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Lucie Brodeur fit to stand trial for kidnapping

Mother who ran off with own children released on bail

By Maurice Crossfield

The woman accused of abducting her two children and taking them to a Quebec City area apartment has been deemed fit to stand trial and released on bail.

"She still believes that she did what she did to protect her children," defence

lawyer Patrick Frechette said of his client, Lucie Brodeur. He said she is of sound mind and ready to fight the charges against her.

The evening of Jan. 31 Brodeur was at the Maison des Familles in Granby for a supervised visit with her two children. In previous months Brodeur's relationship had broken down and she was under a court order allowing only the supervised visits.

During the visit another woman came to the door, and the person supervising the visit left Brodeur unattended

with the children. She took the children out through a back door and disappeared.

The following week Brodeur and her two children were found unharmed at an apartment in Charlesbourg, a suburb of Quebec City. Brodeur was arrested and the children returned to their father the following day.

After being formally charged, Brodeur, 39, was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if she was fit to stand trial. Wednesday Quebec Court judge Pierre Bachand agreed with the findings of psychiatrist Dr. Pierre Gagné, finding her fit to be tried.

Brodeur was released on a number of strict conditions, ordering her to have no contact with her children except during supervised visits, as outlined in an earlier Superior Court judgment. She must remain at her Stanbridge East home, be of good conduct and follow the orders of her doctor.

Crown Prosecutor Pierre Gibeau said he was satisfied with the terms of Brodeur's release. He noted the complicated family dynamic in the situation.

"The problems of the adults must be worked out without hurting the children," Gibeau said.

Defence lawyer Frechette said the conditions now facing Brodeur are very similar to those she faced before the abduction. He said she will abide by the conditions.

Upon her release Brodeur was



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Lucie Brodeur (right) can only see her children during supervised visits.

greeted warmly by several family members. Afterwards she spoke briefly to the media, saying she is ready to fight the charges against her. She said she hopes to see her children at a supervised visit later this week.

Brodeur will appear in court again on April 9 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

Record Visit



TOM PEACOCK

Thirty-five students from A.D.S. Elementary School, along with their teachers and parents visited The Record yesterday morning to see how their newspaper is assembled each day. The students are producing their own school newspaper and had many questions which indicated a good understanding of the work involved. Following the visit, the students visited Sherbrooke's science and technology museum.

Quebec Public Service college recruitment

Do you know anyone who will be graduating from CEGEP, who might be interested in becoming a laboratory technician for \$30,000 per year? Or maybe a computer technician with a salary of \$31,000 per year? What about a fraud investigator at \$32,000 per year?

The Quebec Public Service is seeking a new generation of employees, with special emphasis on young people whose mother tongue is English, women, handicapped persons, and members of ethnic minorities and aboriginal communities.

Act now because the current campaign's application deadline is Feb. 21. Yes, this Friday!

A 56-page English-language booklet of job offerings has just arrived in the mail at the Association's Lennoxville office. Contact Evelina Smith,

Information & Referral Coordinator (866-566-5717, toll free 1-866-566-5717 or email info@townshippers.qc.ca). It lists

33 job descriptions in the areas of administration, secretarial and computer technologies; agriculture and foods; building, transportation and public works; communications, applied arts and documentation; natural resources and the environment; pure and applied sciences; and social, educational and legal services.

Eligibility: To be eligible for college recruitment, you must meet one of the following two requirements. (1) You are a full- or part-time student, and you are in your last year of college studies required for obtaining the diploma specified by your competition. (2) You already have the diploma of collegial studies required by the competition and you are still studying full time.

You must also have Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status, and possess French language skills appropriate to the duties of the position you are

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applying for.

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The Sherbrooke office is at 200, rue Belvédère N., RC 09; (819) 820-3567.

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Now is the time for Townships authors, publishers, musicians, producers and artists to register to participate in the 2003 edition of Townships

Expressions, a strategy to raise the profile of the region's creators and increase sales of their works. The 2002 project resulted in sales totaling \$6,828. All proceeds go to the works' creators.

Register early to receive visibility for your works for a longer period of time. For details, contact Cathy Turner at Townshippers' Lennoxville office (257 Queen, 566-5717, toll free 1-866-566-5717 or project@townshippers.qc.ca).

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OTHER DATES TO CIRCLE

Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra offers Mendelssohn Imagining, a concert with violin soloist Jasper Wood, on March 1st. And Townshippers' members get a special 10 per cent discount on tickets. Contact (819) 820-1000, or see the full program at www.css-oss.com.

The Townshippers' Cowansville office will have an Open House and T-Day 2003 Launch on the down slope of the snow season—Friday, March 21, 12-2 p.m.

The Outstanding Townshippers Banquet and the Association AGM is just beyond spring—June 6, a Friday evening to circle in red.

Townshippers' Day 2003 in Cowansville is just on the other side of summer—Sept. 13. Hope to see you there!

RECORD GIVEAWAYS

The Record has several great giveaways for loyal readers.

The first is a full colour 80-page activity book to help children learn to speak French. The kit, designed for children aged 7-10, includes French-language songs, games, two-60 minute CDs featuring activities as well as tips for children and a parent/instructor guide. To qualify, simply send us a note saying why you would like to learn to speak French.

The Record also has tickets for a series of R&B concerts which will take place at Sherbrooke's spectacular Granada theatre Feb. 20-28. Billed the best R&B show in Quebec, The Record will give away a pair of tickets to the show playing Friday Feb. 21 and another pair for the show Wednesday, Feb. 26. To qualify, be the first to call The Record newsroom at 819-569-6345 Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

For classical music lovers, The Record has a pair of tickets to give away to the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra's concert March 1, featuring the works of Mendelssohn.

To qualify, clip a OSS logo from The Record and send to The record, Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1H 5L6 before Feb. 26. Winner will be announced Wednesday, Feb. 26.

For ski enthusiasts, The Record has a pair of lift tickets for Burke Mountain. Clip a copy of the ski report from The Record sports pages and send to The record before Friday Feb. 28



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Weather

Today: Variable cloudiness. High near minus 1. Winds westerly 20-40 km/h.

Friday: Clear periods. Low near minus 15. High near plus 1.

Saturday: Snow. Low near minus 13. High near minus 3.

Sunday: Snow. Low near minus 16. High near minus 12.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Retired Jeffrey Mine workers to meet Friday

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
ASBESTOS

A group of retired Jeffrey mine workers who face large cuts in their pension benefits is inviting anyone affected by the cuts to a special meeting Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, at the Asbestos Music Camp to consider legal and political action.

"We are going to let the people who attend the meeting decide what we do," said Gaston Frechette, head of the group.

"If the majority want us to take legal action against the mine, then that is what we will do. If we want the Quebec government to change the pension laws, then it will be put to a vote."

Up to 1,200 former employees of the mine face pension benefit cuts of up to 30 percent after the mine shut down last October. Jeffrey managers said be-

cause the mine had gone into receivership, there was not enough money to top up the employee pension funds.

At a meeting at the Music Camp in late October, they announced that all benefits once enjoyed by the retired workers were cancelled and their pension income would be cut.

Frechette and other retired workers decided to challenge the pension cuts at the end of 2002 when they learned that the mine had temporarily resumed operations in December until next April to fill special contracts for the American NASA space program and some Asian clients.

Because the mine was in receivership, it had to get special permission from the Quebec courts to resume operations. But the courts did not force it to respect past commitments to the pension funds.

The funds are still active pending a

decision by the provincial pension board (Regie des Rentes) as to when they will be discontinued and the money transferred to a separately-managed fund.

The retiree's group became even more determined to protect their benefits when they learned that the 250 workers called back to work in December were sharing production bonuses worth \$100,000 each month.

Frechette and others argued some of that money should be used to top up the pension funds.

"We hope to get anywhere from 400 and 800 retired workers to attend our meeting," said Frechette on Wednesday.

"It will be a democratic meeting. If they want to fight for their pensions in the courts or through the government, we will respect their wishes. If they don't want to fight at all, we will respect that too."

Present at the meeting will be legal experts to explain what court action can be taken and how much it will cost. Also up for discussion will be proposed changes to provincial bill 102, a three-year-old law which oversees the management of private pension plans in the province.

"Anyone who has a stake in this will be welcome at the meeting," said Frechette.

"We want feedback from all the retired people. We won't refuse anyone."

He added that anglophone retirees who do not understand the proceedings of the meeting can meet with Frechette and other group leaders afterwards to get a better explanation in English.

The meeting at the Music Camp starts at 1:30 in the afternoon. The camp is situated in the Trois Lacs (Three Lakes) district of Asbestos.

North Hatley houses left without water

By Tom Peacock

A burst water main late Tuesday afternoon left approximately fifteen houses along Capelton Road in North Hatley without water for most of yesterday.

Director general Carlo Cazzaro said the breach was caused by freezing and thawing of the ground resulting from recent temperature fluctuations.

Once crews dug down to the pipe, they found it was broken in two different places, which meant the crew had to dig a larger hole than initially planned.

"We are working so that the residents will have water by suppertime, but we cannot make any guarantees," Cazzaro said yesterday afternoon.

Cazzaro said the town had to bring in specialized equipment to break through the frozen ground to get at the

cast-iron pipe, buried five and a half feet down.

According to Cazzaro, breaches of old water lines are common during periods of freezing and thawing.

"The soil is working, and what happens is there's a stress placed on the cast-iron pipe, and then a fissure opens up," he explained, adding that newer materials, such as PVC, are more resistant to stresses.

"The system (in North Hatley) is made of cast-iron and it's very old," Cazzaro said. The town is in the process of preparing a project for "infrastructure rehabilitation," but Cazzaro said any major work on the water system will not happen this year.

"Over the next few years, we will start by evaluating the state of our infrastructure, so we can proceed gradually with their replacement," he said.

Man charged with sexually assaulting young boys

Roger Martin, a 53-year-old Sherbrooke resident was charged with 11 counts of sexual assault Tuesday.

Martin, a paraplegic, is accused of sexually assaulting four different victims, who were between the ages of four and 11-years-old, between June of 1978 and September 2002.

The accused was apparently friends with the families of the victims, and was an overnight guest when the alleged incidents occurred.

The Sûreté de Québec is continuing the investigation and has not ruled out the possibility of more victims coming forward.



Lennoxville boil water warning continues

By Tom Peacock

Lennoxville residents will have to continue boiling their water for a minimum of five minutes before drinking it at least until Friday, said Michel Cyr from the City of Sherbrooke's environmental office.

"On Friday, we will announce the results of the latest round of tests, which will determine whether or not the water-boil warning will continue," Cyr said, adding that a standard amount of tests must be undertaken any time a certain amount of bacteria is found in the system.

Borough president Doug MacAulay told The Record earlier this week that some bacteria was found in one of the borough's wells, but that it was not particularly serious. The City of Sherbrooke has been on high alert since the E. Coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario.

A number of Lennoxville residents have called The Record with concerns that local businesses might not be taking adequate measures to avoid using the contaminated water for making coffee or preparing food.

Cyr said the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is in charge of ensuring that restaurants are aware a boil-water warning is in effect.

An employee at the Tim Horton's on Queen St. said the water used for making coffee is always boiled for at least five minutes before percolation. She also said the restaurant had increased the temperature of the coffee machine by ten degrees since the warning.

"Also, we aren't making hot chocolate or any other specialty hot drinks right now, just regular coffee and tea" she said. An employee from the Village Grec said the popular Lennoxville restaurant is not serving any water, or using the fountain pop machine.

"We are serving all our pop drinks in cans, and boiling all the water before we put the ingredients into it or wash salad with it," the waitress said.

Water from the borough's main aqueduct system should not be used to make juice, make coffee, cook, wash fruits and vegetables, brush teeth, or make ice cubes.

The water can be used for washing dishes but the Quebec's Food Inspection Office suggests using a little bleach in the water to disinfect the dishes. The tap water can likewise be used for bathing, or washing of hands, but it is recommended that small children not be allowed to take long baths or play in the water.

Local eateries say they're taking the warning seriously ensuring that customers are not drinking tap water which hasn't been boiled.

Budget makes health care a priority: local MP

By Kate Shingler

Finance Minister John Manley's new budget is a prudent approach to dealing with the country's top priorities, according to Liberal Member of Parliament for the Brome-Missisquoi region, Denis Paradis.

Health, families and an emphasis on cooperation between municipal, provincial and federal governments are the key points in the federal government's budget released Tuesday, he said.

Ottawa's sixth consecutive balanced budget is Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's last and the Canadian leader is hoping to leave on an impressive note.

When the Liberal party came into power, explained Paradis, there was an annual multi-billion dollar deficit. The government has managed to reduce the federal budget by about \$50 billion, he said.

"Canada has the best performance among G7 countries."

Much of the money went into health

care, Paradis said, a sum of 35 billion over five years.

"Health," he noted, "is the most important issue for the people." Money is not the only thing needed to help health care, however, he cautioned. "The system has to be revived."

Paradis's constituents responded very positively to Quebec Opposition leader, Jean Charest's announcement that if elected he will abolish the province's, regional health boards that take a bureaucratic approach to helping people get well, noted the MP.

Citing the budget's second major effort, "the investment in Canadian families," Paradis said the increased national child benefit allowance, day-care funding and low-income housing will help poorer families to raise children.

Cooperation between the three levels of government will help municipalities to improve sewage treatment facilities, road quality and water systems, he added.

Paradis said he is hoping to see some of the money go towards the environmental sector channeled to acquiring park land in the Sutton area. "We are going to try and get some money for 15,000 acres of land for a project in conjunction with Nature Conservancy Canada," he explained.

The \$800 million allotted to the country's defence department would not be enough for the American military but it will enable Canada to maintain its peacekeeping role on the world stage, noted Paradis.

"Let's not talk about defence in the way of attacking somebody, our role is to help people. It would probably never be enough compared to the U.S.," he admitted.

While education remains a provincial jurisdiction, the \$105 million per year of new money going towards additional graduate scholarships is an investment in the future of Canada, he said. "It will help people, students, and researchers to improve."



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Brome-Missisquoi MP Denis Paradis says Manley budget struck all the right chords.

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Behind the scenes of Survivor with Kathy

Burlington mom to give talk at Jay Peak

Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien from Survivor Marquesas will be giving a behind-the-scenes recount of the popular CBS television reality show Saturday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. at the Jay Peak Ski Resort in Vermont.

O'Brien, a real estate agent currently living in Burlington, VT, will tell what really happened during her near 40 days on the island, and how her amazing trip affected her life today.

The one-hour talk will take place at the Hotel Jay Family Room. For more information, call 1-800-451-4449, or 802-988-2611.

On the Saturday, the resorts' Steepest-Deepest-Cheapest (SDC) shuttle service will be available for free from Sherbrooke and Lennoxville to Jay Peak. To reserve a seat, visit www.jay-peak.com.



Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien from Burlington, Vt. will be at Jay Peak Ski Resort on Saturday.

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Salon du Golf to offer a taste of sunny days to come



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

The 3rd annual Salon du Golf will offer a taste of golfing days to come, and a chance to improve your swing.

By Maurice Crossfield

Golfers itching for a taste of spring might want to head out to the 3rd annual Salon du Golf in Granby between Feb. 28 and March 2.

"It's a growing sport that continues to be democratized," said Richard Labonté, co-president of the salon du Golf. Once practiced primarily in private clubs, today the majority of golfers play on public courses.

The third edition will cover 30,000 square feet, three times as large as the first edition. Held at the Interplus sports centre, it will include an indoor driving range to try out the newest golf clubs.

"It will give golfers the chance to see the trajectory of their shots," Labonté said.

Sponsors this year will include McDonald's restaurants and Power Bilt. Teaming up the two organizations will be giving #1 drivers to the first 300 children under the age of 12. As well a portion of the proceeds will go towards developing golf programs in area schools.

Along with booths for the various local golf clubs taking part, the Salon will offer an assort-

ment of the latest golf equipment and golf wear.

There will also be some 20 clinics for golfers looking to improve their game. Among those hosting golf clinics will be pro golfer Gregg Cuthill, who spends his winters teaching at Massey Vanier and running his own golfing academy, and summers out on the pro tour.

Others helping to tune up golf games will include Luc Deschamps of Intergolf, Gilles Lapierre, pro at Cowansville, Stéphane Bélanger from the Royal Bromont, Jacques Huot of Venise, Constant Priondolo of the Lac Brome club, and Josée Perusse of the Sherbrooke Golf Club.

Labonté said Granby's Salon du Golf has become the third largest of its kind in Quebec. This year organizers are hoping to attract some 4,000 visitors.

The event gets underway at the Interplus Sports Complex at 575 Dufferin in Granby on Feb. 28, and continues through the weekend. It costs \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12, and free for kids under 10. For more information call 1-866-472-6292.

Manley budget disappointing: Mayor

As a member of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities and Mayor of the City of Sherbrooke Jean Perrault said he was very disappointed with the new budget.

"We have asked the minister to help us support our infrastructure, our public transportation, our roads, there has been no answer on this subject. Our infrastructure is suffering," he noted. "To offer us \$100 million for the next year across Canada, it is very disappointing."

There is a bit of hope in the low-income housing sector, he admitted. But he added that is not enough to support the housing needs across the country.



FILE PHOTO

Mayor Jean Perrault says the budget fell short of meeting the many needs of municipalities.



Community Forum

Chrétien's legacy budget is Paul Martin's headache

There's a voodoo quality to John Manley's first budget - and not just because he's sticking it to the next prime minister.

It does something for almost everybody, yet fails to free up enough money to do some jobs properly, throws cash holus-bolus into some areas it doesn't belong and lacks a coherent theme beyond the mad rush to empty every office drawer of petty cash before the new owners arrive.

Reckless, some argue. Unsustainable, others predict. But, for the time being, Manley has performed a black magic balancing act, of sorts, by posting a budget with surpluses and back-stopped with protection against an ugly unforeseen future while unleashing a dizzy array of spend-every-cent initiatives.

More than \$25 billion in three-year spending has been committed to the most interventionist, expansionist, liberally giddy budget blueprint to emerge from Ottawa in four decades.

It's a grand Liberal vision stretching a full decade into the future as the federal government re-enters numerous social and political jurisdictions it abdicated in the name of deficit elimination or never entered to preserve its fiscal sanity.

And that leaves one Liberal smile very much frozen behind gritted teeth. Yes, that's you, Paul Martin.

The tab for what Jean Chrétien ordered for his lavish farewell dinner will be left to the next prime minister to pick up.

More about that later. Now, I'll spare you a long rehash of the budget leaks of the last couple weeks. They were all more or less correct, which left many a journalist gasping for a fresh story as they scanned the 388 pages of 10-digit numbers.

Suffice to say, the promised billions are heading for health and defence got another half-dose of never-enough

VIEWPOINT

DON MARTIN
CANWEST

funding before the spigots opened to a funding flood of new transfers, services, institutes and selective tax reductions.

But upon closer examination, some spending priorities have a paltry start which are exaggerated by stretching out the numbers in long spreadsheets.

Take the child-care plan promoted during a hokey daycare photo-op by Manley this week. The hoopla raised expectations of major moola for a grand national scheme to ease the supply of tight spaces confounding many working couple.

The original 1993 Liberal red book had promised to create a total of 150,000 new daycare spaces with \$720 million, but this budget only rolled a modest \$25 million to kickstart the program and left it up to provinces to decide how it will be spent if, and it's a big IF, the provinces agree to the scheme.

Money heading for cities to cope with their surging populations had many a mayor salivating. But, honestly, \$100 million for the entire country won't give Calgary enough federal cash to buy half a new interchange per year. It doesn't even match the spending the feds have unleashed in the last two years.

Other quibbles? Well, perhaps a few.

Dedicating \$10 million to start up an institute to preserve patient safety is an anemic contrast to \$115 million to enhance official bilingualism.

The Kyoto spending has a gobbledygook look to it, being a blob of initiatives deferred to future study, some \$2 billion of unmarked bills which clearly reflects the chaotic squabbling of ministers who can't figure out what the feds should do to fight climate change

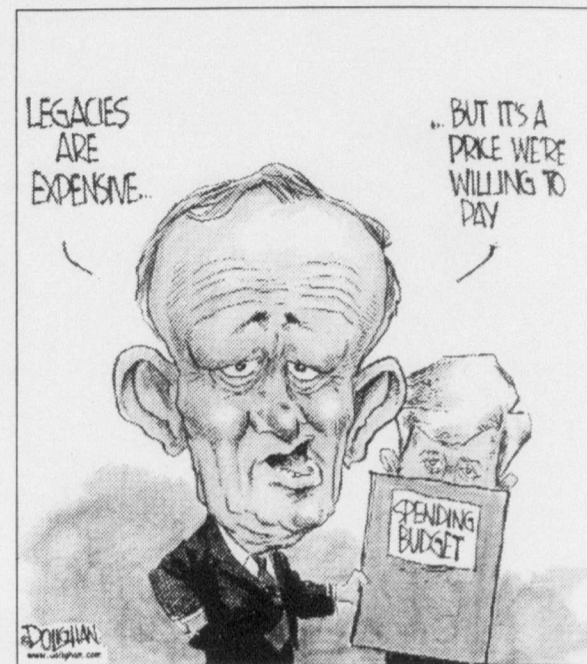
I am pleased to report, however, that a scouring of the budget pile failed to detect any sign of new money

to prop up the gun registry. Then again, the boondoggle ballooned to a billion dollars without appearing in bold type in any budget documents.

But hidden in the numbers is the means for John Manley's dream budget to become Paul Martin's day of reckoning.

While multi-year spending projections are a good thing because it allows recipients time to prepare for long-range funding, Martin can only shudder at the \$4.7-billion spending surge of Chrétien's last year in office and contrast that with the \$6.5-billion spending surge now locked onto his books in 2004.

Martin could cancel the programs, I suppose, but it'll be difficult to tell voters he's taking away Manley perks when he has an election to win. In other words, we're probably stuck paying for the Chrétien legacy until the next deficit freezes hell over.



Yup, it's voodoo alright. You can almost see Chrétien grinning as he sticks it to Martin with a black-ink budget that could force his nemesis into a back to the future mode, re-reading the deep-red deficit-busting budget he delivered in 1995.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lost heritage

DEAR EDITOR

The fact that the Montreal East community United Church was bulldozed last year was a shock to me. I too, was married in this church. My two children were baptized there. I was also upset to witness the bulldozing of St. Lukes Anglican Church. Though I wasn't a member, my sister-in-law was, and it was in the district where I grew up and started my elementary education. "So what you say." It just so happens that every educational institution that I ever attended no longer exists. Montreal East elementary, as Mr. Maynard mentions was bulldozed, this was not only the school where I finished my elementary years of schooling, but it was also the building that housed the Y.M.C.A. where the youth of the highest per capita income municipality in Canada, learned their leadership skills.

My first elementary school, Drummond School, no longer exists, my high school, the High School of Montreal, no longer exists, my university, Sir George Williams, no longer exists. What would happen if it was decided that Knowlton Academy was to be demolished? If Knowlton United or St. Pauls was declared to no longer exist. What would the thousands of Townshippers think to have the edifices of their past eradicated? What do the vol-

unteers of the Sherbrooke Hospital, who spent so many hours raising money for that English hospital to survive, only to have it taken away from them, think? The proof of their heritage and lifelong work was simply taken out from under them. To where is the heritage, the hardwork, the fruits of our labours disappeared? Where do I go to show my grandchildren the place where my wife and I earned, 'The Bond Memorial Trophy', for outstanding leadership? Where do I go to relive the memories of my educational past? The church of my Sunday School days, under the leadership of Ida Thompson? The place where we met for cubs or scouts? The gym where we won the provincial Juvenile Basketball title?

The East End Boys club, where I started out my career in Boys Clubs, no longer exists. Dunton High School, where I began my teaching career, no longer exists as a school in the P.S.B.G.M. St. Joseph's Teachers College - gone! Thankfully, Rosemount High and Lower Canada College (where I taught) and McGill where I did my post graduate degree still exist or I would have to start wondering whether I had dreamed my past, since there is no other trace of the existence I claim to have lived.

DON SEAMAN
Bondville

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Perspectives

Bishop's Women's Centre needed

Last fall I was contacted by a Bishop's student to assist in writing a story for the Campus newspaper about the death of my sister, Theresa Allore. The student had read about my sister - who had died while a student at Champlain College over twenty-four years ago - and she felt there were a lot of parallels between Theresa's story and activities on the campus today.

Specifically in the areas of sexual assaults and date rapes; she suggested the schools still weren't doing enough to protect women. I wrote my story and that was the last I heard from the student.

Until last week. She contacted me again, and again asked for my assistance. But this time it was personal. Recently, she herself had been date raped on campus. Could I help?

I am only too happy to oblige.

This year is Bishop's 150th anniversary. Happy Birthday. In lieu of gifts, allow me to send a recommendation. As it is budget season again, I respectfully request that the school get with the times and pay for the funding of a

staffed Women's Centre. Campus women need a "safe house"; somewhere they can convene to deal with such problems as date rape, date rape drugs, sexual assault, or even just a relaxing place to grab a cup of coffee. Such a Centre should not be run by student volunteers; it must be operated with a paid staff who are trained professionally to handle these complex issues.

Currently there is no central location on Campus where women can go to get assistance with sexual assault issues, and those services that are offered are inadequate. A nurse - more accustomed to dealing with sports injuries than rape - and the arcane tradition of providing a priest for consultation is not cutting it. School officials will counter that Bishop's has a Women's Centre funded by the Student Representative Council. This is not a women's Centre. It is a closet in the back of a building that received total funding of \$405 from the SRC last year. I am told that a recent production of The Vagina Monologues

was a successful fundraiser for the Centre. That's good. Maybe if students hold a bake sale too, they can finally afford to buy themselves some pencils.

Do not ask your students to do the work of paid professionals. A women's Centre cannot operate on a student volunteer basis. In this area, Bishop's is hopelessly out of step with the rest of North America. The University of Chapel Hill where I live pays for two positions at their Centre. The University of Manitoba - pioneers in the field - also has paid staff. The

University of Toronto practically has a Taj Mahal dedicated to the subject.

I ask Bishop's administration not to go cheap on this issue. This is not just a "women's problem" it is an issue of safety, and the College must take ownership. Your young women students need to feel that the College administration supports them, and takes their concerns seriously. At its core a women's Centre needs a professional staff. Students can assist on a volun-

teer basis, but there must be some continuity from year to year. At least two positions are necessary; a health professional and an assistant.

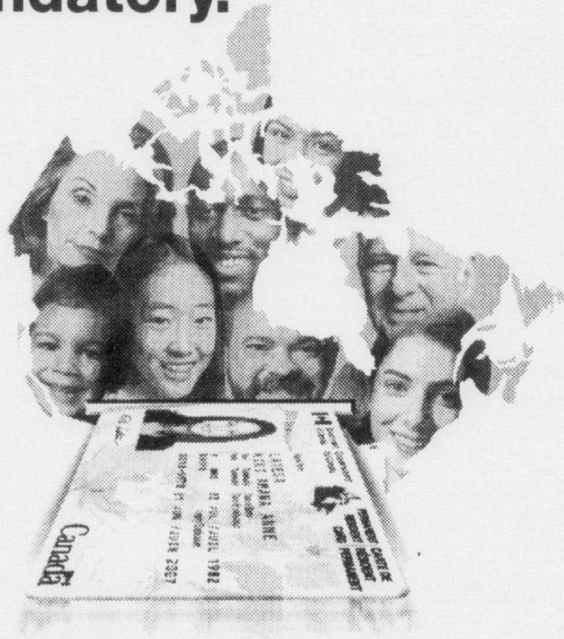
The health care professional would provide expertise in rape crisis response, date rape drugs - which are becoming alarmingly sophisticated - and other professional concerns. An administrative assistant could run the office, answer phones, provide weekend service (which currently is not available), and keep adequate records and documentation. If the expense is too much, get Champlain College to pony-up; they don't have a women's Centre either.

Violence against women is everybody's problem. Bishop's mandate is not solely education. You have a responsibility to the welfare of your membership. I urge you to provide the funding that this project sodesperately needs.

JOHN ALLORE
CHAPEL HILL,
North Carolina

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Bilingual students gain more funds

By Elizabeth Thompson
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE
OTTAWA

The federal government will spend more than \$200 million over the next few years to double the number of bilingual high school graduates and improve services such as health care for linguistic minorities, Finance Minister John Manley announced Tuesday.

Like many of the new funding initiatives announced in the budget, official languages is a subject close to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's heart and one

that he made sure will get a big boost in funding before he leaves office.

Over the next two years, Ottawa will spend \$114.5 million to boost bilingualism and improve services to Quebec anglophones and francophones in the rest of the country. The government will spend another \$89 million over five years - \$25 million of that in the next two years - to set up a program to attract and train health professionals who can provide services in their own language to linguistic minorities.

Under the official languages action plan drafted by Intergovernmental Af-

fairs Minister Stephane Dion and to be unveiled by Chrétien on March 12, one of the government's biggest spending priorities will be improving the quality of second language education with the goal of doubling the number of bilingual high school graduates within a decade.

Ottawa will spend \$60.5 million over the next two years to improve the teaching of English in Quebec and French in the rest of Canada. The money will also be used to help minority language schools. In Quebec, for example, English communities in outlying areas have called for increased funding to keep small schools alive.

Another \$54 million over two years will be set aside to improve services to English- and French-speaking minorities such as helping them to promote linguistic rights, attracting and retaining immigrants in minority communities, promote the development of language industries such as translation and help connect French-speaking minorities in different communities.

Speaking to reporters after the budget was tabled, Dion said the money spelled out in the budget is just a portion of the spending that will be announced when the action plan is

unveiled. For example, spending to improve bilingualism in the federal civil service was not included in the \$114 million, nor was the money the government plans to allocate for the third, fourth and fifth years of the action plan.

Dion said he is confident that Quebec will work with the federal government to implement the action plan.

"Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs Minister wrote to me and said he was ready to work with us in respect of the jurisdictions and that is what we will do."

However, no sooner was the budget tabled than Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe accused the federal government of trying to intrude on provincial jurisdiction over health care and education, particularly in its plan to increase financial aid for higher education.

"Once again there are intrusions," he said.

Dion, however, said there is nothing in Tuesday's budget that intrudes on provincial jurisdiction.

"Those are people who are practicing old-fashioned, Duplessis-style politics," echoed Immigration Minister Denis Coderre.

Budget boosts spending on education

By Pauline Tam
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Finance Minister John Manley has pledged an extra \$1.3 billion over the next two years for research, scholarships and improved student aid.

While health research was a major focus of Tuesday's budget, the federal government also signalled its commitment to universities by creating a multimillion-dollar scholarship fund for graduate students.

The program, expected to fund as many as 4,000 master's and doctoral students, is aimed at increasing the country's pool of scholars as a wave of aging professors retire, creating demand at universities for young academics.

By 2006, the fund is expected to be worth as much as \$105 million, provid-

ing graduate students with annual scholarships worth as much as \$35,000.

The bulk of the scholarships will go to students in the social sciences, with another one-third earmarked for those in engineering and natural sciences. The remaining 10 per cent will go to students in health research.

Other investments in health research and training include:

- \$500 million through the Canada Foundation for Innovation for building and upgrading medical research labs;
- \$75 million to Genome Canada for genetics research; and
- \$20 million for the Medical and Related Sciences Project, a fund to commercialize hospital and university research in the Toronto area.

In an unusual move, the government also pledged \$15 million to spinal-cord

research through the privately run Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation based in Vancouver. The money is aimed at attracting world-class experts to Canada, while encouraging homegrown scientists to remain in the country.

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Military gets boost, but not enough

By Mike Blanchfield
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The Canadian Forces received their largest cash infusion of the Chrétien era, but the \$800-million-a-year boost in Tuesday's budget won't end the military's scramble to make ends meet, critics charged.

The extra spending boosts the Defence budget to \$12.7 billion from \$11.9 billion, the single largest increase since the Liberals came to power a decade ago. The Grits promised to increase the Defence budget \$800 million per year, in perpetuity.

But that's far less than what the Liberal MPs on the Commons defence committee, the Senate, the auditor general and others have called for to make up for the five years of spending cuts in the 1990s. Between 1993 and 1998, the Liberals slashed military spending 23 per cent and cut one-fifth of their full-time personnel.

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Most observers say \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion per year was what the military really needed.

Defence Minister John McCallum has said he could have used another \$1 billion, an evaluation that was echoed by his predecessor Art Eggleton. The auditor general has said the Forces needed \$1.3 billion per year.

McCallum said after the budget speech that he was pleased with the increase because "it means we are, in the long run, sustainable. That was not the case before." But he said the Forces will have to manage its resources wisely, and carefully assign priorities.

Asked whether that could mean grounding planes or tying up ships, McCallum told the Ottawa Citizen: "It is certainly possible that some things will be cut. . . . It doesn't mean we can do everything that we want."

McCallum recently committed himself to cutting an additional \$200 million out of his previous budget as a sign of good faith.

"It's the minimum that's needed to keep them alive," said Clive Addy, a retired major-general and the vice-presi-

dent of the Conference of Defence Associations, Canada's largest military lobby group.

"I really feel, deep, deep down that it's time the Canadian government and its people decide what they want their Forces to do and stop patching this leaky bucket all the time."

Addy said the Force will continue to scrape by because, "you save money when you don't have pilots to fly planes and sailors to get on ships."

He said Tuesday's increase was 53 per cent of what the Forces needed, adding

that the time has come for the government to have a full-scale review of Canada's military policy, something that will now wait for the next government.

No extra money was earmarked to cover the cost of the \$3 billion contract to buy 28 navy helicopters to replace the 40-year-old Sea Kings, a process delayed by bureaucratic bungling, and mired in allegations of political interference. McCallum committed to awarding the contract within the next year.

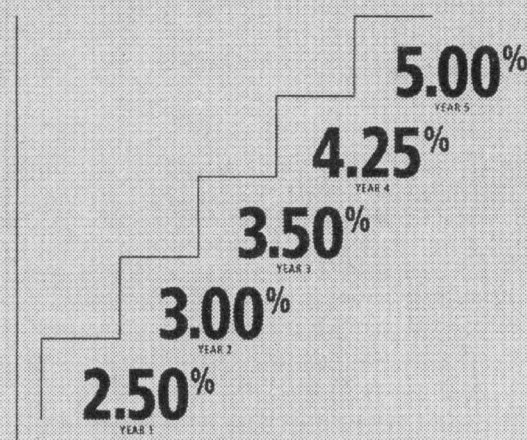
The Forces will also receive an additional \$270 million to help pay out-

standing bills from last year, including \$100 million to cover some of the cost of Operation Apollo in Afghanistan, Canada's contribution to the U.S.-led war on terror. The remaining \$170 million was to cover other debts.

The Finance Department will also set aside an additional \$325-million contingency fund that the military would receive to cover unforeseen costs, such as a contribution to a possible war in Iraq, and Canada's next peacekeeping mission to Afghanistan, a one-year tour due to start late this summer.

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The BCS Scholarship and bursary program helps many

BCS takes great pride that our endowment enables us to offer such a strong scholarship and bursary program. The goal is to allow as many students as possible attend BCS regardless of their financial backgrounds. BCS' commitment can be seen this year as almost 40 per cent of the students are on a scholarship or bursary - that is 93 out of 237 students. This achievement would not be possible without the generous support from our Alumni, parents and friends.

Students stay in touch with their benefactors by letter. Their messages are but one of the ways that measures the success of our financial program and they also emphasize the ongoing necessity of this program. Below you will find excerpts from several of these letters. Please read them and see how important the scholarship and bursary program is to the character of BCS.

"This scholarship means a lot to me for two reasons. One, because I earned it and it was rewarding to receive it and it made me feel proud, and two, because there are people who care about education and find the generosity to give."

CHARLOTTE HELSTON (GRADE 8)

"Coming from a French Canadian family, being faced by an English speaking community was a scary thing at first. But I have evolved in this now friendly environment and couldn't imagine myself anywhere but here."

JUSTINE LESSARD (GRADE 10)

"I can't tell you how thankful I am for this scholarship. Without it, I would not have been the dedicated student I am today, and my future goals wouldn't be as hopeful as they are today."

EMILY TEED (GRADE 10)

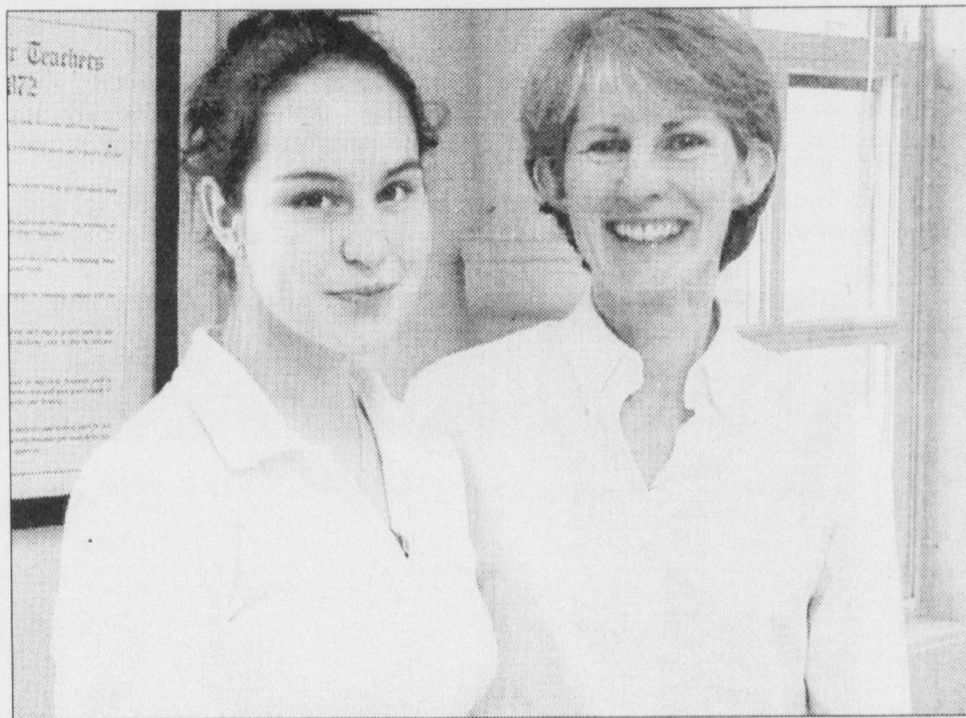
"I hope I can repay the school for its generosity. Sometime in the future I'm sure I will, but in the present I will do the best thing I can; make the best of it, by taking part in all that I can."

CHRIS DURRANT (GRADE 10)

"My mentor is myself. My future is depending on what I do. My parents or other people help me only by giving information. I check myself what I need to improve and I control my life. I think I'm the luckiest person in the world. I'm doing what I want to do. Even if I don't get enough sleep because of that homework, I work for my dream so I'm really enjoying and happy with my life now."

MAGGIE KIM (GRADE 11)

"I chose BCS from among all of the other schools in Canada for one particular reason, to perfect my spoken French. This might sound a little odd, given that BCS is an English language school, but



COURTESY BCS

Cathy Evans with Megan Irving, a First Fruits contributor and Lennoxville resident.

the facts that it is placed right in the middle of francophone Quebec and that French Canadians constitute a significant portion of the student body made BCS more appealing to me than the other schools to which I applied. I do not regret my choice for one minute and have tried my very best to take the most advantage possible out of all that this school has to offer."

PETER LARATTA (GRADE 12)

BCS English teacher recognized as a pedagogical icon

First Fruits is an anthology of student writing published by the Montreal Jewish Public Library. To mark the twentieth anniversary of this respected magazine the Jewish Public Library has decided to create an award to be given to a teacher involved in First Fruits whose students have demonstrated outstanding achievements in writing on an ongoing basis under his or her direction. This is not to be an award, but rather an occasional tribute marking extraordinary achievements.

Cathy Evans, Head of BCS English Department, was the committee's unanimous choice to be their inaugural recipient. Her "dedication to students literacy and the consistently remarkable performance of her young writers has set the standard over the years for the excellence a great teacher can elicit." The committee also noted Cathy's enthusiasm for First Fruits, the effort she makes to ensure maximum attendance at the launches and her commitment to First Fruits have all combined

to make her an "icon of pedagogical achievement."

During the 2001 - 2002 academic year over 800 entries from 21 schools participated in the competition. 55 of the 150 texts were from BCS students and 34 students had one or more works published.

BCS is very proud to have such a dedicated and inspiring teacher. Congratulations Cathy!

BCS Appoints its 27th Head of School

June 2002 marked the end of the 30th year of coeducation at BCS. This has been a period of successful transi-



COURTESY BCS

Nancy Layton, Head of BCS



W. Lewis Evans with his father, R. Lewis Evans, in front of the schoolhouse in 1948.

tion from a school for boys only merging with King's Hall in 1972 and establishing itself so that it was able to appoint the first female Head of a coed boarding school in Canada in 1995. Nancy Layton decided, last June, not to renew her contract as Head of School. BCS is thankful to Mrs. Layton because during her tenure BCS has continued to develop and grow. Some accomplishments include:

- Last year all graduating students were accepted to post-secondary institutions
- Over the last three years, more than \$1 million has been earned in university entrance scholarships
- BCS students continue to produce extraordinary work such as seen in *In-scape* and numerous other publications and competitions.

Nancy Layton will be missed and the School will be sad to say good-bye to its 26th Head of School.

It is a great pleasure and honour to announce the appointment of the person who on July 1st will become the 27th head of BCS, Mr. Lewis Evans.

Lewis Evans is the fifth generation of Evans to attend BCS. His children are the 6th. He not only grew up on campus, when his father was a master of English, but he chose to dedicate the majority of his working life to the School as well. He has had many accomplishments over the years including establishing one of the finest drama programs offered at the high school level. His most recent success was leading BCS to the successful conclusion of the 20/20 Vision Capital Campaign, raising over \$15 million dollars for the School.

Out of the bag: upscale lunches



CANWEST

Claudia Beauregard has lunch at her desk

By Cheryl Cornacchia
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

It's not that Claudia Beauregard doesn't like sandwiches for lunch. She just prefers fresh trout, lamb or lobster. The 25-year-old office worker is among the legion of employees redefining the brown-bag lunch and, at the same time, changing the face of the company lunchroom.

Last week, for lunch, she took to work lamb chops with a minty mustard sauce on Monday, grilled red onion and red pepper salad on Tuesday, garden-fresh chop suey with Chinese mushrooms Wednesday, and on Thursday a baguette heaped with fresh lobster.

And none of it was leftover from supper the night before.

Each weekend, she shops at Jean Talon Market and specialty shops in Montreal. On Sunday night, she prepares lunch for Monday and Tuesday, and on Tuesday evening, she makes lunch for the rest of the week.

"It's important to me," said Beauregard, a human resources manager at Incysive, a marketing and communications firm. "I prepare everything fresh. I need to eat well."

Think about it: when was the last time you saw a colleague eating ham and cheese on white or egg salad on brown in your company lunchroom? Come noon hour, you can smell it in the air.

Your colleagues' bagged lunches might not be as fancy as Beauregard's, but microwavable pasta dishes, last night's chicken curry leftovers and instant soups have rendered the simple sandwich all but obsolete.

It started when cash-rich dot-com companies, trying to accommodate their time-starved staff, outfitted their workplaces with full kitchens, resident chefs and playrooms with pool tables, big-screen TVs and tanning beds.

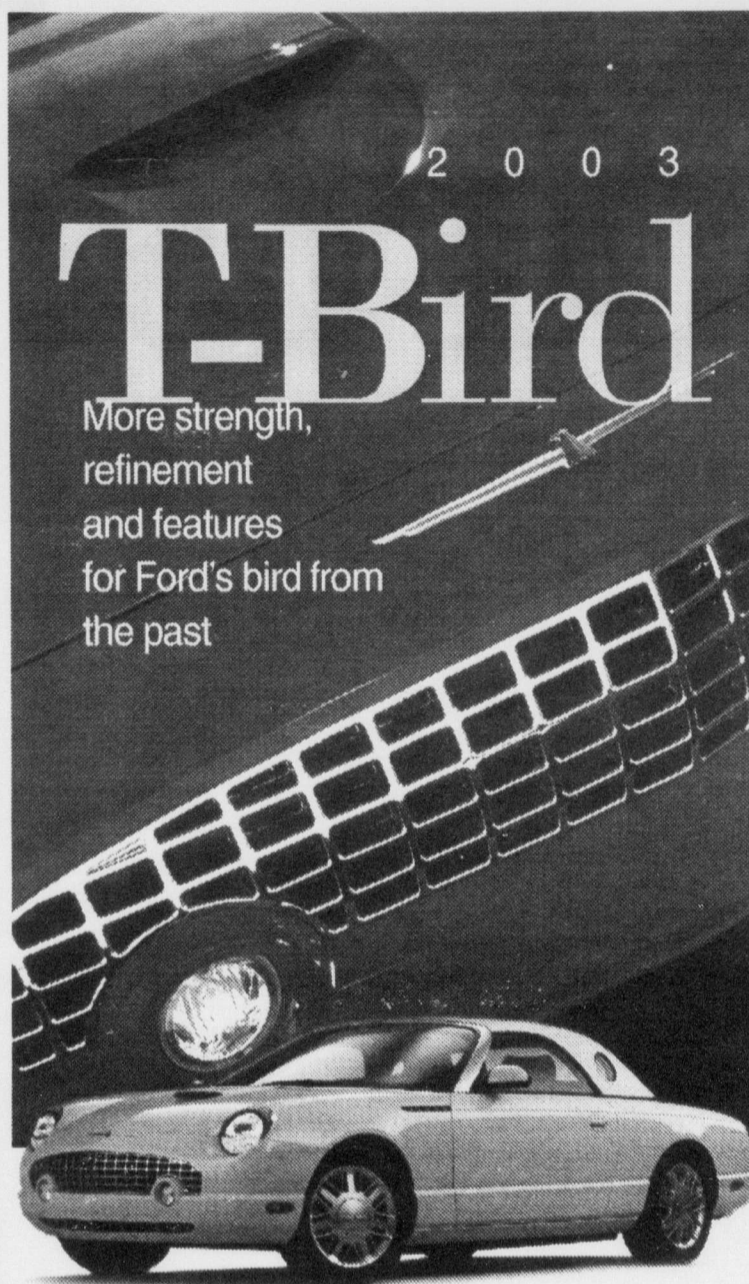
Taking the cue, mainstream companies began updating their lunchrooms and, through the 1990s, added microwaves, fridges, stoves, even cappuccino machines.

Now, "the only sandwiches you see here are from Pain Dore," the upscale bakery chain, said Michel Leroux.

Over at Monster.ca, the online job-search company, they installed two dishwashers in the lunchroom to accommodate employees' changing eating habits.

Although many staffers still eat lunch out, those who eat in rarely bring paper-wrapped sandwiches. They bring in leftovers from risotto to home-made lasagne and chicken soup.

"People want to eat well but no one wants to do dishes," said Cindy Hoffman, a public-relations manager for Monster.ca. Hence the dishwashers. "There's no doubt, the lunchroom was a priority," said Trevor Murphy, owner of Incysive Media and Beauregard's boss. He recently sent out a survey to employees asking how the company should spend \$10,000 to spruce up its office space, he said. Improve the lunchroom, many replied, because while there's a fridge, stove and microwave in Incysive's open loft space, the lunchroom is unenticing.



By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

The Ford Thunderbird is a lot more than a retro-styled remake from the 1950s. The truth is this virtual heritage model acknowledges the past while keeping its long hood pointed towards the future.

After only one year in production, Ford has not only dialed in more power and torque, but added more standard and optional features to its two-seat head turner. You could say that speed along with style is now the order of the day.

When the very first Thunderbird rolled off the assembly line nearly 50 years ago, it was the right car at the wrong time. The T-bird proved to the world that Ford was more than just a builder of stodgy-yet-reliable sedans, wagons and pickups. The problem was, with space for only two passengers, it was doomed to be little more than a low-volume number that would have a hard time turning a decent profit in

the long run. Sure, it beat the pants off the newly emerging Chevrolet Corvette in head-to-head sales, but the Thunderbird would never reach its full potential by remaining a roadster.

The reason was simple. North America in the 1950s was experiencing a full-blown baby boom and most buyers needed a back seat for the youngsters to bounce around (remember, this was long before seat belts and passenger safety were ever heard of). Consumer and market research clearly indicated that more tire kickers would consider parking a Thunderbird in their driveways if only there was room for at least four passengers.

The rest is history. By 1958 Ford was cranking out all the back-seat 'Birds it could produce and the sporty approach was abandoned in favour of what was called a 'personal luxury' car.

Several decades later, niche products are back, especially those with style, and Ford is devising all kinds of models for those grown-up boomers with a penchant — and the means — to wax nostalgic. The

return of the original Thunderbird concept was followed by the Mustang Bullitt (named for a largely forgettable movie with its largely memorable car chase scene), the Mustang Mach 1, complete with 1960s-style shaker hood scoop and Mercury Marauder, another early muscle car throwback. Next year, the Ford GT40 will be unveiled, a high-buck, low-volume tribute to the company's win-at-all-costs assault on the French 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race.

As much as it attempts to cash in on the nostalgic cachet, the new Thunderbird is nothing close to that pioneering car. Beyond its two seats and vaguely similar styling, this one is as about as modern as you can get. The platform and engine are derived from that used in the leading-edge Jaguar S-Type and Lincoln LS sedans and the amenities are right up there with other top-drawer luxury conveyances.

And for 2003 the hits just keep on coming. Ford has enhanced the Thunderbird's boulevard cruiser status with a lot more punch, thanks to a gain of 28 horsepower and 25 lb.-ft. of torque from its 3.9-liter DOHC V8. The ratings are now 280 horses and 286 lb.-ft., respectively, enough to easily keep up with the Joneses plus just about anyone else ahead of you. Credit for this performance bulge comes from the addition of variable valve timing and electronic throttle control. The engine remains connected to a five-speed automatic transmission.

Other improvements include a restyled instrument cluster and the inclusion of all-speed traction control and heated windshield wipers to the standard-features list. As well, heated driver and passenger seats have been added to the already brief list of available options.

The one option that should be considered almost mandatory is the 'Bird's removable hardtop complete with classic porthole window. The car's cool quotient easily doubles when this lid is added.

As with the original version, today's T-Bird has its drawbacks and compromises. Trunk space is at a premium (although it will hold two sets of golf clubs) and you won't be taking the kids (or the grand kids) along for the ride.

But for two grown-ups who fondly remember the past and desire to cruise in open-air style, the Thunderbird willingly provides the means as well as the motivation.

SPEC SHEET

2003 Thunderbird

- ★ Two-door convertible
- ★ 3.9-liter DOHC V8 makes 280 horsepower
- ★ Five-speed automatic transmission
- ★ Now in its second year, the Thunderbird comes with a significant (and welcome) power upgrade.
- ★ The addition of new standard features, options and exterior/interior colors help the car retain its cucumber-cool status.
- ★ If you want practical, look somewhere else. The Thunderbird's specialty remains fun in the sun for up to two adults only.
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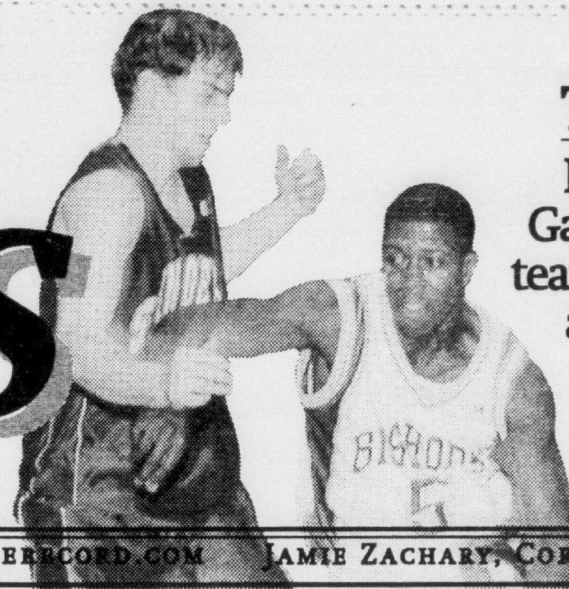
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JAMIE ZACHARY, CORRESPONDENTS' EDITOR

Dark days for Sherbrooke Castors

Team drops second consecutive home loss

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
 SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Castors are picking a bad time to start a losing streak.

The team appeared to be in the driver's seat after a quasi-successful Maritimes road trip, but back-to-back home losses have given conference rivals Victoriaville and Val d'Or new life in the hunt for top place in the Lebel.

Entering play Wednesday, the Castors had a three-point lead over both the Foreurs and Tigres, although the Foreurs had a game in hand on Sherbrooke and two games on the Tigres.

However, a dark horse in the Lebel Conference race, and certainly a challenger for the Western Division title, is the hot and cold Hull Olympiques.

Hull kept their hopes of overtaking both the Val d'Or Foreurs and Castors alive Tuesday night when they recorded a 3-2 overtime win over the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies, and played Val d'Or last night.

Also on Tuesday, Sherbrooke dropped their second consecutive home game after being bombed 8-4 by the Acadie Bathurst Titans on the heels of a 2-0 shutout at the hands of the Halifax Moosehead Sunday.

Jonathan Ferland's five-point performance sparked the Titans to the relatively

easy win. Ferland had a hat trick and added an assist, while teammates Patrice Bergeron, Janis Sprukts, Michael Tessier, Olivier Fillion, and Sébastien Morissette collected singles.

Castors scorers included Pierre-Alexandre Parenteau, Jean-François Plourde, Bruno D'Amico and Alex Bourret. For Plourde it was his league-leading 51st.

The defeat was also the second straight one-sided defeat that the Castors have suffered at the hands of Dilio opponents. Not only that, but suddenly home ice might not be much of an advantage for the lame-duck Castors.

Attendance is the reason majority owner Mark Just is moving the Castors franchise to Lewiston, Maine, and now that the transfer is official the crowds have gotten smaller and less vocal.

The team is fighting hard to hang on to first-place overall and a first-round bye in the playoffs, not to mention home ice advantage, but it appears the team is better off on the road.

The Moosehead's 2-0 win Sunday spoiled an outstanding performance by Castors goaltender Drew MacIntyre. The Detroit Red Wings' prospect stopped 56 shots, allowing only a pair of second period goals by Halifax's Petr Vrana.

As good as MacIntyre was against Halifax, he was less than stellar against the Titans. He was pulled in the second period after yielding six goals on 33 shots. Backup netminder Brandon Verge finished the



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Despite scoring his league-leading 51st goal of the season Tuesday night, Jean-François Plourde's Castors were unable to match Acadie-Bathurst's firepower, losing 8-4.

game, allowing two goals while making six saves.

What is disturbing about the Castors two recent losses is that they have been out shot by a 99-57 margin.

The Castors are action next on Friday and Sunday when they host the Baie-

Comeau Drakkars and the Rimouski Oceanic respectively.

In other QMJHL news, former Castor Benoit Genesse, now playing with Val d'Or, was selected as the QMJHL's Offensive Player of the Week after registering eight points in three games.

Local Heroes returns for its sixth edition

Having already invested nearly \$775,000 into Eastern Townships' sports and recreational facilities, Molson is looking for more as its community action program Local Heroes returns for a sixth consecutive year.

The program, founded in 1997, provides funding to projects that target improvements to existing sports and recreation facilities or equipment that is accessible to the entire community.

Of the 130 completed projects in the Townships, municipalities like Asbestos, Ascot Corner, Bromptonville, Granby, Sherbrooke and Waterloo have received

anywhere from \$50 to \$4,000. In 2002, the program helped fund 21 projects for \$116,000, ranging from improvements to hiking trails to the installation of goal nets on a soccer field.

"Local Heroes is very popular in our region, where many people want to improve or restore community sports and recreation equipment and facilities," said Éric Lefebvre, Molson representative for the Eastern Townships.

In the past six years, Molson has invested more than \$6.5 million into its community program throughout the province.

A volunteer committee selects projects that will receive support from Molson Local Heroes. This year, Alouettes' Bruno Heppel will join committee regulars that include speedskater Isabelle Charest, CFLer Steve Charbonneau, program host and comedian Michel Beaudry and former Alouette Pierre Vercheval. Also service on the committee are Réjean Bergeron, Quebec ambassador for Local Heroes, and Monique Dépatie, co-ordinator of Molson Local Heroes in Quebec.

"The Local Heroes program owes its success to people who are committed to action in each of Quebec's regions," said

Dépatie. "They submit exciting proposals to us, and we're proud to help them realize their projects."

To submit a project, application forms are available by calling 1-800-MOLSON1 or visiting www.molson.com. The completed form must be sent by April 25. The projects selected will be announced at the end of May.

Projects cannot be of a recurring nature, and must involve improvements to existing sports or recreational facilities that are open to the public. The "workers" must be volunteers, and the project managers must oversee all aspects of the project.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Hackett trade starting to pay dividends for Habs

By Philippe Germain
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

All Andre Savard needed was a little time to look like a genius and not the dummy the media was portraying him to be after he traded goalie Jeff Hackett last month.

The Montreal Canadiens' general manager was heavily criticized after Hackett ended up with the arch-enemy Boston Bruins within hours (probably minutes) of Savard trading the goalie to the San Jose Sharks for forward Niklas Sundstrom and a third-round draft pick in 2004. The Sharks flipped Hackett to the Bruins for defenceman Kyle McLaren and prospect Jeff Jillson, another blue-liner.

Hackett has a 4-3 record and a respectable 2.86 goals-against average with the Bruins, while Jillson has two goals and four assists in nine games with the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins.

In San Jose, McLaren has one assist, 14 penalty minutes and is minus-2 in nine games.

Meanwhile, Sundstrom is leading the Canadiens with four goals and three assists in 11 games. Centreman Joe Juneau is playing well again since being paired with the Swedish forward, and has two goals and five assists in that time. Only Saku Koivu, with two goals and five assists, matches their points.

"This trade has given me a second breath," said Sundstrom following Saturday's 3-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in which he had a pair of assists.

Hackett's departure also allowed Mathieu Garon to step in as the backup to No. 1 goalie Jose Theodore. In two starts since he was recalled, he stopped 67 of 68 shots in back-to-back victories over the Washington Capitals (2-0) and the Bruins (3-1).

Not bad for a guy left unclaimed on waivers earlier this season and re-assigned to Montreal's AHL affiliate Hamilton Bulldogs.

"I'm satisfied," said Savard, grinning after

last week's victory over Hackett and the Bruins. "I'm also pretty happy, but don't spread it around."

To top it off, it was Sundstrom who scored the game-winning goal in the third period against Boston.

As for the third-round pick, Savard will be paying close attention to scouting reports in order to draft a player that will eventually help his team. Guy Carbonneau, Patrick Roy, Jyrki Lumme, Mathieu Schneider and Craig Rivet were all Canadiens' third-round picks.

Savard was hired to rebuild the Canadiens from top to bottom with the difficult task of not missing the playoffs while the team is being shaped into a Stanley Cup contender.

The task is very much at hand this season. With 22 games to play in the regular season, the Habs were just two points behind the sixth-place Bruins going into last night's game between Boston and the Nashville Predators. As of yesterday, the Bruins had 25 games left.

The New York Islanders were tied with the Habs at 61 points going into last night's game in Anaheim against the Mighty Ducks. Including the Anaheim game, the Isles had 25 left. The other team in the race for sixth place is the Tampa Bay Lightning, one point behind Montreal with two more games to play, including last night's against the Washington Capitals.

Savard's next task: Finding a big defenceman to help get the team ready for the playoffs.

BITS AND PIECES

Defenceman Ron Hainsey of the AHL farm team Hamilton Bulldogs will miss the next four to six weeks after injuring his knee in a game Friday. . . Veteran defenceman Gino Odjick begins on-ice rehabilitation today in the minors. Odjick has yet to play this season as a result of a concussion. . . Veteran winger Donald Audette has four goals and three assists in eight games since he was assigned to Hamilton on Jan. 25.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Johnson signs extension with Als

Another Montreal Alouette has decided to extend his contract with the organization. Star linebacker Kevin (KJ) Johnson has signed a two-year deal plus an option which will allow him to stay in Montreal until 2005.

"This is more great news for our fans," said general manager Jim Popp, who was obviously proud of the deal. "Kevin was dominating at middle linebacker last year, a position for which we had been looking for stability for a few years."

Johnson finished first of the Alouettes with 70 tackles and eight for losses, forced two fumbles, one of which he returned for a touchdown. He also made two interceptions. He was named on the Eastern All-Star team and on the Intergold CFLPA All-Star team. He is 29.

Oilers, Flames hope to cash in on lottery

The Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames announced Wednesday that "3 Star Selection", the new \$5 scratch and win ticket, is now on sale at over 2,100 lottery ticket centres throughout Alberta.

"3 Star Selection" is an extension of the existing "Breakaway To Win" Hockey Lottery, which has been on sale since October 2002. Like "Breakaway To Win", "3 Star Selection" will provide hockey fans and lottery players with an additional chance to support the Edmonton Oilers and the Calgary Flames, but at half the cost.

Male golfer wants on women's tour

It looks as though a male professional golfer wants to play in a women's tour event, according to a report on The Golf Channel.

Thirty-six-year-old Brian Kontak said that he will attempt to qualify for this year's U.S. Women's Open in July.

Kontak won the Order of Merit title on the Canadian Tour in 1998 and has conditional status on the Nationwide Tour this year.

There is one problem though. The United States Golf Association qualification standards require any entrant to be a female professional or female amateur with a USGA handicap index not exceeding 4.4.

On TV

THURSDAY

- **CURLING: 9 a.m., 2 & 7 p.m.**, Scott Tournamnet of Hearts, RDS (9 a.m. only), TSN.
- **NHL: 7 p.m.**, Florida Panthers at Ottawa Senators; 8 p.m., Colorado Avalanche at Pittsburgh Penguins, RDS.

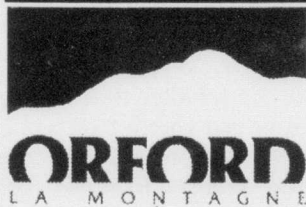
Around Town

To submit your sporting event, fax it to (819) 569-3945, email newsroom@sherbrooke-record.com or contact Jamie Zachary, Correspondents' Editor, or Mike Hickey at (819) 569-6345.

UPCOMING

- **QMJHL: Friday**, Baie-Comeau Drakkar at Sherbrooke Castors, Palais des Sports, 7:30 p.m.
- **HOCKEY: Until Feb. 23**, Richmond Mousquiri national atom tournament, P.E. Lefebvre Arena; **Friday to March 2**, Coaticook Bantam, Midget, Junior tournament, various times.
- **CEGEP AAA MEN'S BASKETBALL: Friday**, Édouard Montpetit at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gym, 9 p.m.
- **CEGEP AA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Friday**, Sorel at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- **TRACK & FIELD: Friday to Sunday**, Provincial Track & Field Championships, University of Sherbrooke.

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This weekend: Sat., Rossignol "Ski Tour", evening skiing and "Big Daddy" at the pub.

Sun., Fisher Demo, Telemark Demo

sponsored by "La Cordée" and Big Daddy at the pub.

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MONT BELLEVUE
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open Trails: 8/8
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT GLEN
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open Trails: N/A
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 14

Open Trails: 52/54
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

MONTJOYE
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Snow, last 7 days (cm): 1
Open Trails: 20/20

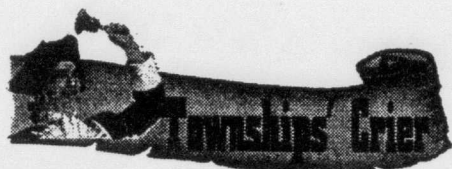
Owi's HEAD
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Snow, last 7 days (cm): 7
Open Trails: 43/43
Lift Hours: N/A

SKI BROMONT
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0

Snow, last 7 days (cm): 5
Open Trails: 46/46
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SUTTON
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 1
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 8
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 25
Open Trails: 75/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY
The Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge Worship services on February 23: Waterville, 9:30 a.m.; Hatley, 9:30 a.m.; North Hatley, 11 a.m..

COOKSHIRE

Workshop: Happy House Plants with Richere Orzechowski. Tips on choosing and caring for leafy companions. February 21, 1 to 3 p.m., place TBA. Call Lennoxville & District Women's Centre to register and for more information (819)564-6626.

LENNOXVILLE

Your Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship area committee is pleased to invite you to attend an information and fundraiser buffet that will be held on Saturday, March 22, 6 p.m., at Salle Amedee Beau-doin (above Firehall), Queen St., Lennoxville. Come celebrate with us the work of IVCF at Bishop's and Champlain campus in Lennoxville. Contact your

local church or Ed Anderson (819) 569-1493 for your personal RSVP.

LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist at St. George's Church Hall, Lennoxville on Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sherbrooke County Women's Institute. Prizes and lunch. For reservations call Marian (819) 820-2695 or Ruby 562-6502.

SHERBROOKE

The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting will be held at Hotel Le President on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be photographer Grant Simeon. Topic "Photography in the Eastern Townships".

LENNOXVILLE

St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 7:45 p.m., at the Community Centre, 10 Depot Street. Andre Cyr, University of Sherbrooke professor and author of a book on birding and will speak on "Birding Today". Guests welcome.

MAGOG

A Spaghetti Supper will be held in St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall on Saturday, February 22 starting at 5 p.m. Admission charged. Sponsored by St. Luke's Men's Club. Everyone welcome.

DANVILLE

Military Whist card party, sponsored by the U.C.W., on Thursday, March 6 at Trinity United Church at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (819) 839-3777. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., March 4. Menu: Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, baked beans, pickles and doughnuts. All welcome. Bring the whole family.

LENNOXVILLE

The annual Mardi Gras Sherry party hosted by the Ladies' Lennoxville Curling Club will be held on Friday, February 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. All active and social lady members and guests are invited.

RICHMOND

Military Whist at Richmond Legion Hall on Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. To reserve table please call (819) 826-2658. Sponsor: Ladies Auxiliary Branch 15. Enjoy our warm hospitality and fun! Lots of door prizes and lunch.

STANBRIDGE EAST

Pancake Supper at St. James Anglican Church Hall, Stanbridge East on March 4 at 5 p.m. Admission charged.

BURY

Advance notice. Annual card party for the benefit of Cookshire Fair will be held on Monday, March 17 at the Bury Town Hall at noon. Details later.

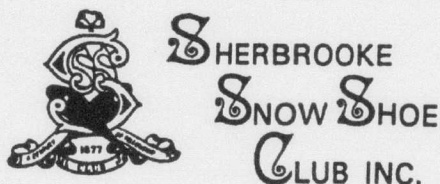
NORTH HATLEY

Sunday February 23, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of North Hatley, Heather Fawcett will preach a sermon on Black History Month; hoping that all will share their experiences of people they have known. All are welcome to stay for coffee, refreshments and conversation following the service.

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$6.00 fee, \$9.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$12.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Missing Historical Link Discovered By SSSC as They Host NWM Police, RCMP and SEMP



February 12 was RED Party Night at the Club. It was cold, the kind of night envisioned by Robert Service when he penned those words, "when out of the night, which was 50 below and into the din and the glare, there stumbled a.....". Inside the Club it was warm with the color of RED. RED chairs, RED jackets, RED R.P. signs, even a RED dessert. Pres Reg. is back and he remembered his RED coat, so tonight the coat fits. At precisely 6:30 the spoons Clattered, Clanged, Crashed, and reverberated, It was RED Party, showing off their stuff and making their presence known. Pres. Reg. soon got their attention by asking all to arise to sing "O Canada". Rev. Harry Brown asked the Blessing and we sat back to listen to Reg's joke of the week. While the Hot soup was on it's way Pres. Reg. asked that guests be introduced. They were:- Sgt. Steve Currier and Blake Powers. He recognized member Dr. John Taylor visiting from Brockville, and Life Member Fred Barton Slater, both from RED Party, of course. After finishing the final piece of cheesecake with a delicious Red plum icing, Pres. Reg. thanked the Lacroix' for a great meal, and the White Knights for their dazzling service. The half and half was drawn and won again by Bill Lyon-\$57. Roger and John gave out song sheets for the RED sing-a-long. RED Party started 'Jingle Bells', the spoontappers started 'Row, Row, Your Boat' John played Beethoven's 5th symphony



and the result was the Pandemonium expected on Red Party night. We did sing "Red River Valley", "Red Sails in the Sunset" and other Red songs. WE stood to sing "O for a Thousand Tongues" and applauded the choristers for another song-fest. The Minutes were approved as though read on a motion by Wyatt Savage, seconded by Jack Noble. Richard Goodhue told us that two teams of Snowshoers had competed at the recent 'Snow Shoe-A-thon' in Lennoxville. Ron Smith noted that we have heat, thanks to Ed Mills. Capt Mac Jubly advised that 7 snow shoed tonight and that 3 tramped. Doug Beattie is out of hospital and was on the tramp tonite. Friends of Gordon Joyce were asked to check on his welfare as we have not seen him since his good

wife passed away. RED Party big-wig Wyatt Savage introduced Fred Currier who, in turn introduced his son Sgt. Steve Currier of our local RCMP detachment. A 27 year RCMP veteran, Sgt Currier opened by advising of the 'electronic surveillance' being conducted on members of the SSSC. It covers "Tiny" Salvias, 'Big Ed' Stracchino, Wm 'Sharpie' Lyon, and Blair 'TooTall' Donnachie. The surveillance report is 'top secret' and will not be divulged. Sgt Steve is an alumnus of the SSSC, and served three years wearing a White coat. He gave us a brief history of the RCMP starting from the formation of the North West Mounted Police until today. He then covered the current problems with Marijuana and the RCMP's part in

trying to control it's growth, it's sale and it's exportation.

At one time marijuana was grown for it's leaves which were smoked. Today the leaves are 'garbage'. Most plants grown are female plants producing buds. It is the 'buds' which are harvested. The THC content, the required ingredient, has increased about 40 times from the 'old way'. Too grow well the plant needs good light, good heat and water. I will not continue with details of growing tips, nor of the prices secured, lest we tempt you all to start a patch in your garden. Indeed the product is not good for Canada nor Canadians. We should do all we can to discourage it. Sgt Steve told us of "project Compton" conducted recently by combined police forces, where the total drugs taken by these forces was 32330 plants, 1080# of dried buds and 2353 pots of 'magic mushrooms. We should indeed be proud of our police.

Red Party Vice president Merideth Barter thanked the speaker to a hearty round of applause. Sgt Currier responded by giving each of us a Souvenir case from the United Nations Blue Ribbon Campaign for World Peace, containing Canada Post's Official Millennium Keepsake of postage stamps, and RCMP's bulletin "How to Lock Out Crime". We then carried our chairs to the big hall where the stage curtains were closed. Master of Ceremonies Max Salvias and Wild Bill Lyon did a commentary on the long lost history of the South East Mounted Police(SEMP)

You, who are as old as I, will remember Sgt Sam Steele of the North West Mounted Police, and his work to maintain law and order in that undisciplined

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society that was early Canada. Well tonight at the SSSC we learned another part of that saga. It seems that somewhere between Montreal and Megantic, in a town called Knickity-Knockety, there lived another legendary Law officer called Sgt Sam Squeel of the South East Mounted Police (SEMP). In a fit of jealousy and pique, Sgt. Sam Steele had destroyed the historical records of Sam Squeel to assure his own exploits would not be undermined. Thus we have not heard much of Squeel's famous deeds. Tonight, using that 'time machine' available only at the SSSC, we went back in time to one of his court appearances. The scene opened at the courthouse. An Indian, 'Why Not' Savage had been arrested on a complaint by 66 year SSSC veteran Mr W.A. Hale, accusing the Indian of stealing his 'kazoo'. Sgt Squeel (Burton McConnell) had been called to officiate at the Courthouse. As 'Chester' (Dave McCormack) the deputy was preparing the courtroom, Sgt Squeel rode up on his horse. Well it had a tail, a superb saddle and a wooden head that resembled a horse, so it must have been one, with wheels yet. His Red uniform looked like a 'Mountie' even though his yellow-striped jodhpurs bulged higher on one side than on the other. A masterful type, he soon ordered Deputy Chester to bring in the culprit. 'Why not' was dragged in, in chains. When asked, Chester admitted they were logging chains as the budget was tight. On questioning it soon appeared that other kazoos were missing and the charge became one of 'serial theft'. Sgt Squeel became upset at 'Why Not's' replies to questions. They were all in monosyllables. 'Not steal' he said, 'Take away'. The result of the trial was that indeed the Kazoos were only taken away to please 'Why Nots' tribe. The prisoner was released, and I presume Sgt Squeel rode off into the sunset. A parody worthy of five stars, or of the MGM lion. Unfortunately you missed it. Too Bad! Red Party You did good. Well worthy of your reputation. Thanks.

Saturday Night Feb 15 is 'Pie Night', A Ladies' night with entertainment by Karen Robinson McKenna, and the last Ladies night of the year. Next Wednesday Feb 19 is White Knights Night. Makes me wonder who will feed us. Don't worry we have never starved before.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cec Blenkhorn, Hon Secretary, SSSC.
President*

Meeting of Waterville U.C.W

On February 12 a meeting of Waterville United Church Women was held in the church hall with eleven present. Glenna Smith was hostess and Doris Fidler presided. The meeting opened with a welcome to all and the purpose was repeated in unison. Doris read a short story titled "Your Cross."

Devotions were conducted by Pat Hurley on the theme of love. She read from "Love In Action" by Mother Theresa and the legend of St. Valentine, whose life is still celebrated by the sending of Valentines on February 14. The hymn "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," was sung and as a closing prayer the hymn "Love, Joy and Peace" was read in unison.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Doris Fidler moved their adoption. Six notes of thanks were read and several donations were received. Two verbal thank yous were given. A request from Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial requested the usual remittance.

Vi Derby, reporting for friendship, has sent a number of cards of various kinds. She reported that the Women's Centre appreciated the toiletry bags that we prepared for L'Escale. This project will be carried out again in December.

The Rev. Lynda Harrison reported on the Christian Unity service held on January 21. These were about 42 in attendance. The offering was sent to a shelter in Martinville.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Johns Anglican Church on March 7. The list of donations usually sent in November, will be decided at the September meeting when we have a better picture of our finances.

Several people were thanked for their work in preparing the hall for recent functions. Convenors for the food and gift sales tables for the May luncheon were named. We will serve tea and have a sing along at the Connaught Home in June.

Pat Hurley reported on the recent Quebec - Sherbrooke Presbyterial meeting of U.C.W. The Beads of Hope program was outlined. Each U.C.W. group is asked to buy 20 pins at a cost of \$100. Over a period of two years two million dollars will be raised to combat aids in Africa.

Business completed, the Rev. Lynda gave a benediction followed by the preparation of Stamps and soup labels for mission purposes.

At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served and a social hour was spent. Pat Hurley presided at the tea table.

Glenna Smith

Death

CARBONNEAU, Olive (nee Weller) - At the Centre de Santé Magog, Wednesday, February 19, 2003 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of the late Armand Carbonneau. Predeceased by her daughter, Shirley. Cherished mother of Victor, Colleen and Cathleen (Paul). Loving grandmother of Bradley, Wayne, Sarah, Eric and Breeanna, great-grandmother of Ashley and Emily. Olive will also be sadly missed by nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 545 Dufferin, Stanstead (819-876-5213) Thursday, February 20th from 7 - 9 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., followed by the service at 2:30 p.m., in the chapel. As a tribute to her memory, donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Card of Thanks

LOCKWOOD - I would like to thank Dr. Langlois, Dr. Jilles Boire, Francine Lalonde (physiotherapist), all the nurses and staff of the 6th of the C.H.U.S. in Fleurimont, who helped me to make a speedy recovery. I would also like to thank all who sent cards, friends and family that brought home cooking to me during my recovery. God bless you all.

ERNEST

Valentines Tea and Sale

HUNTINGVILLE

Cupids, hearts and balloons were just a few of the decorations surrounding us, at our Valentines Tea and Sale on Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at the Howe home. Proceeds were for St. James Church and the Sunshine Fund.

The following each won a prize for having a marked plate: Madeleine Gosselin, Bill Mills, Isabel Nelson, Brandon Charleau, Gisele Danforth, Myrle Bradley, Eddy Echenberg and Robert Shepherd.

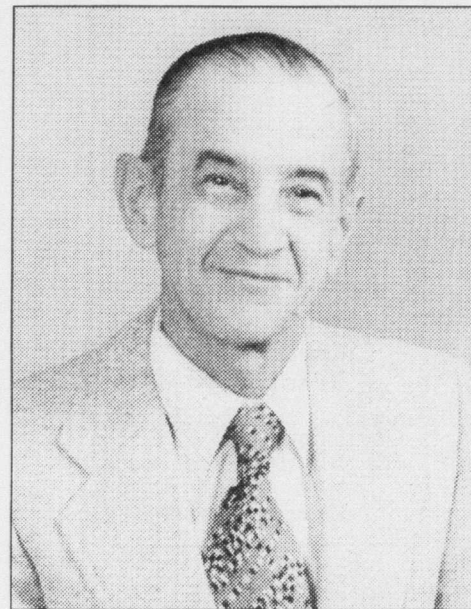
The guessing game (no. of hearts on a Valentines cake) was won by Nilda Howe.

Raffle, first, a set of Martha Stewart dishes, won by Ruth Charleau; second, a large box of chocolates, Kathy Nichols; third, a teddy bear and Valentine surprise, Isabelle Echenberg.

Thanks to all who came, and many thanks again to Pat and Nilda Howe.

Sue Nichols

Death



BEAULIEU, Henri-Louis - At the CHUS Hotel Dieu, Sherbrooke on Saturday, February 15, 2003. Henri-Louis Beaulieu, in his 86th year, beloved husband of Liliane Dubé of Lennoxville. Loving father of Marcelle, Ginette, Jean-Guy (Lucie Lapierre), Micheline, Suzanne, Luc (Martine Loignon) and Yvan (Rachele Parent). Cherished grandfather of Catherine (Jean-Michel Ryan), Alexandre, Patricia, Maxime, Jean Pascal, Annie, Marie-Eve, Anne, Etienne and Antoine. Dear great-grandfather of Laurence and Charles-Emile. Brother of Antonio (Yolande) and Georgette Royer. Brother-in-law of Cécile (Léopold), Pauline (Hertel), Cécile (Valmor), Viviane (Adelbert), Gisèle, Gabriele, Roland, Benoit, Bertrand, Claire (Lussier) and Anita (Emile), also survived by many nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel.: (819) 565-1155, fax: (819) 820-8872. Visitation on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and on day of the funeral from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Funeral service will be held at St-Anthony's Church, Lennoxville on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., followed by cremation and the interment of the ashes at the St. Anthony Cemetery, Lennoxville at a later date. As a memorial tribute, donations to the CHUS Foundation, 580 Bowen South, Sherbrooke, Que., J1G 2E8 would be appreciated.

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Opening lead: ♠ J			

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003

Finesse one way or the other

By Phillip Alder

A two-way finesse occurs most often when declarer is missing a key queen. He has the equivalent of A-J-x opposite K-10-x and must decide which opponent holds her majesty. However, occasionally there is a two-way finesse for a king.

This deal was described by a colleague. How should the play and defense proceed in four hearts?

North has a textbook limit raise: 10-12 support points and four (or more) trumps.

With the ace-queen of clubs offside, declarer is in danger of losing four black-suit tricks. But for that to happen, East must gain the lead for a telling club shift. The columnist pointed out that South should let West win the first trick. Then, declarer takes the second spade, draws trumps, plays a diamond to dummy's ace, and calls for the diamond queen.

Here, East plays low, and declarer discards his last spade. West wins with the king, but South has 10 tricks via one spade, six hearts and three diamonds. (If East could cover with the diamond king, declarer would ruff and take the same 10 tricks.) The ruffing finesse is the perfect avoidance play to keep East off the lead.

However, the writer didn't mention that East could overtake with the spade queen at trick one. Whether declarer wins or ducks, he must now guess who holds the diamond king. Suppose South loses trick one. East shifts to the club 10, West capturing South's honor and reverting to spades. With this layout, after drawing trumps, South must take a normal diamond finesse. But if East has the king, South must take the ruffing finesse. Not so simple.

Assure him that it doesn't matter to you

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: "Joe" and I began dating 18 months ago. We are both in our early 50s, and we love each other. Joe makes a living as a laborer, owns a beat-up truck and rents a small apartment. I am a high school teacher, own a nice car and have a home in an upscale neighborhood. I have no credit-card debt, and I pay my bills on time. Joe doesn't discuss his financial situation with me, but he lives and dresses as though he is just scraping by.

I recently began teaching adult edu-

cation and returned to college to earn my master's degree. Last week, I discovered that Joe never graduated from high school. We have discussed how important trust and honesty are in a relationship. I feel betrayed that he never told me he dropped out of school. Now I wonder what else he hasn't told me. How should I handle this? — Teacher Needing Answers

Dear Teacher: It is understandable that a high school dropout would keep such information private, especially around someone who values education as much as you do. It's doubtful Joe makes a habit of lying. It's more likely he was embarrassed.

How important is his educational status? If the lack of a diploma doesn't change anything, tell Joe what

you discovered, and assure him that it doesn't matter to you. Add, however, that you hope he will be more open and honest in the future.

Dear Annie: My 22-year-old daughter, "Carol," is unmarried, pregnant and a senior in college. She's only known the father for four months, and although they discussed marriage, they decided they're not ready for it.

I am devastated by this news and feel numb inside. Carol and I always have had a very close relationship, but it seems I've lost all feeling for my daughter. How is this possible? She is excited about the pregnan-

cy. I haven't told a soul. I don't even want to discuss it with anyone, including my husband.

This will be our first grandchild, and my husband is much more accepting of the situation than I am. I consider myself a strong person, but I'm not handling this well at all. Any advice? — Indiana Mother

Dear Indiana: What you are feeling is acute disappointment, mixed with grief. All parents hope for great things for their children, and that includes marriage to the right person and a family at the right time. Carol has upset the applecart and crushed your dreams for her.

Try to face the reality of the situation without comparing it to what might have been. Your wonderful daughter is going to have your beloved grandchild. If you are unable to put a positive spin on the situation, please talk to a therapist so you can be a source of support for Carol. You need each other.

Dear Annie: I read your column about the lady who did not have any ID on her when she was hit by a car while taking her daily walk. I'd like to add that people also should carry ID when going on a trip.

My sister was involved in an accident while driving from Ohio to Pittsburgh. Fortunately, she had her daughter's phone number on her sun visor. She was so shaken, she was unable to speak to the police on the scene, but she did manage to point to the sun visor. Also, if you live alone, don't put YOUR home phone number down — no one would be there to answer. — L.S. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear L.S.: Thanks for the excellent advice. You undoubtedly helped a great many people today.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Waterloo
Judy Arnott
539-2040

Sincere sympathy to the families of the late Rita Bouthillier and the late Edna Pugh. Mrs. Bouthillier had resided at Place Primevere for the last few months and will be missed by her friends there especially by Maria Bec. We were visiting Maria one evening and she, Rita and another resident, sorry, I don't have her name, were enjoying playing a game at Maria's. Our sympathy goes out to both, families.

Mrs. Mildred Irwin is a surgical patient at the B.M.P. Hospital at the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes to Ashley Newton!
Happy 13th birthday to our little queen
Who will now be turning thirteen.

*Lots of love,
Mom, Dad
kids, cats and fish*

Happy 13th Birthday to Ashley Newton of St. Joachim de Shefford



See the young lady
Holding her cat,
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and our very smart teenage Queen!
Happy birthday to our special
teenager and god-daughter!

With lots of love and kisses
your proud godparents,
Babby and Goopa
(Auntie Debbie and Allan)
We Love You

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

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: E equals Y

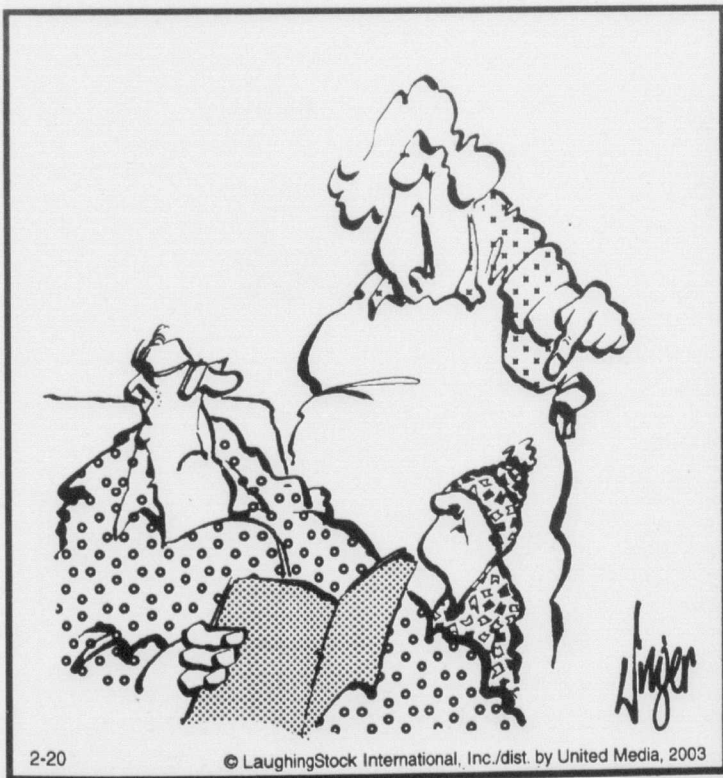
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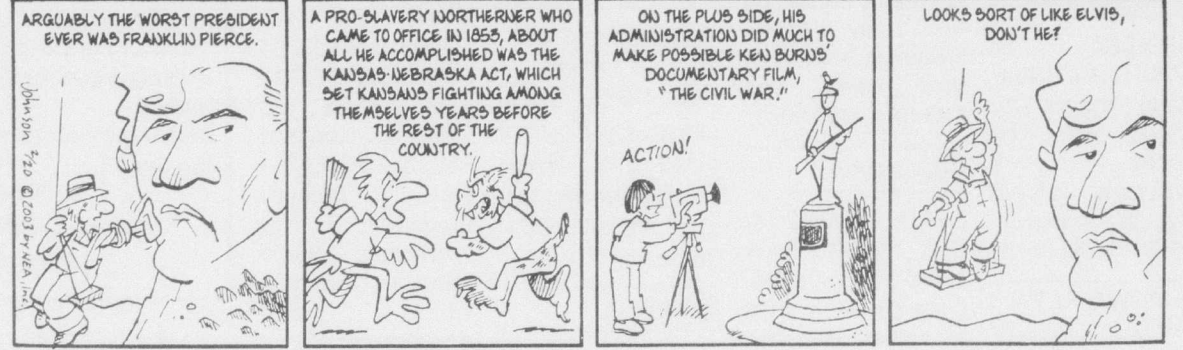


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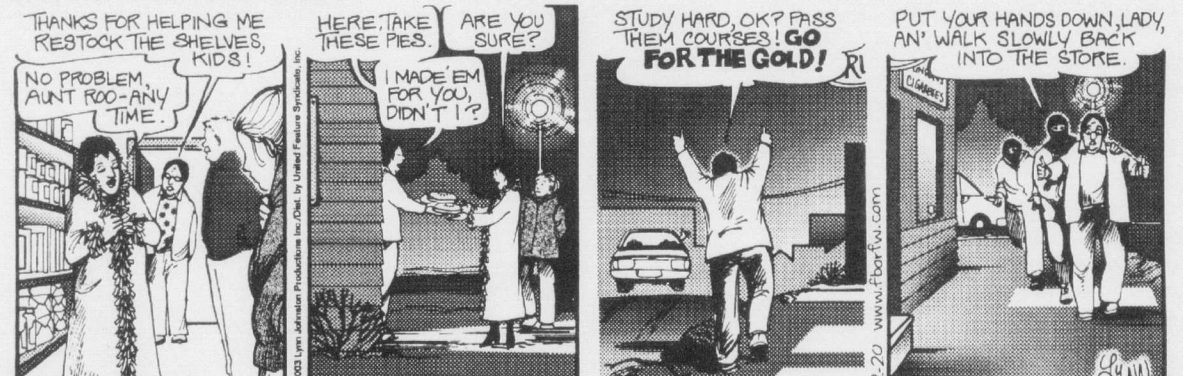
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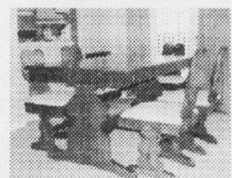


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Military Whist at St. Anne's, Richmond

It was certainly frosty outside, but once nineteen tables started playing Military Whist in St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond, on Thursday evening, February 13, the weather was quickly forgotten.

Following the evening of play, everyone hurried to the delicious lunch of sandwiches and cookies along with hot

coffee and tea before the distribution of the prizes.

The top prizes went to the table of Raymond and Marge Lancaster, Daisy McGee and Dorothy Gunter with 31 flags. The next prizes, with 28 flags, were taken by Mr. and Mrs. G. Skerry, Mona Garrett and Gerald Fowler. Low score of 10 flags was captured by Ghislaine Redburn, Alton

Mills, Raymond Fortier and Patsy Biggs. Eighteen door prizes were awarded to Ann Redburn, Allan Banfill, Helen Gallup, Rita Noel, Daisy McGee, Beverley Jones, Sierra Redburn, Brian Smith, Sandy Provis, Raymond Lancaster, Valerie Clifford, Doris Stevens, Katharine Cassin, Evelyn Davidson, Vera Hughes, Zetta Olney, Marcel Tremblay and Marcel Lan-

glois. The grocery box raffle was won by Doris Stevens.

Thanks is extended to all those who helped in any way toward the success of the evening and hopefully, we will see everyone at the next Military Whist party, to be held on Thursday evening, March 13.

Jean Storry

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003

There may be a number of enterprises you could get into in the year ahead, but one in particular will stand out above the rest. Although it might be the most ambitious, it'll offer the largest rewards as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be fair today in situations where you are dividing up the mutual resources of a group involvement. If it looks like your pile of goodies is larger than the rest, it'll make you look greedy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because you might not be too fond of the source, you could turn a deaf ear to some wise advice today. Being closed-minded is not

the way to serve your best interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could neglect an important job that should be taken care of today just because it's not designed neatly enough for your tastes. Neglect will put you in a bad light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Instead of judging someone solely on one past unpleasant incident, give this person a second chance today to redeem himself or herself. We all do something dumb from time to time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Dictatorial methods will not achieve desirable results today when dealing with those in your charge. Conversely, respect, consideration and kindness work wonders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If your attitude is a trifle too negative today, it is

apt to make your demeanor appear tougher than you really are and may make you look unattractive. Lighten up and relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not expect others to pick up the pieces for you or to cover your obligations today, especially if they are financial. Put forth the proper effort and manage things for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once you decide upon something today, stick to your guns. If you allow negative doubts to cloud your thinking and influence your judgment, you'll get off on the wrong track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you be unduly put upon by a close friend today, you can lighten the situation and your feelings by remembering

what kind of person she or he normally is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An associate might introduce you to someone today who can be a good contact for helping you advance your goals. Don't shoot yourself in the foot because you don't happen to like this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should you have to take on a bit more responsibilities than usual today, both domestically and where your career is concerned, don't allow disruptive conditions to overwhelm you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Lighten up your attitude today or you could make people with whom you'll be involved socially feel uncomfortable. Don't take yourself or a topic of conversation too seriously.

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- 17 2001 L.A. film route
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- 22 Fauna starter?
- 23 Grammer of "Frasier"
- 24 1950 Chicago film route
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- 31 Whitney or Wallach
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- 41 USNA grad
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- 5 Unhurried
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- 11 Redacts
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- 19 God in Grenoble
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- 26 Gang leader
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Sherbrooke County Women's Institute

The Annual Meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institutes was held at Uplands on February 11, opening at 10 a.m. President, Marion Annesley welcomed the members and asked all to join in repeating the Hymn of all Nations, the Collect for Clubwomen, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship. She then asked for a moment of silence in memory of four members who had passed away during the past year: Jennie Pearson and Elaine Hatcher of Ascot Branch as well as Margaret Kinkaid and May Povey of the Lennoxville Branch.

The Roll Call showed three members present from the Ascot branch, 10 from Lennoxville and four from Milby.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Margaret Hall and approved as read.

In business from the minutes, it was noted that the County is holding a Whist card party at St. George's Church Hall on Saturday, February 22nd, starting at 2 p.m. Each branch is asked to bring four prizes.

The treasurer's report, given by Gwen Parker, showed a satisfactory balance on hand. Bills to be paid included one for ribbons, for convention and supplies for making the programs.

Correspondence read included a letter from Lennoxville Elementary School, expressing their appreciation for the many knitted articles, made by Mrs. Cairns, and a letter with a Life Membership pin that had belonged to the writer's grandmother enclosed.

The president then asked for annual reports. These were given by secretary, Margaret Hall and treasurer, Gwen Parker. It was moved by Thelma Picken that we accept these reports. Conveners' reports followed, agriculture, Thelma Picken, education and cultural activities, Marg Williams, home economics and health, Margarie Sutor, international affairs, Margaret Hall. Each moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Jessie MacKinnon. Committee Reports: publicity, Phyllis Worster.

President Marion Annesley thanked the members for their support during the past year. She said she was looking forward to 2003, for the F.W.I.C. convention in June, a special event. She said we make new friends and renew old friendships. We must work together for the success of the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 and members enjoyed lunch including scalloped potatoes, veggies, ham, coleslaw, pickles, apple, pumpkin and lemon pie, served by members of Lennoxville branch. Appreciation was expressed by Margaret Hall.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Linda Hoy, Provincial V.P., presided for the election of officers and committee chairs for the coming year, as follows:

President, Marion Annesley; 1st v.p., Donna Davis; 2nd v.p., Ruby Booth; secretary, Margaret Hall, treasurer, Gwen Parker, Committee Chairs: agriculture, Pat Hurley, education and personal development, Evelyn Sutor, health and community living, Marjorie Sutor, publicity and

awareness, Phyllis Worster.

Linda was presented with a small gift in appreciation.

Marion returned to the chair and continued with the meeting.

In new business, the annual Essay competition was discussed and judges chosen: Marjorie White, Thelma Picken, Pat Hurley, Gwen Parker and Marg Williams agreed to act.

Correspondence read included a letter from the Ayer's Cliff Fair Ladies' group, asking that W.I. members join them at the Fair sales tables.

The treasurer's report for the new year, to date, showed a satisfactory balance. It was moved by Marjorie Sutor, seconded by Marjorie White that \$200.00 be given for the 2003 convention. Carried. The treasurer noted that the G.I.C. was due February 28. It was moved by Pat Hurley, seconded by Marjorie White that this be renewed. Carried. It was moved by Jessie MacKinnon, seconded by Ruby Booth, that we take an ad in Lennoxville Elementary School Year Book, but with the W.I. logo included. Carried.

Members were asked if we should continue with the County Project. It was moved by Marg. Williams, seconded by

Thelma Picken, that we approach the school to see what they need for Special Education Project. Carried. It was moved by Dorothy Marlin, seconded by Ruby Booth, that the County president be our delegate to Convention. Carried.

The president then read a resolution passed at the Ascot Branch, to be discussed at branch meetings and presented at Convention. Copies were given to each branch.

There being no further business, the president read the selection "What is a Friend?" and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

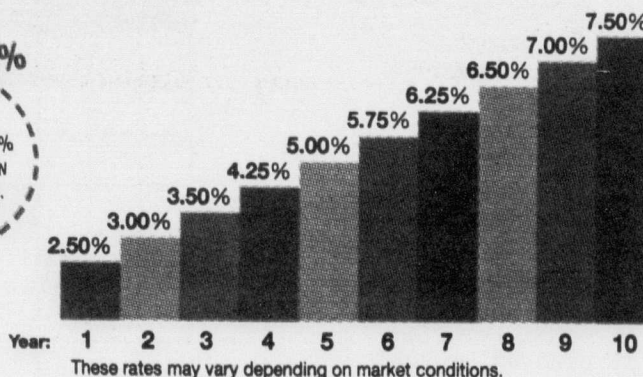
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