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Voters want more accountability from MNAs

Anglos conspicuously absent from electoral reform hearings

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

Proportional representation, more decision-making powers for the regions and fixing a specific election date were among the concerns heard yesterday in Sherbrooke by members of a roving committee looking into electoral reforms.

Headed by former Caisse Populaire chairman Claude Béland, the commission is touring the province seeking

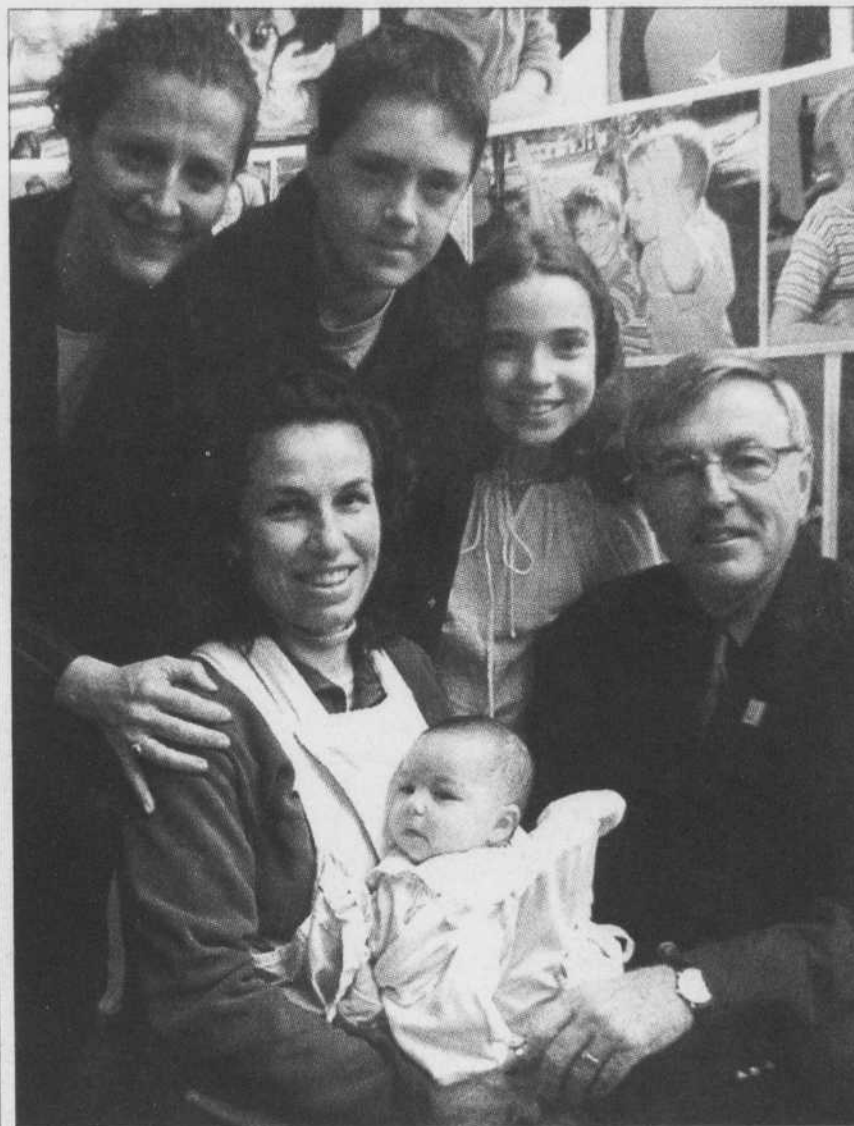
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The roving electoral reform committee is led by Claude Béland.

Celebrating Children



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For the second year in a row, Sherbrooke's Ville en Santé committee organized a series of events for National Children's Day under the theme of "J'ai le goût d'être avec toi" (I Want to be With You). Former Sherbrooke School Board director Louise Boisvert, honorary godmother for local activities, encouraged parents to take the evening off and spend in with their children to celebrate the day which commemorates two historic events: the signing of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. Boisvert, who has just been named publisher of La Tribune, posed last week with honorary kiddies Adjanie and Xavier Gaudreau.

More Bearable Holidays



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

The Granby Sears store has launched its campaign to raise money for the Granby Hospital pediatrics unit, and supply some sick kids with teddy bears during the holiday season. The objective to sell 2,000 of the cuddly white bears. Sears will be donating 75 teddy bears to children in the unit. Back: Caroline Fauteux, president of the Granby Hospital Foundation, Chantal Poulin, Marc-André Pouliot and Gisèle Gibson of Sears, and Celine Vary, director of nursing. Front: Dr. Nancy Beaulieu, head of the maternity, pediatrics and women's health program, Dr. Patrice Guay, Amélie Soul-Hébert and Roland Hébert.

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Immigrants need help to integrate: Commissioner

By Elizabeth Thompson
SOUTHAM NEWS

The federal and provincial governments should do more to help immigrants integrate into official language minority communities across the country, Official Languages Commissioner Dyane Adam said on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters as she tabled a new report by her office, Adam said it's not enough to direct immigrants to provinces where they can bolster an official language minority, rather services have to be provided to help them integrate into minority communities.

"Successful immigration in a minority context cannot be left to chance," Adam said. "It requires close co-operation among the various levels of government and local authorities."

Adam said governments also must do more to recognize the professional qualifications of immigrants.

The problem centres on the penchant on the part of many of those who immigrate to Canada to integrate into the official language majority in the

province in which they settle - even though they may already speak the language of the minority.

In 2001, 13,000 of Canada's 250,000 immigrants were members of official language minorities - anglophones settling in Quebec or francophones settling elsewhere in Canada, according to the report made public Tuesday.

The result is the imbalance that already exists between English and French in many provinces is growing because immigrants are enriching one side and not the other, said Adam.

"What is happening is that immigration is currently contributing to reducing the demographic weight of French-speaking citizens within the Canadian population."

In Quebec, the phenomenon is less pronounced because many English speaking immigrants will integrate into Quebec's English community, said Adam. However, those immigrants tend to concentrate in Montreal, meaning the English community in outlying regions doesn't benefit from immigra-

tion.

To counter the national trend, the government should set targets for each province for the number of immigrants for official language minority communities, said Adam. For francophones destined for anglophone provinces the target should be at least five per cent.

Immigration officials should have more information at their disposal about the services and jobs available in minority communities for immigrants, she said.

"Most of the services offered to immigrants during the establishment process, once they arrive in Canada, are mostly offered in English... Given that Canada is a bilingual country, they should expect to have services of equivalent quality regardless of where they go on Canadian territory."

Adam also suggested an "immigrant retention index" to monitor how well immigrants are integrating into minority-language communities.



FILE PHOTO

Official Languages Commissioner Dyane Adam says government should set targets.

Scam nets millions in bogus GST rebates: report

By Tim Naumetz
SOUTHAM NEWS

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and his government played down allegations Tuesday of a multimillion-dollar GST scam involving car sales across the border, saying simply that the perpetrators will be caught and punished.

The government was responding to a CBC report that quoted police officers saying the "honour" system of a GST rebate for retail car exports has been a cash cow for scam artists. Criminals set up phoney companies to buy and sell cars that don't exist and then invoice the federal customs and revenue agency for the automatic seven per cent GST rebate on most cars sold into the U.S. No bills or proof are required under federal tax law.

"If some people are cheating, we will catch them and they will pay," Chrétien told reporters after a cabinet meeting.

In the Commons, Liberal MP Sophia Leung, parliamentary secretary to Revenue Minister Elinor Caplan, also promised action, but did not respond specifically to the allegations of widespread fraud. Leung said the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency is hiring more staff to investigate GST rebate claims.

"If we find there is truly fraud involved, we will prosecute and impose punishment and fines," she told the Commons.

The news report said the fraud is costing taxpayers millions of dollars a year. University of Victoria economist David Giles, a specialist in the underground economy, said the loss of a billions dollars annually for "this sort of activity" would be reasonable.

The GST refund for sales to foreign countries, primarily to the U.S., was intended to keep Canadian companies competitive abroad. But because the gov-

ernment does not normally check the validity of the GST rebate claims, the refund is susceptible to fraud.

The CBC interviewed a man convicted in 1999 of defrauding the government of \$400,000 in six months. He said the government supplied him an "input tax credit" form every month, which he sent back and then automatically received refund cheques.

A court case began Tuesday in Milton, Ont., involving seven people accused of cheating the government out of \$25 million in false GST refunds. The arrests followed a 10-month investigation into fraudulent car deals and paper companies that received GST refunds from the federal government.

MPs from the Canadian Alliance, the Conservatives and the NDP attacked the government over the issue Tuesday, accusing Ottawa of hounding ordinary taxpayers and the disabled over tax issues

while letting true criminals run rampant.

"Small businesses have to struggle to comply with the GST and deal with an army of... bureaucrats every day," said Canadian Alliance MP Charlie Penson. "How could the government allow this big-time GST racket to slip through?"

NDP MP Wendy Lill questioned the lax regime for the GST export rebates in light of a recent tightening of tax credits for the disabled. The NDP says Revenue Canada has eliminated tax credits for 46,000 Canadians with disabilities.

"Canada Customs and Revenue Agency is regularly cutting cheques for millions of dollars to used-car salesmen without documentation (and) at the same time government officials have been denying disability tax credits to some people with severe disabilities," said Lill.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. Rain beginning in the evening. High near 6.

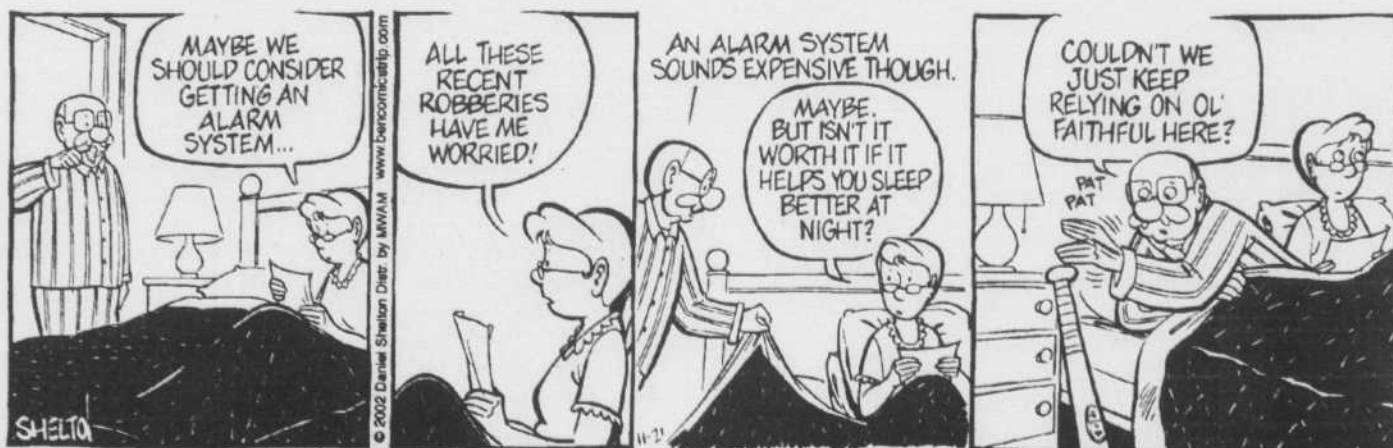
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Saturday: Clear periods. Low near minus 4. High near minus 2.

Sunday: Snow showers. Low near minus 1. High near zero. Probability of precipitation 60 percent.

Normals for the period..Low minus 6. High 3.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



SQ to hold info meeting for Brome Lake residents

Staff

With the Town of Brome Lake on the verge of handing its police services over to the Sûreté du Québec, an information meeting will be held to discuss the change.

On Thursday Nov. 28 Brome-Missisquoi detachment commander Roger Poirier, Const. Yvan Barrière and members of the Brome Lake council will host the information session.

"This meeting will officially present the new police service which will take effect in the near future," said Poirier in

a press release.

Brome Lake will be the last municipality in Brome-Missisquoi to integrate its police force with the SQ. By then some 64 police officers and seven civilian employees will cover the region, offering complete police services to 47,027 residents living on a 1,552 square kilometre territory.

Among the ranks of the SQ will be the former members of the Brome Lake force, as well as former members of the Cowansville, Bedford and Farnham forces. Faced with overcrowding in the

existing offices, the SQ is presently searching for a new location in a strategic spot for the region.

The 52 police officers who will carry out regular patrolling duties in Brome-Missisquoi will be divided into five teams, each covering a specific sector. One team will be set aside to cover the territories of Brome Lake and West Bolton.

At the meeting the SQ will give Brome Lake residents a presentation outlining the services it will provide in Brome-Missisquoi. It will also discuss

the role of public security committees in tailoring the service to the needs of the population.

In order to ensure a familiar presence in each of the 21 municipalities, certain police officers have been paired up with certain municipalities, so that they can be aware of and identify specific problems.

Poirier said the handling of calls and an explanation of the services offered will also be a part of the information meeting. SQ representatives will also answer any questions.

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input from Quebecers about what kind of democratic electoral system they would prefer.

The PQ says it wants to make Quebec's government and electoral system more democratic. As a first step, the PQ launched a public policy reflection paper entitled *Le pouvoir aux citoyens et aux citoyennes* (Power to the People) in June.

"There has been a stability for 150 years but we live in a period when people realize that changes need to be made, and not only in Quebec," Béland said, adding that important changes have been made in Europe and other Canadian provinces. Béland added that globalization, for example, has made it necessary to revisit the province's democratic institutions.

The commission listened to Townshippers' concerns in Sherbrooke yesterday at the University of Sherbrooke during the day, and at the Delta Hotel in the evening.

Béland said one of the main concerns among participants was the need for more proportional representation. There was a wide range of suggestions but many favoured replacing the British parliamentary model with an American presidential one where each and every citizen can cast a ballot for their choice for president, said Béland.

Many throughout the province, added Béland, complained that their Members of the National Assembly were unwilling to go against the party line, even if it meant adhering to the wishes of the people who elected them, their constituents.

"He or she (MNA) is their representative at the government level but many said the person doesn't listen," continued Béland. "They must always fall into rank if they know what is good for their political future. And they are fearful of doing anything shake to the party's stability."

Other issues raised in Sherbrooke include lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, which is favoured by the Commission Jeunesse Estrie, and having general elections on fixed dates.

Former federal minister Monique

Vézina said participation among the area's youth has been very encouraging. She added students especially have shown a lot of interest in possible reforms.

The minister charged with Intergovernmental affairs as well as electoral and parliamentary reform, Jean-Pierre Charbonneau said in October that the reform could be ready for a provincial election deadline next fall, but won't likely be introduced until after the next general election.

Committee member and ADQ founder Jean Allaire said results of the consultation will be too important for the party in power after the next general election to sweep under the rug.

"Because people have lost confidence in our system, they tend to fear that their recommendations won't be followed up. They have great expectations," said Allaire

ANGLOS ABSENT

Anglophones in Montreal and the Townships have been conspicuously absent, said a disappointed Béland. The committee president said an additional consultation session has been added in Dorval in early December in hopes the English community there will turn out to express its concerns and make suggestions.

The commission will culminate in an Estates-General in the spring of 2003. The committee also includes McGill University rector Bernard Shapiro, former Montreal municipal councillor Martine Blanc, economist Joseph Giguère, Brenda Paris, Christian Robitaille, McGill student Emmanuelle Hébert and Michel Laflamme.

The estates-general's web site, where Charbonneau's discussion paper is posted, is: www.pouvoircitoyen.com.



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The panel hearing the public's views on electoral reform visited Sherbrooke yesterday.

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Historic Inverness church to be moved a second time

Anglican church on the move again

Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
INVERNESS

An historic, 120-year-old Anglican church is on the move again. For the second time in its long life, Inverness' Church of the Ascension will be moved to a new location in the town, this time in order to build a new foundation under it.

"Its present basement is finished and has to be rebuilt," said church treasurer Winifred Trepannier.

"It's too expensive to rebuild it at its present location, so we found another plot further up Gosford road and a new foundation is supposed to be dug soon."

The new location, at the corner of Gosford Rd. and Des Erables St., is about half a mile from its present location at 299 Gosford Rd. South. The new site is next door to the town's fire station and across the road from the former Academy building, now a private residence.

The clapboard-covered church was first built in 1882 at the corner of ranges eight and nine, known then as Campbell's Corner.

As more of the parishioners moved into the town's center, the church had to follow. In 1925, the church was dis-

mantled and moved section by section to its present location.

But now the ledge rock and cement foundation has deteriorated so much, said Trepannier, the basement floods every spring and fouls up the heating system.

She said the parish considered rebuilding the foundation on its present local, but found that difficult given that the land surrounding the building had been sold to former church warden Sidney McKee in 1975 at a public auction.

"At the time, many anglophones were leaving the area and we were short of money, so a portion of the land was sold to raise funds for the parish," she said.

When the parish found out that work on the foundation would mean reclaiming some of the land sold, they opted for a new location.

Trepannier would not go into details about the land ownership, adding only that the parish found it less expensive to build a new foundation at a new location than to work at the present site.

"When the church is moved and in place, we will also have room to build a parking lot and a

driveway," she said.

"As it is now, we have to park our cars on the street because not all the land is ours anymore."

Kenneth McKee, Sidney's son and present owner of the land, said he had offered to rent it to the parish for \$1 a year, but the parish opted to find land of their own.

"They told me they wanted to buy the land back, but we wanted to keep it," he said.

"When they got another plot, they decided it would be better to move the building."

The move and the building of the new foundation are being financed by the provincial government sponsored religious heritage committee and by private foundations. The committee is footing 70 per cent of the bill at \$77,000. The total cost of the project is approximately \$127,000, according to the Reverend Rodney Clark, Quebec Anglican diocesan treasurer and pastor at Church of the Ascension.

Trepannier hopes to have the foundation built and the church moved by December and ready for a Christmas service the parish usually holds on Dec. 22.

In addition to a new foundation, the church will be graced with an organ and pews from the Bishop's Chapel in Quebec City.

"The diocese in Quebec decided to remove the pews and put in individual chairs, so it gave them to us," she said.

"Our pews were all handmade wood. They're beautiful to look at but very uncomfortable to sit on. A lot of the parishioners tended to slide off them during the service."

She said the church has room for 100 parishioners, even though the present parish is made up of only 11 households.

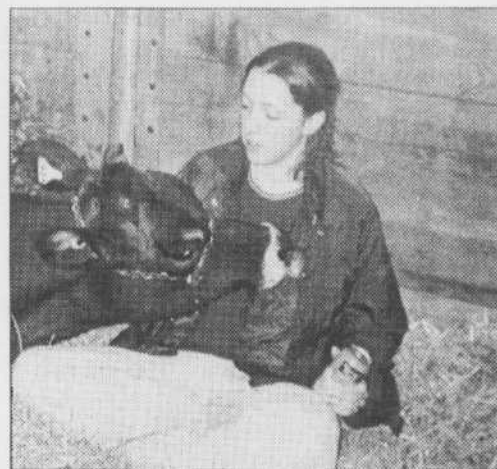
"Last Christmas, we had at least 115 people in attendance, and a year ago last Nov. 11, during our 125th anniversary as a parish, we had over 110 people in attendance."

Local teens participate in Royal Toronto winter farm fair

You know you've arrived when you hit the stage of the Grand ol' Opry, Carnegie Hall, or Broadway, but for farmers, being invited to the Royal Toronto Winter Fair is right up there. Especially young farmers showing their stock for the first time in the big arena.

Just ask Karyn and Karolyn Kirby who recently returned from the winter agricultural fair, where hundreds of the best compete for ribbons and medals for their farm animals.

The Kirby teens are well known for their animals in local farm circles having won numerous accolades at regional farm fairs.



COURTESY SHARRON KIRBY

Karolyn Kirby takes a moment with her senior yearling heifer Juliette who was shown in the Scotiabank Hays Classic at the Royal Winter Fair.



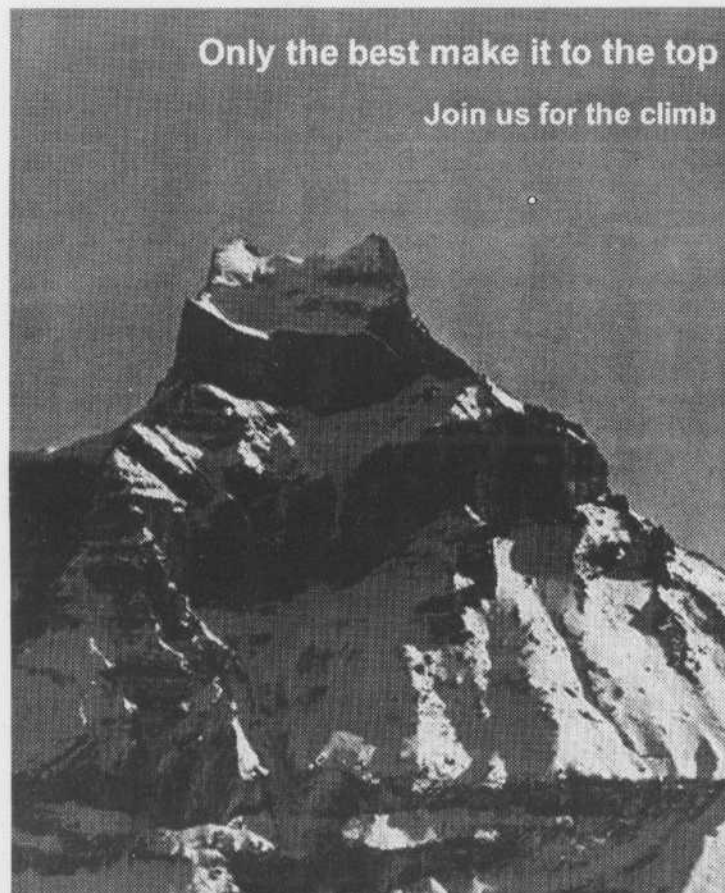
COURTESY SHARRON KIRBY

Karolyn and Karyn with their senior yearlings shown in the Scotiabank Hays Classic show.



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Karyn Kirby discusses the day's performance in the ring with her senior yearling Sandra.



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Quality of jobs lacking for Estrie women: Study

Women in the area earn average of \$17,006 annually

By Kate Shingler
SHERBROOKE

A lot of women work in the Eastern Townships, but their jobs are often boring and low paying, according to a Quebec council on the status of women (CSF) report on the Estrie region.

CSF president Diane Lavallée presented the 157-page report to local community groups and the media in Sherbrooke yesterday. The report is an attempt to document the conditions of women in the Estrie region. More than 40 recommendations are given to regional organizations to improve the situation of women and permit the area to prosper.

The employment rate here is nearly 50 per cent, higher than in other parts of the province, but, the jobs that women perform are often in low-status fields like the service industry and office work, she explained. Despite the integration of women into the workforce, they remain restricted to less interesting and lower paying work.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

CSF president Diane Lavallée presented the 157-page report.

Local women earn an average salary of \$17,006, only 63.9 per cent of what the average man earns annually in the area. Women in the rest of the province bring home an average salary of \$19,484.

"We hope the report will force decision-makers to adjust their priorities and put in place a system where women can participate fully in the development of the region," she said. "(The report) is an exhaustive document, one that traces a portrait of women's situa-

tion, it also serves as a development tool for the region - a call for regional initiatives."

The thirteenth in a series of reports on the condition of women in the province, the Estrie file focuses on all aspects of women's lives including education, physical and psychological health, work, and community development. It states that in the Estrie region, 38 per cent of women-run households are poor. The area also accounts for a higher population of people over 65 years of age. Lavallée said that the immigrant and handicapped population are particularly vulnerable. "One out of five women in the Estrie region suffers from psychological distress," she noted. In the 1990s, the suicide rate went up by 24 per cent. "It is a very worrisome situation," noted Lavallée.

One of the biggest obstacles for all women in the workplace is the balance between work and family. It is difficult to harmonize family life, social life, and professional life, she admitted. "It's a collective problem, one that should be undertaken by the whole community."

Hélène Harvey, director of the council's regional offices, wants to remind young

girls of the wide range of opportunities available to them locally, and abroad.

"We encourage young women students to diversify their academic classes," Harvey explained. "There's an unlimited number of choices for young women, and we are trying to encourage them to take advantage of all the other choices that are out there. There are more interesting things to do."

Harvey said that one of the distinguishing trends about the Estrie region is the kind of sectors where women generally work. There are lots of small and medium sized business, where the salaries are lower, she noted. "Women are concentrated in the services or office work."

The imbalance between what women and men do to earn a living stems from some of the most common resource-based industries in the area, forestry, and agriculture, which are traditionally male-dominated fields.

"People say women don't have problems anymore, well we're telling them there's a different reality out there," said Lavallée.

Petition calls for pesticide ban

Staff
SHERBROOKE

The consumer protection group ACEF-Estrie this week presented a petition asking the city of Sherbrooke to ban dangerous pesticides and herbicides starting in January 2003 rather than waiting for provincial regulations that would prohibit their use the following year.

Some 1500 individual signed the petition sponsored by the president of the Association coopérative d'économie familiale de l'Estrie which was presented at this week's council meeting by ACEF president Mireille Guay.

The citizens are asking the city to ban the most noxious pesticides such as Killex and 2,4-D that are used to control weeds and insects on lawns and gardens.

In the petition addressed to Mayor Jean Perrault and councillor Bernard Tanguay, the head of the city's sustainable development committee, the group notes that in June of 2001, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the town of Hudson could

ban pesticides, confirming that municipalities have the right to protect citizens by banning the use of products that are dangerous to humans and the environment.

Last spring, Quebec Environment Minister André Boisclair announced his government would strictly limit the use of 28 of the most toxic lawn chemicals which have been linked to cancer and other diseases affecting children from use on Quebec lawns and gardens.

But ACEF complains that the application of new regulations on the use of pesticides have been spread over too long a period. They insist Sherbrooke could and should act more quickly to adopt stricter regulations throughout the territory - except on farmland.

ACEF Estrie notes that it has been active in the fight against dangerous pesticides for years, playing a role in the process that led to a first pesticide regulation the former city of Sherbrooke in 1993.

"But that regulation is inadequate," they insist, urging the city to act now.

Judge authorizes \$500,000 lawsuit against Sherbrooke bus drivers

Summer flash strike left many Sherbrooke residents stranded

By Kate Shingler

A half-million dollar class action suit against the local bus drivers' union, The Syndicat Canadien de la fonction publique (SCFP), was given the green light yesterday morning after two days of debate in a Sherbrooke courtroom over the union's decision to strike without giving the public notice.

Sherbrooke resident, Elise Biette was approved by Judge Jean-François Buffoni to act as the group representative for the roughly 5,200 people allegedly inconvenienced by the drivers' sudden walk-out in June, according to her lawyer Daniel Belleau, partner in the Montreal-based law firm Belleau Lapointe SENC.

Belleau said his firm is well versed in class action lawsuits, and is currently involved in several high profile cases, including

class actions against Nortel, CINAR, and Hyundai.

The case will not proceed to trial until next year, he explained, after a public notice is put in the paper advising people of the suit. Belleau said commuters who were travelling the morning of June 12 will be automatically included in the suit, and only those who wish to be excluded need to contact the lawyers. "It is rare that someone asks to be excluded from a class action lawsuit," he admitted in a telephone interview from his Montreal office yesterday.

Even if the case goes to trial and a settlement is offered, it needs to be presented in court for approval because the public is involved, he said.

Commuters will likely be asking for \$100 per head: \$75 for damages - the trouble and inconvenience and \$25 for exemplary damages.

The bus drivers' union, an affiliate of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), is currently involved in intense negotiations with its employer, the Société de transport de Sher-

brooke (STS). The union had planned to strike again last Monday but opted to stay at the table, though CUPE spokesperson Robert Bellerose declined to comment on the status of the negotiations yesterday.

As for the lawsuit, Bellerose who observed the courtroom debate Tuesday, said he expected the judge to grant permission to Belleau Lapointe SENC to file a class action lawsuit against the 115 member union.

"We are not surprised he authorized the class action suit. It was obvious (Tuesday) that the judge was going to. To have refused to grant the class action, he would have had to hear the whole story and he wasn't prepared to do that right now."

The union knows the process will be lengthy, Bellerose noted. "It is going to stretch out over 18 months." The lawsuit, he said, is unfounded.

The Record incorrectly reported yesterday that Judge Paul-Marcel Bellavance heard the request for permission to launch the class action suit. The judge involved is Jean-François Buffoni.

Community Forum

A remedy for the discord at Concordia U

In an ideal world, everyone should have the freedom to speak anywhere, at any time and on any subject. This is especially true of a university such as Montreal's Concordia University, which strives to be serious about intellectual inquiry and the search for truth.

After all, one of the principles of any institution of higher learning is the sacred principle of freedom of speech - not just freedom of speech for those who agree with us but also freedom of speech for those we disagree with and even hate.

That said, what about the sacred right for those who do not wish to listen? Do they have equal rights or must they always acquiesce to the speaker?

Concordia's President Frederick Lowy hinted that the university would amend its Code of Rights and Responsibilities, which govern all faculty members, support staff and students, after the recent contentious and controversial visits of Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and NDP Member of Parliament, Svend Robinson.

"There will be restrictions that weren't there before," said Lowy ominously.

Does Lowy intend to curtail legitimate free expression on campus or does he have the besieged listener in mind? For the sake of all faculty and students who wish to pursue their work and studies in a safe and civil environment, I certainly hope Lowy and Concordia strike the right balance.

Perhaps it is high time that Concordia seriously consider including in its Code, a provision to better protect the listener from the clamour and the clatter of professional "noise-makers", such as Netanyahu and Robinson, while at the same time safeguarding their freedom of speech.

The argument could be made that the listener has a choice not to listen, but unless you are deaf or wear earplugs, the reality is, there is little choice but to listen - especially if you are a student, who must be on campus to study and attend class,

while the "noise-makers" are exercising their right to speak.

To overcome this apparently insoluble impasse, between those who insist on their right to speak at any place and at any time and those who do not wish to be harassed, bothered or bewildered, I propose the following remedy:

VIEWPOINT

FRANK NIXON

Concordia could designate "free speech areas" on campus - preferably with metal detectors and padded rooms, without windows, in case the debates "get out of hand". The place, the time and the speaker would be well advertised in advance so as not to impinge on the sacred constitutional right of the speaker to be fairly heard.

In addition, Concordia should enshrine in its Code, as sacrosanct and unassailable, the right to have well-defined non-speaking areas for those who choose not to listen.

An extreme and impractical remedy, you think? Think again. There are plenty of precedents for my proposal.

To name just a few: we have designated "red-light" districts for prostitutes plying their trade, special economic zones for merchants selling their wares; and of course, non-smoking areas for those that choose not to smoke.

To listen or not to listen - that is the question - and the answer.

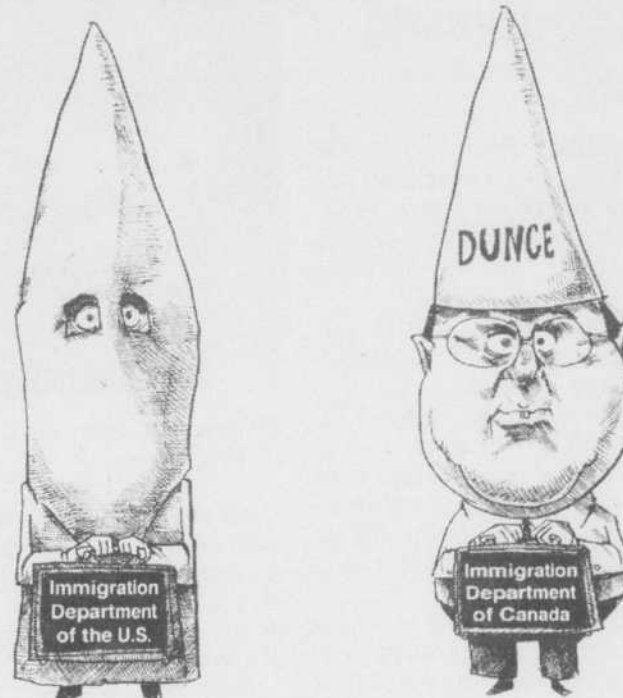
I know the implementation of my proposal will require determination and sincerity of purpose, but nevertheless, I suggest Concordia give my remedy a try.

I fear, however, that no matter what is proposed to help resolve Concordia's discord, it may ultimately fail - particularly when it comes to debating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As the poet, William Yeats, sadly observed of our age: "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity".

Frank Nixon is a freelance writer living in Knowlton

COURSE, THERE IS A SLIGHT SIMILARITY....



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blue Christmas Service helps deal with loss of loved one

DEAR EDITOR,

On Friday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm, we will be having a Blue Christmas Service in Dunham United Church. I would encourage those who are feeling the loss of a loved one, a friend, or dealing with illness, to set aside an hour and make an effort to attend.

Christmas is a time when death or tragedy seems particularly difficult to bear. Those of us who have lost a loved one often feel the loss more at Christmas.

We experience many emotions from disbelief to resentment to fear and guilt and even anger, that our loved one is no longer with us.

Fear and anxiety can isolate you from family and friends who want to offer support and comfort. (I thank

God I could open my heart to all those people who did so for us, two years ago.) At this Blue Christmas service you are probably are thinking, "I can't get through this, I'd be embarrassed and feel like a fool to cry, and I know I would." Believe me, when I say "you will not be alone." It's the time to shed your tears, show your sorrow, feel your loss, cleanse your soul and know you are not alone.

We (I) look forward to seeing you on Dec, 20 at 7:30 pm, and sharing a time, to hear the consoling and comforting words of Rev. Dave Lambie. God's Word, Our Comfort, Our Strength.

Moments of grief will come again and again, but you will have the peace of God to comfort you, when you leave this service.

Thanks for letting me share this with your readers

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Perspectives

Vacations for life

Erne Dawe is 83, his wife Margaret is 81. Back in the summer, they remember being ushered into a big room with other clients and being served some free food.

Then the pressure cookers were brought out. Salespeople worked the fed clients, to sign them up for 49-year, pre-paid vacation packages. Ernie and Margaret really don't know how they got caught up in the excitement. But they did. They bought a vacation package for \$12,995. It entitled them to the use of vacation properties, every other year, for 49 years. All they had to do was pay a \$162 US annual maintenance fee and an additional usage and maintenance fee of \$325 US to \$475 US per week of vacation. There was also a promise of a free Hawaii vacation if they paid right away. Ernie and Margaret paid \$9,474 on the spot, using their Visa and American Express cards. The remaining \$4,000 was due in the next few weeks. But within a few days, the Dawes realized what they had done. They tried to cancel but were told by a smiling official that the Dawes we're 'playing by our rules now'. And the rules said, clearly, no cancellations. The contract they signed, with the Vacation Store in Woodbridge, Ontario, was ironclad. Ernie and Margaret's signatures and initials appear on the contract papers in 18 separate locations.

The Dawes were distraught. They had made a big mistake. Margaret Dawes was almost in tears as we sat around the

kitchen table in their modest little apartment in Newmarket, Ontario. They had to cash in savings that had been set aside for funeral expenses to pay for their dream holidays as members of the Resort Villa Vacation Club.

At Goldhawk Fights Back, we immediately contacted Resort Villa Vacation Club and The Vacation Store. The first thing we were told was that the Dawes, after they had complained about the contract, were given a \$4,000 discount. In other words, that remaining \$4,000 owing had now been cancelled. All well and good.

But the Dawes had still paid \$9,474 they couldn't afford. Next, we contacted American Express Visa. Since the Dawes were unhappy with their vacation purchase, maybe the sale could be cancelled. American Express reported back first. The contract was in order, no rules had been broken, so there was nothing that officially could be done. But due to the age and circumstances of Ernie and Margaret, a senior Amex official talked to a senior Resort Villa Vacation Club official and the club agreed to refund the \$3,500 the Dawes had charged on their Amex card. Still waiting for Visa to decide what it will do. Stay tuned for the conclusion.



GOLDHAWK FIGHTS BACK

react to what they do or say, they often fly a trial kite—run an idea up a flagpole to see who salutes it and who shoots at it. I think that's what Immigration Minister Denis Coderre was trying to do a few days ago. In Regina he said it was time Canadians considered whether or not some kind of National Identity Card might come in handy. The NIC might contain

vital statistics about you in a magnetic stripe on the card, along with a photo and maybe even a fingerprint. What would have seemed an outrageous violation of privacy just a few years ago, might be acceptable in today's increasingly dangerous world. Coderre says a NIC might prevent the United States from demanding Visas from Canadians who want to visit the U.S. By all means, let's do all we can to appease our American friends. Let your MP know what you think about NIC.

TROJAN HORSE

Meanwhile, Privacy Commissioner George Radwanski continues his campaign to fight for privacy rights for us all. It's an uphill sled for the Commissioner,

especially after news that Osama Bin Laden has now included Canada as a target country for terrorist action. Geez. Great. We finally made in to the big international stage. We even get named on American Network News.

In Kelowna, Radwanski told an open-line radio show that he was worried police might use an anti-terrorism excuse from time to time, to enable them to meddle in our lives unreasonably.

I'm extremely concerned that Sept. 11 and anti-terrorism not be used as a kind of Trojan Horse or excuse to expand the powers of the police or the state to intrude on our lives and on our privacy for purposes that have absolutely nothing to do with anti-terrorism," said the Commissioner.

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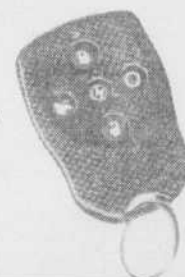


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Lecture/debate series on creation and evolution

Staff

A public lecture series on creation and evolution featuring several well known professors is scheduled in Lennoxville this weekend.

The series begins Friday, Nov. 22 from 4 to 5 p.m. Dr. Stephen Godfrey will talk about The Nature of the Fossil Record and What it Tells us About the Diversity/Evolution of Life Through Time. The lecture is scheduled at Bishop Williams Hall, Bishop's University.

On Saturday, Nov. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., Dr. Terry Mortenson will host lectures with a dual topic: Millions of years: Where Did the Idea Come From?; and Noah's Flood-Local or Global, and so what? The talk will take place at Green Ridge Baptist Church, 47 Queen St., Lennoxville.

Also at the Green Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 23, Mortenson will conduct a service from 10:30 to noon. Topic: Romans 8:18-25

At Centennial Theatre at 2 p.m. Sunday, there will be a presentation/debate with Dr. Godfrey and Dr. Mortenson. The topics are: How Old is the Earth?; and is Evolutionary Theory True?

Finally, on Monday, Nov. 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Mortenson (with assistance from Dr. Emil Silvestru) will host a lecture on Are Apes our Ancestors? at Bishop Williams Hall

Godfrey grew up in Quebec, receiving his BSc in Biology from Bishop's University. He later completed his PhD at McGill University in paleontology. Godfrey has worked at the Calvert Marine Museum, near the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland for nearly four years.

Mortenson, meanwhile, has been studying and speaking on the creation-evolution issue since the early 1970s. Much of his M.Div. studies have focused on various scientific, Biblical, historical and philosophical aspects of this subject.

Silvestru earned his PhD. in geology at the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania. A world authority on the geology of caves, he has published 30 scientific papers, and co-authored one book. He was, until recently, the head scientist at the world's first speleological institute, and is now a full-time researcher with Answers in Genesis (AIG).

In January, Silvestru immigrated to Canada from Romania with his wife and two daughters. In addition to doing research and writing for AIG, he now also on staff at AIG Canada as a Seminar Lecturer.

For more information on any of this weekend's upcoming events, contact David O'Neill at doneill@ubishops.ca

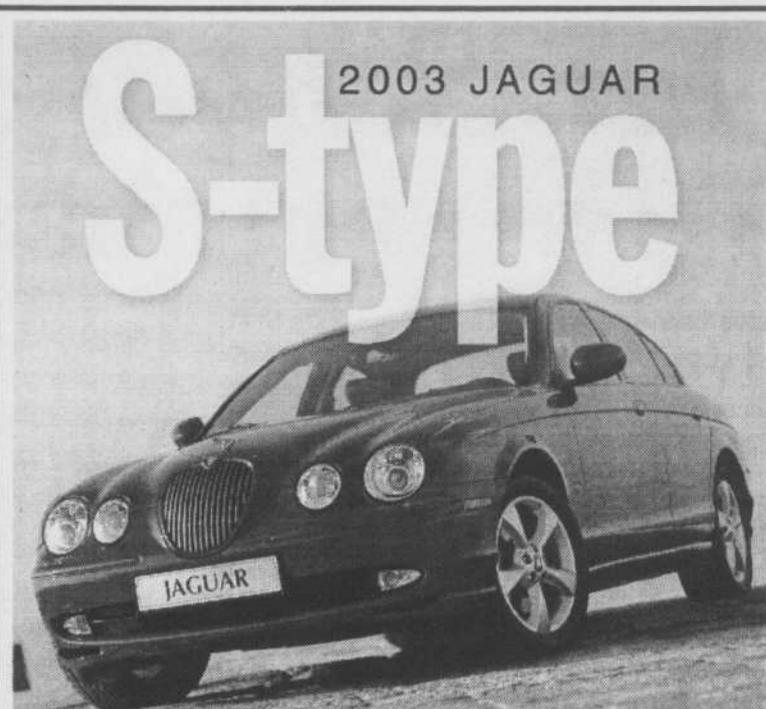
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Broadened appeal greets buyers for the new model year, but, then again, appeal has never been a problem for the S-Type

By **JASON STEIN**
FOR WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

You couldn't have blamed the folks at Jaguar for being a little shell-shocked the first time the S-Type sedan leapt from the barn, and immediately leapt out of showrooms.

That was back in 1999 and, as a 2000 model, nothing was hotter in the world of midsize luxury. Some Lexus-lookers were trading allegiances. About 14 per cent of Mercedes-Benz owners swapped their silver stars for Jaguars. Even BMW felt a rumble.

The new S-Type was the cat's meow. It was Jaguar's new purr. It doubled the company's worldwide sales within a year.

Flash forward four years and the S-Type is back with a whole new pounce, in a car that took about three years to rework. Faster, leaner, plusher, meaner, the 2003 Jaguar S-Type, and high-performance S-Type R, are set to pick up right where the last one left off, except with a strut that's even more stirring.

How so? You can start with a car that has had nearly 70 per cent of its previous components (mostly underneath) replaced with new ones, then roll on with a new lightning rod 400-horsepower, supercharged V-8 S-Type R.

It's still the same shapely exterior — a nice crouched look with a long hood, short trunk and lots of

curves in the right places that are reminiscent of the 1960s Mark II series — but it feels like a whole new drive because of the money spent under the skin.

The interior has been redesigned, the hardware has been upgraded and models have been added.

Still sharing the basic platform of the Lincoln LS (Ford owns Jaguar), the S-Type puts plenty of distance between it and the Ford product. It has its own powertrains, suspension tuning, steering and design. It still has its own personality. Actually, a few of them.

The 2003 S-Type comes in a number of variations: a 3.0-litre 240-horsepower V6 SE model with a new five-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic; the displacement-beefed 4.2-litre V8 (up from 4.0) S-Type that comes with 281 ponies; and the top-of-the-line S-Type R, a true thoroughbred.

Pick up an R and that's where things get exciting, in a big hurry.

Topped out at a Jaguar-esque \$89,950, the R is the most powerful 'cat' sedan ever created, moving from 0-100 km-h in a company-clocked 5.6 seconds. The R rolls in with sport suspension, Brembo high-performance brakes, Computer Active Technology Suspension, 18-inch wheels and high-performance tires as well as a load of other standard features.

Of course all of this would be for not, without the expertise of a finely tuned chassis. And, here again, Jaguar has stepped to the

forefront for another model year.

The company added two new engineers and an entirely new aluminum front and heavily revised rear suspension tuned to recreate the refinement needed for the S-Type. All models benefit from the heavy-duty reinforcement that is used to support the force of the supercharged R. That means everything is more stable all around. That also means interior pieces fit well, which provides sharper responses, pleasurable drives on the curvy road and a snug cabin more refined than it was before.

And speaking of interior, it too received a makeover, and not just in terms of aesthetics. Although slathered in wood and leather, inside the S-Type, audiophiles can opt for the 320-watt Alpine sound system. Technology buffs will appreciate the new optional LCD touchscreen telematics system with improved voice recognition to control stereo, climate, navigation and telephone functions.

On safety, new standard features include stability control, panic-assist brakes, anti-whiplash front seats, dual stage front airbags, side curtain airbags for front and rear seats and power-adjustable pedals.

Prices start just shy of \$60,000 for the entry-level 3.0-litre V6 with five-speed manual transmission. Step up to the 3.0-litre V6 with a new six-speed automatic transmission and you'll pay \$2,000 more.

Jaguar says it has a more mature car on its hands today than it did back in 1999. A quick drive would leave you believing it's a cat of a different colour.

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SPEC SHEET

2003 Jag S-Type

- ★ Four-door luxury sedan.
- ★ 3.0-litre DOHC V6 and two versions of a 4.2-litre DOHC V8, one naturally aspirated and the other supercharged. Horsepower ratings are 240, 300 and 400, respectively.
- ★ Base transmission is now a five-speed manual, while a six-speed automatic is optional (standard on all V8 cars).
- ★ It might look similar on the outside, but this Jag has 70-per-cent new parts for 2003.
- ★ The increase in transmission choices and the addition of the S-Type R broadens the appeal to buyers who might otherwise be BMW or Mercedes shopping.
- ★ Without question, the most delicious, and most powerful sedan (R) in Jaguar's lineup.
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PAPER CRANES FOR PEACE- BY CASEY GREENWOOD

This term the student of N.H.E.S are participating in the Sadako peace project. Students will send one thousand paper origami cranes that they have folded, to Japan. Sadako was a little Japanese girl who developed leukemia from the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. There is a Japanese legend that if you fold one thousand paper cranes you will get your wish. Sadako had folded more than five hundred cranes hoping that she would get better when, in 1955, she died. Her classmates raised money to have a statue erected in her memory. Now, N.H.E.S. students are sending their cranes to be hung on the Sadako statue, as a gesture of peace and remembrance.

WAR AND LOVE- BY JARRETT WILLIAMS AND ERIC COUVES

A young French man named André left his home in France to study in Paris. When war suddenly broke out, he was sent to fight for his country, and he had to leave his true love, who he was to wed.

This fragment of a great story came to N.H.E.S. students from Mrs. Paule Obermier, who's mother's fiancé was the man in the story. We learned that many newspapers didn't tell all the truth about life in the trenches. We also learned that war is the most terrible thing that can happen. We learned that, unfortunately, André did not return to his love as he wanted to.

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Par un frisquet matin d'Halloween, plusieurs monstres, sorcières, vampires et princesses escaladèrent la côte de l'école. Ceux-ci furent accueillis par deux sorcières, une vieille dame, une reine du disco, une mégère et une dame araignée. Le journée de l'Halloween s'annonçait excitante.

Les monstres de la 3ième et 4ième années, leur boîte d'Unicef au cou, partirent frapper aux portes des différents commerces de la North Hatley. Ils visitèrent la quincaillerie, le magasin de vidéos, l'Accommodation Massawippi, Jay's, Le Baron, Connaught Home et le bureau de poste. Tous ces petits costumés reçurent bonbons et argent pour l'Unicef.

Après avoir mangé la délicieuse pizza d'Halloween à la cafétéria, les monstres des 3ième à la 6ième années ont dansé "la danse des canards" et "la macarena" pour les petits monstres de la maternelle, 1ière et 2ème année. L'atmosphère de la danse était à la fête.

Par la suite, chaque groupe est retourné dans sa classe pour boire et manger la multitude de bonbons et petites gâteries envoyés par leurs parents. Tous repartirent le ventre plein, tout excités.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20-21: Scholastic Book Fair
November 21: Parent- Teacher Interviews
December 18th: Christmas Play



COURTESY NORTH HATLEY ELEMENTARY

Parent Kathleen Howard led the Choir Club in "Peace," and "O-So-See" at the Cenotaph Celebrations earlier this month.



Mexican Feast: Olà! Grade five and six students finished up a unit on Mexican, Central and South American cultures with a fancy salsa feast they prepared themselves in teams. It is important to note that there were vegetables involved, and that while some students expressed doubts at first, everyone was converted by the end of the meal. In addition to map activities and research in books and on the Internet about the different countries studied, each student created several art projects and wrote an original legend, which they read to younger students. They also learned how to tell their stories, as they might have been told before



Members of the North Hatley Fire Department (many of whom are N.H.E.S. grads!) came to share their fire-safety expertise with students and staff. We are grateful for their dedication and community spirit.



Our October Walk-a-thon was a huge success. In all we collected \$2,850, funds which will be shared among the grades for some very exciting end-of-year trips in June. We are grateful to our students' families and friends, and also to this generous community for their support.

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Bank of Canada robbed of its independence: Former governor

By Andrew Duffy
SOUTHAM NEWS

John Crow, the former governor of the Bank of Canada, says the once-proud institution has been robbed of its independence by the Liberal government. In his just-released memoir, *Making Money: Finance, Politics and the Bank of Canada*, Crow says the federal government now sets the country's inflation target, even though it likes to pretend that key monetary policy decision rests with the bank.

"Decisions relating to inflation targets are now effectively in the hands of the federal government, even if it chooses not to advertise the fact," writes Crow, who headed Canada's central bank from 1987 to 1994.

Since it is now the chief author of the country's monetary policy, the government should be more forthright, Crow says, and explain its basic monetary goals and how it plans to live up to them. "This will mean discarding the polite fiction that the bank has any real say over, and

therefore responsibility for, monetary policy formulation - however convenient that story may be for the government and however flattering the Bank of Canada may find it."

Crow dates the appropriation of the bank's authority to December 1993, and to then-finance minister Paul Martin. The events of that month would lead to Crow's departure from the Bank of Canada.

During his tenure, Crow had been a lightning rod for critics of the bank's tight monetary policy, which was a central feature of its campaign to wrestle inflation to the ground.

Liberal finance critics were chief among Crow's detractors, blaming him for a single-minded attack on inflation that led to high short-term interest rates and a strong Canadian dollar. They said the bank's monetary policy frustrated economic recovery, furthered the pain of the unemployed and bloated the deficit.

But after taking power in the 1993 election, the Liberals had to decide how

they would handle both Crow and the central bank's low-inflation policy.

The newly minted finance minister sought to deal, according to *Making Money*. Through an emissary, Martin told Crow that he would be reappointed as the bank's governor provided he agreed to relax the inflation targets established in 1991.

Both medium- and long-term targets had been established in 1991 through an unprecedented agreement between Tory Finance Minister Michael Wilson and Crow in an attempt to provide both "transparency and focus" to the country's monetary policy. At the time, inflation stood at seven per cent, short-term interest rates were more than 11 per cent and the Canadian dollar was worth about 87 cents U.S.

The medium-term objective was an inflation rate of two per cent, to be reached by the end of 1995. The longer-term strategy was "price stability" - a rate of increase in consumer prices well below two per cent.

in. You can't just say you're doing it because the minister of finance wanted it. You have to believe it's right yourself."

Crow said he refused to compromise on the issue because he felt a long-term inflation goal was important to sustaining confidence in the Canadian dollar.

When Crow's term expired in early 1994, Gordon Thiessen was appointed the new Bank of Canada governor. He served until 2001, when he was replaced by the current governor, David Dodge.

Over the past eight years, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's Liberal government has remained committed to an inflation target of one to three per cent.

He believes the independence of the Bank of Canada must be restored, or else the government must publicly justify its inflation target decisions.

"With the changes that have taken place via the implementation of inflation targets, policy formulation has moved inexorably toward the federal government's control," he writes. "The bank may write as much as it wants about inflation, inflation dynamics and price stability, but as the inflation target renewal exercise demonstrates, it is the government's political decision, not the bank's voluminous research . . . that calls the shots for inflation that is in our future.

In his book, Crow vigorously defends central bank policy during his tenure and dismisses his critics as shortsighted and ill-informed.

With his patrician manner and unblinking commitment to low inflation, Crow came to embody for many Canadians the heartlessness of 1980s economics. At a 1989 national convention, Canadian Auto Workers president Bob White was moved to shout to the assembled: "I say to hell with you, John Crow."

In general terms, the central bank's essential strategy during the Crow years was to keep short-term interest rates high to curb rising inflation while leaving the dollar free to rise against its U.S. counterpart. The high Canadian dollar exerted further downward pressure on spending and inflation.

Crow, for his part, contends that his anti-inflationary policies set the stage by 1994 for better monetary and economic performance in Canada.

He decided to write the book now, Crow said Tuesday because he was far enough from his experience to have perspective.

"What I write is not a call to arms," he added, "but it is trying to explain what I think is the essence of the situation: what has been good about it and what I think are the issues, what has been glossed over, or even covered up on occasion, things worth discussing because they're important in a long-run sense.

"They may not be important today, this week, but in the longer run sense, if you want to design something right, these are the things you have to focus upon."

Martin wanted the long-term goal eased, leaving the end point at one to three per cent. According to *Making Money*, Crow proposed a compromise: a long-term target of 0.5 to 2.5 per cent, which would produce a midpoint clearly below two per cent and in keeping with the bank's initial goal. He later suggested the targets could be swapped for a clear statement on long-range monetary principles.

When the alternatives were rejected or ignored, Mr. Crow said he could not continue as bank governor.

"We had an agreement on a long-term target and the government was going back on it and I really didn't feel, as a matter of principle, that that was something I wanted to endorse," Crow said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"That's in a sense where Bank of Canada independence comes

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Finally, he lifted the front of the "mask," but this allowed security cameras to photograph his face. He was arrested the next day. He got four years in jail.

THEY CLAIMED THEY WORK IN THE BANANA DEPARTMENT: A group of about 15 monkeys broke into a government office in Nigeria and vandalized the place before fleeing back into the jungle.

Officials have launched an investigation to find out how they got through security.

WELL, YOU LOOK PRETTY HEALTHY TO ME: A con man, who was wanted all over Italy for everything from fraud to theft to forgery, eluded authorities for months by pretending to be deceased and answering court summonses from the public prosecutors' offices with phony death certificates.

After 50 such responses, the authorities got wise and sent the cops to Verona to confront him in person.

I'LL JUST TAKE THESE ... BLAM, OUCH! A thief broke into a Brooksville, Fla., home to steal guns, and, once inside, accidentally shot off the middle toe of his left foot with a rifle.

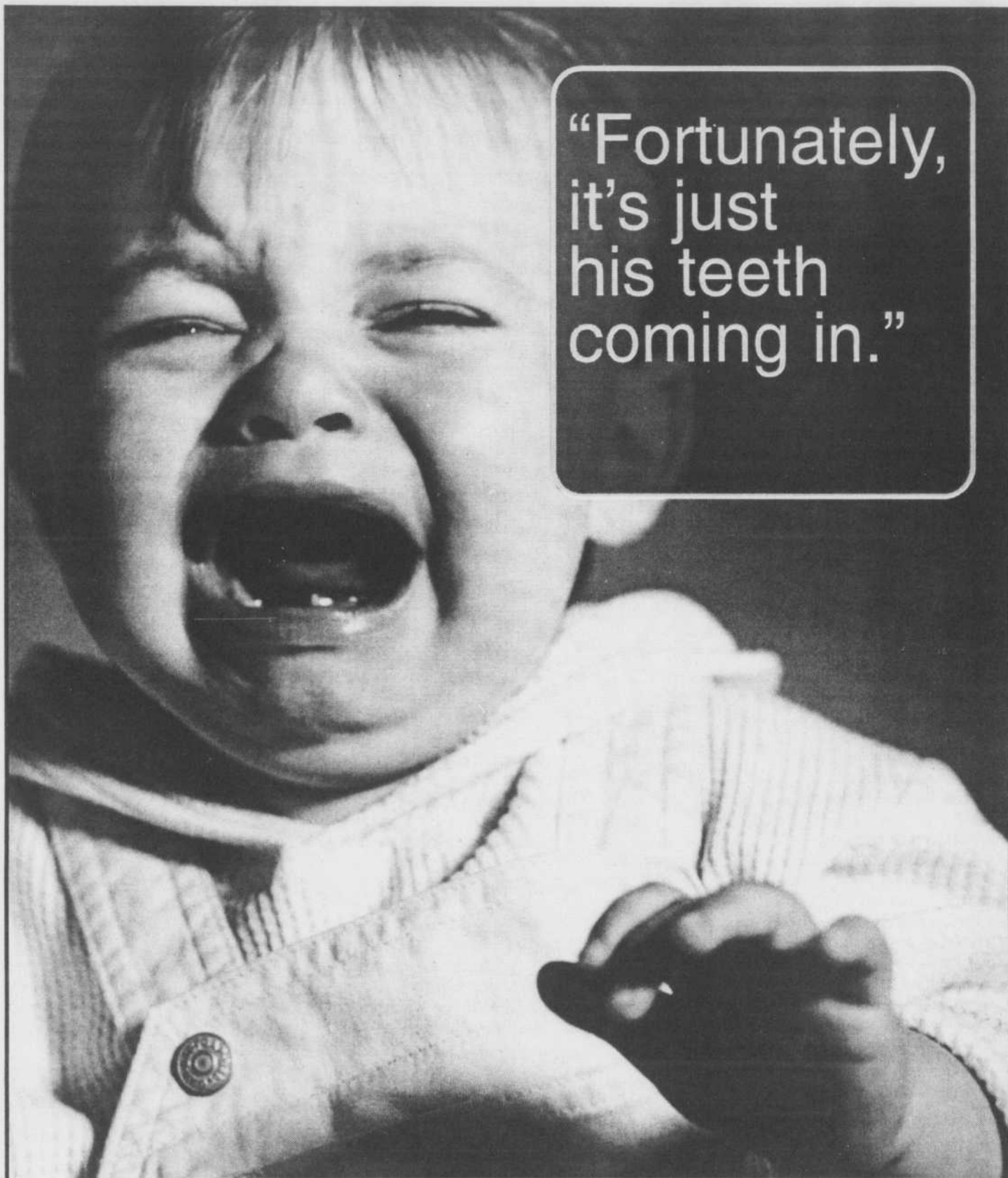
He was sitting on the living room couch in a daze when the homeowner arrived and called the police.

DON'T GET UP, WE'LL LET OURSELVES OUT: Two English mental health workers went to the home of a woman and found her sitting in the kitchen with her back to them.

In an extraordinary display of British reserve, they kept their distance as they chatted with her, but, when she didn't respond, they left, because "she didn't seem to want us there," one said.

Two other workers who visited the next day discovered the reason for the woman's failure to communicate: she was dead.

THE TICKET'S AT HOME, HONEST: A petty criminal tried to get a bail bondsman to spring him from a Tacoma, Wash., lockup by falsely claiming he had won \$93 million in the lottery, and promising to produce the winning ticket as security for the bond once he was freed. But it became clear that he was lying when the real winners claimed the prize before he could be released.



"Fortunately, it's just his teeth coming in."



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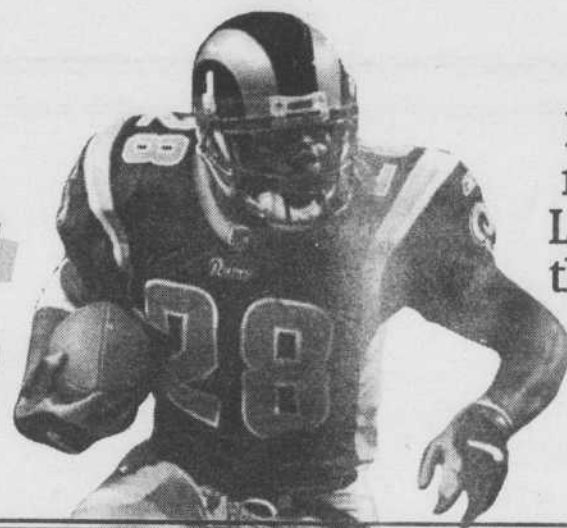
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Charbonneau unable to talk to *The Record*

Blackout prevents Frelighsburg native from giving interview

By Arash Madani
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

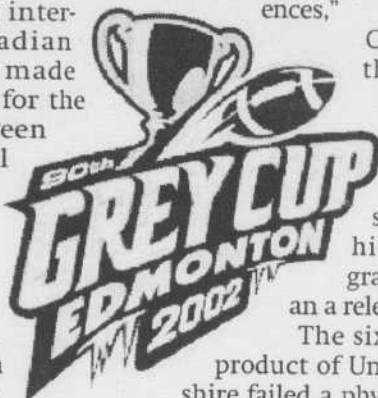
As the countdown mounts, so too does the focus of the Edmonton Eskimos with Sunday's Grey Cup right around the corner.

How much has the franchise clamped down on its availability? Not even one of the most accommodating interviews in the entire Canadian Football League is being made available by the franchise for the championship game between the Esks and the Montreal Alouettes to be hosted by Edmonton at Commonwealth Stadium.

Frelighsburg native Steve Charbonneau, who over the years has been one of the most media-savvy players in the league, has been ordered by the team to abide by a blackout. That means that other than the forced media activities the competing clubs go through in Edmonton, as well as the network requirements made by CBC and RDS, the Edmonton organization has decided that no players will be made available for comment.

No phone interviews.
No comments.
Not a lot of anything.
Not even to the defensive lineman's hometown newspaper.

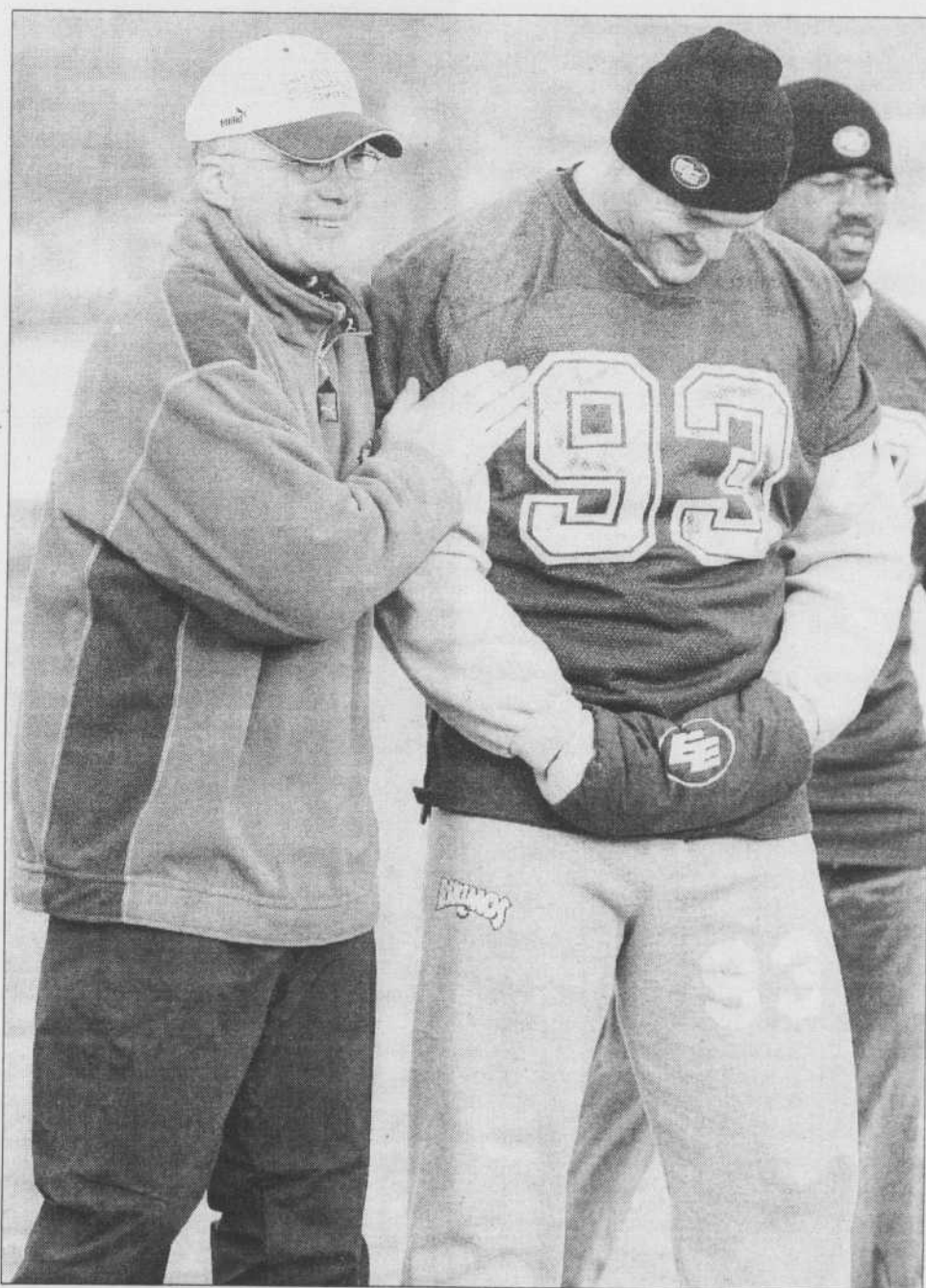
"I'm really sorry, and I hate to do this, but this is the policy for the team this week heading into Grey Cup," said Dave Jamieson, a spokesman for the Eskimos. "I know we've dealt with you before, and it has been great, but this is what we are telling everyone across the board unless they are here for the arranged conferences."



Charbonneau, who was the Alouettes cover boy for their media guide at the start of the 2002 campaign, last played in the Grey Cup two seasons ago with the Als, his former team, who granted the six-year veteran a release back in June.

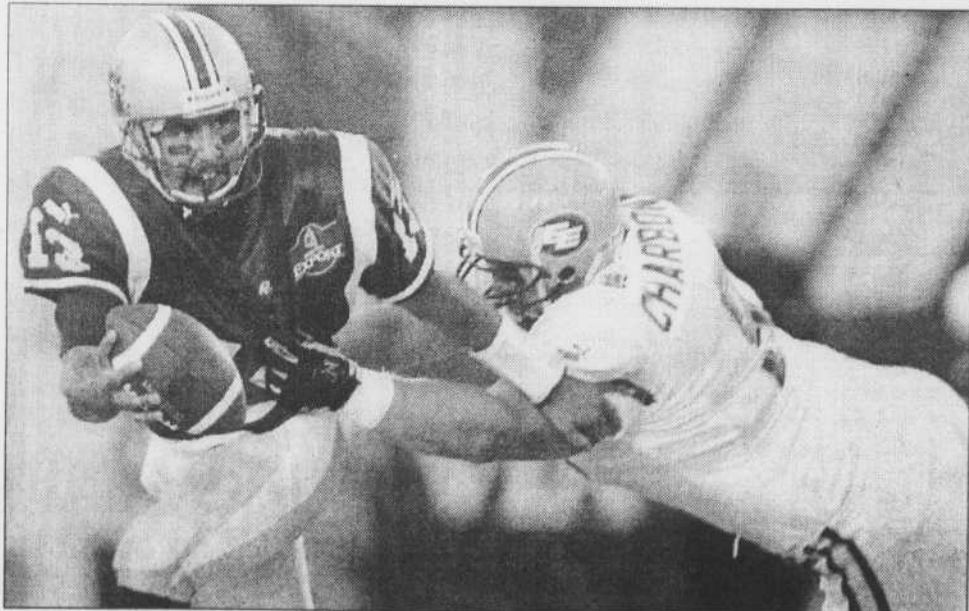
The six-foot-five, 285-pound product of University of New Hampshire failed a physical in training camp, was bitter with his salary and failed to report to the team early on in the summer — just six months after renewing his contract with the Als.

When he was ready to make his return after an off-season injury, a groin problem he incurred when lifting weights, Alouettes head coach Don Matthews would not give the team's leading tackler in 2001 a



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Frelighsburg native Steve Charbonneau, pictured (top) with coach Tom Higgins, will be looking for some revenge this weekend as he faces off against Anthony Calvillo (left) and Co. in the Grey Cup.



chance at the starting role. It was an ugly matter that spilled into the franchise finally letting Charbonneau go. Soon after, the Townshipper found himself with the Eskimos, who last Sunday became Western Division champions.

Speaking to Edmonton reporters before his team captured the West, Charbon-

neau said he believes his team is ready to make a run through the post-season.

"The playoffs are really a different season. That's my opinion," said the affable 29-year-old. "Anything can happen in the playoffs. We are home the whole way and worry about our stuff, worry about what we have to correct."

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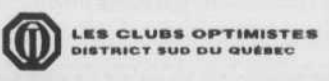
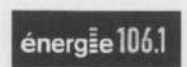
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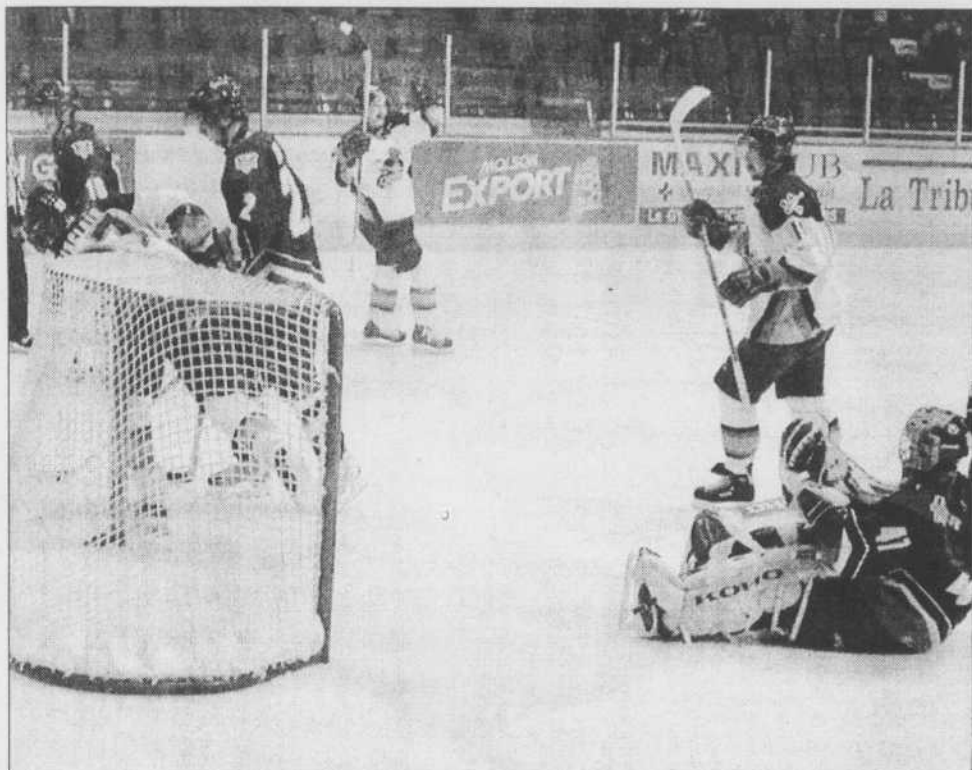
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Castors' newest addition makes impact in debut



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The Castors latest addition of Jean-François Ploude helped spark the squad to an inspired 4-1 win over the visiting Shawinigan Cataractes Tuesday. Pictured, Danny Roussin and Francis Trudel celebrate Maxime Boisclair's seventh goal of the season

Jean-François Ploude records two assists

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
SHERBROOKE

Happy days are here again. The Sherbrooke Castors moved into third place overall in the Lebel Conference Tuesday night with a 4-1 win over the visiting Shawinigan Cataractes.

Just as important, 20-year-old newcomer Jean-François Ploude gave the fans an inkling of what to expect as he registered a pair of assists in his Castors debut.

The trade for Ploude couldn't have come at a better time for General Manager Normand Gosselin and the Castors. Teamed with Rock Forest native David Chicone and rookie Maxime Boisclair, Ploude and Co. will

give the Castors a potent number-one line.

Tuesday's victory enabled the home team to win their second game in three tries after enduring a seven-game winless streak, one that had fans thinking about last year's dismal last-place finish.

Ploude, who was picked up from the Rimouski Oceanic on the weekend to help bolster the anemic Sherbrooke offensive attack, assisted on power play goals by defenceman Louis Manderville and Jonathan Paiement.

Vladislav Balaz and Boisclair rounded out the scoring for Sherbrooke, while Guillaume Lajeunesse spoiled Drew MacIntyre's shutout bid with a tally at the 15:37 mark of the third period.

Ploude traveled all day from Rimouski, and arrived at the Palais des Sports just a few hours before game time.

"It was not easy playing in my first game here because I left Rimouski this morning and all I did during the trip was



Ploude had two assists in his debut.

think of the game," Ploude said after the win. "In the first period I was nervous, but I believe that I played my best in the second period."

But as the game progressed, Ploude admitted fatigue began to set in.

"I am not one to make excuses, but I started to tire in the third period because of the long journey," he admitted. "I am happy that things worked out well and we won the game."

The veteran forward also admitted it would take a little time to adjust to Castors head coach Mario Durocher's defensive style of hockey. One of the reasons Gosselin pursued Ploude was his reputation as a winner.

"I played Bantam CC and Midget CC in Gaspé, and we won provincial championships with both teams," Ploude said. "When I was 17, I was invited to the Rimouski camp, the same year that they won the Memorial Cup."

Ploude did not stick with the Oceanic that year, instead going to Montreal where he played for the St. Laurent Patriotes in the now defunct Quebec Major College Hockey League.

He made the Rimouski squad the following year as an 18-year-old, and has improved on his offensive numbers each season. In his rookie campaign he scored 17 goals and 20 assists in 67 games. He followed up with a 49-goal, 40-assist season last year.

This year he leads the QMJHL with 23 goals in 26 games, although he had a less than desirable -10. His low plus/minus rating has more to do with his proficiency on specialty teams than a lack of defensive ability.



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The Grey Cup: The game and the trophy's quirky past

By James Marsh
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS

Football appeals to Canadians on many levels. Most of us are pessimistic about ever seeing a Stanley Cup again on this side of the border, but nine of our cities can dream of winning the Grey Cup.

Add to this the quirky Canadian rules to prove we are different from the Americans (a point for a failed field goal - how Canadian), regional rivalries, and the pleasure that the rest of Canada feels at the general futility of the Toronto Argonauts.

Canadian football even helps to shade the Canadian identity.

The Grey Cup was donated by Albert Henry George Grey, yet another of those governor generals who have left their monikers on our sporting life. A tireless promoter of schemes for improving the moral and physical health of the Empire, Grey was persuaded in 1909 by an Ottawa newspaper editor to donate a cup to the football champions of Canada.

The first Grey Cup game was played Dec. 4, 1909.

The University of Toronto varsity team won the game in front of 3,807 fans, but had to wait until the following March for the cup.

Grey's staff forgot to have it made.

The cup took a while to establish its place at the heart of Canadian sporting life. The western teams, who were always forced to play the game at the convenience of the eastern teams, ignored it. In 1912 the McGill Redmen refused to play, declaring they could not afford the time away from their studies.

The cup survived its use as an umbrella stand in a hall closet and a disastrous fire that destroyed the clubhouse of the Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club in 1947. After 1948 when Calgarians descended on Toronto with horses, Stetsons and chuckwagons, the cup became the centrepiece of a week-long party and the most-watched sports event in the country.

The game's fame has been enhanced over the years because, unlike most events that begin with great expectations, it has delivered.

There was the Mud Bowl in 1950, when a referee saved a player from drowning, Jackie Parker's scoop of Chuck Hunsinger's fumble and race to victory in 1954, the dramatic overtime win by Winnipeg over Hamilton in 1961, Leon McQuaig's fumble in 1971 (Toronto lost again) and innumerable last-minute kicks to snatch victory.

Likely the weirdest Grey Cup game took place in Toronto on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, 1962 - the infamous Fog Bowl. As the game progressed into the second quarter, the fog rolled in from the cool waters of Lake Ontario like mustard gas over a battlefield. The Toronto Star reported the "Metro air was fouler than ever recorded... sulphur and muck, trapped in a layer of stagnant air show levels 10-times higher than normal."

The fog caused several deaths, chaotic traffic and a crime wave.

On the field, a really fine game was underway. Garney Henley of the Hamilton Tiger Cats ran for two touchdowns, Bobby Kuntz another. Leo Lewis of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers answered with two touchdowns of his own and tossed another to Charlie Shephard. Most of this was lost to the fans in the stands and to television viewers, including those in the United States who were watching the



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game on Wide World of Sports.

The players also lost sight of the ball when it was airborne. In the second half, Hamilton's Joe Zuger threw a touchdown pass to Dave Viti.

"I threw it up in the air into the fog," he said later, "and I don't know how he saw it coming down."

Punt returners could hear the ball being kicked, but could not locate it until they heard it hit the ground.

"You'd run over to pick it up," said Henley, "and you could see bodies coming at you, but you could only see them from the knees down."

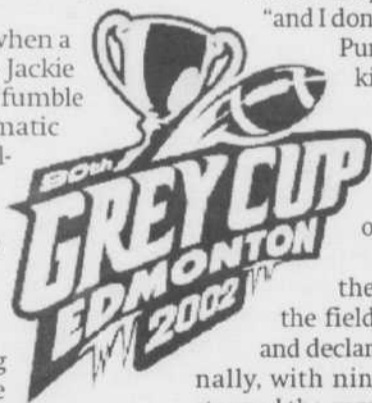
For CFL commissioner Sydney Halter the game was a nightmare. He visited the field several times, peered into the mist and declared that visibility was not that bad. Finally, with nine minutes and 29 seconds left, he stopped the game and announced it would have to be completed the next day.

The score was Winnipeg 28 and Hamilton 27.

That Saturday night, the fans kept celebrating in downtown Toronto. Bruised and exhausted, most of the players bedded down in a cheap Lakeshore motel.

The game resumed the following day as the fog lifted. Hamilton moved the ball well but failed to score and Winnipeg won its fourth championship in five years. Former Eskimo great Jackie Parker, who drove 17 hours from his Tennessee home for the game, summed it up: "That was the best ball game I never saw."

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Report: Betting suspect pleads guilty

One of three men charged with manipulating computerized bets worth \$3 million US in last month's Breeders' Cup pleaded guilty Wednesday to wire fraud conspiracy and money laundering conspiracy.

Chris Harn implicated two co-defendant college buddies in saying he had "placed a bet and later modified it so it would win."

By manipulating the wager so that a friend picked the winners of six straight races, the 29-year-old computer programmer admitted assuring the huge payoff. Harn was fired Oct. 30 from Autotote, the company that processed the computerized bets on the Breeders' Cup and other races.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa Margaret Smith said Harn could face up to 25 years in prison, but added that the government had reached an understanding that would point to a much lighter sentence.

Canadians jump to No. 68 in rankings

Canada improved four places to No. 68 in the FIFA world soccer rankings released Wednesday.

The top six teams remain the same as in October, with World Cup champion Brazil at No. 1 followed by France, Spain, Germany, Argentina and England. Mexico dropped from joint sixth to seventh, while Turkey remained eighth. The United States moved up one place to ninth while the Dutch dropped a spot to 10th.

There were only 13 international matches since these last rankings.

The Canadian men have improved 24 places since finishing last year at No. 92.

Rams hopeful of Faulk's return

Marshall Faulk may return to the St. Louis Rams lineup this week after missing the Chicago game Monday night with ankle and foot injuries.

Coach Mike Martz, who called off practice on Wednesday, said he was hopeful that Faulk would play Sunday in Washington. Faulk has a sprained right ankle and a strained tendon on the bottom of his left foot.

Team trainer Jim Anderson said Faulk likely would be listed as questionable, just as he was last week. But Anderson said Faulk probably would practice today.

Rookie Lamar Gordon, Faulk's backup, made his first career start against the Bears. Gordon carried 16 times for 45 yards and caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in the 21-16 victory.

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• **NHL: 7 p.m.**, Montreal Canadiens at Ottawa Senators, Sportsnet, RDS; **7:30 p.m.** New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils, TSN.

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- **VOLLEYBALL: Saturday to Sunday**, 21st annual Vert et Or tournament, University of Sherbrooke gymnasium.
- **UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL: Saturday**, McGill at Bishop's Gaiters (women 6 p.m., men 8 p.m.), Mitchell Gym.
- **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Friday**, Kahnawake at Champlain Cougars, W.B. Scott Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- **QMJHL: Friday**, Hull Olympiques at Sherbrooke Castors, Palais des Sports, 7:30 p.m.

Waterville United Church Women meet

On November 13, the Waterville U.C.W. met in the church hall with nine present. The president, Doris Fidler welcomed everyone and led in the repeating of the U.C.W. purpose.

Devotions, conducted by Pat Hurley, opened with the singing of "Holy Spirit Hear Us." Speaking on the theme "choosing the best," we were reminded that we are given choices that determine our day and the future. With God's help we can choose what is best

for us. The hymn "Spirit of the Living God," closed the period.

Audrey Cunningham received the offering.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as read. Correspondence included a thank you for a donation, a request for funds and notices of coming conferences.

Audrey Cunningham gave a detailed report on the November luncheon which was a huge success. Pat Hurley re-

ported on the gift sales table at the luncheon. It was decided to have items on the gift table on display until December.

We will prepare bags of toiletries for L'Escale at the December 4 meeting. Doris Fidler agreed to buy gifts for shut-in and names of those to be remembered were given. Vi Derby will look after sending Christmas cards for the U.C.W. Church donations of non-perishables for Gale will be brought in on Dec. 8.

Doris Fidler adjourned the business meeting with a benediction.

A sing-song was enjoyed with Pat Hurley at the piano, songs of different countries around the world were sung.

At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess, Shirley Barter assisted by Doris Fidler presiding at the tea table.

Glenna Smith

Robert and Marjorie Newell celebrated 50 years of marriage, September 25, 2002.

On September 28th a wonderful party was held in honor of this happy occasion. It took place in the Catholic Church Hall in Mansonville, Quebec.

The day began overcast but the lighting was perfect for family pictures. Marjorie was presented with a corsage of cream colored rosebuds, the perfect compliment to her raspberry red suit. Robert's boutonniere was also cream rosebuds. The photographer arrived promptly at ten at Robert and Marjorie's home in Highwater to take the family photos. They were taken outside to take advantage of the wonderful scenery surrounding their home. It was the first time that the entire family, including grandchildren was together for such a picture.

The happy couple then spent a couple of hours with the grandchildren while their children put the final touches on the party at the hall. Peter, Sarah and Emily presented them with a small gold box filled with loonies and a book about anniversaries.

Robert and Marjorie were chauffeured to the party by their grandson Peter and granddaughter Emily. On the outside of the church they were welcomed by a wonderful banner, featuring a photo of the couple announcing their anniversary. At the party they were greeted by their children and many guests. They discovered a hall that had been elegantly decorated and even included wicker rocking chairs and a small table for their convenience. At the very entrance was a beautiful table that held the guest book and a photo of the couple on their wedding day. Just behind it was a table with baskets decorated with gold tulle and ribbons for the many cards they received. The baskets were accompanied by a wonderful bouquet of sunflowers. Sunflowers were placed in small vases on all of the tables, as well as in larger pots around the hall. A huge thank you was given to Marjorie's sisters for the wonderful job they did with the decorating. Small and large photos of the couple at their wedding had been scanned and beautifully arranged by Erin Oliver. These also decorated the tables. They were used as souvenirs for many of the



guests when they left the party.

While the celebration itself was not a surprise, many of the guests were. The party, an afternoon open house was attended by well wishers from London, Ontario, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City, Nova Scotia, Vermont, New Hampshire, Montreal and vicinity as well as the many friends and family from the area. Approximately 250 people visited throughout the afternoon. The guests ranged in age from a few months to 96 years old. They were greeted by Robert and Marjorie, their children and spouses. Everyone was asked to sign the guest book upon arrival. All members of the original wedding party, with the exception of the best man, were able to attend the party. A small corsage of cream rosebuds was pinned on Mae Newell the maid of honor, when she arrived with her husband and son. The ushers, Richard Newell and Rupert Clark were presented with boutonnieres upon their arrival. Pictures were then taken of the wedding party.

A tasty buffet of party sandwiches, crudites, dips, cheese platters and deli-

cious desserts was served throughout the afternoon. The wonderful presentation made it impossible to resist. The family was able to relax and enjoy the occasion as it was catered by a group of women from the Owl's Head Chapter of the Eastern Star. To these ladies, and the gentlemen in the background, we extend our sincerest thanks. We appreciate all the extra little details that you remembered that made this occasion so special. Thanks also to Brittany Albers for her help with the catering. Beverages were kept flowing by the grandchildren.

The guests were also invited to browse through the souvenir album that captures the essence of Robert and Marjorie's lives together from the time they met until today with its many photographs and stories. It was made by their daughter Peggy who was also the party photographer. Pictures were taken of most of the guests. These have been added to the album.

Robert and Marjorie were toasted and wished many more years of happiness by their daughter Roberta, on be-

half of the entire family. Marjorie's sister Flora addressed the couple with anniversary salutations and Robert's brother Murray spoke briefly on the theory of what makes a successful marriage.

Marjorie and Robert were then requested to dance an anniversary waltz and everyone was invited to join in. Throughout the afternoon everyone was entertained by Gary Darling (a one man band) with music from the 50's to today.

Shortly after, the happy couple cut the beautiful cake, baked especially for them by Marjorie's sisters Flora and Barbara and decorated by Barbara. It was passed to the guests by Marjorie's sisters.

Marjorie and Robert then spoke to thank everyone for coming and their children for giving the party. They also took this opportunity to thank their friends with the Eastern Star and Masons for the wonderful job they had done with the buffet.

Special thanks must go to Aunt Pete, Aunt Ruth, Heather Larocque and Ben Boucher for all of their help with the guest list and all the missing addresses. Anna Hill, Anita Young, Beverly Sanborn and Brenda Radford thank you for helping us make sure those people we knew by first name only were invited. To Aunt Pete and Barbara, the cake was beautiful. Aunt Pete, Aunt Ruth, Aunt Christine and Babs thanks for doing the decorating. You turned the church hall into a place worthy of a celebration. Wendy Gilbert, thank you for the banner. What a wonderful surprise greeting and souvenir! The people of St. Cajetan we thank you for loaning us the hall.

To everyone that attended the party, those who could not and sent their best wishes, we would like to thank you for helping us make this an unforgettable day.

*Today, as on that special day,
Mom and Dad we wish you many
more healthy and happy years.*

*Lots of love from
Ron, Peggy and Peter,
Bertie, Neil, Sarah and
Emily and Tom.*

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Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002

Tricks count more than points

By Phillip Alder

In most deals, one side or the other can make at least a game. However, in a few deals, both sides can make a game. Then there is the potential for a double game-swing in a team event — as in this example from a tournament in Australia.

At the first table, the bidding was traditional. North's two-spade cuebid announced at least 12 high-card points. West's four-spade raise was brave — but it is fun to bid with a Yarborough. After North raised to five clubs, East passed, thinking he might have sufficient defense to defeat that contract. However, he was wrong. After a spade lead, South lost only one heart trick and scored plus 620.

At the other table, East opened two spades, showing some eight winners with a strong suit but limited high-card values. South made a take-out double. And West jumped to four spades. This gave North a three-aspirin headache. He might have bid five clubs, but he thought he saw a guaranteed plus score, so doubled. Maybe South, with a spade void, shouldn't have passed. If the vulnerable opponents were to be believed, North couldn't have powerful spades; he rated to have his high-card values elsewhere. So, South could have continued with either four no-trump, general takeout, or five clubs. But he passed. And note that four spades could not be beaten! East ruffed a club to get into the dummy, then twice finessed in spades through North. East won seven spades, two hearts and one club ruff for plus 790.

If there is a danger of a double game-swing, it is usually right to bid — try to buy the contract.

Death



GRENIER, Mr. Jean-Paul — Passed away peacefully on Monday, November 18th, 2002 in his 78th year. Beloved husband to Irène, dear son of the late Jean-Thomas Grenier, the late Féline Pouliot and the late Rose-Amé Vachon. Dear father to Roger (Thérèse Pouliot), Gisèle (Craig Grieve), Gilles (Carole Lavoie), Richard (Pauline Smith), Mario (Elizabeth Dezab), Carole (Alan Sager), Hélène (André Lamontagne), Chantal (Lorne Waid), Jacques (Céline Rémilard), a grandfather to Kevin Grenier, Eric (Guylaine) and Patrick Grieve, Nathalie (Nicolas) and Richard Jr. Grenier, Jody, Natasha and Sean Grenier, Vicky Tétreault, Lorne Jr. and Jason Waid, Dominik Grenier, and also a great-grandfather to Philip Grieve, dear brothers to Ronald (Bernadette Duquette), Aliette (Réal Vanasse), Emery (Yvette Gagnon), Julien (Fernande Duquette), Juliette (Wallace Bronson), Raoul (Liette Gagnon), Arnel (Ruby Mosher), Huguette, the late Clément (Daniel Poulin), his brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws Rose-Hélène Fauteux (the late Antonio), Julianne Desbiens (Eudore), the late Clémence Guay (the late Alexandre), the late Albert Isabelle (Marguerite Prince), Doretta (Bertrand Prince), Lucie Goupil (René), the late Sister Carmélice Isabelle, Anita Doyon (Marcel), the late Gaston Isabelle (Gisèle), and also his nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and numerous friends. Mr Grenier's calling hours will be held at, The Vallières & Rodrigue Funeral Homes, 553 Dufferin, Stanstead, Quebec, (819) 876-2474, Mélissa Vallières, director, on Friday from 2:00 til 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and also Saturday from 10:00 a.m. til 1:45 p.m., a funeral service will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Stanstead at 2:00 p.m., followed by a burial service at the Mont Ste-Marie's cemetery. At the families request donations may be made to the Québec Heart Foundation or to the Fondation de l'Hôpital la Providence de Magog.

Deaths



BROWN, Frances - Entered into eternal rest at the hospital in Coaticook, Que., after a long bout with Alzheimers, Frances Bailey in her 76th year. Dear mother of Russell Brown, Eugene Hodge, Florence Wilson, Darlene, Donald and Mandy Hodge and Scott Brown. She is survived by her sisters: Alfreda Jenkin and Lorena Brazel, 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a long time close friend, Earl Hodge, her brother, Floyd Bailey, her sisters: Leona Harrison, Violet Bailey and her children: Milton Brown, Lyle Linn Harrison and Dianna Hodge. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where relatives and friends may call on Saturday, November 23, 2002 from 12 - 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. Rev. Barbara Willard officiating. Interment in Eaton Cemetery. She will be sadly missed by all.

McKELVEY, Phyllis (nee Buzzell) - Peacefully at La Providence Hospital, Magog, on November 18, 2002, at age 73 years. Daughter of the late Howard and Ethelyne (Catchpaw) Buzzell. Beloved mother of Miles (Ella Margaret Hamilton), Juanita (Lucie), George, Randy (Nancy), Thomas (Nathalie), Anita, Timmy (Anne), Glendon (Heidi). Cherished grandmother of 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Lindsay (Joyce), Roger (Ruby), Barbara (John), Rocky (Jackie). She will be missed by nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation at Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, on Friday, November 22nd, 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Magog on Saturday, November 23rd at 10 a.m. Reverend Deane Moffat officiating. As memorial tributes, donations to Quebec Cancer Society, 3001 12th Avenue, Fleurimont, J1H 5N4, would be appreciated.

Death



McELRAVY, Kenneth - At the Riverain Residence in Granby on November 18, 2002 at the age of 99 years, Kenneth McElravy, beloved husband of Yvette Bilodeau of Granby. Survived by his children: Wesley (Connie), Linda (Reginald), Brenda (Alain), his grandchildren: Kimberley, Daniel, Candy, Nancy, Grace, Kate, his great-grandchildren: Jimmy, Sonia, Coralie, Dave, Audry, Jason, Jack, his sister, Doris, also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes (Angle St-Jude N.), Granby, tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393, www.famillesbessette.com. Member of the C.T.Q. Visitation: Friday, from 2 - 4 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m., Saturday, day of the funeral from 11 a.m. Funeral will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 1 p.m., at the Granby United Church. Interment at the Pinewood Cemetery.

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You should stay out of the negotiations

Dear Annie: My 3-month-old son was born prematurely and has severe lung problems. We live in a condo, and my neighbor likes to smoke cigars on his patio. Unfortunately, the smoke goes straight into our windows. We have tried keeping the windows closed, but that is unpleasant when the weather is nice.

When I told my neighbor that his cigar smoke was hurting my child, he retaliated by calling animal control and complaining because our dog was barking after 10 p.m. We now bring the dog inside at night so she will not bother him.

Tell me, Annie, if he is allowed to call the police because of my dog, why can't I do something about his secondhand smoke that threatens the life of my son? — Trying to Breathe in California

Dear Calif.: We contacted Joe Watt, executive director of the Bay Area and Central California chapter for the Community Associations Institute, the national organization representing

community and condo associations. **Annie's Mailbox** gusta, Ga.

He said he knows of no condos that ban smoking outside a home. You might ask your condo association to talk to the man and find some accommodation. However, the association can be involved only on a "good neighbor" basis. In the meantime, close your windows.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Joseph," and I have been married for five years. Four years ago, Joseph gave his son, "Adam," \$4,000, with the agreement that Adam would pay back the loan as soon as he got a job. Adam has now been working for three years but has paid back only half the money. He still owes us \$2,000.

Recently, Adam told us he is planning a week-long vacation with friends. I am irritated that he would spend money on a vacation when he is still in debt to us. Joseph works long hours, and I have two jobs. We had to move in with my mother to make ends meet. How can I get this loan repaid? — The Second Wife in Au-

Dear Wife: Ask Joseph to suggest a repayment schedule that Adam would be willing to follow, perhaps \$50 a month, until the entire \$2,000 is repaid. But let Joseph be the one to speak to Adam. You should stay out of the negotiations.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Nude in Washington, D.C.," whose boyfriend objected to her walking around the house without clothes on. I loved your response, Annie, I just wish you had been more forceful. But then, that is why you are writing the column and I'm not. I'd be fired the first day on the job.

I am also a home nudist. I would enjoy being nude with others as well, but I rarely have the opportunity. My wife doesn't like being nude and won't even sleep in the buff. Thus, I am only nude at home if she is not here. We have been married for 29 years, and although I have never wanted to be with anyone else, I still miss the freedom of being

nude. I am simply not a textile person.

Ms. "Nude" needs to realize that her boyfriend, like my wife, is not going to feel differently about the situation, no matter how long they are together. To be honest, I can't imagine any normal male not wanting to be with a naked woman in the privacy of her home. However, if she stays with him, she should understand that she will have to give up this particular freedom. — Paul in the Midwest

Dear Paul: Thank you for being the Voice of Experience. We heard from a great many nudists, most of whom suggested that "Nude in Washington, D.C." look into nudist clubs to find a more tolerant boyfriend. One reader took us to task for using the phrase "prancing around naked," saying nudists absolutely do not prance. We appreciate the education, and in response, say, to each his own.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.



WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY
Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge worship services on November 24: Waterville 11 a.m.; Hatley 11 a.m.; North Hatley 9:30 a.m.

NORTH HATLEY

At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 10:30 a.m., November 24, Stoddard Hall-Circle services led by Keith Baxter "Who you really are II".

LENNOXVILLE

Christmas bazaar and turkey supper, sponsored by the U.C.W., at Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street, November 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. Charge for the dinner. Reservations: 4:30 p.m., Audrey Beach, (819)562-9902, 5:30 p.m. Rita Burczyk, (819)562-9344, 6:30 p.m. Judy Hawkins, (819)823-4180. Something for everyone.

WATERLOO

Christmas bazaar at St. Paul's United Church on Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Luncheon charge. Wreaths, decorations, home baking, nearly new, candy, children and ladies' articles and don't forget our giant silent auction.

AYER'S CLIFF

Christmas bake/craft sale and coffee party, Beulah United Church, Saturday, November 23, 10 a.m. to noon. Sales tables of home baking, breads, sweets, baked beans, etc. Also crafts, jewellery and nearly new items including toys. Sponsor: UCW. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Everyone invited to Teddy's Christmas tea & bazaar at St. George's Church Hall, Saturday, November 30, 1:30 to 5 p.m. The silent auction, delightful muddle,

children's fish pond, crafts, food and candy tables will help you with your Christmas shopping (wheelchair accessible).

LENNOXVILLE

Mr. James Hosking will be the guest speaker at the St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club meeting on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:45 p.m. at the Community Centre, 10 Depot Street. Topic: prospecting and sluicing for gold.

ORFORD

Townships Expressions offers Townships music, books, art. Sunday, November 24, 2 - 4 p.m., Orford Arts Centre (Salle de Sejours, J.A. Seve Building). Admission free, refreshments served. Meet writers, musicians, artists. Townshippers' Association, 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717)

STANSTEAD

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TRENHOLM

A congregational meeting will be held at Trenholm United Church on November 23rd at noon. Please note that a pot luck lunch will be held prior to the meeting.

BURY

The annual Christmas tea and sale for St. Paul's Home will be held on Sunday, December 1 at the Bury Town Hall, 563 Main Street, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission charged. All proceeds for the Home.

ROCK ISLAND

Art auction on Sunday, December 1st at 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Library. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome! Proceeds to benefit the Frontier Animal Society. Items include: paintings from local artists, glassware, unique jewelry,

Christmas crafts and many other items. For information (819) 876-5016 or 876-7785.

LENNOXVILLE

The Irvin Bradley Appreciation Dart Tournament will be held at the ANAF (Hut). Inscription: November 30, 1:30 p.m. Start time: 2 p.m. sharp - 3 on 3 - 1 woman minimum. Proceeds to Lennoxville Elementary Hot Lunch Program.

RICHMOND

The Richmond Quebec Farmers Association will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 24 at the Legion Hall in Richmond from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission charged.

RICHMOND

The annual meeting of the Richmond Regional Agricultural Corp. (Corporation d'Agriculture Regionale de Richmond) will be held at the United Church in Richmond, 247 rue Principale, November 24th at 8 p.m.

COWANSVILLE

Christmas tea and sale at the Trinity Anglican Church, Friendly Society and Friends Church Hall, 409 South Street, November 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Home baking, crafts, gifts, Christmas ornaments, nearly new, many surprises, fish pond. (450) 263-3329 (Mary Lechasseur)

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Card party held

HUNTINGVILLE

Witches, pumpkins, ghosts and goblins were in abundance at our Halloween card party on October 29, 2002, at the Howe home. Proceeds were for St. James Church, Compton, and the discretionary fund. Cards were played at six tables.

Prizewinners were as follows: highest score, Patsy Millar, 5640; second, Isabel Nelson, 5540; third, Archie Nelson, 5200; fourth, Sue Nichols, 5040.

Consolation, Gisele Danforth.

The raffle, first, a sweater, Gisele Danforth; second, toiletries, Vivian Cox; third, rimmer covers, Gertie Hetherington.

The guessing game (no. of buttons on a scarecrow) was won by Gertrude Watson.

Secret score (3600) was won by Nellie Davidson.

Many people won door prizes, some of which were tricks, and some were treats.

This was our last card party of the year, and we want to thank everyone who came, furnished food, prizes, etc.

And many thanks once again to Nilda and Pat. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Sue Nichols

Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard

248-4168

At The Guild's General meeting for the Sutton Valley Weavers, the majority of the 28 members present knit while the meeting was in session. Nancy Gunson taught us the smoke technique in making hasty note cards (she is one talented lady).

Slugs are munching on my hosts, perforating the leaves so that they resemble lace... a tomato worm was in my water tub, drowned now that looked gross!

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: Y equals I.

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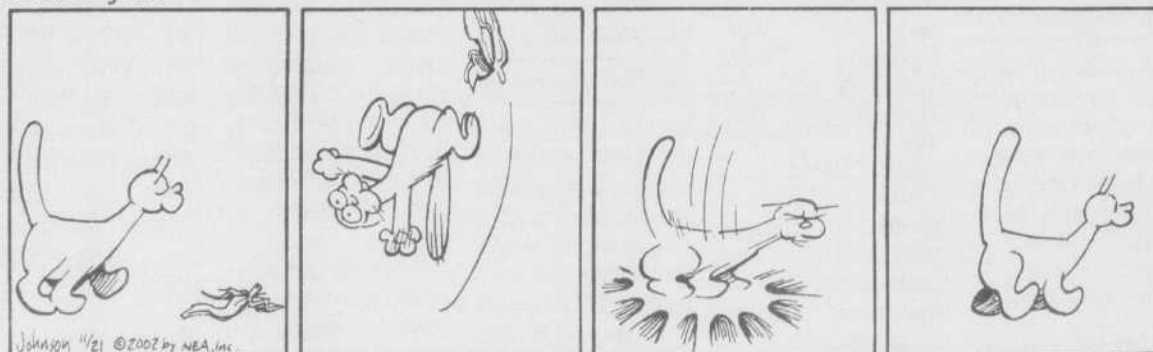
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Roll Call: "Why are you glad you live in

Canada and buy a poppy." This was answered by six members.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer gave a very favorable report with nice balance. There were no bills.

Correspondence was (1) A letter from Le Rivage; (2) A letter from Principal Magwood of St. Francis School.

Janine Sterl, Pauline Nelson and

Susan Mastine are to take cookies or squares to the seniors Christmas party on Dec. 5th. We were asked to have six homemade articles for convention next year. Christina Blake's name was drawn for the Q.W.I. volunteer of the year.

There were no bills, we will wait until next meeting to decide what to do at the bank.

Pennies for friendship were then collected. being successful today. It'll be your enthusiasm combined with a positive attitude that will attract Lady Luck to your cause.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - The best way to gain momentum for your interests today is by showing others how they could benefit from it. With their support you can make great progress toward completion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - This might be a good day to sneak in a little time for yourself. Doing something that is fun and refreshing can help alter your outlook, which, in turn, will spur successes in your more serious affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today could be a lucky day for you, so it might behoove you to expand upon and develop your present financial goals. There are indications that good things can be made better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - There is nothing wrong with viewing things on a grand scale today, because that which you conceptualize at this time will be both logical and promising. Think big, gain big.

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Convenors reports:

Agriculture and Community Living: Shirley Fowler read "Mutant Cucumber" and gave her annual report.

Education and Personal Development: Joan Morrison gave her annual report.

International Affairs: Janine gave her annual report.

Publicity: Chris Blake put last meeting in record. Joan gave all members Canada posters.

Cheer: The birthday song was sung for Shirley Nelson. A get well card was sent to Lloyd Fowler.

Sympathy cards were sent to the Healy family and to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nixon, a thank you was received from the Nixon's.

Crafts shown were a child's quilt and a cross stitch picture by Amber Fowler. Shirley Fowler showed 3 pot holders. Tea fees were collected.

It was moved by Chris Blake and seconded by Shirley Fowler that we donate to the La Rivage.

Noreen Wilkins and Marjorie Smith will do the new programs.

Joan Morrison and Pauline Nelson will work on the nominating committee.

The meeting was then adjourned and a nice lunch served by the hostess.

Next meeting to be held at the Wales Home on December 2nd at 11 a.m.

Christina Blake,
Secretary

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002

There are indications that in the year ahead you could fare quite well in dealings you have with others commercially or in business. Any good association you establish will have mutual benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Let the other guy make the overtures in your commercial or business affairs today. There's a chance that s/he will offer you far more than what you would have asked and you'll fare a lot better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - When dealing with others today, especially on a one-on-one basis, you can open the way for better-than-average cooperation by treating others exactly the way you would like to be treated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Have well-defined objectives in mind today and proceed optimistically toward achieving them. Conditions are working in your favor for fur-

thering your ambitious interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Try using a positive attitude today on problems that you believe have no immediate solutions and watch in wonder what happens. The results will both surprise and amaze you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't simply wish for things to happen, make them happen today. You can conclude to your satisfaction at least two matters that are significant to you if you'll merely try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Teaming up with another for a joint purpose is likely to be luckier for you today than attempting to accomplish something alone. Having a strong ally can be extremely beneficial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - By piecing together a number of tidbits picked up in chance conversations today, there's a possibility that, collectively, they could add up to make for some very valuable information. Be a good listener.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - A personal interest of yours has an excellent chance of

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ACROSS

- 1 Settles down
- 6 Wide awake
- 11 Singer Bon Jovi
- 14 WWII vessel
- 15 Suburb of Cleveland
- 16 Of the ear: pref.
- 17 Pop group brother
- 19 WWII zone
- 20 Blurt
- 21 Very pale green
- 23 Mountain climber
- 26 Purplish red
- 27 Bulrush
- 28 Meerschaum part
- 32 Mine output

- 33 Port of Yemen
- 34 Slithering hisser
- 37 Rolling in dough
- 39 Camus play, "___ de siege"
- 41 Taj Mahal site
- 42 Skewered entree
- 44 In ___ (in position)
- 45 Obtained
- 46 Sparkling
- 48 "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
- 49 Ill temper
- 51 Lament
- 53 Lunacy
- 55 Dimwit
- 56 Socialist grp.
- 57 Harmony group brother

- 18 ___ tunnel syndrome
- 22 Type of stage
- 23 Long-legged bird
- 24 Radioactivity unit
- 25 Acting family brother
- 29 That is: Lat.
- 30 Little in Lille
- 31 Maternally related
- 35 Swedish cash
- 36 Corroded
- 38 Actress Uta
- 40 In a state of turmoil

- 43 Phlebotomist
- 47 Strip in a shoe
- 48 Magnate's purview
- 49 Grin
- 50 Rough handler
- 52 Ant
- 54 Annoying fit
- 55 Fake coin
- 58 Now I get it!
- 59 Boy from the Highlands
- 60 Inc. in Islington
- 61 Oriental sauce

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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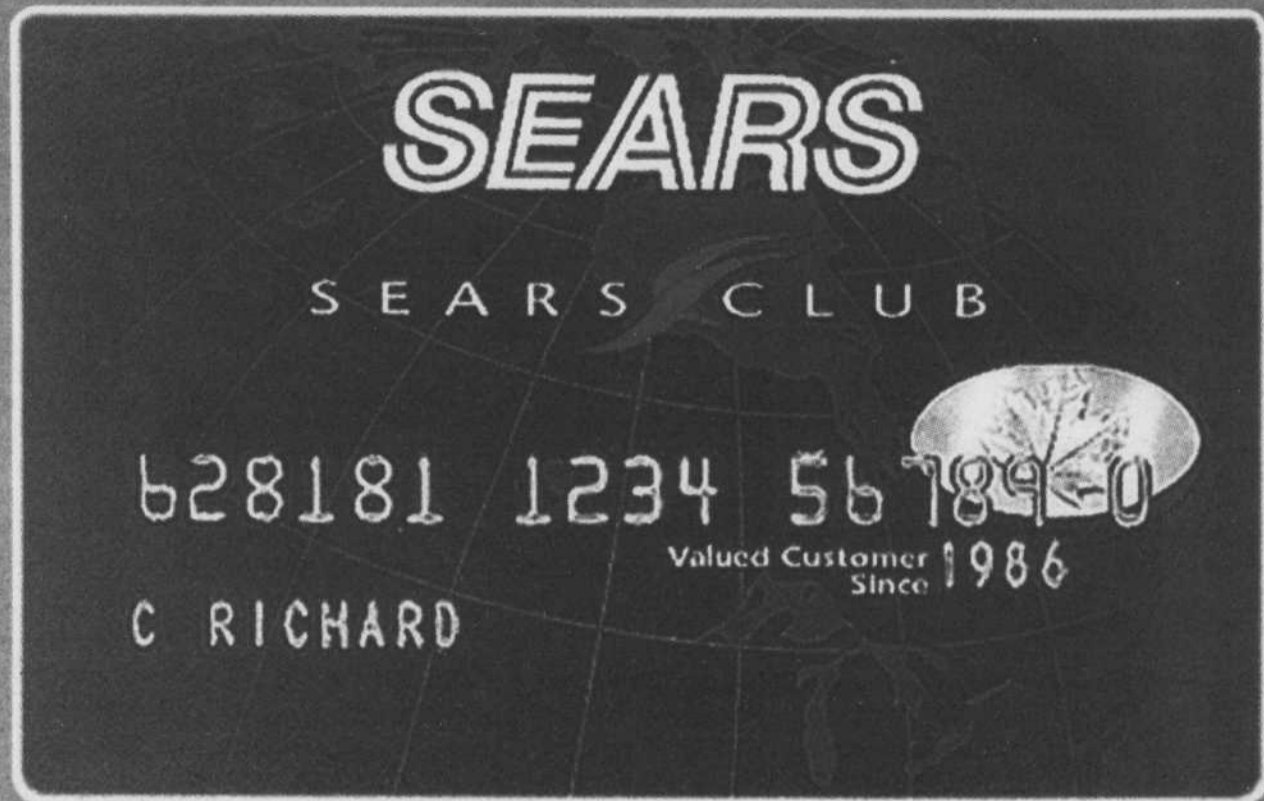
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- 1 Magna ___ laude
- 2 Lawyers' grp.
- 3 Singer Rawls
- 4 Statuary stone
- 5 Steps over a fence
- 6 Act as a lookout, e.g.
- 7 Support piece
- 8 Idle or Clapton
- 9 Medieval instruments
- 10 Alternative to capsules
- 11 Baseball brother
- 12 Preminger and Kruger
- 13 Nary a soul

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