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## Still could produce 4,000 litres of pure alcohol a week Hooch hut discovered by firefighters

By Maurice Crossfield

**T**he Royal Canadian Mounted Police have arrested a man and a woman who were operating a still out of their garage in Irlande near Thetford Mines.

The Thetford Mines-Black Lake fire department was called to a home on Christmas Eve which was believed to be on fire. What appeared to be smoke was in fact steam coming from a large still used to make pure alcohol.

RCMP spokesman Cst. Jimmy Moffatt said when the firefighters discovered the distillery they immediately called in the Quebec Police Force.

They in turn contacted the RCMP who took over the investigation.

This is apparently no mere home-made hooch operation.

Moffatt said the still was capable of producing 4,000 litres of 100 per cent alcohol per week. On the site police seized 6,000 litres of alcohol along with the still.

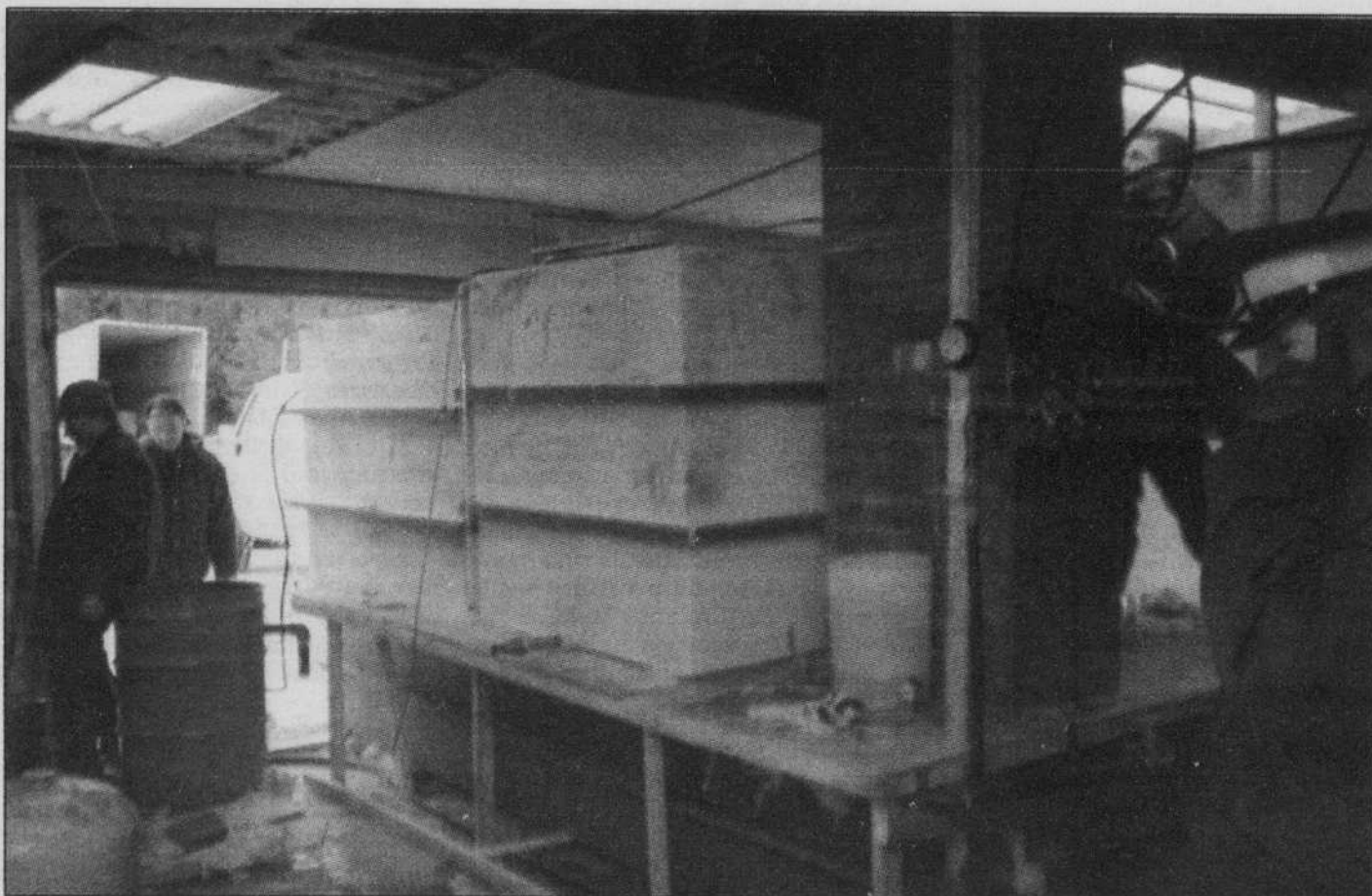
Moffatt said police estimate that if the illegal booze was then reduced to the standard 40 per cent level of most rums, vodkas and scotches, the operation would have yielded 5,400 sixty ounce bottles of hard liquor a week, at an estimated value of nearly \$200,000. It is not yet known how long the couple had been operating the still.

"Our guess is that afterwards the alcohol was taken to another location and mixed," he said.

A 60-year-old man and his 57-year-old wife were arrested, and will be summoned to appear in court to face charges at a later date.

Moffatt said they will be charged with possession of illegal alcohol and possession of a still. In all the couple could end up facing up to two years in jail and \$20,000 in fines each.

"More charges may be laid depending on the results of the investigation," Moffatt said.

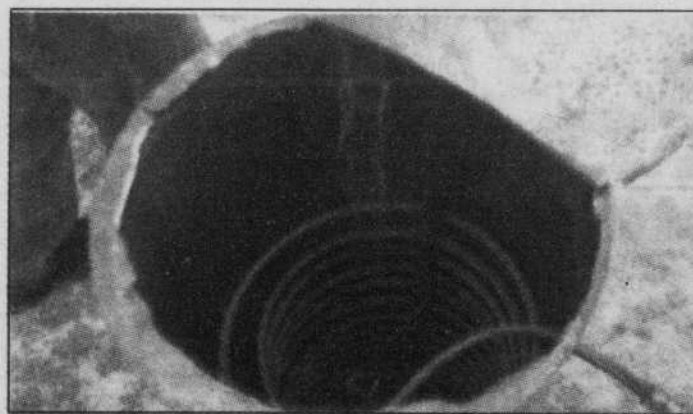


PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Firefighters discovered this still near Thetford Mines when responding to a fire call. Police seized 6,000 litres of alcohol at the site.

At this point investigators know very little about the operation. Moffatt said a small house in the back was equipped with a bed, stove and fridge, leading investigators to believe other people are involved.

The destination of the finished product remains a mystery. Though no evidence has yet been uncovered linking the still operators to any known criminal organization, more people could face charges as new information is obtained.



This cooling jacket is part of the menagerie of equipment used to operate the sophisticated still discovered by firefighters who responded to a call in Thetford Mines on Christmas Eve.

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Rabbi Avrum Mittleman, Sherbrooke, 1919- 1954

# Rabbi made significant contribution to Sherbrooke

By Merle Kastner  
Special to The Record

For more than three decades, one of this city's most prominent clerics was an immigrant rabbi from eastern Europe.

Abraham 'Avrum' Samuel Mittleman was born in Sitney, Minsk Gubernia, Russia on January 15, 1892, "the fourth youngest child of a family of eight boys and two girls.

Their father was a teacher. He was also the one man in town who could write Russian, and therefore, was the link between their shtetl and the outside world. And at an early age, the importance of service to fellow man was stressed in Avrum's family.

In his teens, Mr. Mittleman became a Shochet, overseeing the provision of Kosher meat, in accordance with Hebrew law. At 21 he migrated to Canada, and six years later in May, 1919 moved to Sherbrooke with his bride Bessie Dora Denenberg, of Montreal. Their young son Joseph was soon joined by daughters Gertrude and Eta.

Rev. Mittleman was the devoted spiritual leader, the Shochet, the Hebrew teacher and the backbone of the Sherbrooke Jewish community, until his retirement in March of 1954. Though his salary was modest he performed his duties with unequalled love and dedication, for all of his thirty-five years of service. This was a small community of about 50 Jewish families, but he rarely

failed to gather a minyan (quorum of 10 male Jews) for religious services.

At a farewell dinner given by the Congregation Agudath Achim the community hall was filled to capacity. Mr. M. Smith, the community president, praised the harmony which prevailed during Mittleman's career. As a young man, full of enthusiasm, Smith said, "he was ready to assume the duties of spiritual leader, teacher and shochet."

The congregation Agudath Achim was first established in 1906. Religious services at that time were held in a building at the corner of Frontenac and Dufferin Streets. The synagogue was the focal point of all Jewish activity in the Townships. Together with the congregation's lay leaders, Mittleman was responsible for the erection of Agudath Achim Synagogue on Montreal Street. "So devoted was Rabbi Mittleman to this task, that he almost literally saw every brick go into place", said another speaker.

"Sherbrooke indeed, has been very fortunate in having had Rabbi Abraham Samuel Mittleman as their guide all these years," reported the congregation bulletin. "There is hardly a community of our size whose record can be matched. For 34 years, Mr. Mittleman has been on the job, literally and figuratively. So close and necessary has he been, that, until recently he hardly enjoyed or took a vacation for himself."

Both Mr. & Mrs. Mittleman were in-

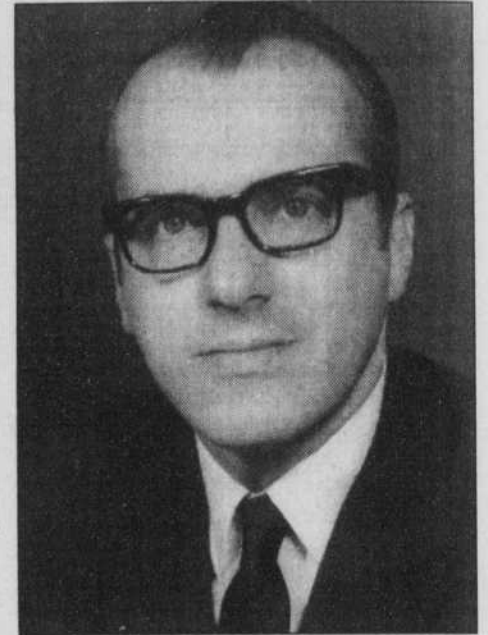
involved in general community work as well as the life of the Jewish congregation. Mrs. Mittleman was active in Hadassah, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the IODE, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the YWCA Auxiliary."

During World War II many displaced Jews were sent to special internment camps in Canada, including one in Sherbrooke. The Mittleman family took responsibility for a young man who had been born in Vienna, Austria. His name was Fred Kaufman, and he lived in the Mittlemans' home - while their son, Sgt. Joseph Mittleman, was serving with the Royal Air Force in Africa. Fred Kaufman became a lawyer, rose to prominence and was appointed a judge, eventually rising to the Quebec Court of Appeal.

Following his retirement Mittleman moved to Montreal and then Miami, Fla., where he conducted weekly Shabbat groups at Temple Emanu-El, "Miami Beach's largest and most imposing synagogue: a shul known for its excellent lecture series." Wife Dora predeceased him in 1959; the rabbi died in 1970.

After Rev. Mittleman retired, a disappointing trail of successors came and went, until the sale of the synagogue building in 1983.

Reported the Record: "About 70 former and current members of the dispersed Sherbrooke Jewish community gathered at the Agudath Achim synagogue Sunday, to participate in special



FILE PHOTO

Fred Kaufman was a young man from Vienna when he came to Canada to live with the Mittleman family. He became a lawyer, rose to prominence and was appointed a judge, eventually rising to the Quebec Court of Appeal.

farewell service." The ceremony marked the end of an era of Jewish community life in the Eastern Townships."

Present at closing service were the late rabbi's daughters Mrs. Gertrude Mittleman Schachter and Mrs. Eta Mittleman Golt.

## Mark Malden saved four from burning house

# Former Sherbrooke man is hero in Mississauga

Staff

Former Sherbrooke resident Mark Malden was hailed as a hero last summer for saving two children and two adults from a house fire in Mississauga. Malden, 49, was featured in the Toronto Sun and the Toronto Star for plunging into his neighbour's house and dragging two women, a 4-year-old

girl and a 2-year-old boy out of the smoke-filled apartment just before an explosion destroyed the home. After the blaze, Malden said he just did what he had to do.

"I couldn't sit there and let those people be incinerated." At the same time, he said he was ashamed he wasn't able to save a 6-year-old girl trapped on the

third floor who used to play with his twin daughters. Malden received third-degree burns to his left arm.

"Oh my God," one of the women he saved said. "He was a godsend. He got the four of us out."

This story and the newspaper clippings were forwarded to the Record by Sherbrooke resident Donald McMahon,

who noted that Malden is the son-in-law of the late Dr. Paul McMahon and the husband of Susan McMahon, who was born and raised in Sherbrooke. Malden came to Canada from England as a young boy, and lived in Sherbrooke and also near Magog. He works as the marketing director for Winning Smile magazine in Toronto.

### TODAY'S WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECAST

Probability of snow for Wednesday

Mainly sunny on Thursday with a high of -10 and a low of -21

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Siblings just want quiet time together

## Brother and sister reunited after 80 years

By Maurice Crossfield

Waterloo's Albert Bance will be celebrating New Year's with his sister, for the first time in over 80 years.

Bance met his sister Daisy Bance at the Dorval Airport Monday, and the two will spend until Jan. 4 getting to know one another once again. And there's a lot to talk about since they were sent to separate orphanages in England in 1918.

"We're trying to keep things low key for them and give them a chance to get to know each other," said Todd Goyette, grandson of Albert Bance. "They don't really know each other at all."

Albert and Daisy's parents died during World War One. The two, along with a sister named Frances, were sent to orphanages. Ten years later Albert, then 14, was sent to Canada as one of the thousands of so-called home children. In 1929 Bance was working on a farm in South Stukely.

Over the years Albert married and

had five children, and served both as fire and police chief in Waterloo. However the six-foot-two Bance is best known in the community as the popular caretaker of Waterloo Elementary, where at the age of 85 he remains a student favourite.

Over the last couple of years his children and grandchildren have been searching for Daisy and Frances, even making a trip to England in 1997. Making use of the Internet they found Bance's family in Surrey and sent them letters. Goyette said Tuesday none of them were related, but they were given a few more leads. Finally a book on the family was found and it contained two Daisy Bance's. One turned out to be Albert's sister, and she wrote back in early November.

The search for Frances Bance, who would be 87 now, continues. Goyette said there is an unconfirmed report that she may have died in the 1920s, but no record of her death has been found.

As for Daisy Bance, she was moved around to nine orphanages. She never married, working most of her adult life as live-in help for wealthy people.

Shortly after the discovery in November, Albert's daughter Carol entered CJAD's Home for the Holidays contest, which aims to reunite relatives for the Christmas season. Her letter was chosen, and the reunion was on.

Monday Goyette and his wife Deanna were among those who accompanied Albert to the airport.

"It was amazing, I can't really put it into words," said Todd Goyette. "It's satisfying to see my grandfather find his sister. I'm sure it must have been satisfying to him and a big relief for him to have some direct family."

Goyette said in the days leading up to the reunion his grandfather was very nervous and could barely eat. Daisy Bance apparently experienced many of the same feelings.

Deanna Goyette said everyone was

surprised by the energy of the 85-year-old Daisy.

"She is so spunky, she has so much energy," Deanna Goyette said. "She probably could have stayed up all night and talked."

While Albert Bance is a large man, his sister is the opposite at just over five feet tall. But Deanna and Todd Goyette say you can tell they're related, sharing many of the same facial features and sense of humour.

"It was very satisfying for everybody and very emotional for everybody just to see them together," said Todd, who refers to his grandfather as "probably the kindest man I've ever known."

"He's a big man with a big heart," added Deanna.

Over the next few days Albert Bance will spend time getting to know his sister again and showing her his world. She will then return to England on January 4.

## Drug kitchen believed responsible for explosion

Staff

A failed attempt to make hash oil is being blamed for the explosion and subsequent fire that destroyed a building on Johnson Street in Granby Monday evening.

One young man has been hospitalized with severe burns and his girlfriend was treated for shock following the explosion. The man's injuries are not considered life-threatening. They

were the only two occupants of the building at the time of the explosion. Animalerie Johnson occupied the same building until just four days before the fire.

Luckily for pet store owner Roch Dubé, most of his stock had been moved to his new location on Rue Principale on Christmas Eve.

Police are continuing to investigate the explosion.

## Man angry at being excluded from party

Staff

Richard Hadley of Lennoxville appeared at the Sherbrooke courthouse Monday after allegedly assaulting his sister-in-law and uttering death threats while brandishing a knife early Sunday morning.

Hadley, 30, of 69 Belvidere St. was at a party Saturday night with friends on Oxford Street in Lennoxville when the group decided to move the festivities to Sherbrooke at around 3 a.m. Hadley was apparently told he wasn't invited to join them. He became angry and was asked to leave the apartment while the others went downtown.

The sister of Hadley's 18-year-old

wife, however, was worried about her sibling and their 10-week-old child, and decided to go to Hadley's apartment to check up. Hadley proceeded to beat her up, which drew other members of the group to the apartment, whereupon Hadley is alleged to have grabbed a knife and chased them to Oxford Street.

The Intervention squad of the Sherbrooke Regional Police Force was called in and managed to coax Hadley from his apartment without incident at around 9 a.m. Sunday morning. He was held in custody until his appearance in court Monday, whereupon he was allowed to go free with certain restrictions while charges are pending.

### NEW EXECUTIVE



The executive committee of the Estrie regional health board is as follows: Jean Bellehumeur, pres., Raymond Roy, vice pres., Claudette Mercier, representing socio-economic groups, Josée Rioux, representing community groups, and Jean-Pierre Duplantie, secretary, Estrie regional health board

Car chase reached 190 km/h

## Senior speed demon

Sherbrooke resident Roger Gauthier was in court Monday to respond to charges of dangerous driving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Gauthier, 67, was chased by several police officers as he sped down autoroute 10 at speeds up to 190 km/h. Quebec Police Force officers first began to chase Gauthier at exit 115 on autoroute 10 in Orford Township, based on a tip that he had been drinking. As soon as he saw police officers he apparently

accelerated bringing his Cadillac to 160 km/h, and attained speeds as high as 190 km/h.

Gauthier exited at the King Street East exit and headed back towards Sherbrooke, where police officers were forced to run into him to stop him. In total, four police cars and the Cadillac were damaged in the 45-kilometre chase. Gauthier is expected to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before being charged.

## Electronic commerce raises privacy questions

## How many will know your blood type, credit rating?

By Bertrand Marotte  
SOUTHAM NEWS  
TORONTO

It's the soft underbelly of the information age.

In an all-out attempt at boosting sales and profits through intelligence - gathering on consumers' personal lives, companies are using increasingly sophisticated - and hard-to-monitor - electronic eavesdropping tools.

Experts say the very ability to control one's personal information is at stake and rate the issue as one of the most fundamental on the invasion-of-privacy front.

Governments are struggling to catch up with the implications of the growing ease with which the private - not to mention public - sectors can tap into powerful inter-connected computer networks to collect and exploit personal data.

This raises the vital question: Is personal information just another commodity to be freely traded by anyone?

Critics say existing or proposed laws

are toothless and riddled with loopholes, but businesses insist what they're doing is benign and not invasive. They're lobbying hard to keep the regulators at bay by crafting their own self-policing models.

And they say consumers gain in myriad ways, including personalized service, easier access to credit and dividends from loyalty programs.

The companies, too, hope to benefit by gaining a so-called data edge over the competition.

Driven in part by fear of being left behind in a warp-speed technological race, corporations are turning to an arsenal of new and expensive firepower.

Techniques cover an impressively wide range of the covert to the not-so-covert. Among them: snapping photos of vehicle licence plates in store parking lots, deploying so-called Web-sniffers that precisely map out what sites an Internet surfer visited, constructing a detailed profile of the person who called an 800 number by tracing the individual's phone number, and selling - for between four and 25 cents US a piece -

names, addresses and personal profiles of product-questionnaire respondents to direct marketers, retailers and even bill collectors.

"The fear is, what do they know about you? Who is out there who can access all kinds of things about you - your medical history, sexual preferences, mortgage, credit rating," said Barry Tisenbaum, head of the retail and consumer products group at consultants Ernst & Young in Toronto.

Ontario's privacy commissioner, Ann Cavoukian, says there are Big Brother implications to the technology and software.

"This may be the most fundamental issue that privacy advocates face in the next decade," she said.

Business, consumers and governments must start thinking about how to pre-empt its abuse, she added.

So-called "data mining" - in which companies "drill" into mountains of data in the hopes of striking a gold mine of previously undetected consumer-behavior patterns - "will be one of the greatest tools to be used by the business community in the next century," she writes in a 20-page report.

One estimate puts the money spent on data-mining technology and expertise in 1997 at \$16 billion and says it could reach \$26 billion in 1999.

Companies could use data they collect for 'secondary' purposes, such as selling it to other businesses without the customer's knowledge or consent, she warned.

She is encouraged, however, by proposed federal legislation and the voluntary code of ethics adopted by the Canadian Marketing Association.

Anyone collecting personal data could do so only with the consumer's consent and could not pass on the information to other parties without the individual's permission.

If it passes it will be in place by 2000 at the earliest, but - if after three years any of the provinces have not enacted their own legislation - it will also apply in those provincial jurisdictions.

But one critic says the law will be difficult to enforce and is inadequate because it is complaint-based rather than proactive.

"It's hard to know how the consumer can be empowered. You get a little discouraged largely because of the difficulty of compliance," said Jim Savary, economics professor at York University and adviser to the Consumers' Association of Canada.

"You have to know your privacy has been violated in order to complain."

Savary believes there are too many variables to be able to ensure compliance.

Consumers who sign onto loyalty programs are the most vulnerable, said Savary.

Loyalty Management Group Canada Inc. of Toronto was launched in 1992 and now has 7.2 million Canadian households enrolled in one program or another, including the popular Air Miles cross-promotion between merchants and airlines.

The rich vein of data is mined by Loyalty Management, then packaged and sold to corporate clients, who in turn can decide to share all or some of it with other businesses for such purposes as cross-promotions.

"It's becoming huge. All these loyalty programs are really designed for data mining," said Ernst & Young's Tisenbaum.

"I think you're going to see consumer skepticism build.

"There's going to be a backlash and people will increasingly ask for the option to not receive mailings or not have their name appear anywhere," he said.

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## Murderer wants better deal for info on hidden millions

By Peter Boisseau  
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS

A lawyer helping Ontario fraud victims of Albert Walker suspects the convicted murderer, now serving a life sentence in England, is angling for a better deal before revealing the whereabouts of the money he stole. And he thinks the provincial authorities should take the bait.

Frank Highley, lawyer for the estate in bankruptcy of Walker and his former finance company, says cutting a deal on the 37 counts of fraud and theft the rogue financier still faces in Canada may be the only way to entice him to lead his victims to the money.

Without that co-operation, "it would take an immense stroke of luck" to find more money, says Highley.

"At this point, we've collected about as much as we believe we can without additional help from him," Highley said Tuesday, putting the figure for the recovered money at between \$400,000 and \$500,000, a fraction of the millions in claims against the estate by swindled investors.

Highley's followed a ruling by an English court which put off attempts by lawyers to question Walker under oath about the millions he fled Canada with in 1990.

## ON THE WILD SIDE

Then the woods went silent. My pecker watch had failed...

# A wetlands walk without sinking in

Our snow-free Christmas seems like still another symptom of rising temperatures at the surface of the Earth. I hate to be a doomsayer; it's a nasty job. But it seems to me people should know why their world is changing, and changing so fast.

The last ten years have been the warmest decade ever measured. This year has been history's warmest. At first glance that might seem like a good thing. But it's not.

The first symptom of global warming has been a decline in the predictability of weather.

Weather events are happening in places and times that they haven't in the past. The freezing rainstorms of a year ago were not to be expected because nothing like them had ever happened before. Sure we had experienced ice storms once in a while but there had never been three within four days. Snowstorms in Louisiana, raging winds in the U.K., a Caribbean hurricane season that never seemed to end - these were all signs of the chaos caused by the warming of the earth.

The latest local piece in the puzzle is our definitely un-white Christmas week. But while the absence of snow on



CHARLES BURY

the ground illustrates the coming chaos of our climate, it also provides an unusual occasion to wander in the wild.

Indeed, many hard-to-get-to places are suddenly open to human visitors. I say visitors because even if you 'own' a wild place, it isn't really yours. Sure, I have papers showing the Bunker Hill Stump Ranch is mine, but while the woods may 'belong' to me, I'm the one who's a stranger there, dropping in on nature's full-time crew.

Anyway, with the ground frozen but very little snow, I could go for a wetlands walk without sinking in.

And without skis or snowshoes to bother with I enjoyed an excellent stroll in a place that's usually too wet to get to.

The few patches of snow showed many bird and animal tracks but my mid-afternoon timing meant that few if any critters were actually out. Suddenly I heard a sound like someone typing in the woods. Using an old machine like the 1928 Underwood I started with, this woodland secretary was typing badly, with the hesitant tempo of a beginner - a peck here, a peck there, plenty of pauses interspersed with the odd frantic rush at speeds of up to a hundred words a minute.

Well after a while even I managed to figure out that what I was hearing was not a human worker but rather one of nature's office staff - a woodpecker. I started trying to stalk this creature with my ears.

Rat-a-tat-tat, it sounded like it was on my left. I turned my head and now it seemed to be on the right. Turned again and it was back on the left. Knock-knock, it was behind me. Then it was ahead of me again. A guy could get dizzy trying to catch a glimpse of this thing. Then the woods went silent. My pecker watch had failed.

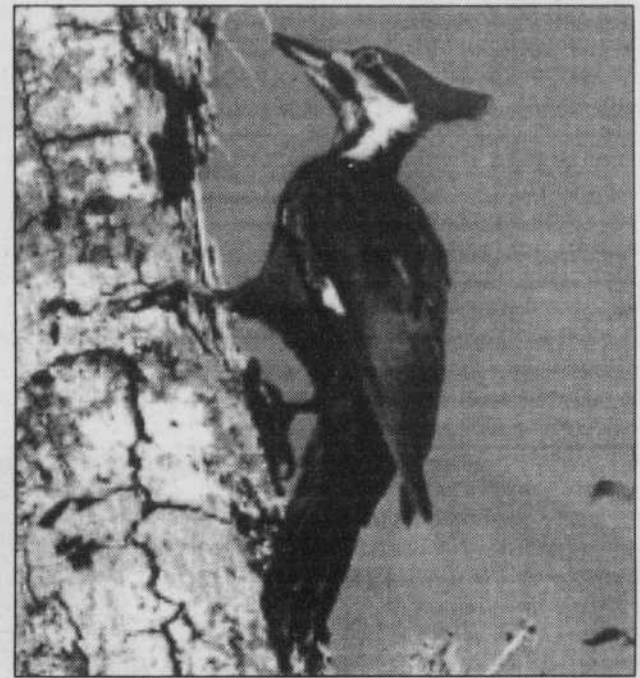
Here's a rundown on the woodpecker family, which I typed myself. It's from the Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding, Vol. 2, Gulls to Dippers:

"Woodpeckers (family picidae) are sturdy birds that use their strong toes to cling to bark, which they hammer forcefully with a powerful, tapered, chisel-like bill. This hammering, a foraging technique, can often be heard over great distances. Territorial drumming is even louder and is often distinctive for a species. Woodpeckers also have other special adaptations for clinging to and hammering on trees; these include a stiff, spiny tail, a very thick skull, short legs, and a very long, protrusible tongue with a horny spear at the tip. (Hmm. I think I used to know a girl like this. Heh, heh, only fooling.) In general, woodpeckers have plumage of contrasting brown, black and white, frequently with barring or spotting. For the most part, the sexes are similar, but females sometimes lack the red or yellow patches apparent on the head of males. Woodpeckers often have distinctive flight patterns, showing patches on the wings, the tail, or the rump. Their calls are loud and generally easily identified."

The world has 204 species of woodpecker and related birds, North America has 22 species, the Eastern Townships nine species, says the book.

Back at the stump ranch time was short, the day was done and I never did get a look at that woodpecker.

I was intending to suggest that you do what I did, and go for a walk somewhere you can't usually get to. However, there's snow on the way (ten to 15 cm by Wednesday evening, the man says), so it may be too late for this time. But I have a hunch we can look forward to plenty of winter weeks with no snow.



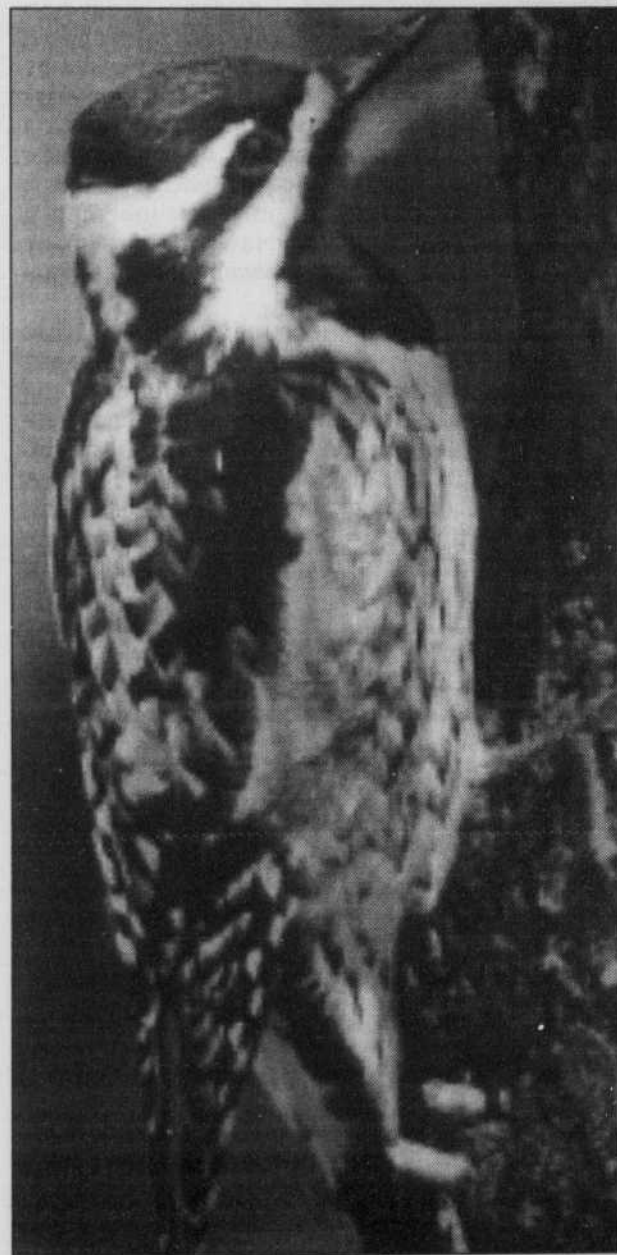
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The largest of Canadian picidae, the pileated woodpecker.

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Jamais deux sans trois. For those who follow the ups and downs of my automotive life, I finally got nailed for dollars this week. The nice gentlemen in olive drab caught me on their radar, going 129 in a 90 zone on the 108 near Sand Hill. I was slowing down at the time but I spared the police this tidbit and kept it to myself.

The officers had a Boxing Day special going and only wrote me up for 115 km/h - which is also the fine in dollars. Merci beaucoup, monsieur le constable. I thank you, and my overdraft thanks you.



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The yellow-bellied sapsucker.



Québec Oiseaux magazine, an invaluable tool for Eastern Townships birdwatchers.

COMMUNITY FORUM

# Is it possible 35 women fabricated similar stories?

The concept of 'Justice delayed is justice denied' appears to be borne out by the acquittal of Nova Scotia's ex-premier Gerald Reagan in Halifax last week. The sex related charges laid against Reagan in 1993, included one of rape and two of attempted rape. The jury may be less comfortable with their verdict as they gain the information denied them during the trial by a publication ban. Thirty-five women in all, over a period of some forty years have alleged sexual molestation or assault by Reagan, the records state. Judge Michael MacDonald

allowed only three complainants of the 19 who appeared at the preliminary hearing, to testify. Given the long list of formal complaints, one is left to wonder how many others chose not to come forward at all. And again, given the verdict following the five year investigation, one is left to wonder how many women, subjected to the same kind of abuse, will be discouraged from bearing witness in the future.

VIEWPOINT

IVY WEIR

One of the three women overcame her reluctance to testify when prodded by her sister with 'You owe it to your daughter.' What the daughter gained by

her mother's sacrifice or from the painful events in her mother's past being paraded under the harsh lights of public scrutiny has been cast in doubt. The relentless attack on the witness' credibility masterminded by Toronto's court room aficionado, Eddie Greenspan, served to re-victimize the victims, to these many years later. Seasoned journalists who covered the trial daily, referred to Greenspan's tactics as using the witnesses as shark food. To that, the crown responds that the only defense in such a case is to attack.

Greenspan's claim that had Reagan not been well known, he would never have been charged in the first place, rings hollow when one considers all the even better known public figures who have never been charged with any such behavior. Surely the crown lawyer wasn't implying that less well known men commonly practice and get away with such abuse. The vast majority of men would recoil at such an assumption. Whatever happened to the additional obligation for public figures to uphold public morals? At the time of the 14-year old's alleged rape, Reagan was 28, and only later to achieve ministerial status in the Trudeau cabinet.

Speaking of reasonable doubt, can any thinking person seriously believe that as many as 35 women from across the country fabricated their charges maliciously and in consort, for the pleasure of enduring endless sessions of questioning by a traditionally skeptical police force. Then to wait interminable for some degree of vindication, appear under oath in a crowded court room filled with strangers to find the words to bear witness to intimate acts to which they had been subjected, only to have their testimony torn to shreds by an aggressive crown attorney. Get real! Failing to remember the exact hour of the exact day when such events oc-

curred that long ago, could be more reasonably viewed as a normal reaction to such a traumatic event, rather than a reason for discrediting the witness' testimony in its entirety. True, not all of the 35 women claim to have been raped, but the fact remains that the charges remain strikingly similar in character.

Who, with a 14-year-old in their entourage, could expect her, following the rape she described on the witness stand, to have the wherewithal to proceed coolly to bring her abuser, one with a public profile, to quick justice. The assault happened in his car when Reagan drove her home from the skating rink, she testified. That years elapse before charges are laid, is only less surprising than that they are laid at all. Children abused in residential schools have been viewed by

Greenspan's claim that had Reagan not been well known, he would never have been charged in the first place, rings hollow when one considers all the even better known public figures who have never been charged with any such behavior.

the courts as credible witnesses years after the events occurred. Calling for a statute of limitations for such crimes, overlooks the fact that such a statute is for all practical purposes, inherent in the Greenspan strategy whereby any lapse of memory invalidates all memory.

Let's not succumb to the spin that such delayed charges cause prolonged and needless pain and suffering to the Reagan family, sympathetic as one might well be for their plight. Any suffering the family has endured was caused not by the witnesses nor the circling media, but by Gerald Reagan himself. Yet another charge is to be heard in February.

The defense strategy hardly taxed Reagan's memory unduly. Deny, deny, deny, pretty well sums it up. He simply claimed he didn't even know any of the three women, one of whom worked in his office during his political campaign. The one to whom he had tossed a twenty dollar bill to replace the dress he had soiled. Karl Marx may have gotten it right when he said 'History occurs twice, once a tragedy and once a farce.'



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# Our School's Page

## PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Granby's  
Parkview  
Elementary  
will next  
appear on  
Feb. 3

### Parkview students celebrate the season

## A play, a church service and a Christmas dinner

The last week of school in December has been a busy one. We have had a play, an assembly, a church service, Christmas dinner and numerous activities in the classes.

At the beginning of the week, the students were treated to a play, "For Art's Sake," performed by Geordie Productions from Montreal.

Tuesday the students gathered in the gym for the final assembly of 1998. The assembly began with Grade 2 student Derrick Thiverge singing and playing "Feliz Navidad" on his guitar. The assembly then alternated between sports award and singing Christmas carols lead by Mrs. Tothe.

In the middle of the week, the students went to the Granby United Church for an Interdenominational Service, at which clergy from different churches participated in spreading the Christmas spirit. As the students arrived at the church they placed canned goods that they brought under the tree. These cans were for food baskets to go to families in need.

Eight students from Mrs. Huitema's Grade 5/6 class joined in the service with a play entitled, "The Shepherd's Children." It was a job well done by Mathieu Lafrance, Mathieu Menard, Benoit Daigle, LeeAnn Champagne, Kevin Jourdain, Michel Rivard, Chelsea Harding

and Melissa Everett. All the students helped in the service by singing carols.

The day continued with the Kindergarten's party. The children performed songs for their parents and they all enjoyed a Christmas dinner together.

The rest of the students had their Christmas dinner on Thursday. When students arrived at the cafeteria, they were seated and served their dinner. The meals were handed out by hard-working students who had volunteered their help.

The week ended with movies, games, parties, treasure hunts and a lot of fun.

### SPORTS

Mrs. MacDonald was proud to hand out, at the assembly, a large letter "P" to 15 students. These students have been involved in a number of sports for a number of years. They have accumulated enough points to earn their letter. Congratulations go to Melissa Everett, Chelsea Harding, Kevin Jourdain, Sara

Agha, Jean-François Boyer, Mark Cabana, Karla Ekdom-Delorme, Michael Everett, François Poulin, Johnny Smith, Veronique Bonnette, Barry Champagne, Michel Gagné, Kathleen Gallant and Myriam St. Onge.

After receiving a letter, points are still accumulated. Stars are then awarded. We have one star award at this time, Guillaume Poulin.

Some good volleyball was played this month with a tournament at Massey-Vanier. The "A" girls brought home the plaque, as did the "B" boys - division 2. Basketball is the next sport in line and the practices have already started.



# Horror spoof *Scream If You Know What I Did Last Hallowe'en* planned for next year Patrick Stewart hoping for one more *Trek* film

By Jamie Portman  
SOUTHAM NEWS

**P**atrick Stewart believes there's a lot of life left in the *Star Trek* franchise.

But he thinks the end of the road may be approaching for himself and colleagues who first began working together more than a decade ago in the TV series, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

With three movies under their belt - the latest of which is the current *Star Trek: Insurrection* - Stewart says the *Next Generation* crew have proved they could make a successful transfer to the big screen. "And certainly I enjoy coming back to work with old friends."

But Stewart, who plays the intrepid Capt. Jean Luc Picard, realizes that nothing is forever - although he hopes there will be at least one more movie with the *Next Generation* team.

"I think it might take a little longer to get out, which would be no bad thing. I'd always argued for three-year intervals between the movies."

The previous *Star Trek* movie, *First Contact*, was released in 1996, and Stewart says he spent the next 20 months involved in various aspects of its successor,

starting from the day he, director Jonathan Frakes and producer Rick Berman first sat down to discuss a new script. "So it would be nice to have a little more respite."

"But I am excited by the possibility of another movie which would say goodbye to the *Next Generation*."

Meanwhile, the television series, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, ends its lengthy run in the spring, and that prompts an obvious question: Will the *Deep Space Nine* crew move into feature films as did the two preceding *Star Trek* casts?

Producer Rick Berman says that's a possibility, but no decision has been made. Berman says there are also no plans at this time to introduce a new series to replace *Deep Space Nine*. But he says the final series, *Star Trek: Voyager*, will continue on television. Berman also says that after a shaky beginning, *Voyager* is now having its most successful season ever.

Miramax's Dimension Films division has greenlighted a spoof of the very genre which has earned it hundreds of millions of dollars.

A 1999 release is planned for *Scream*

*If You Know What I Did Last Hallowe'en*. It's the work of satirical writers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer who cheerfully send up such lucrative horror franchises as *Friday the 13th*, *Nightmare On Elm Street*, *Hallowe'en* and *Dimension's* own big success, *Scream*.

"We're putting it on the fast track to production for theatrical release next year," Dimension boss Bob Weinstein said recently.

Next year will also see the release of the third installment of *Scream*.

Producer Brian Grazer, who was recently badly burned financially from his controversial remake of *Psycho*, is dusting off another old movie, *The Constant Husband*, for recycling.

The original 1955 British comedy starred Rex Harrison as an amnesiac who suddenly discovers he has five wives. Grazer had never heard of the original film, and neither had screenwriter Peter Maas who stumbled on it when he was sifting through a 99-cent video bin in Santa Monica.

According to the show business weekly, *Variety*, Maas figured any movie starring Rex Harrison was worth 99 cents, so he bought it.

"I knew within three minutes of watching it that it should be remade," he said.

You can hear Grammy-winning composer Randy Newman's latest film music in the current computer-animated feature, *A Bug's Life*. But Newman confides his favourite listening these days is far removed from the pop world. He says he can't get enough of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich's string quartets, which he considers to be 20th-century masterpieces.

In *A Lonely Place*, one of Humphrey Bogart's most famous film noir thrillers, is heading back to the video shops in January. Directed by the legendary Nicholas Ray and based on a novel by Dorothy B. Hughes, it features Bogie as a troubled screenwriter who becomes the prime suspect in a murder case.

## Adolescent Psychology



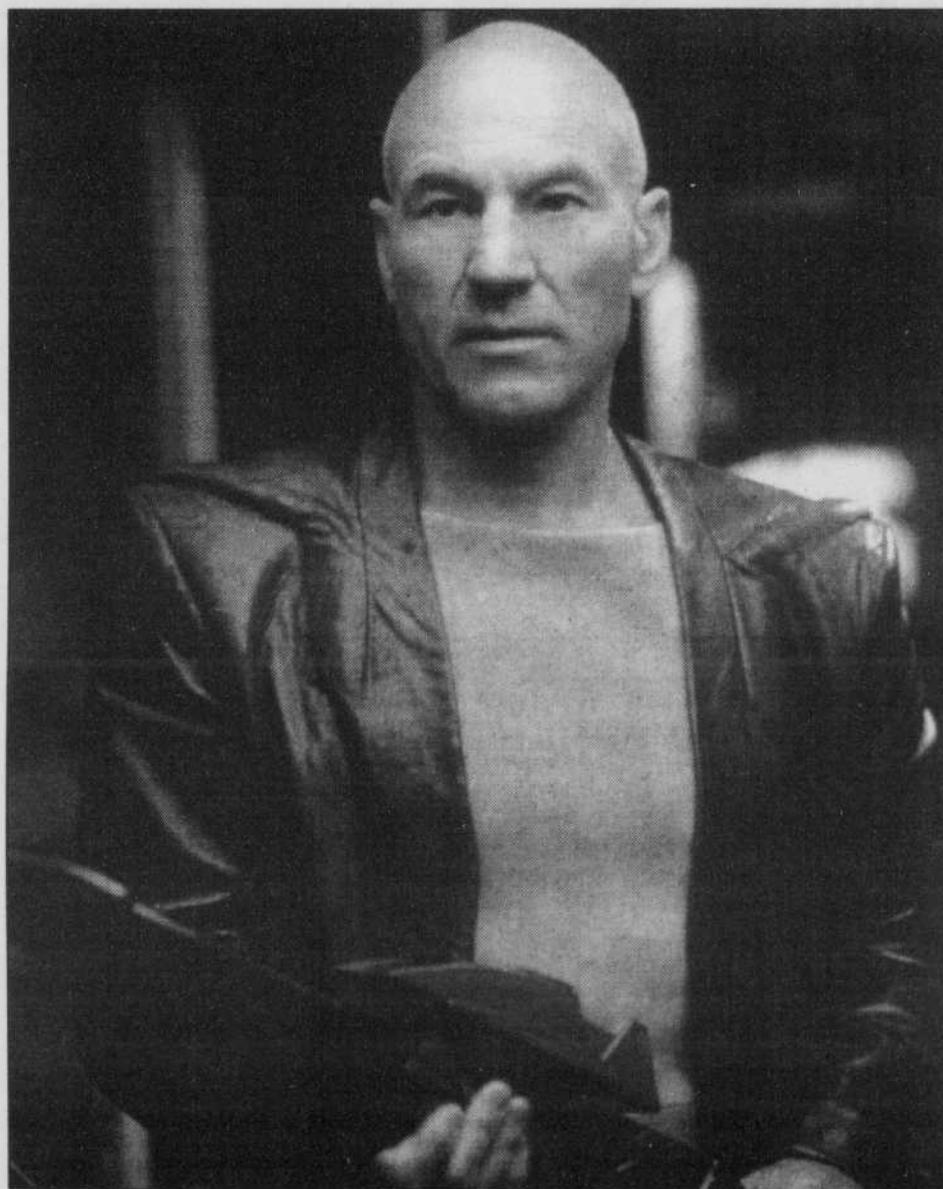
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SPORTS

# Team hosts Saskatchewan Saturday in exhibition match Lady Gaiters basketball team hoping to rebound

**B**ishop's University women's basketball team, looking to rebound from a "disappointing" first half of the season, return to action this Saturday when they host the University of Saskatchewan Huskies at 1 p.m. at the Mitchell Gymnasium.

The Gaiters entered the season with high hopes but have been inconsistent to date, posting a 5-4 overall record with a 2-3 league mark.

Still, head coach Rod Gilpin feels his squad has the potential to win their first league championship in seven years.

"There is no doubt that the first half was disappointing to everyone on the team," Gilpin admitted. "We have a history of playing poorly in the beginning of the season and then becoming a much better team in the second half."

"The key thing to remember is that we have the toughest part of the schedule, road trips to Laurentian University and University of Toronto, out of the way. Concordia, presently in first place in the Quebec League with a 4-1 record,

has looked good in the early going but have yet to face any of the better teams in the Quebec-Ontario circuit.

"After the Saskatchewan game we have six games against the Ottawa and Montreal schools and I think we have an opportunity to win all six. Our biggest problem has been inconsistency and that is a common problem with young teams early in the season."

Grainne Masterson, a co-captain and Academic All-Canadian, echoed Gilpin's comments.

"Since I've been here we have always played much better in the second half of the season," the fourth-year starter said. "In the first half people on the team were still learning their roles and gaining experience. By getting some of the younger players time on the court they are able to develop some confidence and become more comfortable. We know that we had a lot of depth on this time and its that depth that will win games for us. We are not a team of superstars, we need everyone to contribute."

ston have both seen substantial floor time for the Gaiters.

"We played 10 to 12 players a game so everyone gets a chance to play and must produce for us to be successful as a team," Gilpin stated. "The younger players need playing time in order to develop and I believe that they work harder in practice if they know that they are getting playing time. While playing so many people may have hurt us earlier in the season, it will pay off dividends in the second half."

"By playing the bench we are able to create an up-tempo game and pressure our opponents more. We play a lot of back-to-back games and we will be fresher in the second game because of our bench."

Lemay, who played her CEGEP ball at Edouard Montpetit in Longueuil, feels that the team needs to develop a mental toughness.

"I think a lot of players, myself included, need to be better prepared mentally and tougher, particularly in the second half of games," said Lemay.

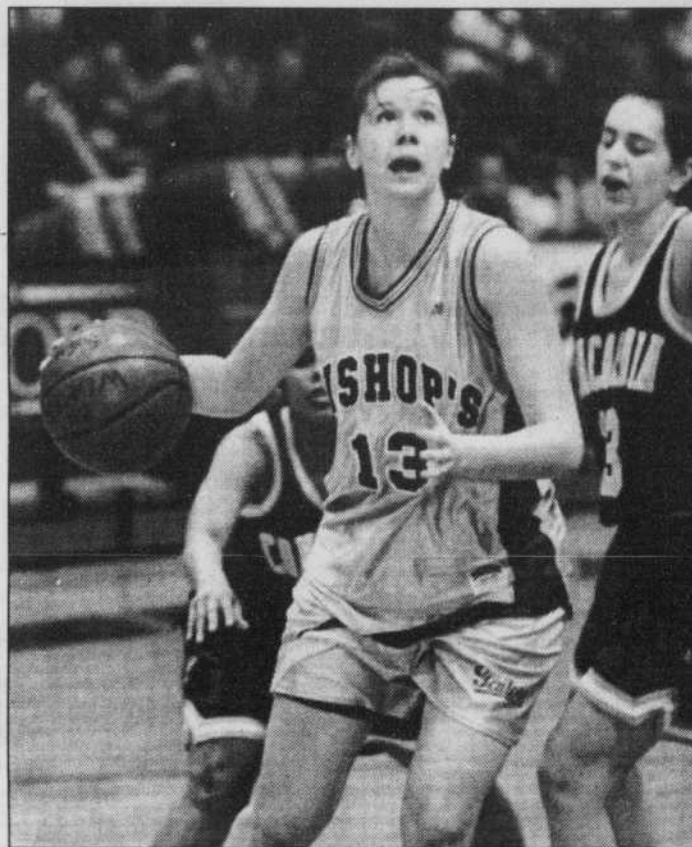
"We need to work on that in the second half of the season if we want to be a championship team."

The Gaiters will try to put it all together this winter beginning with Saturday's game against Saskatchewan.

The Gaiter line-up include three rookies and three second-year players, all of whom have been called upon to make major contributions at some point during the first half of play. Brompton's Julie Rodrique is leading the team in scoring (11.5 ppg) and is second in rebounding (4.82 rpg) while second-year player Melissa Lemay leads the team in rebounding, grabbing over five boards a game, and is the team's second leading scorer, averaging 8.5 points a game.

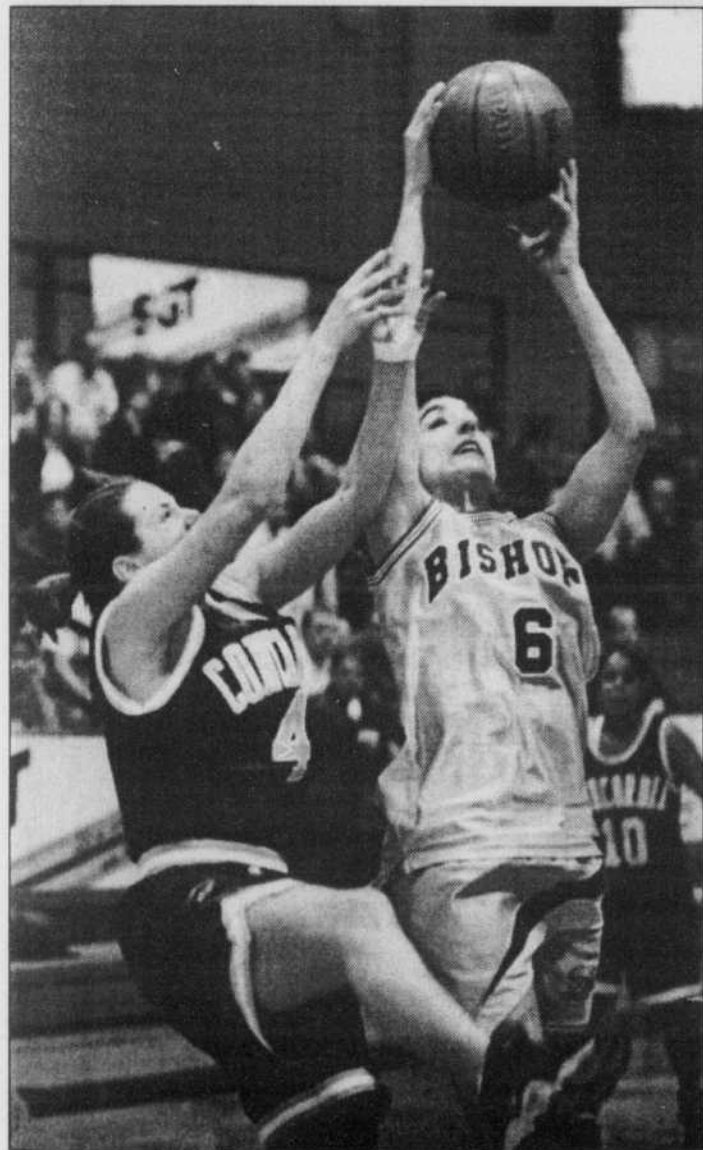
Jill Hachey, the team's top rookie last year, is among the top scorers and rebounders while Lindsay Huff has been played well coming off the bench.

Catherine Charbonneau, a teammate of Rodrique at CEGEP Sherbrooke last year, and Natalie John-



FILE PHOTO

Melissa Lemay, shown here in a game from last year, leads the team in rebounding and is second in scoring.



FILE PHOTO

Last year's top rookie Jill Hachey is once again one of the team's leading scorers.



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## Church holds annual dinner

### DANVILLE

On December 6, the second Sunday of Advent, Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church held their annual pot luck dinner. There were approximately 45 people who attended.

After dinner, Eleanor Besmargin thanked Rev. Legault from Montreal for all his good help.

Tribute was then paid to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown, formerly of Danville, now residing in the Wales Home. They were presented with a picture of the United Church with the congregation gathered on the steps. Verian and Norman thanked everyone for the lovely gift.

Ronnie Evans then started taking requests for the sing song of carols. Marion Sutherland presided on the piano. The sing song finished with Jingle Bells. Santa then appeared on the scene. Santa said "He had more white on him then we had on the ground around the Danville area." Santa's one wish was that we all pray for snow.

The children then went to see Santa and had a chat with him. Santa made another request. He asked for Helen Healy to sit on his knee. Although Helen likes Santa with a bigger tummy she did go and have a chat with him. Santa then departed and headed back to the North Pole.

Ronnie thanked everyone for coming and wished them all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Many thanks to Bev Findlay, Mavis Frost and Evelyn Leet who helped in the kitchen, and to the men who helped wash the dishes.

### Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard  
248-4168

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska valley held their Christmas reception at Auberge West Brome. We were royally entertained under the guidance of John and Laura Barr: 20 girls from the Knowlton Academy Choir sang festive tunes, 14 members of the Wind Ensemble Band played holiday melodies and eight ladies from the Community Choir led us all in a sing-along. We sang "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" with sincerity! Brenda Code did a great rendition of a "A Sleigh Ride Together." A social time with refreshments followed the concert.

### In Memoriam

**GILLANDER** - In loving memory of my husband, Clarence, who passed away December 30, 1978.

I cannot halt the hands of time  
Nor live again the past,  
But the days I do not think of you  
Are very hard to find.  
Sadly missed by  
EDNA (wife)

## WI meeting

### AUSTIN

The Christmas meeting of the Austin W.I. was co-hosted by Gerry Meesen and Beatrice Juby and took place at the home of Gerry in Austin. The house was tastefully decorated and the two long tables attractively set, all giving a very festive air. Gerry and Beatrice had prepared a delicious turkey dinner.

After the W.I. Grace was said 13 members and four guests all sat down to enjoy the feast. The two hostesses were previously toasted and thanked.

After dinner the president, Sylvia Hopps, opened the brief meeting by having all repeat the Mary Stewart Collect and the Salute to the Canadian Flag.

Motto for December: "To all our kin and kinsmen; who dwell both far and near; We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Roll call was to bring a donation to the Mago Food Bank. Minutes of previous meeting was read and accepted.

Betty Telford read a note of thanks from the Wales Home for donation received and a letter from Maya Rolbin Ghanie for a bursary she had received. Donation to the Princess Elizabeth Muffin Fund was mentioned.

Sylvia consented to remain yet another year as President, as did Secretary Elizabeth Davidson and Treasurer Betty Cochrane Telford. Beatrice Juby and Debi Bonn to be Co-Vice Presidents.

There followed about an hour of bingo accompanied by lots of laughter. A gift exchange took place and then all departed having thoroughly enjoyed a delightful Christmas party.

Thanks again to Gerry and Beatrice and a special thanks to the turkey carver and dishwasher, Peter Meesen.

As there will be no meeting in January the annual meeting will take place in February at the home of Evelyn Jackson with co-host Nellie Carriere. Date and time to be decided.

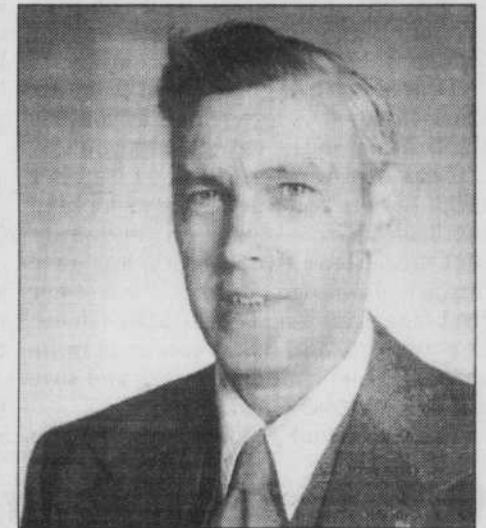
Connie Girard

### Death

**PALMER, Harold** - At LHSC-Victoria South St. Campus on Monday, December 28, 1998, Mr. Harold O. Palmer of London, Ont., in his 83rd year. Beloved husband and best friend to his wife Martha (Holland), formerly of Bedford, Que. Loving father of Joann and Arend Visscher of St. Thomas, Robert of Bedford, Que., and John of Toronto. Dear grandfather to Mark, Brent and Scott Visscher. Also survived by his eldest brother Allen (Olive) of Bedford, Que., his sister Evelyn Dow of Cambridge as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother G.O. Peter Palmer as well as several nieces and nephews. Harold was a faithful member of Branch 82 Royal Canadian Legion, Philipsburg, Que. He also was a 50-year member of the 17th Royal Canadian Hussars Association of Montreal, Que., a unit he served with during World War II. Visitation will be held at the Westview Funeral Chapel, 709 Wonderland Road North, (two blocks north of Oxford St), London, Ont., on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. where the funeral and committal services will be conducted on Tuesday, December 31 at 11 a.m. Archdeacon A.E. 'Mickey' Chovaz officiating. A Royal Canadian Legion Memorial Service will be conducted under the auspices of Victory Branch #317 on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church or to the Parkwood Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

### Deaths

**TAYLOR, Dorothy (Knapp)** - Of Waterloo, Ont., in her 89th year. Wife of the late Frank Taylor. Survived by her children, Dr. John Taylor, White River, Ont., Janet Wilson, Waterloo, Ont., Elizabeth Dunning, Almont, Ont., Philip Taylor, Lennoxville, and five grandchildren. No funeral or visitation. Cremation.



**VIGNEAULT, Georges** - Peacefully at the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont, Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at the age of 74. Son of the late Emma Girouard and the late Albert Vigneault. Dear brother of the late Roland (the late Madeleine Gauthier), Gaston (the late Therese Paradis), the late Fleurette (the late Everett Lynch), Gertrude, Hervé (the late Verna Adamson), the late Raymond (the late Anna Goupil) and Edward Murphy (Lise Pepin). Beloved uncle of Eileen (Everett Mastine), Marjorie (Michel Normand) and Helen (Wayne Malboeuf). George also leaves to mourn many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Homes Inc., 295 Principale S., Richmond, Que., where friends may visit on Wednesday, December 30, 1998 from 7 to 9 and Thursday from 12 to 1:45 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at Ste. Famille Church at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 1998. Interment at Ste. Bibiane Cemetery.

### In Memoriam

**STURGEON, Evelyn** - In loving memory of our dearest mother who passed away December 30, 1993.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,  
to love, to cherish, to never forget.  
Sadly missed by  
YOUR FAMILY

### Card of Thanks

**SCHOOLCRAFT** - We wish to express our thanks to our family, friends and the Mansonville Anglican and United Churches for cards, gifts, visits and phone calls to our home and La Providence Hospital, Mago during Christmas holidays. Special thanks to Bernice and Roger Magoon for their many acts of kindness. A happy healthy New Year everyone.

PINK & MARY

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# Ann's little pearls of wisdom can change lives

**Dear Ann Landers:** A few years back, you told a woman who wanted to break an unwanted habit to wear a rubber band on her wrist and snap it whenever the impulse came on. I tried this to help me stop picking at my fingernails, and it worked like a charm.

Thanks for sharing these little pearls of wisdom that occasionally change people's lives in small, or large, ways. — M.A. in Ithaca, N.Y.

**Dear M.A.:** How good of you to let me know I helped. A letter such as yours is the frosting on the cake. Thank you.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Back in October 1995, I wrote you a letter. I was looking for Bea McGraw, a woman my family met on a plane from Russia. She gave our newly adopted child a \$20 bill as her first American money. We did not thank Bea properly and asked you to help locate her. You printed my letter, and sure enough, we connected.

I thought your readers might like an

update on our adopted daughter, Valla. She just celebrated her 7th birthday and began first grade. Her teacher sent us a note last week telling us how well Valla is doing and how helpful and caring she is toward the other students. She takes gymnastics several hours a week and is doing beautifully. She is a happy child with a lively sense of humor. We are very proud of her.

When you mentioned the Small World Adoption Foundation in St. Louis, the organization received over 3,000 requests for information. Despite the high cost of foreign adoption, Small World was able to adopt out over 100 children who otherwise wouldn't have had a chance in life.

Small World recently had a reunion party my wife and I attended. A couple we met there told us about their newly



ANN LANDERS

adopted child and his experience on the plane trip home. Of course, I told him about our plane trip and how I wrote to you about it. He then said my letter in your column was the reason he and his wife adopted their little boy.

Ann, on behalf of all the people you have helped, thank you. — Jim, Charlotte and Valla Mielziner, St. Charles, Mo.

**Dear Jim, Charlotte and Valla:** Letters like yours gladden my heart. Thank you for letting me know I was instrumental in making so many people happy.

**Dear Ann Landers:** My problem is my mother. I secretly call her "my smother." She is a healthy, able and fit 78-year-old, drives everywhere and does a good job of running her home. The problem? She craves attention and expects to be entertained and included in everything I do.

My husband and I have full-time jobs,

and so do our grown children. They are married with families. Everyone is busy with their lives.

Mother is included, of course, in all family functions, where all she does is complain about how lonely she is. She loves gossip and knows everybody's business. She is very critical of the grandchildren, so of course they avoid her whenever possible. My husband tends her yard and does her repairs, and I take her to doctor appointments, but we cannot be a marriage of three.

Mom is very manipulative with her guilt trips, which I try to ignore. But she really is a pain in the neck. I love my mother and will always tend to her, but I don't like her. What should I do? — Manipulated Daughter

**Dear Daughter:** It is difficult to retrain a 78-year-old mother. Get her involved in some volunteer work. She needs to feel needed. You will be glad you did. And so will she.

## Christmas notes from the St. Francois Manoir

We here at the Manoir have been greatly entertained during these festive weeks prior to Christmas.

Dec. 16 some 42 young students from second grades of Lennoxville Elementary School came to entertain, accompanied by their teachers, one playing a guitar. In the activity room their young voices filled with the sweet sounds of the children singing Christmas songs

and carols. Prior to departure they circulated wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and presenting each with a Christmas tree all decorated and made from craft materials. Most of these are centering the tables in the dining room.

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Dec. 14 the Manoir Peers held the annual Christmas party for all the residents that started off with a reception followed by a full course Christmas dinner in the dining hall.

Afterwards the fun continued with music and song in the activity room. It was a happy party much enjoyed by all.

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The afternoon of Dec. 9 another feature of the Yule-

tide season was a musical program, held in the dining hall. Glen Coates played the piano, violinists were his sister Gloria Nugent and Lucien Beauette. The program included oldies from the turn of the century, waltz's, jigs, and other old time music. This brought memories of early days when we were all younger. Appreciation was extended to the visitors for the pleasurable afternoon.

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Dec. 18 Dave Donnachie, Pat Hurley, Beth Anderson, Sylvia Patton and Cecil Blenkhorn presented an afternoon of music and song in the dining hall. Their carols and songs were much enjoyed by the large attendance of residents here at the Manoir. Appreciation was extended them by Gisele Benoit, and by individuals for the pleasant afternoon.

The evening of Dec. 17 Valérie Courchesne's pharmacy entertained the Manoir resident with a Christmas party

held in the activity room.

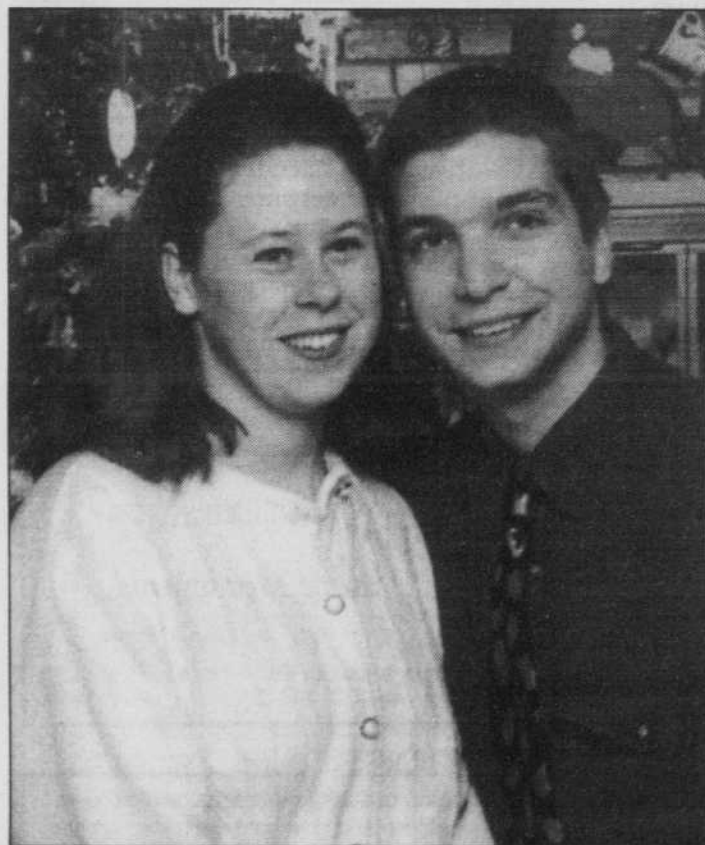
Two musicians, Lucien Beauchenen and Aurul Lacroix played violins and Cleon Strouthos led for the singing of carols and songs of the season. Valerie circulated chatting with the large attendance.

Refreshments of Christmas fruit cake and beverages were passed by helpers, there were gifts from Valerie for everyone. Judy Cuming, Director of the Manoir thanked Valérie for the delightful evening, as did the party guests.

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The Directors and residents at the Manoir are deeply appreciative to the many people in the community that have taken their time and effort to come and entertain and give a great deal of pleasure to the residents here. May all the joys of the season be yours and may God Bless each and all of you for the joys you have given to all of us here.

Ivy Hatch



## Engagement

The family and friends are pleased to announce the engagement of Stephanie Robinson to Dan Arcouette. The wedding will take place on July 31, 1999 at St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University.

Yet a little while  
Did I from you  
My face I hide  
Said the Lord  
In the ensuing  
Depair, fear, confusion  
Was it me again  
You did deny

For when my light  
I showed again  
The ensuing joy  
Did cause all  
To forget their  
Temporary fright

That eventually  
We all can see  
That it's the Lord  
Who never fails

To come with His relief  
And is this not  
That is to say  
Our fear and grief  
In comparison with  
The joy's reprieve  
Such as to compare  
With being rescued  
From the pit and snare  
And even death's despair  
To life anew  
In the same shape  
Our bodies share  
Though nothing  
Outward changed  
But that inside  
We've gained  
By growing faith

Of knowing when  
Tribulation came  
Doubts and chaos reigned  
But by faith we say  
The joy will come again  
And sorrow and sighing  
Will flee away  
And a perfect day  
Is rare  
Is there not in every day  
A little sadness and despair  
Such that we die  
Almost every day  
But by faith in He  
Are risen the same day.

Steve Lamb  
Sutton, Que.

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: G equals B

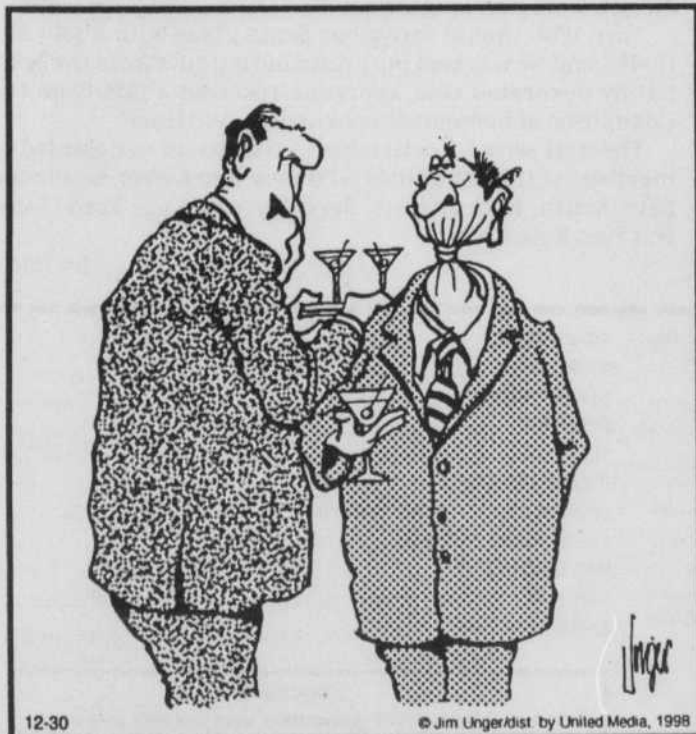
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**White House Christmas and birthday party**

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 The party started off by a visit from Robert Benoit, MLA, who was warmly greeted by everyone, circulating to chat with all gathered and was congratulated on his recent win of the election for his riding. After wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in 1999 he departed.  
 Marge Keeley played the piano, later Tom Richie played, he also led for the singing of carols and songs of the season.  
 As Pidad Michellod presented Mary and Merle each with a Christmas corsage all sang the birthday song.  
 As the party continued Olive Yates arrived with the gift of flowers for every lady in residence here at the White House. The flowers were a beautiful red rose with star of Bethlehem baby's breath.  
 Ivy read two poems - "Who is an Angel" written by Dave Donnachie, and "Liquor Lengths Life." Lois Leney read another poem, "Grandma Knows."  
 The birthday gals were each presented with a Christmas bag containing cards and gifts. Mary's guests were Raymond and Madelyn Curtis, Irene Thomson and Rita Cloutier. Merle's were her daughters-in-law, Carole and J'Arc Clowery.  
 Then who should arrive but Santa Claus with a jolly Ho-Ho-Ho, and he was kept busy distributing gifts from the beautifully decorated tree, everyone received a gift from the Committee of homemade cookies in a container.  
 The staff served a delectable Christmas dinner assisted by members of the Committee who were Rita Richer, Lois Leney, Betty Smith, Joyce Demers, Beryl Joyce and Sue Rowe. Santa was Fred Robertson.

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computer awarded zero and moved to the next deal.

The tournament ended in a sweep for the United States, with Michael Rosenberg, of Scarsdale, N.Y., scoring 70.2 percent and winning \$25,000, ahead of Bart Bramley, of Chicago, Ill. (\$17,500), and Eric Rodwell, of Napier, Ill. (\$10,000).

The computer program, Professor Matt Ginsberg's GIB led at the halfway stage, but eventually finished 12th. Still, that is an impressive result.

This double-dummy problem would be far too simple for the Lille contest. Yet, do you see how to make seven no-trump after the annoying spade lead? (Yes, seven diamonds is much easier.)

Clearly, you mustn't win a trick in the South hand; otherwise, you will lose a club trick.

The answer involves unblocking four high honors. After winning with the spade king, cash the spade ace and jettison the heart ace. Now take dummy's three heart winners, discarding the three top diamonds. The last eight tricks are won by dummy's diamond sequence.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Outside of purely commercial arenas, your judgment might leave little to be desired today. However, you'll be in your element and at your best form in situations that are of financial importance. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) We can't please everyone at all times, but you're likely to score a high batting average today. The one fly in the ointment could be with someone no one can stand.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Your luck could spring from the most unlikely sources today. Leave the door of opportunity open at all times so that someone who wants to do you a favor will be given the chance.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) In your involvements with friends today, keep everything on a purely social basis. The best results will be achieved when you stay out of their business and vice versa.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) It doesn't seem to matter whether or not you receive cooperation from your associates today. You could be rather ingenious in circumventing barriers that hinder you from your objectives.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) In order for you to be effective and constructive today, you must revise your original game plan to accommodate fluctuating conditions. Try to be flexible.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) With exceptional effectiveness, you should be able to

manage all that is necessary to facilitate your own needs today. You'll also be clever at masterminding things for your friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your greatest successes are likely to come from partnership arrangements today. If you choose, you can still achieve success working independently from others, but to a lesser degree.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tasks that are more physical than mental will put your ingenuity to work today. It is very likely that you'll devise some kind of labor saving techniques.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if you have to compete against someone who you'd rather beat than say the President, don't turn what should be a fun pastime into a serious event. You'll play better.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons you're responsible for should take precedence over all of your other involvements today. Providing for their needs and concerns will be No. 1 on your list of priorities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Collective objectives can be achieved to everyone's satisfaction today, especially involvements with friends. Share time with those you call your pals.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

## The toughest contest

By Phillip Alder

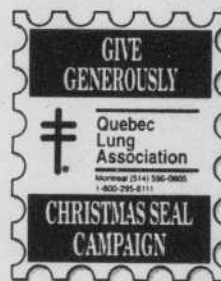
By far the toughest competition in Lille was the Par Contest. over two days, 34 humans (4 women and 30 men) and one computer program tried to solve 12 single-dummy problems. In each of the four two-hour sessions, the players, sitting at Compaq computer terminals, had to solve three incredibly difficult problems. There were 2,000 points available for each deal. Every error cost points. After three errors, the player scored zero. And if play was still in progress after 40 minutes, the



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