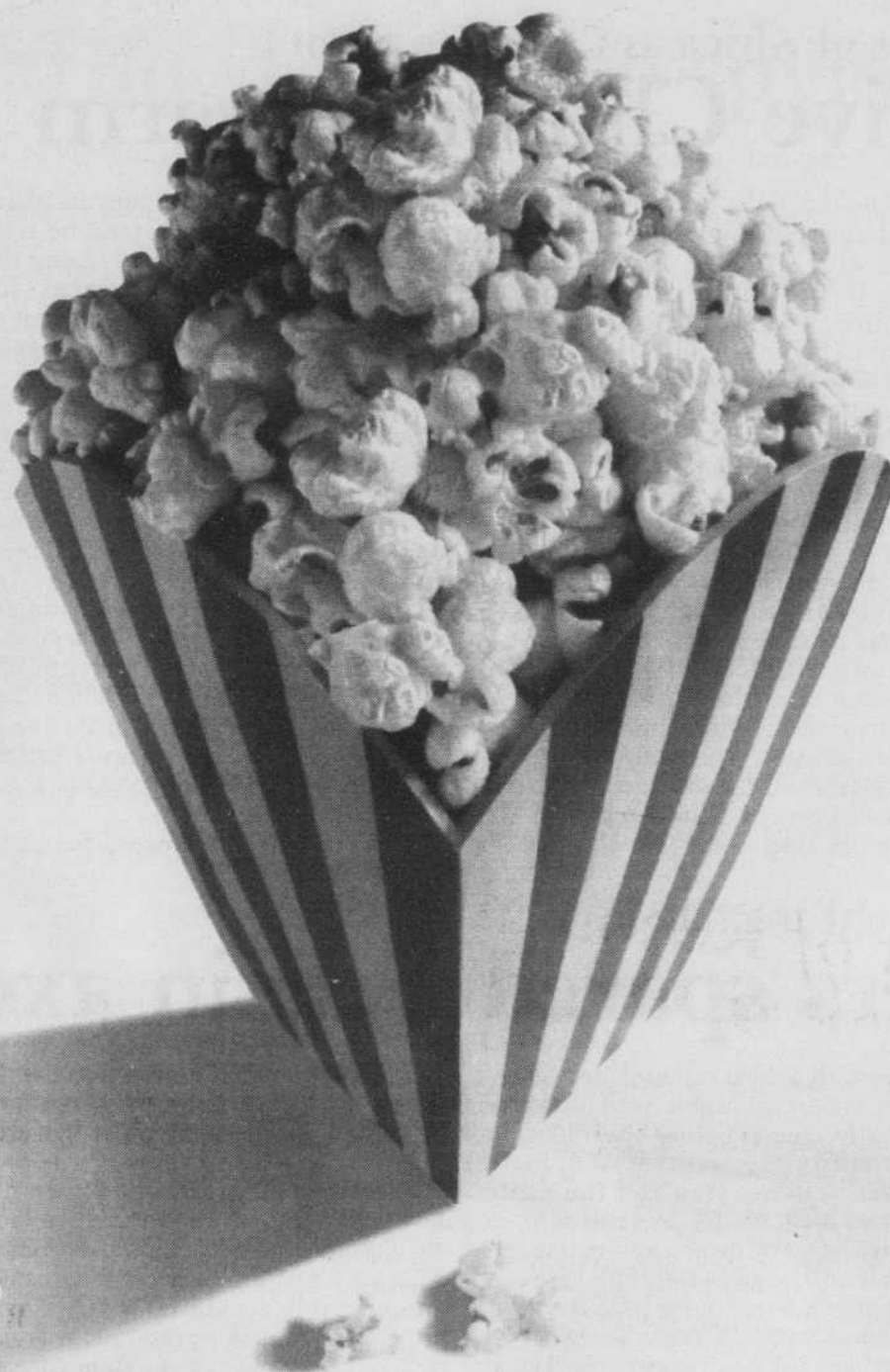
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Clinton apologizes for use of Africa as Cold War pawn

Ugandans give Clinton a warm reception

By Louise Tunbridge
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
KISOWERA, UGANDA

U.S. President Bill Clinton has apologized for American actions during the Cold War that dragged Africa into a conflict that was not its own.

Clinton said Tuesday that American competition with the Soviet Union had led it to 'crush the aspirations' of people in Africa, where the weapons poured in by both sides caused conflicts yet to be resolved.

Speaking at a school 30 kilometres east of the Ugandan capital, Kampala, Clinton acknowledged, too, that the slave trade had been wrong and said he wanted to see Africa with a new eye.

"The biggest mistake America ever made in Africa is neglect and a lack of understanding that we and all our children share a common future," he said.

Announcing a series of initiatives to underscore Washington's new partnership with Africa, he pledged \$120 million US to improve education on the continent, saying the money would be used to equip schools with computers linked to the Internet and on promoting education for girls.

He also promised \$60 million to increase food production in several countries, noting that a third of child deaths in Africa were caused by malnutrition, and he pledged further money to combat diseases such as Aids and malaria.

Crowds of Ugandans cheered and waved American flags as Clinton and his wife, Hillary, joined barefoot schoolchildren in a traditional tribal dance.

Dressed in a dark suit and cowboy boots, Clinton repeatedly adjusted his sunglasses in the afternoon heat, but brushed away a Ugandan official's attempt to shield him with an umbrella.

"It's been cold and cloudy in Washington and I need a sun tan," he said, causing a ripple of laughter among the large White House press corps, for whom Africa is of secondary interest to the recent scandals that have dogged the president.

Earlier, Clinton held talks with the Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, focusing on trade, investment and political co-operation. Dodging questions about whether he was happy to be out of the United States, he said he had been 'looking forward to this for years.'

Hundreds of street cleaners, painters and road mending teams had been put to work to ensure that the American visitors saw dusty Kampala at its best. Carpenters in the busy Katwe market were ordered to remove the stacks of coffins normally displayed along the main airport road.

After touring Kisowera primary

school, the Clintons flew by helicopter to the supposed source of the Nile.

For Museveni, the American visit is confirmation of his standing among a new generation of African leaders and as a regional power broker. Under his rule, Uganda has thrown off its old identity as the country torn apart first by the dictators Idi Amin and Milton Obote and then by the AIDS epidemic.

Uganda hopes to win fresh investment under an American trade policy towards sub-Saharan Africa that seeks to reward countries which meet certain standards of political and economic behavior.

Museveni appealed to Clinton to end Africa's 'marginalization by the world.' He said Uganda welcomed aid but would prefer to receive American investment in the form of soft loans and equity funds.

Style of Russian government to change

Key ministers spared Yeltsin axe

By Alan Philips
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
MOSCOW

Some key ministers in Russia's outgoing government will keep their posts, but the style is likely to change radically if the young technocrat Sergei Kiriyenko is confirmed as prime minister.

The Kremlin announced Tuesday that Defence Minister Igor Sergeyev and Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov were likely to stay on.

"The president was highly appreciative of the performance of the heads of the defence and foreign ministries," said President Boris Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

Marshal Sergeyev has won plaudits by agreeing to slash numbers in the armed forces and to create an army more in

tune with Russia's diminished budget.

Primakov, an Arabist who has known Saddam Hussein since the 1960s, has achieved some success in defusing crises between Iraq and the United States. With his fierce demeanor and growling voice, he projects a more independent foreign policy than his predecessor, Andrei Kozyrev, who was lambasted as Washington's lapdog.

Yeltsin has two weeks to confirm his choice of prime minister, but it is widely expected that he will propose Kiriyenko, 35, who founded his own bank and then briefly ran one of Russia's largest oil refineries.

The prime minister has to be approved by the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, where Communists and nationalists dominate. The difficulty of getting a pro-reform

candidate over this hurdle has always stayed Yeltsin's hand in the past when he contemplated changing his government.

Kiriyenko refused to be drawn on how much he intended to rejuvenate the cabinet if he gets the job. He comes from a different mould from Yeltsin and outgoing prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. Yeltsin worked his way up through the ranks of the Communist party, where the ability to hold one's drink was a key to success. Chernomyrdin rose from gas fitter to become general director of the Soviet gas industry, thanks to his ability to get on with everyone.

Kiriyenko is, according to his friends, not much of a drinker. He is a keen SCUBA diver and practises martial arts in his spare time.

There was widespread confusion about the likely effects of Yeltsin's reshuffle. Some analysts saw it as a sign that he may stand for a third term in 2000, despite his poor health; others saw it as a chance to groom a stronger candidate than Chernomyrdin to succeed him.

Chernomyrdin's claims to be pursuing an independent political career were written off by the business daily Kommersant, which said his power base was now too small. The paper said Yeltsin would never forgive him for showing presidential ambitions.

The liberal newspaper Sevodnya offered a different take on the purge. It said the reshuffle was more to do with mood than policy. "Yeltsin got out of bed the wrong side," it said.

Annan seeks Lebanon deal from Israelis

By Anton La Guardia
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
JERUSALEM

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan met Tuesday with Israeli leaders on the prospects of an withdrawal from south Lebanon by the Jewish state.

After visiting neighboring Arab countries, Annan said that despite the deadlock in peace talks, "there is good news, in the sense that everyone I spoke to wants to see movement."

It was his second journey to the Middle East, after he secured a compromise in Baghdad last month securing access for UN inspectors to presidential

palaces and averting the threat of American and British military strikes against Iraq.

But this time, Annan set himself modest aims. On Monday, Annan told Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who said he hoped Annan would be able to press Israel to abide by United Nations resolutions, that Palestinians should not have exaggerated expectations of his trip.

Yet Annan managed a minor conjuring feat of being greeted warmly by both Israelis and Palestinians.

Palestinians hope that Annan will exert his moral pressure on Israel to

comply with UN resolutions calling for a withdrawal from the occupied territories in exchange for peace.

On the other hand Israel, which sees the UN as a bastion of pro-Arab sentiment, thinks the secretary general may be able to help its army extricate itself from the quagmire of Lebanon.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently recognized the 20-year-old UN Security Council resolution 425, calling for its withdrawal from Lebanon.

He is hoping that Annan will be able to extract guarantees from Lebanon and Syria that radical groups such as

Hezbollah will not be allowed to attack Israel if the army pulls out of the Lebanese buffer zone.

But Syria, Lebanon's overlord, has been reluctant to give such promises, on the grounds that Israel must also agree to resume negotiations with Damascus on a withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Annan is deferring to American mediation in the Arab-Israeli conflict, but Israel's overtures to Lebanon have brought little enthusiasm in Washington, which is concentrating on breaking the deadlock in talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

RCMP is named in suit

Refugee board sued for video spying on worker

By Stephen Bindman
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

The Immigration and Refugee Board has been hit with a \$50,000 lawsuit for using hidden cameras to spy on a Montreal employee suspected of a breach of confidentiality.

The RCMP is also named in the Federal Court action filed by case officer Ginette Millaire.

Late last year, the federal privacy commissioner ruled the immigration board violated the Privacy Act by using 'excessively intrusive means' to investigate Millaire, who was suspected in 1994 of leaking information from a confidential refugee hearing.

Commissioner Bruce Phillips said the RCMP and board investigators placed cameras hidden in the ceiling tiles above Millaire's workstation 'based solely on hearsay.'

ACTED ON RUMORS

In her lawsuit, Millaire says the board acted 'upon rumors only, without reasonable justification and without a preliminary investigation.'

It calls the surveillance 'an abusive,

unreasonable and unjustified intrusion.'

She is seeking damages for stress and anxiety and the infringement of her reputation, honor and dignity.

The lawsuit is supported by Millaire's union, the Canada Employment and Immigration Union, which wants to send a message that public servants will not 'stand idly by and do nothing' while their human rights are infringed.

"If the IRB and the RCMP are allowed to escape responsibility for their illegal actions, no public service worker in any federal government office will have any guarantee that due process and fundamental principles of justice will be respected," said union spokesman Robin Kers.

A complaint against the Mounties has also been filed with the RCMP Pub-

lic Complaints Commission, which has the power to order public hearings.

Neither the RCMP nor the board has responded to the lawsuit and an IRB spokesman refused to comment because the case is before the courts.

1994 COMPLAINT

A lawyer for an unidentified refugee claimant complained in May 1994 that just hours after a closed door hearing at which the board allowed the claimant to remain in Canada, a third party knew of the favorable decision. The refugee seeker claimed the third party had been seen in the company of a board employee who looked like Millaire.

In his report last year, Phillips said the board had an obligation to investigate the possible leak of information but no consideration was given to using other less

intrusive techniques than hidden cameras.

"In my view, surveillance should only be carried out after conducting a thorough preliminary investigation that would lead an employer to have reasonable cause to suspect an employee of wrongdoing, and only after all other investigative techniques have been exhausted or considered to be ineffective."

BOARD APOLOGIZED

The privacy watchdog said the refugee board later apologized to Millaire and decided it will not undertake such covert video surveillance in the future.

The cameras remained in place for five months before they were accidentally discovered after a Public Works technician displaced some ceiling tiles. Only then were the cameras removed.

After the incident became public in 1995, then immigration minister Sergio Marchi said the hidden cameras were installed as part of a criminal investigation, though he added "I would frown upon the idea of spying on employees."

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Iraq arrests germ warfare chief

By Christopher Lockwood
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
LONDON

Iraq has arrested the man considered to be the father of Baghdad's germ warfare program, days before he was due to be interviewed by United Nations weapons inspectors, the UN said Tuesday.

Richard Butler, the chief UN inspector, who is now in Iraq, confirmed that his team had been told of the arrest of Nasser Hindawi in early March.

The UN had been anxious to meet Hindawi, who is in possession of documents relating to the clandestine biological weapons program that should have been turned over to the UN long ago. The UN had hoped to be able to interview without the presence of Iraqi officials, but that no

longer appears to be possible.

Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's ambassador to the UN, told the New York Times that Hindawi had a forged passport on him when he was arrested and that he had been planning to flee the country.

The news of his arrest will come as a blow to the UN's efforts to unravel the secrets of Iraq's biological weapons program, which it has been investigating since the end of the Gulf war, almost seven years ago.

Meanwhile, a team of diplomats arrived in Baghdad on Tuesday to take part in a series of inspections of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces.

Butler resumed talks with Iraqi deputy prime minister Tareq Aziz amid what is being described as a new atmosphere of co-operation.

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'Anything could happen'

Talented youth of Mansonville stage show

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
MANSONVILLE

An evening of song, dance and comedy promises to delight all as youth from ages 14 and up perform this Saturday, March 28 at Mansonville United Church.

The show is being staged thanks to the collective talents and enthusiasm of a number of youth from Citizen Advocacy's Youth Drop-in, all of whom have been busy recently fine-tuning their voices and polishing their moves.

Many in the cast are regular performers at CA community events and youth productions. Four years ago, CA's dance and theatre group was launched with a donation from the Municipality of Potton that permitted the youth centre to stay open on Saturdays as well as Thursdays and Fridays.

The talent show, which includes some twenty different

acts, starts at 7 p.m. Following the performance, the audience is invited downstairs to the youth centre for an open house and free hotdogs served by Students Against Drunk Driving members.

To date, much of the program re-

mains classified. "Anything could happen," laughed Mable Hastings, the youth animator behind the show.

Doors open at 6:30 with admission set at \$2 for adults and no charge for youth.



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Julia Eldridge, Brooke DeMartini, Krissi Baxter and Jason 'Agent' work on their 'secret' act. Cynthia Patch rehearses her tune for the evening



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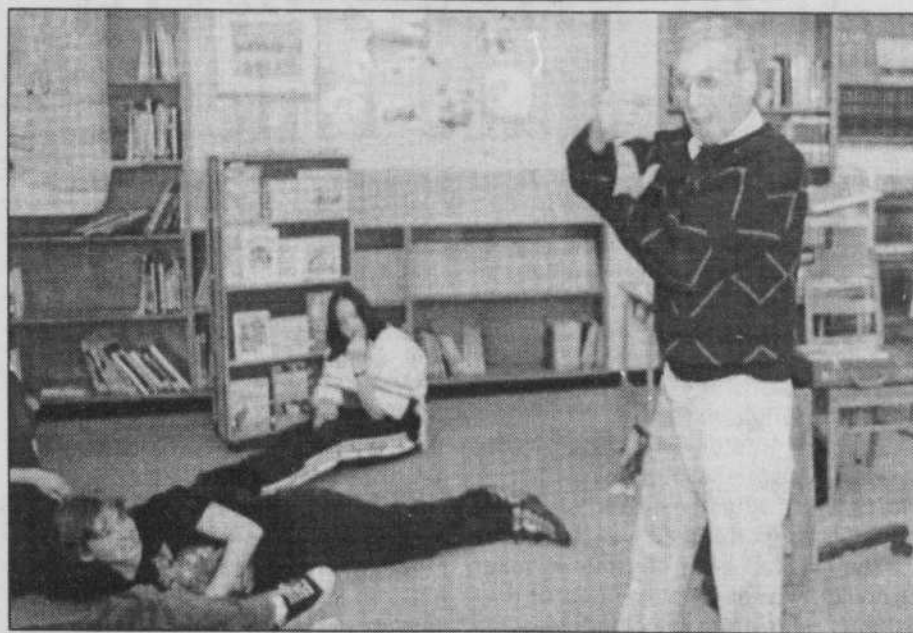
The information brochure "Tribute to Good Citizenship" is available from the Direction de la participation civique of the MRCI and Communication-Québec offices. It contains a proposal form.

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AUTHOR VISITS WATERLOO ELEMENTARY



Montreal author Antonio de Thomas treated John Palov's grade seven class to a visit at Waterloo Elementary School on Friday. Thomas wrote *Montreal of my Childhood*, published by Tundra Books Inc. He told the students of earlier days before television and computers when they had to use their imagination to make their own toys and used back alleys as their playgrounds. Thomas was born of Italian immigrants in 1938 on Cartier Street near Beaubien and lived there all his early years. Like most of his neighbors, his family was poor but was able to get by and made a lot with little. Thomas always loved drawing and his love for art is evident in his classroom demonstrations. Thomas spoke of the pranks they played as children, such as disconnecting the power lines to trolley cars, or setting up elaborate safety pin and thread noise-making devices to make people think someone was at the door. Stories were told of all the many smells that were in the air in the ethnically diverse neighborhood. The 48-page book is beautifully illustrated with Thomas's color paintings of street cleaners, door-to-door knife sharpeners, horse drawn deliveries, and city workers changing street light elements. Students asked questions after the presentation and laughed at Thomas's anecdotes about playing road hockey with frozen horse droppings and goalies spitting out the remains of hard slapshots.

Text and photo by David Anderson, Record Correspondent

'A marriage between the African drum and the Spanish guitar' Lemvo takes Afro-Cuban rhythms to new level

By John Goddard
SOUTHAM NEWS
TORONTO

As a boy growing up in Congo, Ricardo Lemvo kept his ears open. He listened to high-energy Afro-Cuban rhythms broadcast on state radio and absorbed the local, Latin-fired guitar music popularly known as soukous.

Now, the singer is creating a hybrid of his own.

From his base in Los Angeles, Lemvo is combining modern soukous with an updated Cuban sound to create an Afro-Latin style that leaves listeners sometimes confused but almost always dancing.

"We played a festival a while ago, and there were Cubans and Africans there," he said in his open, expansive manner prior to a recent Latin-music event in Toronto.

"They were enjoying themselves but after the show, they asked me, 'What is it you're doing?'"

Lemvo was born in 1957 at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.

It was a prosperous, musical city then, sometimes referred to as the "town of joy." In 1960, the city was renamed Kinshasha and in 1974 the country was renamed Zaire, only to be renamed again recently as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lemvo left at 15 to pursue his education in Los Angeles, obtaining a political science degree and an ability to speak five languages.

"I thought of becoming a lawyer, then I changed my mind," he said.

Instead, he became a singer in a Cuban-style band and in 1990 formed an eight-member ensemble called Makina Loca, from the Spanish phrase "maquina loca" or "crazy machine."

In 1996, he released his first CD, Tata

Masamba, acclaimed by Toronto's Now magazine as "one of the true underground finds" of the year.

And on May 19, he is set to release Mambo Yo Yo, one of the first non-compilation discs on the Putumayo World Music label in New York.

Canadian tour dates are also planned this summer in Toronto and British Columbia, including a stop at the Vancouver Folk Festival.

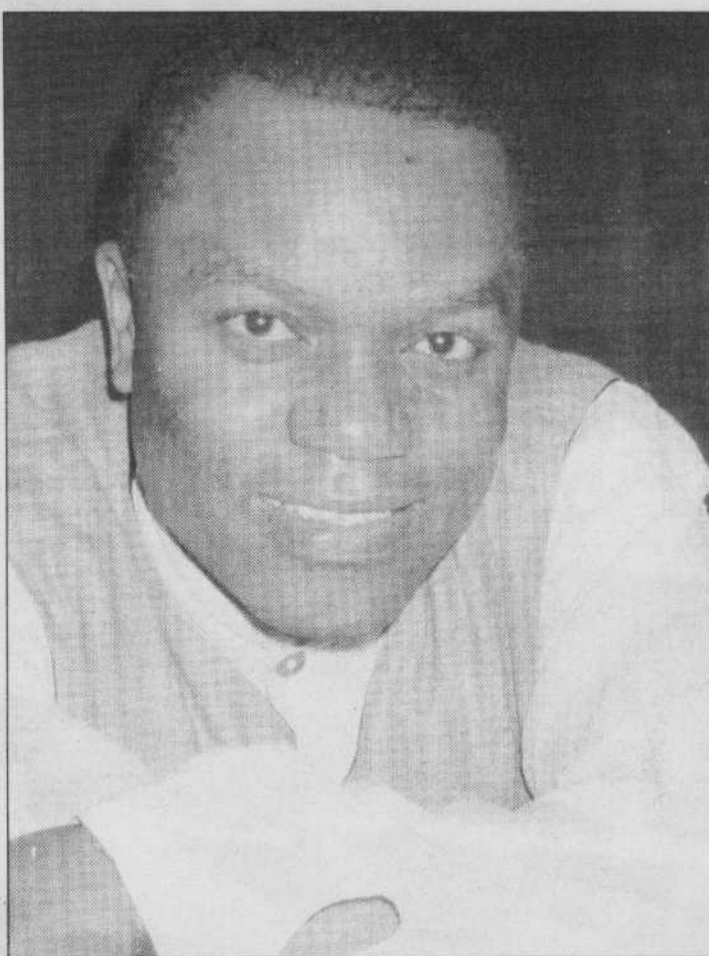
On the recent Toronto stop, Lemvo played at a showcase of Latin music for the recording industry and took time to talk about how he came to his particular fusion style.

"Cuban music," he began, "is a marriage between the African drum and the Spanish guitar."

Slaves in the last century from West Africa brought their drum rhythms to the Caribbean, and in the 1930s and 1940s traders took the Cuban rumba back to Africa.

Particularly in Congo, musicians recognized and took up the beat, Lemvo said.

"All the bands were playing Cuban



Ricardo Lemvo... Congo-born singer creating hybrid of Latin guitar and Cuban sounds.

covers in Lingala, the language of Congo. Musicians were taking names like 'Franco' (Luambo Makliadi) and bands were calling themselves things like 'African Fiesta'.

In Kinshasha in 1953, the first full-time recording and performing orchestra was born in the form of African Jazz, led by Joseph Kabasele, "Le Grand Kalle."

Afterward, the regional music scene

exploded.

The next 15 years saw a proliferation of so-called "Congo bars," where the Afro-Cuban sounds became re-Africanized.

"The Congolese were playing Cuban music but they were playing it in their own style," Lemvo said.

"Where the Cuban used the piano, the Congolese used electric guitars. And the guitars were also playing the horn lines."

The style became known as soukous - a new dance music of spiraling guitars, hip-swinging rhythms and rich vocal arrangements, sometimes later augmented by full-blown horn sections.

Transported along trade routes, it spread as far west as Kenya and as far east as Senegal. By the mid-1980s, it was playing in Brussels and Paris.

"Soukous means to shake," Lemvo said, "and when you listen to this music that's what you do."

"What I'm trying to do now is take this music to another level," Lemvo said of his own work with the Latin, African and European musicians he mingles with in Los Angeles.

"In Makina Loca we play a combination of Cuban music and Congolese soukous, and if you listen carefully you can hear the Cuban and African intertwine. They don't clash. They are present together."

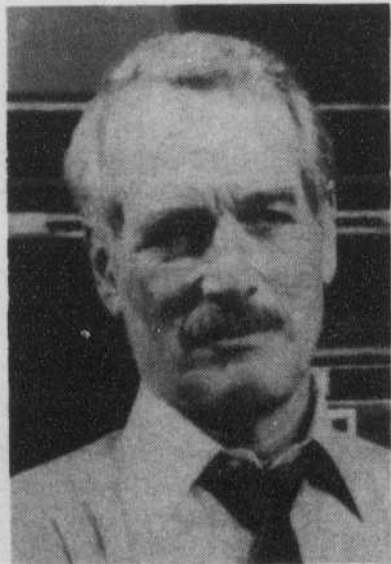
His rendition of Yiri Yiri Bon is a good example, he said, a tune appearing on the first CD and on a recent Putumayo compilation, Latino! Latino!

"Yiri Yiri Bon is a 1951 song by the Cuban band leader and singer Beny More," Lemvo explained.

"I took that song and Africanized it by using trap drums and soukous-style guitars. The (Cuban) piano is there. The horns are there. It's Cuban music but then again it's African."

Paul Newman says good film scripts are hard to find

Kiefer Sutherland plans film on Tommy Douglas



By Jamie Portman
SOUTHAM NEWS

One of the great influences on Kiefer Sutherland as a child was his legendary socialist grandfather, Tommy Douglas, the longtime premier of Saskatchewan who later led the federal New Democratic Party.

Now Sutherland plans to make a film on Douglas's life, focusing in particular on the Saskatchewan years. But he says first of all he wants to get the story right, and has started discussing the project with some Saskatchewan writers.

"I have a very strong idea of how I

Paul Newman... a dearth of good material.

RECORD FILES

want to tell that story," says Sutherland who has lately moved into directing. "But there's so much material to draw on for a screenplay."

He wants the movie not only to capture Douglas's political charisma but also to convey in visual terms the Saskatchewan experience in the same way that Allan King's film version of W.O. Mitchell's *Who Has Seen The Wind* did two decades ago. "I thought that was such a beautiful film."

How much will the project cost at this point? Sutherland doesn't know, "but the government of Saskatchewan has offered to help us find the financing to make this picture."

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Paul Newman has two favorite co-

stars. One is wife Joanne Woodward, with whom he starred in a succession of hit movies - among them *The Long Hot Summer* and *Paris Blues*. The other is Robert Redford: The two teamed up in two enormously popular hits, *Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid* and *The Sting*. So how come he doesn't pair up with these people any more? Newman says that's easier said than done because of a dearth of good material.

"Joanne and I have wanted to do another film for 20 years and apart from *Mr. And Mrs. Bridge* in 1990, we haven't been successful. Bob Redford and I have been looking for 25 years without success. After all, if you have really done a good film together, you don't want to do one of lesser consequence."

Wild kingdom therapy

Patients at the Centre Hospitalier de Waterloo were happy to have their bi-monthly visit from Pierre Bourdon and his friendly animals. Bourdon takes his cart room to room letting the patients of the long-term care center pet and hold the animals.

Bourdon also visits hospitals in St. Hyacinthe, Montreal's St. Michel and The Mira Foundation. Bourdon lives in Ste-Marie de Monroir on what he said is a "small, small, small farm." His wife Francine came up with the idea and started the visits in schools, then five years ago she had a terrible car accident so Pierre stopped his studies and took over the business called Regard sur la Nature. (514-460-2206).

Stanley Shufelt, who lived on a farm in Iron Hill, enjoys the visits and being around animals.



DAVID ANDERSON/CORRESPONDENT

Patients and staff at the Centre Hospitalier de Waterloo are often visited by Pierre Bourdon and his friendly animals.

Richmond Regional gets a reverend

By Lynda Schroeders
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
RICHMOND

Reverend Ken Harding, minister of Richmond's Anglican Church, has become Richmond Regional High School's newest resource.

The issue of the growing lack of student services in the school, due to government cut backs, was initially raised last fall at a KITE (Keeping It Together Emotionally) meeting.

Harding makes himself available at the school as a "counsellor, resource, friend and sympathetic listener," for students one day a week.

The project's aim is to help students clear their minds from emotional problems so they can concentrate on education. "If you have something on your heart, something on your mind, something that's bothering you, it really makes it hard to learn and to focus in class," says Reverend Harding.

Initially, the Reverend was only available to talk with students during noon hours, but since mid-January he has also been coming to Richmond Regional during class hours.

"Lunch hours are one of the few times that students get in a very carefully structured school day to actually do the things they want to do. For most teenagers it's really important, at this point, to be with their peers. So even if they do have an issue they want to talk about, if you put them in a position where they have to choose between being with their peers and going and talking to somebody, they're going to stay with their friends," explains Harding.

The preconception that the minister is limited to talking about subjects of a spiritual nature is far from the truth. Students are free to bring up any issue with Reverend Harding that has been weighing heavily on their mind. The variety of topics the Reverend has dealt with range from being the new kid in school to the emotional confusion and uncertainty of becoming sexually active.

Reverend Harding has had three and a half years experience as a high school Chaplain at Chateaugay Valley High and Billings Regional High School, as well as twenty years of experience working with youths in a variety of programs.

Reverend Harding can be found in the Chaplain's office at Richmond Regional on Thursdays.



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Obituaries

FRANCES HUDSON (nee Sharlow) (formerly Frances Charby)

Frances was born October 6, 1922, in West Brome to Guy and Alice Sharlow (nee Banta). She spent her early years on her parent's farm. On November 4, 1940 Frances married Edgar Charby. Together they had five children, Morris Albert, Roger Frank, Clementine May (died at 8 months), Pauline Eva and Jack Gordon. In the mid 1950's Frances and Edgar were divorced. Eventually, Frances married for the second time to Harold (Stub) Hudson. He predeceased her on April 5, 1978.

Most of her life was spent in Quebec and for 13 years after Stub died, she lived with and looked after her aunt, Ethel Lewis. They enjoyed taking short trips in her car watching for deer and other animals, visiting friends and going to sales. After Ethel died on May 25, 1991, Frances stayed alone in Quebec until July 1994. She then moved to Westport, Ont., to be closer to her family.

Two of her sons, Morris and Jack also live in Westport. Morris and his wife Frances have three children, Wendy, Cindy and Scott, and one grandson, Jamie. Roger lives in Cavan, Ont. He has two children, Lisa and Jimmy. Her youngest son, Jack and his wife Joyce have one daughter, Dawn. Daughter

Pauline and her husband Jim Blair, Frances' "favorite son-in-law" live in Pickering, Ont.

Frances had a small house in Westport, across from the public school in town. Many hours were spent watching the children play and everyone passing by on the street in front of her home. She also kept in close contact with her many friends in Quebec and elsewhere through phone calls, letters and reading the Record which was mailed to her on a regular basis.

Due to the ice storm in January 1998, she went to live with her daughter Pauline and was there for approximately six weeks when she was taken to the hospital on February 19, 1998. Sadly, she passed away on February 22, 1998.

Frances will be missed but fondly remembered by her family and many friends. As per her wishes, she was cremated and her ashes will be taken to Quebec in the spring and buried between her second husband and her mother in Knowlton Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their help and their kind wishes, which have been very comforting during this sad time.

EDWIN BASIL PRESCOTT

Edwin Basil Prescott passed away at the CUSE Bowen site, on February 28, 1998 in his 82nd year. He was the son of Edwin Fondana Prescott and Luna Julia Williams. He leaves to mourn his wife Muriel Moore Prescott, his son Sidney James and wife Donna (Roach) Prescott of River John, N.S., and grandson Ian Leslie Prescott of Vancouver, B.C.

Basil was born in Bulwer, Que., but spent his earliest years in Ste. Catharines, Ont. In 1921 the family returned to Bulwer and bought his mother's ancestral home, the Lindsay farm.

He developed an interest in music at a very early age when his mother played the piano and taught him to sing. He showed no interest in learning to play the piano but learned to play the guitar and in later years the accordion and banjo. He was often called on to sing and play at concerts. Playing at dances was a source of income also as well as enjoyment. His son inherited the musical talent so they and friends had an orchestra of their own. In his retirement years he spent many enjoyable hours playing on a piano keyboard.

On June 29, 1940 he married Muriel Moore Prescott of Leeds, Que. They helped on the farm and raised chickens.

He loved working with machinery and purchased a tractor to work not only at home but to do custom work on neighboring farms. Next he bought a threshing machine and was busy all fall threshing for many miles around.

When his son was married in 1968 he

took over the farm and Basil and Muriel moved to Birchton where they were residing at the time of his death. There they enjoyed taking care of their lawn, garden and flowers on their five acres of land and he was able to work with his machinery until the fall of 1997. They enjoyed travelling and often went to nearby American states and to Ontario to visit relatives and friends. They travelled to Florida several winters and twice to Alberta to visit relatives.

The body rested at Cass Funeral Home in Cookshire where many people called and where the funeral service was held on March 4 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Martyn Sadler officiating. The bearers were his grandson Ian, his nephew Jim Moore, husbands of his nieces, Larry Dougherty (Faye), Nick Turchyn (Heather), Gerry Robinson (Charlotte) and a longtime friend, Russell Nutbrown. The beautiful flowers from the Moore and Patton families, the lovely cards and generous donations were a last tribute to a well-loved relative and friend. The interment will take place in Johnville Cemetery in the spring.

Friends and relatives came from River John, N.S., Vancouver, B.C., London and Johnstown, Ont., Thetford Mines, Montreal, Kinnear's Mills, Inverness and Beebe, Que., as well as from surrounding communities.

The Bulwer-Birchton people served refreshments in the Bulwer Community Center after the funeral.

LUELLA PEARL JOHNSTON GUY January 20, 1913 — January 21, 1998

It was with sadness when family and friends learned of the passing of Luella Johnston, widow of the late Leonard Guy.

Mrs. Guy, nee Luella Pearl Johnston, was born at the Johnston Homestead, Craig's Road on January 20, 1913, second daughter of the late James S. Johnston and his wife Elizabeth Canning, and was the last surviving member of her family.

In her early years she walked to the little school house at Kinnear's Mills and was one of the students to attend the opening as a pupil at the Consolidated School built in 1923. She enjoyed music and attended many house parties, where her father was the violin player.

On September 10, 1935 she was united in marriage with Leonard Guy, who brought his bride to the Guy family farm where they made their home for the next 43 years. Three daughters were born of this marriage, Audrey, Phyllis and Linda.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a kind friend and neighbor, a quiet, content person, a happy homemaker who liked to entertain with frequent overnight guests from Ontario and the U.S.A.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, knitting, backing and loved to play Crokinole.

In the spring of May 21, 1978, she mourned the sudden loss of her husband Leonard.

In July 1979 she sold the farm and bought a house in Birchton, where she lived until July 1996, when due to failing health, she entered St. Paul's Rest Home, where she received the best of care.

Mrs. Guy passed away at the CUSE Fleurimont Site, Sherbrooke, on

Wednesday, January 21, 1998, the day following her 85th birthday.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 22 at J.A. Savoie et Fils Funeral Home in Thetford Mines, where many paid their last respects. Prayers were held at the funeral home on Friday, January 23 at 1 p.m., followed by the service at Candlish United Church at 2 p.m. Rev. Ross Davidson, officiated, with Joy Nugent as organist. Hymns sung were "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and a solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" by Rev. Davidson.

She was laid to rest beside her husband at Riverside Memorial Cemetery by her four grandsons, Kenneth, Charles and James Allan and Lynn Rothney.

Those left to treasure her memory are her family, daughter Audrey and husband Lawrence Allan, daughter Phyllis and husband Keith Allan, daughter Linda and husband Donald Rothney, four grandsons, Kenneth (Linda Crawford), Charles and James Allan and Lynn Rothney; three great-grandchildren, Meghan, Tracey and Kurtis Allan, and many other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband she was predeceased by her mother in June 1963; her father, April 1971; a younger brother, Ernest, March 1924; a foster sister, Olive, June 1989; and sister, Florence, June 1990.

The many beautiful flowers and memorial donations were a lasting tribute to an outstanding person, and one who will be greatly missed. One whose life touched many lives with kindness, and who was always their for her family and friends.

Those attending were from Napanee, Ont., Derby Line Vt., the Eastern Townships and the surrounding area.

Cards of Thanks

GUY — We wish to thank everyone who helped in any way during our mother's illness and death. To the many who visited the funeral home, attended the funeral. To all who sent floral tributes and charitable donations. For the many cards, letters and telephone calls, and for food sent to our homes. Special thanks to Rev. Ross Davidson for his prayers and kind words, the organist, Joy Nugent and the choir. To the Community Ladies for serving lunch following the interment. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE LUELLA GUY

PRESCOTT — It is difficult to find adequate words to express our thankfulness for so many kind things done for us during Basil's sickness, hospitalization and death. Thanks for visits at home all winter, for food and meals brought in, to the Nutbrowns and Wintles for transportation as well and being with us in the hospital. Thanks for the wonderful care he received at the CUSE Bowen site and to my niece Faye Dougherty for her loving kindness to him day and night in the hospital and helping in so many ways immediately following his death. Thanks for the hospitality of the Cass Funeral Home, to the bearers, the organist Roberta Smith, the soloist Grant Taylor and Rev. Martyn Sadler for his kind words and comforting sermon. Thanks for the beautiful flowers from the Moore and Patton families, for the many cards and generous donations and to all who visited the funeral home.

MURIEL (wife)

SID and DONNA (son and daughter-in-law)

IAN (grandson)

Death

ALLATT, Andrea — Peacefully at the Connaught Home, North Hatley, Que., on Monday, March 23, 1998, Andrea Allatt in her 54th year, beloved daughter of Florence Leslie and the late Reginald Allatt. Dear sister of Stephen (Barbara) and Michael (Carol). Also survived by her nieces and nephews, Reginald (Philippa), Karen (Chris) Hornybrook, Brian (Tanya), Robert and Julie, her great-niece Hanna Joy and great-nephews Thomas, Daniel and Jacob. This special lady also leaves other relatives and many friends. Funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., on Friday, March 27, 1998 at 2 p.m. Rev. Blake Walker officiating. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. The family will be at the church one hour before the service to receive relatives and friends. As memorial tributes, donations to the Connaught Home, P.O. Box 629, North Hatley, Que. JOB 2C0, or the Dixville Home Foundation, 90 Church St., Dixville, Que. JOB 1P0, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, (819) 564-1750.

Cards of Thanks

DAMON - The families of the late Beulah Smith Damon wish to thank all the relatives, friends and neighbors in calling the funeral home and attending the service. Our thanks to Justin Lowry for the service, Sharon Moore for the organ music and Meredith Barter and Everett Boynton for their help. Thanks to the kind neighbors in the apartments for the lunch served after at Morris and Roberta Smiths. Our thanks to Dr. Fortier and the staff at the Wales Home for Beulah's care over the years. To all who sent cards, flowers, donations and food. God bless you all.

MORRIS AND ROBERTA SMITH

PARTRIDGE - Please accept this as our personal thank you. The love and support shown to us by our family and friends in the loss of our brother, Fred, was such a great comfort. Thanks to everyone who visited, sent cards, flowers and donations in his memory. The family wish to express a special thank you to Vivian for the wonderful care she gave Fred, also to Dr. Barakett and the nurses who cared for him while in hospital. To Rev. Ralph Leavitt for his many visits and comforting words, to members of the Masonic Lodge, the members of the Fire Brigade and the Legion especially Herve Gagne our most sincere thanks. Fred will be sadly missed by

GERTRUDE, RUBY
& LILLIAN (APRIL)
(sisters)
BILL (EVELYN)
(brother)
AND FAMILIES

Deaths

BEERS, Joan — At the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont Pavilion on Monday, March 23, 1998. Joan Beers, in her 70th year, beloved daughter of the late Stella Armstrong and the late Robert Beers. Beloved sister of Debby (Keith McCambley) and David (Marg Joannette). Loving aunt to Shannon (Greg Fulton), Andrew, Julie, Bob, Jody and Lynne and proud great-aunt of Jacob John Fulton. Also survived by many friends from the church and the community. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel: 565-1155, fax: 820-8872. Visitation on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the Plymouth Trinity United Church (Sherbrooke) on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 11 a.m., the Rev. Jane Aikman officiating, followed by cremation and interment of ashes at the Elmwood Cemetery (Sherbrooke) at a later date. Please note: There is no visitation on the day of the funeral. Joan Beers was an active member and tireless volunteer at the Plymouth Trinity United Church for over 60 years. The family would like to thank all the doctors and personnel of the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont Pavilion for the professional and personal care given to their sister. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association, 180 René-Lévesque Blvd. E., Suite 200, Montreal, Que. H2X 1N6, or to the Quebec Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2630 King St. W., Suite 150, Sherbrooke, Que. J1J 2H1, or the Plymouth Trinity United Church, 380 Dufferin St., Sherbrooke, Que., would be appreciated by the family.

CILLES, Roberta (nee Desruisseaux) — Formerly of Sherbrooke and Bury, died at the Foyer Weedon, after a lengthy illness on March 23, 1998, in her 76th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Cilles and dear mother of Richard (Lynn Snyder) of Kingston, Ont., the late Nancy Cilles and Debbie Cilles of Bury, Que. Grandmother of Bonnie (Kevin Henry) of Saco, Maine, and Abbie Murray of Bury, Que. Predeceased by her grandsons James and Kevin Clark. She is survived by her sister Betty (Len) Lovegrove of Bathurst, N.B., and predeceased by her brother Sonny. Also survived by her sister-in-law Peggy (Lorne) Eastman of Richmond, Que., as well as nieces and nephews. At her request, she was cremated and a memorial service will be announced later. In her memory, donations to St. Paul's Rest Home, 592 Main St., Bury, Que. JOB 1J0, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, (819) 564-1750.

Canterbury
Muriel Mayhew

Luvia, Sylvia and Steven Aulis spent a weekend at Erin, Ont., visiting their granddaughter and daughter, Mary and Chris Morrissey. They also attended a baby shower for Mary.

Deaths

EVERETT, Evelyn — After a lengthy illness, at the Grace Christian Home on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Evelyn Gilbert in her 83rd year, wife of the late Rod Everett. Dear mother of Lillian (late Albert) Corrigan, Michael (Claire), Pat (Raymond) Henderson and Linda (Richard) Lesperance. Much loved Nanny to Jennifer (Mike) Jones, Roxane, Emily, Sara (Pierre), Corey (Lisa), Edward (Sandra), Laurie (Ralph), Cheryl and the late Christine, as well as several great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Annie Hodge, Marjorie Bourbeau, and sister-in-law of Alberta, Mabel, Lillian, Yvette and Marion. She was predeceased by five brothers and two sisters. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where friends may call on Thursday, March 26 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and where funeral service will be held on Friday, March 27, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. followed by cremation.

JOHNSON, Kathleen (Kay) — In Montreal on March 24, 1998, daughter of the late John Johnson and the late Agnes Skerry. Sister of the late Patricia Mercier (Armand). Survived by her sister Helen (Nellie) Boudreau (Gerry), and brother John (Bud) Johnson. Also left to mourn are her four nieces, Doris Mercier, Marie Mercier (Frederic Monette), Louise King (Brian), and Carolyn Johnson, and many cousins and friends. Funeral mass to be held in St. Monica's Parish Church, 6405 Terrebonne Ave., on Thursday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Visitation at Collins Clarke Funeral Home, 5610 Sherbrooke W., Montreal, on Wednesday, March 25 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

KANE, John — Suddenly at the Centre Hospitalier et Hébergement Memphrémagog, Tuesday, March 24, 1998 in his 72nd year. John will be sadly missed by his dear friend Dorothy Gillick. He also leaves to mourn his sisters Mary Skinner (Bill) of England, Betty Anderson of Scotland, Kathy Dunn of Scotland and his brother Peter, also of Scotland, nieces, nephews, several other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough, Ayer's Cliff (819-876-5213), Friday, March 27 from 7 to 9 p.m., where family and friends may come to visit. The service will be in the Beulah United Church, Saturday, March 28 with Rev. Kent Chown officiating. Spring interment in Ayer's Cliff Cemetery.

Richmond
Mrs. C. McCourt

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleason, Ajax, Ont., Dennis Gleason of Brockville, Ont., were in town to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gleason. Doug and Willa have given up their apartment at the Wales Home and are now happily settled in their room on the second floor at the Home. Mrs. Juanita Pollock of Ottawa was here to visit her brother and sister-in-law.

Deaths

LAWLOR, Mrs. Francis (nee Caswell) — Accidentally in Sutton on Saturday, March 21, 1998, Francis Caswell in her 39th year. Beloved wife of Reginald Lawlor. Left to mourn are her children Kimberly and Kevin, her parents Doris and Peter, her stepmother, the late May, her parents-in-law, Angelina and Norman, her sisters and brothers, Donald, Ronald (Johanne), Bea (Richard), Linda, Lawrence (Janet), Ken (Josée), Bruce (Marilen), David (Janet), Marjorie (Russell), Tony (Robin) and Marilen (Chad). Also left to mourn are many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 31 Principale S., Sutton, Que. JOE 2K0, (514) 263-1212, or 538-2306, on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service in the chapel. The Rev. Tim Smart officiating. Also at the request of the family there will be visitation on Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the family.

McLEOD, Lily Dorothy — At Toronto in her 101st year, Lily Dorothy Cameron, dearly loved wife of the late Malcolm McLeod. Cherished daughter-in-law of the late Ewen and Jessie McLeod of Milan, Que. Gratefully remembered and mourned by her son Wayne (Beverley) and her daughter Marilyn (Garth) and their families. Much loved sister-in-law of Margaret MacLeod Perkins of the Wales Home, Richmond, Que. A memorial service was held in Toronto on March 21. Interment later in Winnipeg, Man. Precious memories of a long and fulfilling life and of her special gifts of music and laughter remain in our hearts.

MORRISON, Ambia — At the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont site on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 in her 99th year. Ambia Isabel Morrison (MacAulay), beloved wife of the late Augustus Belliveau and the late Raymond Morrison. Loving mother of Helen Saunders, Cookshire, Que., and Catherine (Harold Hall), Shawville, Que., and dear grandmother of Cindy (Bob Martin), Calgary, Alta., Linda (Jim Ulam), Freemont, Cal., David Hall, Shawville, Que. She was cremated. A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Lingwick Cemetery, Gould, Que. As memorial tributes donations to the St. Paul's Rest Home, Bury, Que., will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangement entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 554 Main St., Bury, Que.

Knowlton
Edna Badger

The A.C.W. of St. Paul's Church wish to thank all those nice people who turned up for their Soup and Dessert lunch. We were very happy with the results.



Wednesday, March 25, 1998

In the year ahead, your material growth might be a bit sluggish in the early phases. However, the earning you generate should be steady and substantial over the long haul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not become too enchanted today when dealing with members of the opposite gender. There is a chance you might hit on someone who is already spoken for. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're putting a joint enterprise together for a commercial purpose today, put all the fine points in writing, even if it is with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Associates might be only in partial accord with your basic aims today. Do not attempt to manipulate anyone into a prejudiced position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Workers whose assignments you supervise will require delicate management techniques today. If they aren't inspired, they may not produce.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Taking risks on things over which you have no direct control could be costly today. Avoid proposals where the outcome is controlled by outside influences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make an effort to be more tolerant, affectionate and understanding toward your mate if he or she is in a grumpy mood. It will soothe troubled waters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Industriousness, not apathy, is required today if you desire to avoid similar headaches down the line. Do not attempt to sweep anything under the rug.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you sally into the mall today, it could prove wise to leave your credit cards at home. You might waste hard-earned money on frivolous items.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, it could be that no matter how hard you try to be nice to some people, nothing you do will please them. Do not collect guilt for their rude behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually, you're not one to resort to tactics that aren't direct and forthright, but today you could try to manipulate others to serve your purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you might direct funds slated for essentials for something rather frivolous. If you operate along these lines, spender's remorse is probable later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be mindful of your behavior today when with friends. You might devote too much attention to a person you think could do you some good while ignoring an old ally.

First wife refusing to co-operate

Dear Ann Landers: I married a wonderful man last spring, and he has two charming little girls, ages 11 and 6. "Fred's" ex-wife (I'll call her "Amanda") divorced him five years ago. I get along well with Fred's daughters, and they are always well-behaved in our home. However, we have a problem that no one seems able (or willing) to resolve.

Amanda has custody of the children, and Fred has minimal visitation. He has never been late with his child support checks, and he is a very good father. He never says anything negative about Amanda in front of the girls, yet all they hear from her is how awful their father is. At any given whim, Amanda takes Fred back to court to ask for more support money or to cut back on his visitation privileges.

If Fred arrives at Amanda's house five minutes early to pick up the girls, she makes him wait on the porch while they sit and watch him out the window until the exact time arrives. She has told the girls to call their father "Fred," and they must call their new stepfather "Dad." They are not permitted to telephone Fred between visits, and if he tries to call them, the girls say, "We can't talk now." The girls, of course, don't think their beloved mother is doing anything wrong.

We have all been in counseling.

Amanda and Fred took co-parenting classes, and Fred and I are seeing a marriage counselor. The children are in family counseling, and I am seeing a therapist. While all this has helped me and my marriage, it's been a colossal waste of time for Fred and Amanda. Nothing has changed between them. If anything, it's gotten worse.

My parents divorced when I was young, and I know the pain these girls are experiencing. Do you have any advice? — Second Wife in Dallas

Dear Dallas: If you and Fred are seeing a marriage counselor and you are seeing a therapist, I don't believe you need much more input from me or anyone else. I would urge you, however, to continue to be supportive of Fred and kind to the girls. When they are older, they will understand a lot more.

It seems that your major problem is unbridled hostility toward Amanda. Get rid of it. It sounds as if her refusal to co-operate is rooted in her anger at you for being happy with Fred. I hope Fred owns some oil wells. With all those therapy bills, he's going to need the dough.

Dear Ann Landers: I imagine you'll get a lot of heat from some clergy and others for your realistic solution to the



ANN LANDERS

problem of safe sex. However, as a clergywoman, I want to say "hooray!"

I do not think there is any sin in masturbation. The sin is in abusing our God-given bodies by exposing them to disease. The sin is exploiting God's children with our needs for sexual gratification. The sin is bringing more children into this world than the Earth can

support or than human families can love and nurture to adulthood.

Our bodies were created to give us pleasure in our sexuality, and we were also given a brain and a heart to help us make decisions about how to experience that pleasure responsibly. Masturbation and other alternatives to intercourse can be that responsible solution. Thanks for daring to say so. — The Rev. Christine Robinson, Unitarian Universalist minister, Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear Rev. Robinson: I have always had the utmost respect for the Unitarian Church, and your letter is yet another example of the good, common sense it espouses. Thanks for an excellent letter and the courage to sign your name to it.

Gem of the Day: Tact is the art of making people feel at home when that's where you wish they were.

Ladies Auxiliary of ANAF Unit 318 new executive

Left to right: Helen Vachon, Provincial Command Vice-President; Mavis Robertson, Secretary Unit 318; Sharon Mills, Treasurer Unit 318; Barbara Leonard, Past-President; Helen Anderson, President; Sylvia Coates, 1st Vice-President; Emily Smerdon, 2nd Vice-President; Elaine McComb, 3rd Vice-President; Mariette McBean, Sgt. at Arms.

Men's New Executive ANAF Unit 318

Front row, right side: Charles Vachon, Dominion Vice-President; centre, Ken Henderson, Provincial President; left, Cederic Cormier, Unit President.

Left to right: Ron Chaplin, Sgt. at Arms; Andrew Letemplier, Director; Garnett Matthews, Secretary/Treasurer; Roger Chabot, Provincial Secretary/Treasurer; Herb Lasemba, Director; Darrell Paige, Director; Charlie Gordon, 2nd Vice-President; George Beaulieu, 1st Vice-President; Wes Nutbrown, Director; Ron Murphy, Director.



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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: K equals P

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BU WCPU KMUJLN.' — BTEETCW
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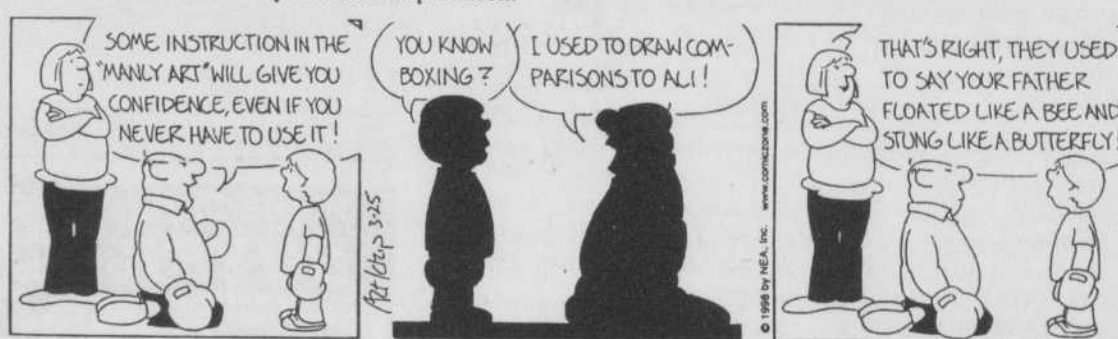
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Happy Gang meets for cards

SUTTON

On February 25 members of the senior citizens' group met at the United Church Hall for the second time in 1998, with 10 present. We were glad to have Mrs. Horn and Mr. Brown of Knowlton with us and also Mrs. E. Wielinga of Sutton for the first time. Hope to see you all again, weather permitting.

500 was played at two tables with one table of rummy. A pleasant afternoon was spent.

Lillian Brown was the highest scorer while Bernice got the prize for the lowest score. The door prize went to Jeanne d'Arc Elie.

Pot luck refreshments were enjoyed at the social hour bringing the afternoon to close.

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SUTTON

Senior citizens met in the hall on Wednesday, March 11 for their afternoon of cards and visiting. It was a real stormy day and many didn't venture out, however cards were played at two tables throughout the afternoon. While the snow kept coming down and the wind blew, it was warm and nice in the hall.

We have several birthdays in March but Bernice Boule was the only one present with a March birthday, hopefully more will be at the next meeting on March 25.

After playing cards for the afternoon, a pot luck lunch was enjoyed, with hot tea and coffee.

Ron Tryhorn received the prize for highest score while Jim Robertson rated lowest, just wasn't your day Jim as you usually get a good score. The drawing for the door prize was won by Mable Boyce.

The next meeting will be March 25 at the usual time, hope to see more out. Maybe spring will be in the air by then.

Mable Boyce

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The supplementary questions

By Phillip Alder

The supplementary Christmas competition questions were answered correctly by fewer than half the entrants. Most assumed that The Bridge World, which started in October 1929, is the oldest bridge magazine in the world, but Bridge Magazine began in England in May 1926. Also, many thought that the American Contract Bridge League Bulletin has put out the most issues. Well, it didn't begin publication until January 1934.

Lots of visitors for residents of St. Paul's Home

BURY

Mrs. Ardice Ward and Mrs. Winnona Kirby of Lennoxville visited Miss Florence Wheeler. Miss Wheeler has been hospitalized at the C.H.U.S. recently.

The question about whether there are more possible auctions or deals was misunderstood by several people. Sorry I didn't make it clearer. Even more remarkable were Joseph Tanne, of Conshohocken, Pa., and J. Brian Sladen, from Memphis, Tenn., who gave the mathematics to prove that there are far more possible auctions.

Bridge time! Here is a deal from the Bulletin, which features that unpopular topic of counting.

You reach seven no-trump by a speedy route. Partner is expecting you to claim at trick one, but the duplication of distribution means that play must continue. Obviously, if the diamonds are splitting 3-2 or the jack is a singleton, you have no problem. But what if one opponent has jack-fourth? You are still all right if you can work out which opponent it is.

When in this sort of position, leave the key suit until last. Cash your nine winners in spades, hearts and clubs first, watching the opponents' cards like a turkey buzzard. Here, West shows up with five spades, two hearts and two clubs. So, he must have four diamonds. It's time to show off! Cash the diamond king, then play a diamond to dummy's nine.

Mrs. Lois Matheson visited her mother, Mrs. Edith Hamilton.

Mrs. Florence Harrison is recuperating following surgery at the Hotel Dieu Hospital. Among her recent visitors were Muriel Watson, Lynn Grapes of Bury, Lorna Bennett of Bishopton, and her sister-in-law, Jerry.

Visitors of Miss Marcella Ross include Stuart and Violet Main, Gordon and Frances Joyce, Lorna Bennett and Teresa MacLeod, all of Bishopton, Clyne MacDonald and Francine Roy of North Hill, and Ted and Myrna Rowsell of Calgary, Alberta.

Irma and Denis Chapman and Duncan MacLeod of Scotstown called on Mrs. Lillian MacIver.

Helen Saunders of Cookshire visited her mother, Mrs. Ambi Morrison.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy were Meryle Heatherington of East Angus and George Lawrence.

Norman Morrison of Lennoxville visited his mother, Mrs. Lea Morrison. Her sister, Priscilla Boutin, also of Lennoxville, was a caller too.

Visitors of Mrs. Henrietta Hodgman include Helen Hodge and Dorothy Ross of Cookshire and Mary Grigel of Edmonton.

Byron and Betty Humphrey of Huntingville visited his mother, Mrs.

Dorothy Humphrey. Her niece and her husband, Geraldine and Frank Peters of Dixville, also called.

Among Mrs. Dora Haddon's many callers on the occasion of her birthday, were her brothers Forrest and Glen Daigneault, her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Jolene Haddon and a neighbor, Dora Dougherty.

Ronnie and Vivian Bell, Janice and Johnny Brazel of East Clifton, Wayne and Delma Alden and Melanie and Adam Rowell of Eaton Corner visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Alden. Thelma and Lucien Perras of Oakville called on Mrs. Alden.

Mr. and Mrs. Yvon Penneault from Lachenaie and Dora Dougherty visited Mrs. Lottie Dougherty.

Following recent hospitalization, Mrs. Roberta Cilles is now residing at Foyer Weedon.

Others who have visited the Home include Angie Perkins, Duncan MacLeod, Junior Hayes of East Angus and Donna Davis of Lennoxville.

On Sunday, February 22 the Rev. Martyn Sadler of Sawyerville, conducted a United Church Service at the Home.

On another occasion a service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Rev. Canon Ron West of Cookshire.

Nina Rowell

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- 1 Part of a process
- 5 Goopy lumps
- 10 Bit of humor
- 14 Breathing room
- 15 Make new charts
- 16 Impersonator
- 17 Related (to)
- 18 Sports venue
- 19 Getz or Kenton
- 20 Prepare for battle
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- 37 Battles the bulge
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- 41 At least as much as
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- 45 Randolph or Zachary
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- 58 Second offer
- 59 Banister
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- 63 Let loose
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- 65 Profound

- 11 Of the eyes
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- 13 German dadaist Max ___
- 21 Operate
- 22 "Prince of the City" director
- 25 Region
- 26 Cloth connection
- 27 Not taken in
- 28 Less
- 29 Clumsy clods
- 30 Botanist Gray and others
- 32 Lay eyes on
- 33 Part to play
- 34 Audio tool
- 35 Check horses
- 36 Editorial directive
- 38 Loos or Baker
- 39 Really weary
- 43 Garb
- 44 Pitcher's pride
- 45 Pack to capacity
- 46 Stogy or cheroot
- 47 Kukla's friend
- 48 Maliciously derogatory
- 49 Curiouser and curiouser
- 51 Maple, e.g.

- 52 In good health
- 53 In the same place: Latin
- 54 Hobble

- 55 Citrus fruit

- 56 Newman movie, "___ Shot"

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Realizing self-worth is first step to finding work:

Experience still counts for something

By Nathalie Arnold
Job Links

SHERBROOKE - You're over 45 and you've just lost a job you've had for the last 20 years. You're scared because you're not sure that you're still employable. So what do you do?

Mature job-seekers in the nineties are facing a host of major challenges - their job skills are often out of step with the new technology, they are burdened by self-doubt and to add fuel to the fire, many employers hesitate to hire an older worker. However, there are strategies that mature workers can develop to overcome these obstacles.

Option 45 in Sherbrooke and Accès Emploi in Cowansville are two organizations that are dedicated to helping the over-45 job-seeker get back to work. Spokesmen for both groups say they are all too aware of the problems their clients are up against.

"As the job market changes and industries restructure, the older workers are the first to be pushed out," explained Chantal Aubert, coordinator of Option 45. She said aside from being unemployed, the mature worker is also facing personal insecurities that come with aging. All of this has a direct impact on the job search.

Louise Gagnon-Lessard, director of Accès Emploi, pointed out that the obstacles the

older worker faces are far different from those of their younger counterparts. "Age is not the only barrier," she said. "Many of the older workers have a great deal of work experience but little educational training and it's difficult to get employers to recognize their experience."

One of the first things these workers must do is assess their skills and see how they might be adaptable to existing jobs, explained Gagnon-Lessard. "We help them realize the value of their skills and to see how they might be used in a new position."

The next step is to develop a strategy to market this experience to an employer who may be hesitant to hire older workers. Aubert

said there are definite advantages to hiring employees that have years of on-the-job training and experience. They may provide helpful information to younger employees.

Unlike 20 years ago, mature workers will have to dedicate many hours to planning their job search, working on their objectives, their interview skills and writing a résumé.

If you are a worker over 45 and you need help and support in your job search, you can contact Option 45 at (819) 829-5060, 32 Wellington North, Suite 300, Sherbrooke, or if you are in the Cowansville area, Accès Emploi at (514) 263-1350, 109 Davignon Blvd., Cowansville. Both organizations can serve individuals in English.

Practice firms work on confidence and experience:

Developing job skills in a fictional company

By Nathalie Arnold
Job Links

SHERBROOKE - You've just been told that you don't know enough about Office 97, Fortune 1000 or marketing concepts to get the job and you just don't want to go back to school. Why not try working for a non-existent company?

Two Sherbrooke companies, Concepto and Estrimage, and Le Relais Santé des Appalaches in Bromont are a few of the 20 training companies that exist in Quebec. The idea of fictional

training companies started in Germany about 20 years ago to provide university students with practical work experience. Since then, more than 2000 such companies have popped up around the world. Between them, they have developed a fictional international business market.

What the companies do is very much like a real business. They develop a product, manufacture it, market it and sell it. A team of secretaries, sales representatives, accountants, graphic artists, computer technicians and direc-

tors operate the firm much like they would a real business. The only difference is the pay they receive is a false cheque. But the experience they gain - almost 90 percent of the time - leads to real jobs.

Céline Coulombe, coordinator at Concepto, said she has noticed a definite weakness in her clients' overall training.

"People were not ready to start their business because of lack of experience, or they did not have enough knowledge of software to get a job," she said.

Workers usually come to Concepto to update or develop a skill they already have in one of the four departments: human resources, accounting, marketing and secretarial. Secretaries come to Concepto to brush up on software while marketing agents hone their skills in international business concepts. All employees are trained in proper work etiquette and behavior.

"We have a weekly staff meeting and the employees come to understand how their work and behavior affects the team," Coulombe said. "Exchange of

expertise between employees is one of our biggest features."

At all three practice firms, employees meet regularly with employment counsellors to work on their job search and their career objectives. The results are impressive. Close to 90 percent find jobs after working for the fictional companies for 5 to 20 weeks.

To find out more about these firms and to find out if you qualify, call Concepto, (819) 822-6148, Estrimage, (819) 346-3804, Le Relais Santé des Appalaches (514) 534-1454.



JOB-HUNTING TIP OF THE WEEK

When it comes to answering interview questions, you can never be too prepared. Many employment programs in the Townships offer to do mock interviews. Step out of your comfort zone. After all, in an interview you are talking to a stranger who needs to get to know you in 30 minutes.

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JOB LINKS 819-566-2422

Deadline to register: March 27th

Forget the fuss, take the bus

Calling all workshop candidates! Did you know there are buses reserved to bring you to Bishop's University for the Jobs in Focus workshops April 4? That's right. If you live in Richmond, Stanstead or Cowansville (or anywhere near those municipalities), you can travel free to Lennoxville and back to attend the employment workshops. It's a great opportunity to meet other participants, relax and save on gas!

Buses will be leaving Cowansville at 7:30 a.m. from the main entrance of the Cowansville Shopping Centre, Stanstead at 8:15 a.m. from the Stanstead Journal office on 25A Dufferin Rd. and Richmond at 8:15 a.m. from the Richmond Community Centre at 820 Gouin. All buses will leave Bishop's University at 4:30 p.m. to return home. Hope to see you there! To reserve your place on the bus, call us at Job Links, (819) 566-2422.

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ROCK FOREST - #2272375 - CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK. Salary to be disc. dep. exp. 40 hrs/wk. Permanent, full-time. Computer knowledge, communication skills. Bilingual (required). Availability. Know. mandatory in transportation.

The Record and Canada Employment Centres across the Eastern Townships are publicizing job opportunities in the region. Persons who qualify for jobs should contact their nearest C.E.C. office or phone Telecenter at 564-4977 (Sherbrooke) or (514) 776-5285 (Granby).

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Women's Institute meeting

AUSTIN

The Austin Women's Institute met at the town hall on Wednesday, March 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

President Sylvia Hopps opened the meeting with all reciting the Mary Stewart Collect and Salute to the Canadian Flag.

Motto: No woman in this world is useless who lightens the burden of another.

Roll call: Name a woman you admire - political or otherwise. It was answered by 10 members mentioning Canadian, British and American political and religious women, W.I. founders and par-

ents.

Minutes of the February meeting along with the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Conveners' reports were given for Agriculture, Canadian Industries, Education and Cultural Activities and Home Economics and Health - all very interesting and informative.

Jean Cochrane Lee as Brome County president and delegate, gave details relating to the Spring Convention at MacDonald College in May. This county has been asked and agreed to contribute 12-15 dozen homemade cookies for this up-

coming event.

Wool gathering, eight pairs mittens, two pairs bootees and two children's sweaters, one of which was immediately purchased by Bea Juby along with a pair of the booties.

It was decided that our next fundraiser will be a card party to take place on Thursday, April 23, at St. Paul's United Church Hall on Pine St. in Magog. Time 1:30 p.m. All members are asked to bring a pack of playing cards, three gifts for door prizes and/or drawings, sandwiches and/or dessert for refreshments to be served following the card playing.

After the meeting, all sat down to a delicious pot luck lunch hosted by the members. Sylvia Hopps topped off the meal with a special chocolate birthday cake, shaped and trimmed like an Irish Shamrock.

Birthday greetings were sung to the following celebrants: March 4, Beatrice Juby and

Nellie Carriere; March 10, Phyllis Larsen; March 24, Eileen Taylor.

The next W.I. meeting to take place on April 8, at the Austin Town Hall, time to be decided later. Hosted by Sylvia Hopps.

Roll call: Something humorous!

Connie Girard

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The oft overlooked danger

By Phillip Alder

When beginners are learning how to play in a suit contract, they are taught to count losers. Fine, as far as it goes. But in my experience, they tend not to worry about third-round losers, usually with fatal consequences.

For an intermezzo, after partner opens one heart, what would you respond with the North hand in the diagram? Next, for the concerto, how would you plan the play in four hearts after West has led the spade king?

If you (wisely!) use the limit raise, you have no problem: You respond three hearts. But if you play the forcing raise, you have a big problem. You either underbid with two hearts, or overbid (or misbid) with four hearts, or misrepresent your hand with two clubs. Nothing works!

If, after winning trick one, you lead a trump immediately you lose four consecutive tricks: the heart ace, two spades and the club ace.

You must do something to eliminate one of those spade losers. In other circumstances, leading a club at trick two, establishing a club winner for a discard, would be fine. But here that play is too slow; the defenders still get four tricks.

There is only one chance of success. Immediately play a diamond to dummy's ace, then finesse your diamond jack. True, if the finesse loses, you go two down when you could have settled for one down. But that 100 points is a worthwhile investment in your attempt to score up the game bonus. Here, though, the finesse wins. Now one of dummy's spade losers can be discarded on the diamond king. Finally, lead a trump, the loser count being down to three.

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Sympathy to Barbara Fuller and family, and Faye Diette in the death of Gail Diette.

Shirley Beaulac enjoyed three weeks vacation in Florida visiting her sister Betty and other friends.

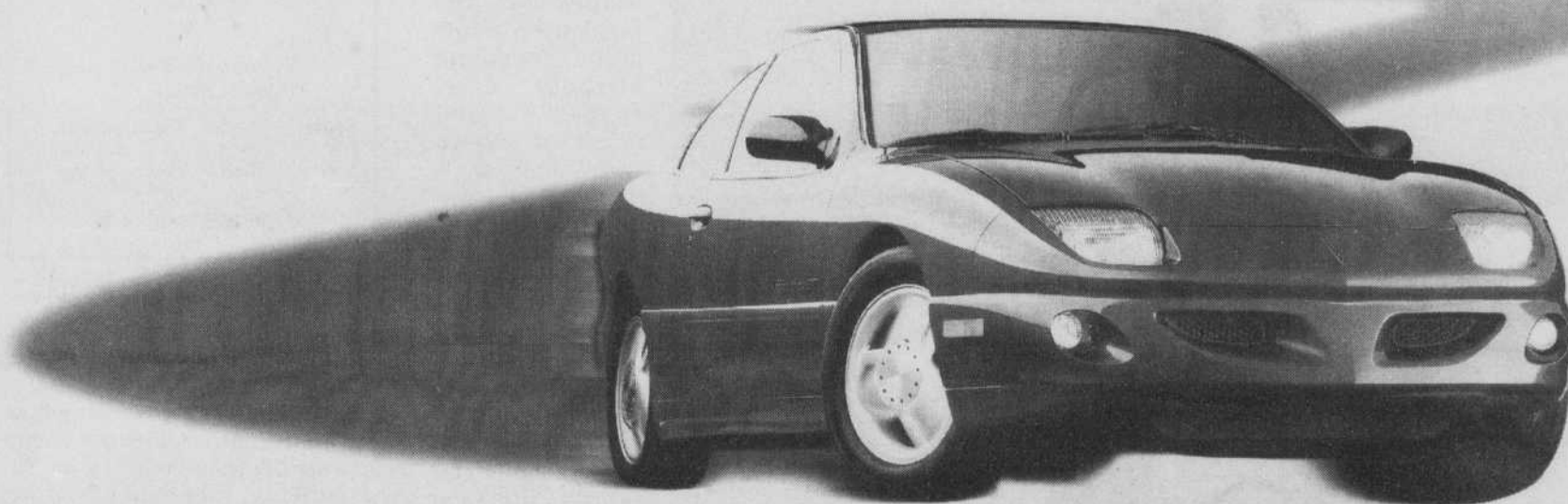
Pete and Cora Hazard were in Bedford visiting Dale Spicer at the Maurice Home.

Bid Lachapelle, June Lamb, David and Johann Lamb and three children went to Enosburg Falls where they all visited Joyce Chaffe. There were 18 other family members from various parts of the U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Murry of East Rygate, Vt., visited Bernice Boule recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darrah of Toronto recently visited his mother, Madeline Darrah.

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