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Fire ravages Brome Lake Duck Farm barn; 4,000 ducklings die



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

After concentrating their first efforts on cooling the propane supply for the barn's heating system, the firefighters wasted no time in controlling the blaze.

By Maurice Crossfield

About 4000 day-old ducklings perished in a barn fire at the Brome Lake Duck Farm Wednesday morning.

At about 4:20 a.m. the Brome Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Centre Road duck farm, where one of the dozen barns had caught fire. Spotting the barn's propane heating system the first efforts of the firefighters were focused on preventing an explosion.

"I would say 30 minutes later we had everything under control," said Brome Lake fire chief Pierre Laplante. He said the firefighters initially thought they would have to call in more departments for help. But before long it became obvious that outside help wasn't necessary.

The fire completely destroyed about half of the 400-foot long barn. Damages are estimated at \$400,000.

Brome Lake Ducks production manager Renfred Tracy said some 4000

day-old ducklings had just been moved into that section of the barn the day before. They were all killed.

Security around the duck barns was tight Wednesday, with reporters and photographers allowed onto the scene one at a time. Tracy explained that a biological protection program is in place to prevent the spread of disease.

"There are always risks when you're dealing with livestock, be it cattle, ducks or chickens," he said. "Our objective here is to grow healthy ducks."

An indication of how delicate that balance can be occurred in May 1999, when a lab discovered traces of the Newcastle virus at one of the Brome Lake Ducks feeder farms. Potentially disastrous for the Canadian poultry industry, the farms were quarantined until further tests showed no evidence of the virus. The virus was finally linked to a contamination of one of the outside labs that did the testing, and not the farm itself.

Tracy said the effect of the fire will be felt in seven weeks, the time when the ducks would have been sent to the abattoir for processing. Brome Lake Ducks processes about 6000 ducks a day, or about 1.5 million per year.

"The demand for duck is high right now, and we're sold out," he said. "We need every duck we can get. We didn't need this."

Tracy said the loss won't affect any of the about 100 people that work at the farm. He said he's anxious to get things straightened out with the insurance company so the farm can rebuild as quickly as possible.

Tracy noted that seven years ago this week, on Jan. 19, one of the farm's barns collapsed under the weight of accumulated snow.

The Quebec Police Force has launched an investigation into the cause of the fire. QPF spokesman Const. Serge Dubord said so far there has been nothing to indicate the fire was intentionally set.

PQ should not be running ZOOS: Brodeur

By René Bruemmer

As a federalist and a Liberal MNA with a zoo in his riding, Bernard Brodeur said deputy premier Bernard Landry's inflammatory remarks and refusal of federal government funding for Quebec City's zoo and aquarium was an affront on several different levels.

"It's not the mark of a future leader of a province to insult all Canadians," Brodeur said yesterday of the man expected to succeed Lucien Bouchard as premier of Quebec. "But above the insult, the idea of funding public enterprises like these puts into question the mission of the government."

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RECORD FILES

MNA Bernard Brodeur... 'It's not the mark of a future leader of a province to insult all Canadians.'

Range of achievements is vast

The sub-zero temperature of last Sunday kept me indoors. It gave me time to write some overdue correspondence; read a few chapters of an interesting book; watch the figure skating and Global Awards on television. An uneventful day.

I looked up momentarily from my reading and watched my companion rocking and crocheting beautiful small squares of lace that will be added to the tablecloth she is making for one of our daughters. Her fingers were busy hooking and turning the yarn in her agile hands.

The movement of her eyes and brief smiles at the corner of her mouth told me that her thoughts were flitting among the personages of her world. I am sure the smiles were brought on by her thoughts of her children and grandchildren. A frown briefly crossed her brow. It was probably provoked from her thinking about a friend whose marriage had recently gone on the rocks, and who had telephoned only an hour ago. I returned

to my novel before she could catch me peeking at her.

I thought of my own grandmother who used to silently sway in her rocking chair with her busy gnarled hands knitting or crocheting something. She too was probably reminiscing about the many people in her well occupied mental world. I remember grandma as a corpulent, imposing person, with a soft, or harsh voice depending on the circumstance. She always wore an apron made from flour bags over her long ample dress except when she sat down. The sound of the Coo-coo-clock would cause her to look up from her crocheting, to make sure there was time to continue before she put on her apron again to do some chore.

In contrast, my companion was wearing denim shorts over leotards. Just before lunch, she had spryly danced to Shania Twain's "I feel like a woman,"

when she heard it on the stereo and raised the volume. I enjoy watching her dance alone gyrating to the rhythm of the music. She's a "hep" grandmother all right! What a difference between these two women who were about the same age but in a different eras?

Two television shows held my attention. One was the professional figure skating championship between the United States and the World. Canada was one of the countries in the world group. Our Canadian Kurt Browning topped performances by the sensual Katerina Witt, an energetic and sexy Philippe Candelero and a powerful performance by Surya Bonaly. Browning's performance was expressive, moving and flawless. There is no doubt that the results given to his presentation by the judges won the event for the World group. Quite an achievement

Mr. Browning?

The evening's television treated us to the Global Awards in which Al Pacino received a special Cecile B. De Mille award in honor of his astonishing career. Excerpts from many of his films, highlighting of course his role as The Godfather, were presented. Only the one film could have justified the award but the honor was for his fantastic acting career. Again, quite an achievement.

Anyone who watched the presentations could not miss the beautiful Julia Roberts who won the best female acting award. She should have received a second trophy for the most beautiful actress at the gala. Her relatively short, but successful career, is another achievement worth mentioning.

I wish a category for the most dedicated grandmother, mother and wife, was voted for at the Global Awards. It is my strong personal opinion that my companion would have won the trophy. Her life is an achievement.

OUR MAN THURSDAY



WILLIAM COX

Bar code red

I was in the mood for an iced tea yesterday, so I stepped into a convenience store. I grabbed a can and went to the check out. The guy picks it up and tries to scan the bar code on the side of the can. Now I don't know a lot about bar codes, but this was a shiny silver can with beads of condensation on the side, so I wasn't surprised when reading the bar code did not go well.

After five minutes of unsuccessful scanning, the guy tries to read the 47-digit number under the bar code and punch that into his computerized cash register. By this point, I'm ready to punch a couple of things in myself.

We've been told that bar codes are to allow the store owner to track sales and control inventory. Don't believe it. Bar codes are just the next phase in getting the customer to do all the work. A hundred years ago, you'd step into a store, march up to the counter and ask the guy for an iced tea. He'd go get one from the storage area, hand it over and take your

three cents.

Now you actually step into the storage area yourself, rummage around until you find what you want, haul it up to the counter, stand in line behind a bunch of other customers who've done the same thing, and then stand there looking at your watch while Mr. Inventory Control runs a beam of spooky red light across something you're planning to drink, in the hopes that if it scans properly, he'll be able to charge you a \$1.89 for three cents' worth of iced tea. I guess when they called them convenience stores, I misunderstood whose convenience they were referring to.

GARBAGE DAY

Today is garbage day. I really enjoy standing at the front window and watching the garbage men take all that stuff away. Bags that smell bad, boxes that were cluttering up the garage, things

that outlived their usefulness, evidence of projects that had gone horribly wrong. They throw it all into the truck and drive it away to somewhere I will never go. It's a great feeling. A clean slate. A fresh start. The cleansing of garbage day. I wish I could do that with my brain. Take all the useless information and self-destructive thoughts and unpleasant memories out to the end of the driveway and watch somebody throw them into a truck and drive them away. Man, that would feel good. Of course I can't throw out any of the junk in my mind. But I do recycle.

PREPARING FOR LIFT-OFF

If you have somewhere to go and are trying to decide what time you should leave to get there, you have to take a few things into consideration. For example, let's say you need to be out the door at noon, here's when you need to get ready:

- If you're going alone, start getting ready at 11:59. That allows you one minute to either comb your hair or find your hat.

- If you're going with your son, start getting ready at 11:30. That allows him time to get from his bed to the car.

- If you're going with your daughter, start getting ready at 9:30. That allows her time for three complete wardrobe changes and phone calls to friends who track her every move.

- If you're going with your wife, start getting ready at 7:30. That allows time for her to make the lists and do her hair and make-up, and time for you to come up with something for you to wear that passes inspection.

- If you're going with your wife and your son and your daughter, think seriously about handing them the car keys and faking an illness.

Quote of the Day: "You actually can teach an old dog new tricks, but it's smarter to teach a new dog old tricks."

Weather

Today: Cloudy with a few very light flurries in the morning. Clearing later on. High near minus 7.

Friday: Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 14. High near minus 4.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and 40 per cent probability of some snow. Low near minus 14. High near minus 7.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and 30 per cent probability of some snow. Low near minus 14. High near minus 7.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Brodeur calls for tough new anti-gang legislation

Staff

Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur is calling on Public Security Minister Serge Ménard to crack down on out-law biker gangs.

"For several years now they have tried to impose their laws in the farmers fields, against bar owners and the population in general," Brodeur wrote in a letter to the minister.

Brodeur is calling for tough new anti-gang legislation to combat the problem. He noted a newspaper article in which Ménard said the Granby Police don't have the means to deal with the biker problem in that city. Brodeur took that one step further, arguing that even the Quebec Po-

lice Force doesn't have the means or the manpower to deal with criminal gangs.

"I am convinced that regional police forces with adequate resources can give the means to confront the menace of organized crime," he wrote. "Unfortunately the debate and the means to do so are nothing but the object of future debates while our citizens suffer now from an under-protection that is unacceptable in a democracy."

Brodeur said an investment in personnel and money is needed to deal with the problem. He said inaction in light of recent events is the equivalent to a lack of desire to provide the public with the peace it has a right to.

Pot grower turns himself in

Staff

A Montreal man who is believed to have been using a Sutton garage to grow marijuana will appear in court in Granby today to be formally charged.

Michel Lambert, 35, turned himself in to the Brome-Missisquoi detachment Tuesday. After being questioned by police he was brought before a justice of the peace in Cowansville and charged with cultivating marijuana.

Lambert was supposed to appear

before a criminal court judge to be formally charged and for a bail hearing Wednesday. That appearance was finally delayed until today.

At about 3 a.m. Saturday morning, firefighters were called to a garage on Mt. Echo Road. After putting out the flames the firefighters and police discovered 7600 seedling pot plants and 315 mature plants. Police estimate the street value at around \$4 million.

Lambert, who has no previous criminal record, is believed to have rented the 24-foot-by-24-foot garage.

Registry on zoning for Brome Lake theatre-community centre Feb. 9

Staff

The future of a joint community centre and theatre project will depend on the results of a registry to be held in Brome Lake on Feb. 9.

The registry concerns a proposed change in zoning for an 11-acre property on Mt. Echo Road presently being considered for the \$1.6 million project. For the project to go ahead the property must be rezoned first.

The zoning change was granted by the Brome Lake council at the monthly meeting in Dec. Following the standard procedure, the registry will give residents a chance to react.

If 29 people from the RA-13 zone and the four neighboring zones sign the registry, the zoning change could be ei-

ther withdrawn or put to a referendum. In all some 187 households in zones RA-13, RC-3, RB-2, RC-4, and RA-19 are eligible to sign the register.

The registry will be open on Friday, Feb. 9 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.. Five minutes after the registry closes, the results will be announced.

The idea of a combined community centre and theatre has been in discussion for a couple of years now. A public meeting last February gave the committee formed to study the project the clear message that the Lion's Park was not a suitable location. In the fall the committee came back with the idea of using the Mt. Echo Road property, which is closer to Knowlton's downtown.

BRIEFS

Bédard handed another jail sentence

Martin Bédard has had another couple of months added to his jail time.

Last week Bédard, 26, was sentenced to six months in jail for breaking the conditions of his bail and threatening his ex-girlfriend. Throughout that hearing Bédard distinguished himself by leering at his ex-girlfriend and laughing.

With a lengthy criminal record already behind him, Bédard had been in court on Jan. 3 to face charges that he threatened his former lover. Afterwards he threatened her again, right in the courtroom. He later showed up drunk to meet his parole officer.

Monday Bédard pleaded guilty to charges of assault, extortion and breaking the conditions of his bail. Crown prosecutor Karyn Goulet referred to Bédard as a time bomb, about to reach the point of no return.

In the end Quebec Court judge Donald Bissonnette sentenced Bédard to eight months in jail, to be served concurrently with his present six-

month sentence.

Depressed man vandalizes Milan church

Staff

A man is now in a psychiatric ward in Sherbrooke after he vandalized a church in Milan Tuesday afternoon.

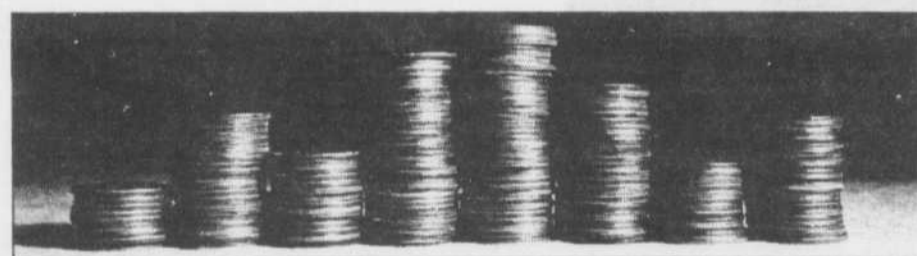
The 39-year-old man broke open the door of the Catholic church on St-Joseph Street in Milan around 4 p.m. He then proceeded to smash several windows and statues.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Const. Serge Dubord said the man also splashed naphtha around the church, though he later said he had no intention of setting the building on fire.

Dubord said police apprehended the man and took him to hospital in Lake Megantic. From there he was transferred to the psychiatric unit of the Centre Universitaire de la Santé de l'Estrie.

Police say the man was suffering from a severe depression.

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MNA Brodeur proposes ET-US highway

Thoroughfare would extend from Drummondville to Burlington

By René Bruemmer

If Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur gets his way, there may one day be a multi-lane highway stretching from Drummondville, through Granby and Cowansville, and down Burlington, Vt. way.

But the MNA warns that even if the proposition were accepted it would still be several years before the new highway sees the light of day.

The idea has been kicking around for several years. Brodeur suggested a pared-down version of the plan, linking Granby and Drummondville, during his electoral campaign in 1994, but the idea died a few months after he was elected.

The passing of a new law last December in the National Assembly al-

lowing the government to pair up with private business on projects could open the road to the new autoroute, Brodeur says.

"Granby and the region are already very well served from the east and west by Autoroute 10, linking it to Montreal and Sherbrooke," Brodeur said. "But the route up into Central Quebec and down to the United States is more difficult," due to the lack of a large thoroughfare.

Creating a new highway could open the door to expanded industrial and tourist traffic through the corridor, creating millions of dollars in increased revenue for all regions involved, Brodeur said. The industrial parks in Acton Vale and Valcourt would also benefit.

The proposed route would extend from Drummondville in the north, connecting with Highway 55, then run southeast through Granby, Bromont and Cowansville before extending along the western edge of Lake Champlain to hook up with Highway 87 in

the U.S., which runs down into Burlington.

To cover the costs of construction, toll booths could be put in place for a set amount of time - 20 years, for instance - until the private sector and the government had recouped their investments, Brodeur suggested. Once the highway was paid off, it would become the property of the province.

At this point Brodeur is only testing the waters to see if there's interest in the affected regions. He's contacting local development bureaus and the regional municipalities of Brome-Missisquoi, Haute-Yamaska and Drummondville, and says thus far re-

action has been favourable.

If enough interest is expressed, Brodeur will ask for a feasibility study to determine the costs, possible route and potential profits of a new highway in the region.

Even if the plan is accepted, it will probably take between 10 and 15 years before the highway is constructed. Estimates for the costs vary between \$65 million and \$100 million.

"But it's a project that will definitely have major economic impacts for the region," he said. "It's a more certain investment than putting your money into a government-run zoo, for example."

Zoo:

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The Parti Québécois should concern itself with health care and education, and leave tourism-based enterprises to the private sector, the Shefford MNA said.

Landry caused a stir Tuesday, saying the Quebec government was refusing an \$18-million grant for renovations to the Quebec City zoo and aquarium and instead increasing the proposed provincial funding from \$20 million to \$38 million.

The PQ refused because the federal government stipulated the institutions would have to post bilingual signs and fly the Canadian flag for 40 years, Landry said. Further stoking the flames, Landry referred to the Canadian flag as a "red rag" and called federal Unity Minister Stéphane Dion "the most detested politician in the history of Quebec."

"We are not for sale," Landry is reported to have said. "Quebec has no intention of selling itself on the street for some scraps of red rag or for any other reasons."

Landry later said his comments were meant to portray the flag as a matador's red cape inciting a bull to charge, and that he had the "greatest respect" for the Canadian flag, but by then the damage had been done. Landry made the front pages of Canada's national newspapers and Quebec dailies under "the flag is a red rag" headlines.

On the issue of the flag, Shefford MNA Brodeur said he was under the impression that "Quebec was still in Canada, and when you give \$18 million, I think you should have the right to ask to be seen."

In any case, he said, institutions shouldn't "need a government grant to show the flag of Canada."

Brodeur said the PQ's refusal of bilingual signs was an indication of their narrow mindedness.

"For those who have travelled out of Quebec, they may have noticed that at tourist attractions in the U.S., for example, signs are posted in English, French, German, Spanish, in all sorts of languages. In the tourism sector, you have to welcome the people from everywhere."

But more important than the issue of nationalism is the question of how the PQ is choosing to spend taxpayers' money, Brodeur said.

"Investments in the public sector, such as zoos or aquariums or ski hills, are not the mission of a government. Quebecers should be asking what they're paying into. I think we pay taxes to invest in health care and education - this is the true mission of a government."

The Quebec City zoo was losing close to \$1 million a year back in 1994 when the Liberals tried to put it up for sale, Brodeur said. The PQ put a stop to the sale to take control of it again, but since then it has seen little profit, he said.

In comparison, the private and profitable Granby Zoo, which receives little in the way of government funding, is an example of what can be achieved if the private sector runs tourist attractions, Brodeur said.

He suggested Quebec would see a better return on its investment by funding profitable, privately run enterprises such as the zoo in his riding.

The PQ's failed attempt to run the Mont Sainte Anne ski hill is another example of the results when a government tries to run enterprises, he said.

"That's what happens when you try to run a place with civil servants, and you have to pay ticket-takers \$15 an hour."

He scoffed at the PQ's assertion the investment would pay for itself in tourism revenues and increased employment.

"I've heard that a hundred times. If it's true, why doesn't the government just invest \$20 billion in these types of things, and then in a few years we'd never have to pay taxes again?"

Celebrating Women's Day March 8

The Record pays tribute to the women of the Townships with a special supplement on March 8, International Women's Day, featuring articles on women from a variety of fields.

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Danville gearing up for packed Ice Festival weekend

By Stephen McDougall
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In an effort to promote local tourism and get nature lovers out of their snow-covered homes this winter, the town of Danville will combine its 21st annual Ice Carnival, the Mack Sennett Festival and a three-day, televised snowmobile run for the Feb. 2 weekend.

"This way we have something for everyone while at the same time pooling our resources," said Guy Huot, a birdwatcher and organizer of the snowmobile run.

"We want to show that this area of Quebec is worth visiting in summer and in winter."

Huot said the event will not just promote Danville, but surrounding towns such as Asbestos, St. Adrien, Wotton, Richmond and Victoriaville.

"This will be an opportunity for towns from three Municipal Regional Councils, Asbestos, Val St-François and Arthabaska, to show off what they have to visitors."

Key to attracting visitors will be the snowmobile run, which will be filmed by RDS, the Quebec cable sports channel.

The run actually starts Feb. 1 when members of Le Patriash and Esquimaux clubs will travel to Danville from Richmond along the Corridors Verts-TransCanada Trail. On Feb. 2, members of the Alleghanish club from Victoriaville will travel to Danville on the same trail.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 15 members from the three clubs will make a 100-kilometre trek to Mount Ham, the area's highest mountain and lookout point near St. Adrien.

The run will pass through the towns of Warwick, Kingsey-Falls, Wotton, St-Camille and Trois Lacs.

Huot said the \$10,000 price tag for the RDS program is being partially raised locally through the local tourist groups and businesses. It is scheduled for broadcast on Feb. 18.

"With the broadcast, we hope to encourage local tourism in the winter," said Huot.



Birdwatchers spotted 40 types of birds.

"That the Trans-Canada trail and other paths in the area can be used by snowmobilers in winter just as much as by cyclists in the summer.

"And a trip to Mount Ham, which stands for High Altitude Mountain, is something everybody should try."

Huot also hopes the publicity will help his pet project, that of making Danville's Burbank Pond into a nature center.

An avid naturalist and author, Huot said citations by local members of the Eastern Townships Bird Watchers' Club in December showed up to 40 types of birds have visited and nested at the pond.

Since it was made into a sanctuary for birds in 1989, the pond has attracted numerous species, most of them migratory.

"Every year, we see more types of birds, and that means more bird watchers are interested in coming here," he said.

"The logical next step is to set up a permanent facility for nature lovers. I will make sure the pond's success is included in the RDS program."

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, Huot will also screen a recent National Film board production "Une colline chez les hommes" about a bird sanctuary at Mount Rigaud. That will be followed by a presentation by Huot on birdwatching



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Michel Lecours, Danville director general Guy Huot, naturalist and Burbank Pond promoter Diane Labonte, photographer and naturalist Bertrand Turcotte, head of Corridor Verts

at Burbank Pond.

On Sunday, Huot will organize a guided tour of the pond to explain why a growing number of birds are attracted to the area.

Another feature during the festivities will be the screening of several films by and about Mack Sennett, the famed Hollywood silent-film producer who was born and raised in and around the Danville area.

On Friday evening, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. documentaries on Sennett's life and work by filmmakers Jean Chabot and Pierre Pageau will be shown at the Monseigneur Thibeault community centre.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m., cinema professor Pierre Marcoux will present more works by Sennett at the centre.

The Sennett festival, which was a local success two years ago, has been scaled down this year due to the cold climate.

Last year's festival saw few people attend the day long screenings and activities because of continuous low sub-zero weather.

Martine Satre, past organizer of the

event, said local volunteers are discussing a larger festival in future years that might include working with Hollywood film societies and historic groups.

"We have to rethink the concept of the festival before we can think of attracting a larger crowd, including people from Hollywood," she said Tuesday.

"We need a credible presentation that they would want to see. We need to have special themes that are well planned and presented. It should not be done quickly. You don't get a second chance with Hollywood."

Other activities during the weekend at the community centre include toboggan runs, a magic show, a free Saturday night supper with the country and western band "Concorde" and a teen dance with the hip-hip group The Revelation on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Danville Curling club will be holding its annual tournament, and the dart throwers can practice their style at the Danville Legion tournament.

For more details, call Guy Huot at 839-1489 or Rejean Gagnon at 839-1079.

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Community Forum

EDITORIAL

That's a lot of bull, all right

Deputy Premier Bernard Landry is backtracking fast. He is currently telling every reporter who'll listen that when he called the Canadian flag 'a piece of red rag' this week, he was referring to the flag waved by a matador in front of a bull.

That's a lot of bull, all right.

The incident that sparked such passionate prose from this hardliner was Ottawa's insistence that certain conditions be placed on \$18 million in federal funding that was to be granted for major renovations to the Quebec City zoo and aquarium. As a funding partner in this project, the Canadian government wanted the Canadian flag to fly over the two sites and assurance that all signs will be bilingual.

This is what Landry is rejecting? Perhaps it would be appropriate to fly the Canadian flag as well as the Quebec flag on a project that receives \$18 million in funding instead of giving Ottawa the finger.

And the fact that he doesn't want the signs to be bilingual illustrates the kind of exclusionary attitude that will ultimately destroy Quebec. Anglophones in the province, who are Quebecers and pay taxes to Quebec City, would appreciate bilingual signs at the Quebec City zoo. Landry doesn't give a damn about us. Tourists from across the globe flock to Quebec every year and they would appreciate bilingual signs as well. Landry obviously doesn't care about people who pour money into Quebec's economy, thus helping it run smoothly and helping to create the winning conditions he needs for separation. Doesn't he get that a strong Quebec economically and socially will give the PQ the best chance at separation?

To top it off, the Quebec government - which means you and me - will pay for almost all of the \$47 million zoo and aquarium project without

help from Ottawa. By refusing Ottawa's money, Landry is penalizing the people of Quebec. The funds Ottawa is offering is money that we as Quebecers have paid in taxes and he's refusing to take it back to improve facilities that will benefit the people of Quebec. Is this the kind of nonsense we'll have to put up with for the next few years?

The man who has the best chance at becoming the next premier of Quebec displays a complete disregard for the country many of us are proud to be part of and tremendous disrespect for other Canadians.

Many of us in Quebec have two flags - one is red and the other is blue and we can be proud of both of them. Unfortunately, the Fleur de lys can never be seen as simply the provincial flag of Quebec since it is now inextricably identified with a separatist government and the sovereignty cause. So the hardliners have taken that flag away from us. Now Landry wants to denigrate the only other flag we have left. I say No. Don't attack our flag, buddy.

Landry's quote was, 'Quebec has no intention of streetwalking for a piece of red rag or anything else'. We got a whiff of the bull, but where's the matador?

Now he's saying he'll have to choose his words more carefully. Maybe he should begin by showing more respect for other human beings in his province and in the country.

Whatever one may say about Lucien Bouchard bringing the Quebec people to a hair of starting the process of separation, he had a lot of class and respect for people and he stood up against bigotry, even when he found it in his own party.

In other parts of Canada, a politician who makes the kind of statements Landry has made has to pay dearly for it with loss of support. Not so in Quebec. The bigoted hardliners of the PQ

who thought Bouchard was a pussycat have finally found their man in Landry.

Landry says Quebecers 'are a calm people' and that Canada is inciting us. He is certainly not adopting the calm approach of his people.

If Canadians were getting fed up with Bouchard, imagine what their reaction will be to Landry. How does he

expect to get anywhere in his relations with Canada, anglophones, ethnic people, big money? How does he expect to get anywhere?

If Landry doesn't rethink the confrontational style he's setting the precedent for in his relations with Canada, then all Quebecers will be the ultimate losers.

SUNIL MAHTANI



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Lace delivered rain or shine

DEAR EDITOR,

I wish to commend and thank the staff at the Record for their attention in the recent changeover in carriers.

It took time for the new carrier to find our location. My phone calls were always answered with courtesy

and copies did arrive. All seems to be fine now. Thank you Alison and Nancy.

I would like to thank Mr. Earl Lace for the excellent service he provided for several years delivering the Record, in all kinds of weather. Our best wishes go out to him for a good recovery and return to health.

JOAN NORRIS
 Waterloo

And more letters....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rather eat porridge

DEAR EDITOR,

In response to your editorial regarding selections from the Record being on a web site.

I wish to say that I am against having any part of the Record available on a web site - only by subscription. Anybody with any common sense would realize that our paper hangs on a thin, though loyal thread. Perhaps the advertisers reap some benefits from the Internet but there are other ways to find out who has died. Nobody is so destitute they can't subscribe to our community daily paper. They can always cut back in some other way, i.e. buy less beer and fewer other non-essential items to save our Record.

I would eat nothing but porridge for weeks so I could continue to subscribe. As for those who share the paper with others, please don't complain when the Record no longer exists. It reminds me too much of people who seldom, if ever, attend or support the church and then are the first to lament when the doors are closed.

Incidentally that M P mentioned in the editorial is beneath contempt.

MARION SUTHERLAND
Danville

My anglo life in Quebec is fabulous

DEAR EDITOR,

Whoa! This guy in FLORIDA is saddened by the decline of MY life?! And apparently the lives of many of my friends and family?!

Interestingly enough, my life, here in the fabulous Eastern Townships is fabulous! I have a great job, and great family, and many of my great friends are returning to our small town to settle down, have families and work.

Unfortunately the news sometimes conveys an image of anglo-Quebecers as down-trodden, suffering, when really most days are carried out just like any old day in Calgary, Penticton, Val d'Or, Ottawa, St. Malo, Elmsdale, Kincardine, Yellowknife, and other spots on the map - heck even Minneapolis or

Shanghai! I go to work, drink a coffee and chat with the staff, go about my day, stop at the store for milk, gas up the car, read the paper, do the laundry, watch the X-Files, pet the cat, laugh with my best friend, give my time to Girl Guides, and all kinds of stuff you don't really need me to explain to understand that I have a fairly ordinary, but full and rewarding, life.

Certainly events such as the referendum, painted what could be viewed as a bleak picture, but hey, man, I'm LIVING the future of that picture, and it's anything but bleak.

For me, calling the corner store "the dépanneur", eating "poutine", growing up watching Mr. Dress-up AND Passe-Partout has meant that the life that I have here, because my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and beyond, had the good sense to make Quebec home, is enriched by two languages and a culture that is unique and beautiful. Hey, of course it's not always easy.

Life isn't supposed to be.

Mr. Patrick Gilmore, of Coconut Creek, Florida, in a way, I'm tempted to thank you. Your words were so off from my experience as a Quebecer that you've made me remember, and profess, my pride in my province and country.

To each his/her own. As for my ability and ambition, you just watch the contribution I, and other young Quebecers (anglo and francophones) make to Quebec and Canadian society!

You ain't seen nothin' yet.

SHEILA QUINN

Richmond, Quebec, Canada

P.S. Record people - I believe the flood gates are open! Best of luck!

Townshippers' learning more about communities

DEAR EDITOR

Townshippers' Association and the Eastern Townships CEDEC held a Community Outreach forum in Lac Brome on Jan. 16, with the following objec-

tives:

-to better understand local community strengths, needs and issues that are important to the community;

-to help build a strong network of concerned citizens with whom Townshippers' Association can maintain regular contact in order to communicate on relevant issues;

-to gain a greater understanding of Townshippers' Association and the CEDEC and the ways in which these organizations can work with you.

We would like to thank the many residents of the Lac Brome area for attending this event. Despite the inclement weather conditions the event was an overwhelming success. We encourage all those who did not attend the event due to the weather or any other circumstance and anyone interested in this initiative to contact Townshippers' Association or the Eastern Townships CEDEC at (450) 263-4422 or our new toll-free number, 1-866-566-5717. Detailed notes from the Community Outreach event and more information about Townshippers' Association can be found at www.townshippers.qc.ca.

The next Community Outreach event will be held in Sawyerville on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001. Please contact us if you would like further information or if you would like to attend this forum. A series of Community Outreach events will be held throughout the upcoming months in com-

munities throughout the Eastern Townships. Please do not miss this opportunity to become involved in the building of our community, the Eastern Townships.

Townshippers' Association and Eastern Townships CEDEC are committed to exploring the strengths, needs and opportunities within local communities. Together we are building a framework for the development of a strong network of individuals and organizations within the Eastern Townships.

HEATHER KEITH-RYAN

President, Townshippers' Association
John Buck, Chairperson, Eastern
Townships CEDEC

Gil Gilbert, Chair, Community Outreach
Committee, Townshippers' Association

RÉSEAU PATRIMOINE ET MUSÉOLOGIE DE SHERBROOKE



Institutions to discover!

- Bibliothèque municipale Éva-Sénécal
- Galerie d'art du Centre culturel de l'Université de Sherbrooke
- Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke
- Musée du Séminaire de Sherbrooke
- La Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke

Agenda

- Bibliothèque municipale Éva-Sénécal (821-5597): Bijoux à faire soi-même, Monday Jan. 29, 1:30 p.m. (Kids 7 to 10).
- La Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke (821-5406): Activity: On grandit avec vous. Permanent exhibition Sherbrooke 1802-2002, deux siècles d'histoire.
- Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke (821-2115): Dessins de la terre. From the Discovery of America to the Discovery of Lake Memphrémagog, till Jan. 28. Mari et femme. L'oeuvre gravée de John J.A. Murphy et de Cécil Buller, from February 3.
- Musée du Séminaire de Sherbrooke (564-3200): The exhibition 1, 2, 3... MATH! at the Centre d'exposition Léon-Marcotte, till April 8. Permanent exhibition at the Musée de la Tour.
- Galerie d'art du Centre culturel de l'Université de Sherbrooke (821-7742): 2500, boulevard de l'Université, Sherbrooke (Québec) J1K 2R1

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Let off a little steam or send kudos to someone doing a great job.

This page belongs to you.

Please be sure to sign your name and provide a telephone number.

Ground covers: big is not always better

The short truth about ground covers

It seems that we gardeners spend a good deal of our time trying to control weeds. We hoe, pull, poison and sometimes even burn them. In some areas I mulch thickly with newspaper and grass clippings, but it is always a battle every summer.

Each method has its advantages and disadvantages in each situation.

But there is a method of controlling weeds that many people never think of. In this method you carefully select plants that can spread to cover the ground and eventually out-compete the weeds.

My first experience with ground cover happened a short time after starting my flower garden six years ago. Knowing little about growing flowers of any kind, I was quite surprised when in one section of garden, I found dozens of these little short, purple, white and yellow pansy type flowers growing everywhere.

Soon, through the help of visitors, I learned that most people called them Johnny Jump Ups. What shocked me was that nearly everyone referred to my new-found treasures as weeds.

These tiny plants were bright and cheerful; they served a good purpose, covering the bare areas between the other taller plants. They hurt no one; they only took the spaces that the grass and weeds would have taken over. My interest peaked. I just had to find out what their real name was.

There was a reason they look like the larger pansy we all know and love - they belong to the same family of plants. Johnny Jump Ups are not weeds, but a type of viola. Like many varieties of ground covering plants, violas can become invasive, take over an area, annoy gardeners and quickly become regarded as weeds.

A couple of years later a dark rich blue variety of viola showed up, compliments of my bird population. This plant was captivating with its silky petals which looked like velvet. It would begin blooming right through the snow in the spring and continue until late in the fall. I was hooked and wanted to know more about the different types of these flowering

NATURE'S WAY

ANNA MAY KINNEY

plants.

Last summer I purchased seeds for pure white, black and pink and white violas and was ever so delighted when

they bloomed. These short plants spread easily and quickly fill in wherever there are empty spaces.

There are a few advantages to using ground cover to fight off weeds. By covering the ground with a carpet of vegetation, it prevents the germination of weed seeds. When established, it prevents the entrance of perennial weeds.

It acts as an insulating cover for the soil, keeping it cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. It protects the soil from erosion and water loss. This can be particularly useful on steep slopes.

Ground cover can be very attractive, while many of the varieties offer flowers, which can be used in herbal teas or eaten in salads. Its thick, often bushy growth can provide habitat and cover for beneficial insects and other predators. And my favorite is that it is a living mulch that helps to build up humus levels in the soil. This will help your soil to improve year after year, instead of depleting it.

The disadvantages of growing ground cover are minimal. Under favorable conditions, ground cover can grow fast and overrun your other flowering plants. It is important in some cases to do good housekeeping every fall, pulling out or transplanting the extras from areas that have become too dense. If you let the ground cover become too thick, it can compete with your other plants for food and water.

Dense ground cover can provide a habitat for slugs, snails and other pests, but this problem is often kept under control by beneficial insects and the resident bird population. I have quite a few families of robins that visit the gardens after a rainfall and feel sure they are filling their little bellies on the slug population.

It is recommended that ground cover should not be planted around any variety of plant that is especially susceptible to these threats.

So long as the above factors are taken into account, it is possible to choose ground cover plants that will greatly reduce the work of weeding while they also benefit the other plants you want to grow.

It is important to know that ground cover is not a quick fix, and only becomes effective in fighting weeds after



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it has been well established; this usually takes about three growing seasons. Young ground cover plants need to be set out in an area that has been cleared of perennial weeds and you will need to weed the area until they can spread easily by themselves.

In our northern climate the best time to set ground cover out is springtime. It can be used in many different types of situations. A great use is as a companion for lilies, irises and bulbs. The ground cover creates the cool soil condition that helps these plants stay moist in hot weather and makes it easy for them to grow through their vegetation.

Ground cover is very suitable around and under trees and shrubs, but may be most beneficial on steep slopes. Here the root system of the plants helps bind the soil, and together with the foliage helps prevent soil erosion.

One must take greater care in selecting the types of ground cover plants you place around some perennials or they could compete so much as to hinder the perennials' growth and expansion. On the whole, annuals and ground cover do not do well together and you should avoid mixing the two.

Now that I have you interested in ground cover, you'll be glad to know that there are over 250 species that can be used for this purpose. Next week, I will write about a few of the different types of plants you can choose from.

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Keeping track

Record reader Rodney Derick of Farnham suggested we print these lists of important events for future reference. In the coming weeks, The Record will be printing further lists for those of you who want to clip them out and paste them on the wall or in a scrapbook for future reference. Please let us know what information would be beneficial to you and we will do our best to provide it.

SHARON MCCULLY

Quebec elections since Confederation

	Liberals	Conservatives	Union Nationale	Parti Québécois	Creditistes	Equality	Other Independent	Seats
1867 (Sept.)	14	50						64
1871 (July)	20	45						65
1875 (July 7)	25	40						65
1878 (May 1)	32	32				1		65
1881 (Dec. 2)	12	53						65
1886 (Oct. 14)		30				35		65
1890 (June 17)		26				47		73
1892 (March 8)	18	52				3		73
1897 (May 11)	53	21						74
1900 (Dec. 7)	64	7				2		73
1904 (Nov. 25)	62	8				3		73
1908 (June 8)	59	11				4		74
1912 (May 15)	60	16				3		79
1916 (May 22)	75	6						81
1919 (June 23)	75	5				1		81
1923 (Feb. 5)	64	21						85
1927 (May 16)	73	9				3		85
1931 (Aug. 24)	77	11				2		90
1935 (Nov. 25)	48	16				26		90
1936 (Aug. 17)	14		76					90
1939 (Oct. 25)	66		20					86
1944 (Aug. 8)	37		49			5		91
1948 (July 28)	8		82			2		92
1952 (July 16)	22		69			2		93
1956 (June 20)	20		72			1		93
1960 (June 22)	51		47			1		99
1962 (Nov. 14)	64		30			1		95
1966 (June 5)	50		56			2		108
1970 (April 29)	72		17	7	12			108
1973 (Oct. 29)	102	2		6				110
1976 (Nov. 15)	27	1	11	70		1		110
1981 (April 13)	42			80				122
1985 (Dec. 2)	99			23				122
1989 (Sept. 25)	93			28		4		125
1994 (Jan.11)								
1998 (Nov. 30)								

Quebec Premiers since Confederation

	From	To
P.J. Chaveau, (Cons.)	July 15, 18867	Feb. 21, 1873
G. Ouimet, (Cons.)	Feb. 26, 1873	Sept. 2, 1874
C.E.B. de Boucherville (Cons.)	Sept. 8, 1874	March 7, 1878
H.G. Joly, (Lib.)	March 8, 1878	Oct. 30, 1879
J.A. Chapleau, (Cons.)	Oct. 30, 1879	July 5, 1882
J.A. Mousseau, (Cons.)	July 31, 1882	Jan. 1, 1884
J.J. Ross (Cons.)	Jan. 23, 1884	Jan. 1887
L.O. Taillon, (Cons.)	Jan. 25, 1887	Jan. 27, 1887
H. Mercier, (Lib.)	Jan. 27, 1887	Dec. 16, 1891
C.E.B. de Boucherville, (Cons.)	Dec. 21, 1891	Dec. 16, 1892
L.O. Taillon, (Cons.)	Dec. 16, 1892	May 1, 1896
E.J. Flynn, (Cons.)	May 12, 1896	May 26, 1887
F.G. Marchand, (Lib.)	May 26, 1897	Sept. 25, 1900
S.N. Parent, (Lib.)	Oct. 3, 1900	March 20, 1905
Sir. L. Gouin, KCMG, (Lib.)	March 3, 1905	July 8, 1920
Louis Alexandre Taschereau, (Lib.)	July 8, 1920	June 11, 1936
Adélard Godbout, (Lib.)	June 11, 1936	Aug. 26, 1936
Maurice Duplessis, (UN)	Aug. 26, 1936	Nov. 8, 1939
J.A. Godbout, (Lib.)	Nov. 9, 1939	Aug. 29, 1944
Maurice Duplessis, (UN)	Aug. 30, 1944	Sept. 7, 1959
J.P. Sauvé, (UN)	Sept. 11, 1959	Jan. 2, 1960
Antonio Barrette, (UN)	Jan. 8, 1960	June 15, 1960
Jean Lesage, (Lib.)	June 22, 1960	June 5, 1966
Daniel Johnson, (UN)	June 5, 1966	Sept. 26, 1968
J. Jacques Bertrand, (UN)	Oct. 2, 1968	April 29, 1970
Robert Bourassa, (Lib.)	April 29, 1970	Nov. 25, 1976
René Lévesque, (PQ)	Nov. 25, 1976	Oct. 3, 1985
Pierre Marc Johnson, (PQ)	Oct. 3, 1985	Dec. 2, 1985
Robert Bourassa, (Lib.)	Dec. 2, 1985	Jan. 11, 1994
Daniel Johnson, (Lib.)	Jan. 11, 1994	Oct. 24, 1994
Jacques Parizeau P.Q.)	Sept.12, 1994	Feb.19, 1996
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Enduring the labyrinths of persecution and torture

What follows is a repeat of an article which appeared in a garbled state in The Record due to technical difficulties experienced during transmission.

By Louise Abbott
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
KNOWLTON

Espionage ... house razings ... confiscations ... abductions ... incarcerations ... murders. In the 1770s and 1780s, Vermont was in a state of political upheaval. Because of their loyalty to the British Crown, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Micah Townsend, and Luke Knowlton all found themselves caught up in the turbulent events and in some cases, forced into exile for varying periods. They or their heirs eventually settled in the Eastern Townships and left an indelible mark on regional history in the 1790s and beyond.

But it was the activities of the four during the American Revolutionary War that was the focus of Jim Manson's third lecture in a six-part series at the Brome County Historical Society in Knowlton. As he put it: "You have to understand the early history of Vermont to understand the early history of the Townships."

In his two-hour presentation, "From Newfane to Knowlton: The Windham County Loyalists during the American Revolution," the Cowansville historian vividly portrayed the tumultuous times, citing eye-witness accounts. He read excerpts, for instance, from heartfelt letters exchanged by Samuel Gale and his wife, Rebecca Wells, when Gale was in prison, enduring "the various mazes and labyrinths of persecution [and] torture."

Throughout the 1750s and most of the 1760s, Manson explained, Vermont had been a hotly contested territory, with New Hampshire, New York, and even Massachusetts laying claim to it. It was popularly known as the New Hampshire Grants because the governor of New Hampshire, Benning Wentworth, had awarded land to about 12,000 settlers before "Britain finally made it clear that what we refer to today as Vermont was under the control of the government of New York."

By the 1770s, a spirit of nationalism had arisen and caused a deep rift among Vermonters. "There was an emerging government in Vermont - the Bennington group, led by Ethan Allen and his brothers and Thomas Chittenden.

These people regarded themselves as Vermonters and weren't about to accept the sovereignty of the New York government." Most of the settlers west of the Green Mountains supported the Bennington group's radical republican stance.



Luke Knowlton openly opposed the American Revolution and supported New York's jurisdiction in Vermont.

"The settlers east of the Green Mountains, however, were not only more conservative, but also much more inclined to support New York."

By the mid-1770s, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Micah Townsend, and Luke Knowlton all lived in eastern Vermont. They were Loyalists and predominantly "Yorkers," or supporters of New York's sovereignty over Vermont. Samuel Wells had moved from Deerfield, Massachusetts to a 600-acre farm in Brattleboro in 1766. He'd become a judge in the Westminster Court of Cumberland County, later divided into several smaller counties, including Windham. He'd also become a representative to the New York Assembly.

Samuel Gale, born and raised in England, had arrived in America in 1770 as a British army paymaster and married Wells's eldest daughter. He'd joined the ranks of New York government surveyors in Vermont. "They'd survey territory claimed by New York and then shortly after, settlers who'd received title to their land from New Hampshire or Vermont would receive eviction notices so that New York settlers could move in." In 1775 Gale became a clerk at the Westminster Court in Cumberland County.

Micah Townsend, a native of Oyster Bay, New York, had worked for a prominent legal firm in that state and had originally supported the American Revolution. He'd had a rude awakening in 1775, however, when General George Washington, fearing a British invasion, had ordered his troops to burn all the houses in the Loyalist stronghold of White Plains. Despite his rebel sympathies, Townsend saw his house go up in

flames. He fled to Brattleboro, where he switched his allegiance to the Loyalists and married Samuel Wells's daughter Mary.

Like Wells, Luke Knowlton had lived in Massachusetts, but in 1773 had moved to Newfane in the future Windham County. The following year, he was named town clerk. He openly opposed the American Revolution and supported New York's jurisdiction in Vermont.

In 1775 an event occurred that polarized Vermonters even more deeply and made life for Loyalists increasingly difficult. It began with a clash at the Westminster Courthouse between New York authorities and Vermonters angry about eviction notices. It ended with the local sheriff and his posse killing two protesters, injuring eight, and taking others into custody.

In retaliation, militiamen from New Hampshire were sent to round up citizens connected with the New York government. Samuel Wells was en route to New York City to sit in the assembly. But Samuel Gale was arrested, released, re-arrested, and only re-released after he'd written repeatedly to authorities and found someone willing to intercede on his behalf with George Washington himself. Gale headed south and worked as a British army paymaster until 1784, when he returned to England temporarily.

After the Westminster Massacre, the Vermont government threw its support behind the Patriots and passed laws to confiscate the estates of Loyalists and impose corporal punishment, imprisonment, or worse on any enemy of the "cause of freedom." Between 1776 and 1780, Wells was under house arrest.

"The Vermont government," Manson said, "put out a document giving people the authority to shoot Samuel Wells should he leave his farm."

During those same years, Micah Townsend and Luke Knowlton had to go underground to avoid being apprehended.

In 1777 the Vermont government declared Vermont an independent republic. By 1780, however, the Allens were concerned that Vermont might ultimately be forced to join the American union as part of New York. Ira Allen approached Luke Knowlton and suggested that, if Knowlton would convince his fellow Yorkers to support Vermont's autonomy, they would be given "a free hand" to pursue counter-revolutionary activities. Knowlton consented. "By early 1781," Manson explained, "Vermont had been stood on its head. Political loyalties and rivalries had been completely transformed."

Micah Townsend became Vermont's secretary of state and handed over secret documents about revolutionary troop movements to the British. Samuel Wells and Luke Knowlton worked for the British Secret Service, too, but were betrayed by one of their couriers. A warrant was issued for their arrest.

Both escaped, Wells to refuge with the Allens and then to New York City, Knowlton to the Loyal Blockhouse on present-day North Hero Island in Lake Champlain.

From 1780 to 1783, the Allens carried on covert negotiations with the British governor of Quebec, General Frederick Haldimand, to explore a possible alliance between Vermont and Britain, and even Vermont's reintegration into the British Empire. No agreement was reached, but, as Ira Allen later wrote, "impressions of friendship remained" between Vermont, Quebec, and Britain.

In 1791 Vermont became the fourteenth American state. The next year, the Eastern Townships were officially opened for settlement. Samuel Wells had died, but his children and their spouses, including Samuel Gale and Micah Townsend, moved to East Farnham Township. Although Luke Knowlton received a grant for Orford Township, he chose to stay in Vermont. Several of his children, however, relocated to the Townships; his grandson, Paul Holland Knowlton, founded the town of the same name. Gale was appointed deputy surveyor of Quebec and then Governor Robert Prescott's personal secretary.

He became, as Manson pointed out, "the champion of the Loyalists who were being cheated out of their land grants by the Land Committee." Thus the Loyalists of Windham County, Vermont assumed a new role as pioneers and guiding spirits in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

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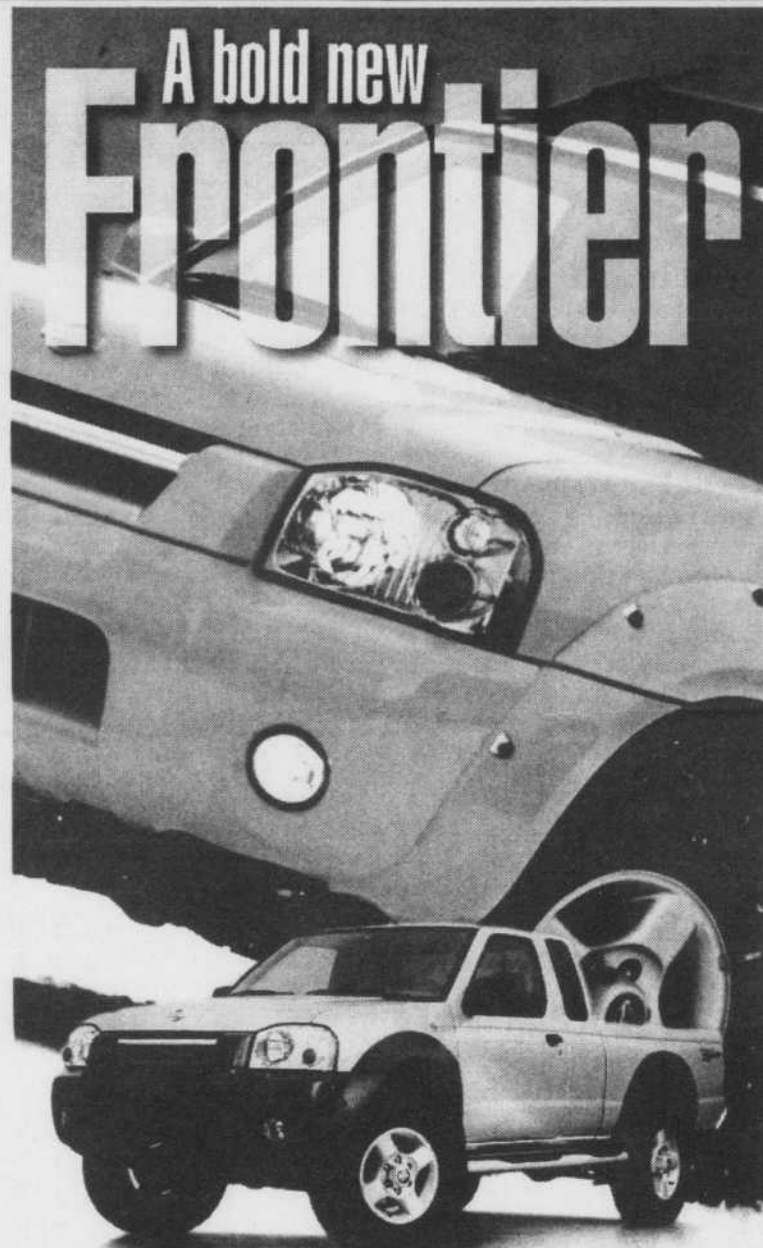
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By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

It's amazing what a few simple changes can do for one's image these days.

Case in point is the 2001 Frontier. This is the latest in a long line of Nissan pickups that stretches back some 40 years. The Frontier is a truck that, although competent enough when it counts, looks, well... almost too nice to be tough. And today most truck buyers want as much image-building toughness on the outside as they do beneath the sheetmetal.

For 2001, Nissan has focused its energies on making the Frontier just as gutsy on the outside as it is on the inside. Interestingly, the Frontier's new lean and mean look is not a result of major surgery, but the product of some deft cosmetic changes to its existing structure that was last updated in 1998.

To start with, a new composite nose replaces the Frontier's traditional chrome grille and bumper. The stubbier front-end is painted the same colour as the rest of the truck and comes across as downright menacing compared to last year's sedan-like face.

The other obvious physical change is the addition of extreme-looking front and rear fender flares that appear as though they were pop-riveted into place. Credit for the new bodywork goes to Nissan's California-based design studio, which has clearly drawn inspiration from those hard-charging, Baja-style

desert racing vehicles that operate not far from their headquarters.

These alterations were conducted under the watchful eye of Nissan's chief designer Diane Allen, who says she was also influenced by both sports cars and high-end power tools in determining the Frontier's latest look.

Less obvious changes have taken place inside the Frontier's cabin where a redesigned instrument cluster has been set in place along with new woven cloth coverings for the seats. In addition, the cruise control switches have been moved to the steering wheel and the remaining control knobs have been enlarged for easier use.

Along with its eye-catching —

we would say arresting — exterior, some real muscle has been added under the Frontier's hood. Available this year is a supercharged 3.3-litre SOHC V6 engine that develops 210 horsepower. This powerplant is available on extended King Cab models, as well as the extra-roomy Frontier Crew Cab. You can also order a normally-aspirated 170-horsepower version of the 3.3, or keep it basic with the standard-issue 2.4-litre DOHC four-cylinder motor (available only in 4x2-configured trucks) that produces 143 horsepower. All three engine choices can be ordered with either a five-speed manual, or optional four-speed automatic transmission.

The Frontier's lineup consists of XE and XE-V6 King Cab, as well as SE-V6 and SC-V6 King Cab and Crew Cab models.

In addition, Nissan offers a specially-equipped XE King Cab 4x2, a kind of imitation four-wheel drive model that offers the same ride height, ground clearance and rugged suspension settings as its off-road sibling, but without the extra driveline hardware. Nissan has even added skid plates to protect the engine and fuel tank in case you get carried away and decide to head off into the back woods.

For the past 18 years, more than 1.7-million pickups have been shipped to Nissan's North American dealer network from its production facility in Tennessee. Based on the Frontier's latest brute-force facelift and equally-serious optional power, the factory should expect an even greater demand for its rugged, revamped hauler.

SPEC SHEET

2001 Nissan Frontier

- * Two- or four-door 4x2 or 4x4 pickup.
- * Available in XE King Cab, XE-V6 King Cab, SE-V6, SC-V6 King Cab and SC-V6 Crew Cab versions.
- * 2.4-litre DOHC I4, 3.3-litre SOHC V6 and supercharged 3.3-litre SOHC V6 engines producing 143, 170 and 210 horsepower, respectively.
- * Five-speed manual, or optional four-speed automatic transmission.
- * Revisions to the Frontier's exterior have transformed it from cute-looking to brute-looking pickup.
- * Unique supercharged V6 engine option backs up the Frontier's tough new image with extra power.
- * Wide assortment of body style, powertrain and accessory combinations give the Frontier buyer plenty of latitude in the options department.
- * Base price: \$21,000

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Ouimet signs on with Hamilton Tiger Cats

By Arash Madani

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Ben Ouimet, who became the Gaiters' premier running back this past year during his all-Canadian season, signed a contract Monday to play with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League.

The signing came a month and a day after Hamilton first offered the talented speedster a one-year deal to play inside receiver for the 2001 season.

"Hamilton, it's just a perfect situation. I'm just so happy with how things have gone," said Ouimet, 27, in an interview this week from his home in Joliette, Quebec, a few hours after inking the deal that officially made him a pro football player. "It is so satisfying. All the work, all the games, everything. They said I'm going to get a big shot and not just reps so

I'm going to work my butt off over the next five months as a slot back and run patterns to be ready for training camp."

Ouimet is the first Gaiter to be signed by a CFL team since Francis Bellefroid, who attended the Montreal Alouettes training camp in 1997 and 1998. Bellefroid was a late cut in each of those camps.

"This is just a fantastic opportunity for Ben. He worked hard and really earned

this," said Gaiter head coach Tom Allen, who delivered the news to

Ouimet on Dec. 21. "After three years of not struggling, but not performing to his capabilities, he came into his own this season and the rewards keep coming. Second team All-Canadian and now this."

Now this for the six-foot, 197-pound soon-to-be receiver who, as a tailback, rushed for 949 yards during his CIAU swansong season, running by and through the rest of the defenders in the O-QIFC. Ouimet's blazing speed, which has been measured in the 4.2 and 4.3 range for the 40-yard dash, caught the eye of CFL teams right away. All this 27-year old has wanted over the last few months is a shot at the pros.

Mike McCarthy, Consultant to Football Operations and Player Personnel for Hamilton, gave Ouimet that opportunity.

McCarthy phoned Allen in late December informing the head coach and Bishop's athletic director that the franchise was interested in signing Ouimet. Allen relayed the news to an ecstatic Ouimet, who then contacted McCarthy.

"When I spoke with Mr. McCarthy he told me 'Ben, we're ready to offer you a

one-year contract and bring you to camp," recalled Ouimet of their conversation. "I was going to say yes right away but he told me to take a week to think about it over the holidays.

"To be honest, I just wanted to sign right away, but I didn't really know what to do. So I called my buddy (Eric) LaPointe (a two-time Hec Crighton award winner with the Mount Allison Mounties and current Toronto Argos running back) and he told me to call all the teams and tell them that I was available and Hamilton was interested.

"But I didn't because I didn't want to blow my chance and a while later I got a contract which I signed (Monday)."

McCarthy told Ouimet that the Tiger Cats were most impressed by his speed and how tough a runner he had become, but wanted

him as a slot back.

Hamilton had Ouimet on its negotiation list at the end of the 2000 CIAU season and thus the other CFL teams were not allowed to talk to him.

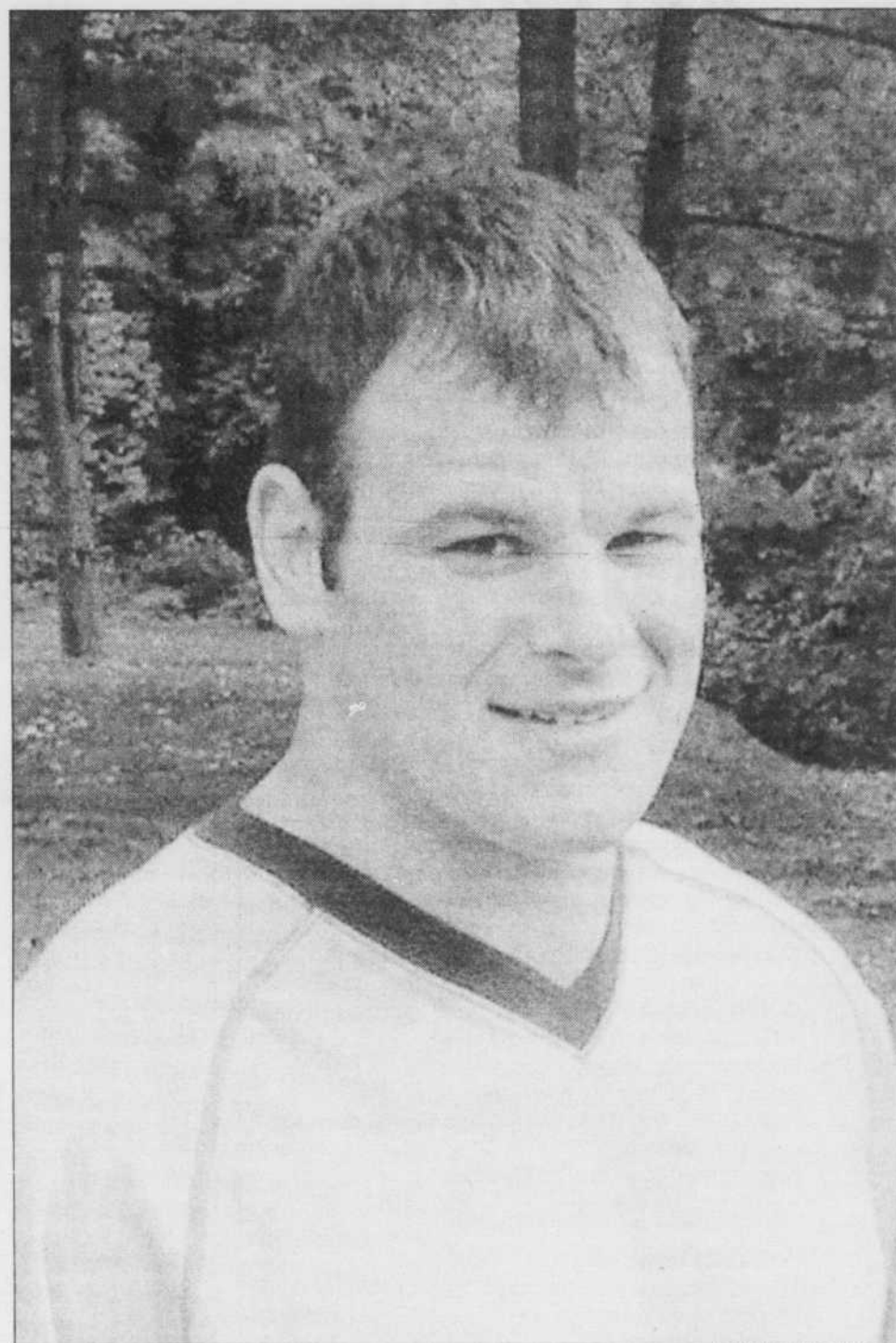
"Speed is definitely his asset," said Allen. "When we threw him the ball at the end of the year he could catch it. He's got to work like hell on his hands over the next little while and at camp; (Hamilton) has to be patient with him because we never

really asked him to catch the ball that much. "They have to identify the raw talent they have and work with it. If he runs the 4.3 speeds that he's capable of, you have a deep threat who can go vertical and with his speed and the fact that he will be a Canadian inside receiver, he gives Hamilton so many player personnel opportunities."

Ouimet, who has a year of university eligibility left, was a part of the star-studded 1997 recruiting class that includes CFL hopefuls Bill Wright, Curtis Barr, Mike Wilson, and Matt Kuhn, as well as future prospects Rob Horstman and Geoff Smith.

Ouimet has dressed each season during his four-year tenure with the Gaiters. It was during his sophomore campaign where his impact became most noticeable, storming down the sidelines at Coulter Field and then delivering in the final game of the 1998 regular season with a two touchdown effort at Richardson Stadium to knock off Queen's and send Bishop's to the playoffs.

1999 was an up-and-down year that saw him suffering from a case of fumbleitis, but it was this season, 2000, where he emerged as the finest back in the conference. Nobody was as



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Gaiters' premier running back Ben Ouimet is heading for the big league. On Monday he signed a contract to play with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League. The offer is a one-year deal to play inside receiver for the 2001 season.

dominant in the offensive backfield in the conference than the Humanities student, who was named Gaiter athlete of the week three times and was selected to the O-QIFC all-star team, as well as the All-Canadian second team.

After a quiet opening, Ouimet came through for Bishop's in huge ways and nearly single-handedly brought the Gaiters back into contention with a brilliant effort against Queen's on their homecoming weekend.

Vowing to bring the Gaiters their first win of the season, Ouimet delivered like he promised he would, compiling 263 all-purpose yards including a pair of key touchdowns leading the Gaiters to a 32-9 victory. On his 15 carries that day, he flew for 200 yards

and averaged 13.3 yards every time he touched the ball. In his second game in the last three years in Kingston, Ouimet continued to shine at Richardson Stadium and in his final touchdown scamper - the 63-yard soar down the right sideline - Ouimet lifted his index finger in the air to claim the exclamation point on a much needed victory.

"I have dreamed about playing at the professional level and that has been what I've been after for so long. For this to finally come together is the ultimate dream," Ouimet said Monday. "I'm so excited. I'm thinking about it every day and can't wait to get to training camp and perform."

Castors to host Tigers

Sherbrooke looks to rebound from 3-2 loss to Chicoutimi

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Castors' modest two-game winning streak came to a close Tuesday night when they dropped a 3-2 decision to the Chicoutimi Sangueneans at the Palais de Sports.

The loss, coupled with Drummondville's 4-3 overtime win over the Halifax Moosehead, allowed the Voltigeurs to leapfrog over the Castors and claim third place in the Central Section of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Drummondville leads Sherbrooke by a single point although the Castors still have a game in hand.

Sherbrooke deserved a better fate Tuesday night as they dominated play throughout the contest but were stymied by Chicoutimi netminder Dany Verville.

The Castors outshot the visitors 49-24 but were unable to solve Verville who recorded his 13th win of the season.

Louis-Philippe Lemay, filling in for Drew MacIntyre, made 21 saves on 24 shots.

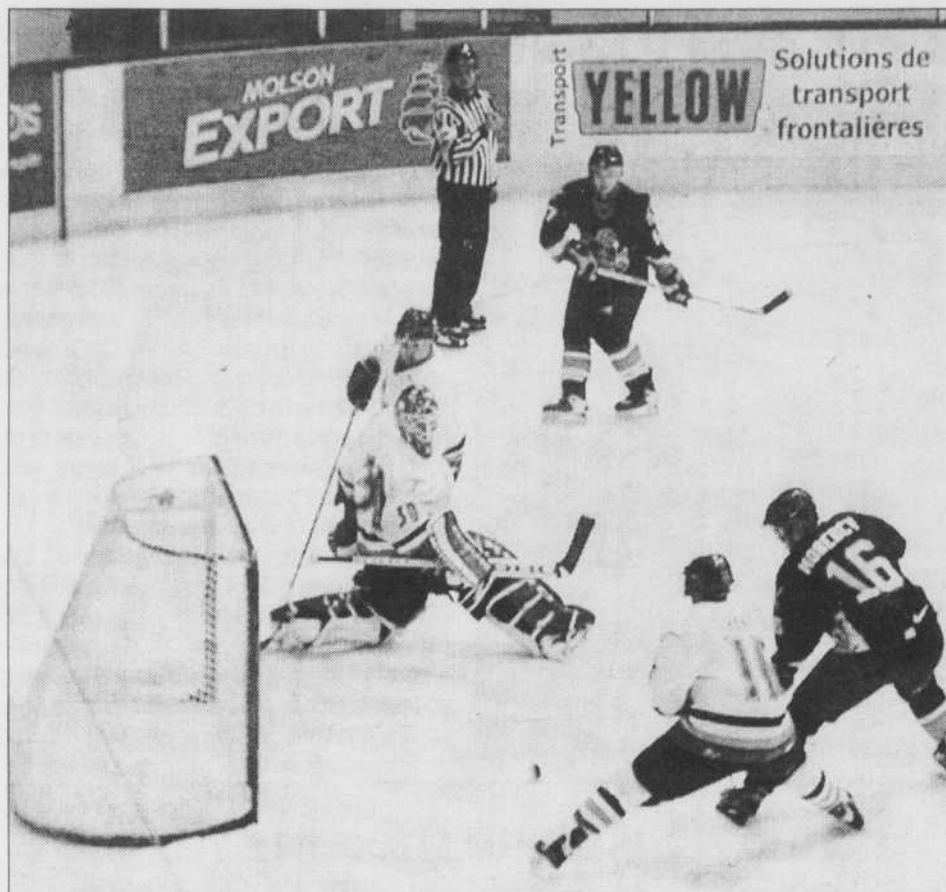
Simon Tremblay accounted for all the scoring with a first period power play tally and a goal in the final nine seconds of the game which drew closed the gap to 3-2.

Sherbrooke had little time to think about the loss as they are back in action tonight against the Victoriaville Tigers at the Palais des Sports.

Victoriaville is presently in second place in the Central Section and features an explosive roster. The Victoriaville Tigers continue to be one of

the league's more dynamic clubs. Their lineup includes the league's second highest line (Carl Mallette-Marc-Andre Thinel-Sebastien Thinel) as well as Antoine Vermette and Matthew Lombard. Tuesday night they dominated the Rimouski Oceanic in a 7-2 win that saw the Tigers outshoot their opponents 50-25.

In other news the league selected Sherbrooke goaltender MacIntyre as the league's defensive Player of the Week after allowing just three goals in victories over the Hull Olympiques and the Quebec Remparts.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Sherbrooke Castors dominated play Tuesday night against the Chicoutimi Sangueneans as they outshot the visitors 49 to 24, were unable to overcome Chicoutimi goalie Dany Verville who recorded his 13th win of the season.

LENNOXVILLE SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE 2000-2001 Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Tankers	16	10	4	2	22	108	72
Red Wings	16	9	5	2	20	92	78
Bruins	16	7	7	2	16	87	94
Coyotes	16	3	13	0	16	76	117

LEADERS SCORERS

Name	Team	G	A	Pts
Trevor Wright	Coyotes	25	15	40
Robbie Fisk	Red Wings	14	26	40
Steve Brum	Tankers	22	17	39
Jeremy Aubut	Red Wings	22	13	35
Martin Rouillard	Tankers	14	18	32
John Deboer	Bruins	17	14	31
Stephane Auger	Coyotes	15	15	30
David Beaulieu	Coyotes	12	16	28
Jeff Grapes	Red Wings	10	18	28
Todd Winkvist	Tankers	14	13	27
Kevin Bennett	Red Wings	10	17	27
Phil Ribaux	Bruins	9	18	27
Lance Larochette	Tankers	11	15	26
Danny Bennett	Tankers	12	13	25
John Osborne	Bruins	9	13	22
Robert Frappied	Coyotes	5	16	21
Raymond Letourneau	Bruins	5	15	20
Alain Lachance	Bruins	11	8	19
Marc Proulx	Red Wings	10	9	19
Kieran Kennedy	Bruins	8	10	18

ETIAC Hockey Standings January 23, 2001

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Stanstead	6	6	0	0	60	10	12
Alexander Galt	7	4	3	0	30	19	8
BCS	8	3	4	1	27	44	7
Massey Vanier	8	0	7	1	19	53	1

SCORING LEADERS

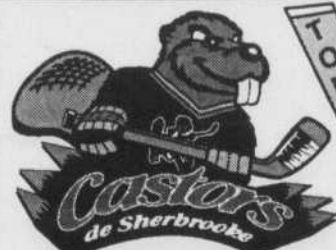
	G	A	Pts		G	A	Pts
P.T. Lacroix (Stans)	15	6	21	John Colton (BCS)	5	4	9
Alex Anderson (Stans)	9	10	19	Nathan McKelvey (Galt)	5	4	9
Phil Cortes (BCS)	7	6	13	Dan Doyon (Galt)	2	7	9
Bobby Hughes (BCS)	4	9	13	P.A. Desbiens (BCS)	3	5	8
Kevin Champigny (Galt)	7	5	12	Mark Warnholtz (Galt)	2	6	8
Mark Whitney (Stans)	6	4	10	Mike St. Pierre (MVR)	6	1	7
A. Parker (Stans)	4	7	11	P. Rowan (Stans)	6	1	7
Travis Coleman (Galt)	5	5	10	Mathieu Pelletier (Galt)	3	4	7

Scoreboard

Galt	6	Massey Vanier	1
Stanstead	3	Galt	2
BCS	7	Massey Vanier	5
Stanstead	6	Galt	1
Stanstead	12	BCS	2

Upcoming Games

Tuesday, January 30 BCS at Massey Vanier 3:15 p.m.



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TONIGHT

Canadian Club to welcome Senator Raymond Setlakwe



The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships will host guest speaker Senator Raymond Setlakwe. Mr. Setlakwe is director of many companies and is involved and member of numerous activities pertaining to university corporations, hospitals and the Canadian Bar Association. He received his education at Bishop's University, Laval University and his law degree from McGill University. We will share with him his life's experiences and his recent nomination and role as senator.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday February 12, 2001 at Hôtel Le Président, King Street West, Sherbrooke.

Guest night: By reservation only, please contact Alice Kobelt, before February 7, tel: 562-3509.

Helping Circle meeting

The Helping Circle held their first meeting of the New Year, on Jan. 16 at the home of the President, Madelyn Curtis.

Angel cake, ice cream and tea were served by Madelyn before the meeting.

The President opened the meeting by welcoming the members and wishing all a happy, healthy new year.

Get well cards were signed by the members to be sent to Lillian Goodwin and Mrs. Ron Nourse, who are on the sick list.

Devotions was presented by Bernadette Tommlies, titled "The Window." Prayers by Madelyn.

Roll Call was answered by 10 members.

Secretary Dolly Nutbrown read the minutes of the December meeting, which were approved.

Dolly then gave the report of the previous year, which showed a very busy time.

Treasurer Ruth Putney gave her report, then the financial annual report. Thelma voiced appreciation to Ruth for the excellent work and time she puts into these reports.

Several thank you notes were received.

Our secretary, Dolly is giving up her duties, due to hand problems. Beryl Joyce has kindly offered to take over this office, which everybody is pleased.

Bernadette has offered to take care of the Sunshine Committee.

Next Bridge dinner Jan. 27th. Rummage sale decided on June 2nd.

A donation was voted to be sent to The Vacation Bible School.

The next meeting to be a pot luck dinner, Feb. 20th, at the home of Doris Gosselin.

Ruth Clough, happily passed around candy from her birthday party, which was held on Jan. 12th.

The meeting was adjourned by Bernadette.

Doris Gosselin

Jolly Twelve meet

The first meeting of the New Year 2001 for the Jolly Twelve was held Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Madeline Dezan, Ayer's Cliff with all members present.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent playing cards at two tables.

The winners were first, Dien Brus; second Evelyn Lafond; consolation Joe Harrison.

Special marked plates, Muriel Mosher and Lorraine Harrison.

Following the card game the hostess served lovely refreshments and all enjoyed the social hour.

Next meeting Monday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Muriel Mosher's, Ayer's Cliff.

Lorraine Harrison



BURY

Casserole Luncheon, followed by afternoon card party, Tuesday, January 30 beginning at noon in St. Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall. Benefit of St. Paul's Guild. Card prizes and door prizes. Grocery drawing and sales table.

RICHMOND

The Gore W.I. will host a 500 card party at the Wales Home on January 31 at 1:30 p.m. A Food Sale will take place commencing at 1 p.m. See you there!

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville are holding a Valentine Tea, Food and Mini-Craft Sale on Saturday, February 10 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Door prizes. Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us! Wheelchair accessibility. Sponsored by the Parish Guild. Bienvenue Tous!

PHILIPSBURG

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 82, Philipsburg will hold a Pot-Luck Supper and Super Bowl on January 28. Supper served from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Also large screen T.V. So come and watch the Super Bowl with us! (450) 248-2407.

WARDEN

500 card party at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 209 Main St., Warden at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31. Lunch will be served. Prizes. All welcome.

SHERBROOKE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 21-28 January: I am Way, Truth, Life. Bilingual, ecumenical celebration at Notre-Dame de l'Assomption, 601 St-Michel Street, Sherbrooke on Sunday, January 28 at 7 p.m. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club annual meeting Wednesday, January 31, 7:45 p.m., at Community Centre. Slides and commentary by Margaret and Kenneth Herring, "The Canadian North and Greenland" including Polar Bears in Churchill.

HUNTINGVILLE

You are invited to hear former science teacher, Henry de Roos, speak on "Creating/Evolution" at the Huntingville Community Centre, Saturday, February 3 starting at 10:30 a.m. Afternoon sessions at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Youth Rally at 7 p.m. Bag lunch at noon. Information: (819) 346-8675.

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Women's Institute meeting

AYER'S CLIFF

The Ayer's Cliff W.I. met on January 12th at Muriel Mosher's for their annual meeting. The President Lorraine Harrison welcomed the members and thanked Muriel for having the meeting and being hostess.

The meeting opened with the Collect and Salute to the Flag.

Motto: Accept office, it is better to do things, than to criticize others who try to do their best.

Roll Call: Payment of annual dues was answered by four members.

Minutes were read and approved, followed by the Treasurer's report. The books had been audited by Laurie Schoolcraft and found correct.

Correspondence: Thank you from Maude Chadsey for Christmas Cheer, and one from Kaye Elliot for fruit cake. Thank you from Doreen Kennedy for donation to the Cemetery Association in memory of her mother.

The convenors gave their annual reports, and had a busy year.

Lorraine thanked the members for bringing cookies for Christmas Cheer, and arranging the plates and delivering them.

Installation of officers and convenors. Lorraine asked for the slate of officers and convenors, and this was presented by Aileen Lord. President, Lorraine Harrison; Pres. elect, Dyanne Saanum; Secretary-Treasurer, Aileen Lord.

Convenors: Agriculture, Lorraine; Canadian Industries, Muriel Mosher; Citizenship and Legislation, Aileen Lord; Education & Cultural Affairs, Irene Ride; Environment, International Affairs and Home Economics and Health, Muriel Mosher; Publicity, Aileen Lord; Safety, Doreen Kennedy; Sunshine, Lorraine Harrison. The oath of citizenship was repeated.

Lorraine thanked the members for their co-operation and work.

New business: A motion was made to renew the F.W.I.C. magazine. Bring two dozen cookies to next meeting for the Drew Residence for Valentine's. Fair dates are August 23-26. Each hostess to call members about next meeting. A card party will be planned for a future date.

Irene Ride adjourned the meeting and a social time followed.

Aileen Lord

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

Dark as Africa

A poem of a cake
From the good old west
To the coast of Maine
This recipe won't be in vain
It's bound to please and even tease
A calorie minded femme de vie
Take 2 cups of flour, presifted is best
Add 1/2 cup cocoa and 1/4 tsp. salt
Then 2 tsp. soda and mix without fault
Use 1 cup of mayo, small Helmanns' all I've got
Mix equal with H2O - 1 cup really hot!

Mix with vanilla, 1 tsp. add to above
And you'll have a chocolate cake
You'll really, really love!
Bake for 25 minutes or a bit more
In a 350° oven and please shut the door.

This is not a layer cake so bake in Pyrex glass pan.
About 9 x 11, it will please any man.
Serves 8.

Contributed by
Eloise Irwin-Hodge

St. Paul's U.C.W. meeting

WATERLOO

St. Paul's U.C.W. held their meeting January 11, 2001 in the church with 12 members answering the roll call. There was one guest present.

The president, Doris McGovern welcomed all and thanked the hostesses, Marion Moffatt and Peggy Stretch. The purpose was repeated. Joyce Ossington led the devotionals, "Guide Lines for Growth," followed by prayer.

Board report: Presbytery - Jan. 13th.

A committee was appointed to look after the renovations on the bathroom and the ceiling in the church hall.

Peggy Stretch gave the treasurer's report.

It was moved by Betty Black, seconded by Joan Norris that a donation be given to Copimif.

Seven thank you cards were read.

Marion Moffatt presented the slate of officers for the year 2001. President, Doris McGovern; vice-pres., Myrt Wilkinson; treasurer, Peggy Stretch; recording secretary, Bobby Cochrane; corres. secretary, Emily Norton.

The members of the committees agreed to remain for another year.

The annual reports were presented and accepted on a motion by Joyce Ossington.

During the year, Mildred Irwin sent

many birthday, get-well and sympathy cards. Also many personal and telephone calls were made.

Ellen Heath reported that along with tabs from soft drink cans and used eyeglasses, 60 lbs. of bread clips had been collected.

Please note: New day for meetings - the fourth Wednesday of each month.

After closing the meeting by repeating the Mizpah Benediction, four tables of whist were played.

Next meeting - Feb. 28th at 1:30 p.m.

Coming events (some dates may be tentative)

March 2: World Day of Prayer at St. Paul's.

March 11 - Annual congregational meeting.

April 7 - Pancake party.

Regional service, Cowansville - April 29th.

May 5th - Ham supper

June 23 - Flea market.

Regional Service, Creek - July 29th.

August - Corn roast.

September 29 - Turkey supper.

October 21st - Anniversary Sunday.

November 24 - Bazaar.

Respectfully Submitted

Emily Norton,
Corresponding Secretary

Melbourne Ridge Women's Institute meeting

Our December meeting was held at the Wales Home. The meeting was very short as our members who live at the home could be there.

We opened by the collect being repeated by all present. Roll was called with 11 members and one visitor being present. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer gave a favourable report, then pennies for friendship were collected.

Our correspondence was from Elaine Stone, la etter about a trip from Marge Lancaster, thanks from Joan Morrison for a sympathy card sent to her and Roderick when Roderick's brother passed away, a donation from Marion Mountain who now lives in Ontario.

There were no convenor reports.

Joan Morrison moved that we change our prizes we give at the fair.

Crafts shown were Shirley Fowler - Santa booties and two notebooks; Janine Sterl showed a beautiful baby set.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Before we had our meeting we had a wonderful pot luck lunch. After the meeting we enjoyed an exchange of Christmas gifts among the members. We also had gifts for our Wales Home members. We had a very enjoyable day.

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Our January meeting was held at the home of Marg Smith. We opened by repeating the collect. Everyone was wel-

comed and the hostess thanked.

Roll was called with eight members and one visitor present. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was from the Bank of Montreal explaining the takeover of the National Bank, La Rivage and Social Services of Val St. Francis.

The treasurer gave a very favourable report. There were a few bills which were moved paid by Joan Morrison, seconded by Shirley Fowler. Pennies for friendship were then collected.

Convenor reports: Agriculture - Susan Mastine read "Have you ever considered your daughter taking over the farm."

Canadian industries - Shirley Fowler read "A way to a Happy New Year."

Education: Joan Morrison held a contest, about the new lettering for the provinces on letters.

Home economics and health - Pauline Nelson read "Breakfast for Learning."

International affairs - Janine Sterl read "Chinese Barrage Pharronique."

Pauline Nelson is next to see our forgotten patient.

There were no birthdays this month.

Cheer cards were signed for George and Shirley Johnston, Billie Nelson.

Crafts shown were a Christmas tree skirt by Marjorie Smith and a beautiful hankie and pin she received from Australia.

Death

BARNETT, Annie Campbell McWilliams Jackson - Departed this life on Sunday, January 21, 2001, at home at The Connaught. She was the last of her clan. Born in Glasgow, Scotland 92 years ago, she had an energetic spirit that was an inspiration to us all. Much loved wife of the late James Stanley Barnett. Good mother to Frances (late Gordon) Fisher and the late Patricia (late Stewart) Porter. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren; Wendy Porter, Alexander Porter (Mary Swan), Marc Porter (Jaimie Ireland), Ginette Fisher and Heather Fisher. Most proud great-grandmother of Emma, Zachary and Sophia Porter. She will also be remembered by her nieces, nephews and the many others whose lives she touched. According to her wishes, a family committal service will be held when her ashes are buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Ont., at a later date. Any donations in Anne's memory could be made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, P.O. Box 41027, Stn. Nrm B., Toronto, Ont., M7Y 7H7 or The Connaught Home, 77 Main St., North Hatley, Que., J0B 2C0, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, Lennoxville, Que., (819) 564-1750

Death



FEE-WILLIAMSON, Mrs. Iona - At the Wales Home in Richmond in her 84th year, wife of late Alexandre Williamson. Mrs. Iona Fee-Williamson lays at Salon Funéraire Yves Houle & Frère, 280 Hôtel-de-Ville St, South Durham, Pauline Fecteau, director. Visitation: Thursday, January 25, 2001, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, January 26, 2001, the parlor will open at 11:30 a.m. The service will be held Friday, January 26, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., in the United Church in South Durham and presided by Rev. Jennings. The interment will be at the United Church Cemetery in South Durham. Mrs. Williamson leaves behind her children: Donna (Laurent Goupil), South Durham, Mona (Leslie Doyle), South Durham, Brenda, Drummondville, Linda Gunter (late Gary Williamson). Her grandchildren: Michel (Lina), Steve (Nathalie), Sonya (Harold), Cheryl (Cecil), Daryl (Karen), Craig (François), Chad (Sonia), Tracey (Mario), Kevin, Danny and Jimmy. Her great-grandchildren: Melissa, Melanie, Jennifer, Alexandre, Sabrina, Philippe, Julie, Corey, Cassandra, Travis, Tyler and Dakota. Her great-great-grandchild: Jeffrey. Also to mourn, her sister Myrtle Fee-Johnston, her sister-in-law, Winnifred Couchman-Fee, her brother-in-law, Bill Williamson from Scotland, Great-Britain and also Gary Badger from South Durham, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. The family wants to thank the doctors, the employees and the volunteers from the Wales Home.

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South	West	North	East
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1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 5			

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001

The northward trek continues

By Phillip Alder

The next morning (Aug. 31), I was collected by Alison Wilkie and driven farther up the coast to Christchurch, the biggest city in the south island of New Zealand. My first class was at the Christchurch Bridge Club, where 47 people came to hear me talk about blocking and unblocking plays.

This deal caught out the greatest number of declarers. How would you try to bring home three no-trump after West leads his fourth-highest heart?

I was worried that some Norths would open two no-trump, which usually shows 20-22 points in New Zealand. (That hand is worth about 20.5 points.) But everyone counted only their high-card points and started with one spade (which allowed me to discuss upgrading with aces and kings and a decent five-card suit).

Given the heart lead into South's Q-10 tenace, declarer apparently has seven top tricks: two spades, four hearts and one diamond. And the club suit provides an ideal source of tricks. Yet South must watch his entries. If he runs the opening lead to his heart 10 and drives out the club ace, how will he get back to his hand to cash those club winners? The answer is that he won't (unless West suicidally wins the first club trick).

South must sacrifice one heart trick in order to get four club tricks. He should put up dummy's heart king at trick one and immediately attack clubs. Then he will collect at least 10 tricks: two spades, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

It is good business to lose one trick if you get three in return.

If your anger persists, get some counseling

Dear Ann Landers: When my mother died three years ago, I offered to let my handicapped father move into my home. My two siblings were not in any position to help out, and my husband agreed it would be best if we took care of Dad. Since I work full time and have a family to take care of, we had an understanding that my father would provide some money for the necessary renovations to our bathroom and stairways to accommodate his needs.

During the time Dad lived with me, he became increasingly difficult and volatile. Everything about me irritated him, and no matter how hard I tried, I could not make him feel comfortable here. After two years, Dad decided it would be best if he moved into an assisted-living facility. He insisted they would do a better job of taking care of him. I tried to talk him out of it, but he was adamant. Within one month after moving out, he attempted to kill himself. He spent several weeks undergoing psychiatric evaluation, and was put on medication, but refused to take it. Several months later, he succeeded in committing suicide.

I did everything I could for my father, but apparently, it wasn't enough. While going through his things, I found copies

Ann Landers

of letters he wrote to family members and friends, complaining about me. He told them about all the things I did that annoyed him. He said he had spent his hard-earned money to fix up my house for "nothing." He grumbled that my children were spoiled and I was inadequate as a caretaker.

I do not regret for a moment having my father live with me, but I am having trouble sleeping at night because my final memories of him are so bitter. All my efforts to take care of him were meaningless in his eyes. My sister says I am beating myself up needlessly because Dad was mentally ill, but I can't shake the hurt and anger I feel. Do you have any advice to help me get off this emotional roller coaster? — Losing Sleep in Los Angeles

Dear L.A.: You were a loving daughter, and generous, as well. You must accept the fact that your father was depressed and mentally ill at the end of his life, and, therefore, not responsible for the things he said and did. Your sister is in a position to be much more rational and objective about the situation, so accept her wise advice, and get on with

your life. If your anger persists, get some counseling.

Dear Ann Landers: Thank you so much for printing the information about ovarian cancer. My wife died of this disease at the age of 43. She had swelling in one foot for several months before the cancer was discovered. The tumor was impacting her vein, and it was restricting the blood supply to her left leg and foot, causing drainage problems.

Our family doctor misdiagnosed the problem and treated her for high blood pressure. Had he referred her to a specialist, we might have known about the cancer in time to save her life.

Please print my letter so that women who have swelling in one leg or foot will know it could be a sign of ovarian cancer. Early detection is the key to getting well. And thank you, Ann, for using your column to educate people on medical matters. It is a wonderful public service. — Tim in Evansville, Ind.

Dear Tim: It is readers such as you who deserve the credit. Who would imagine that a woman with swelling in one leg or foot could be suffering from ovarian cancer?

Danville Nostalgia

Did you know that in 1888 the Richie Brothers had a clothespin factory and also made shanks of wood for the horses during the war?

Did you know that in 1898 there were no toilets in the homes? Also in 1898 the fire department had volunteers and hoses were stationed in different parts of the town.

Did you know that in 1869 a French school was built at the foot of Clairmont Hill? Also during this period of time there was a small industry in the area near Gibson Pond.

Also during this time period a dam was built and Danville's first power house was installed.

Did you know in 1900 there were no cement sidewalks, just wooden ones? In about 1815 there were the first signs of cement sidewalks. Up until 1926-1927 wooden sidewalks were still found on Crown and Commonwealth Street.

Did you know that 1889 oil lamps were used to light the streets?

Marlene Brown

Engaged



Peasley - Hood

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Peasley are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Terence Reginald, to Tracy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Hood of Freelon, Ontario. The wedding will take place April 7, 2001 in Freelon, Ontario.

Kinnear's Mills Audrey Allan

James Allan and Margaret Cruikshank motored on December 23 to Thurso, Ont., where Margaret spent the Christmas holidays with her sister and visited other family members. En route home James called on his friend, Malcolm McRae at Monkland, and spent the supper hour with him.

Christmas Day, Keith and Phyllis Allan of Birchton, Don, Linda and Lynn Rothney of Cookshire and Jean Powell of Waterville were at Blinkbonnie Farm to bring good wishes and enjoy the day.

Kenneth and Linda Allan, Meghan, Tracey and Kurtis of Nananee, Ont., arrived on Dec. 26th to spend a week of their holidays. Sheila and John also spent a day at the farm, visiting with all the Allans.

Kenneth and Linda Allan and family were supper guests of Nicole and Bob Wallace. They also called on Gloria and Lucien Trepanier, and had a visit with Dixie, Pat and Jessica, Louise, Donald and Ann-Marie.

Oliva and Lois Paradis were callers on New Year's Day at the Allan home.

Members of the Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute met at the home of Catherine Maxwell for their January meeting.

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: S equals K

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MPJPWL NPBX T DTZPWF
YPRMRLPIB PW BXF DPKKMF RU
BXF REFTW ... IBVKHPWL

UPIXFI.' - MPWKT ZRWIBTKB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand." - Plato

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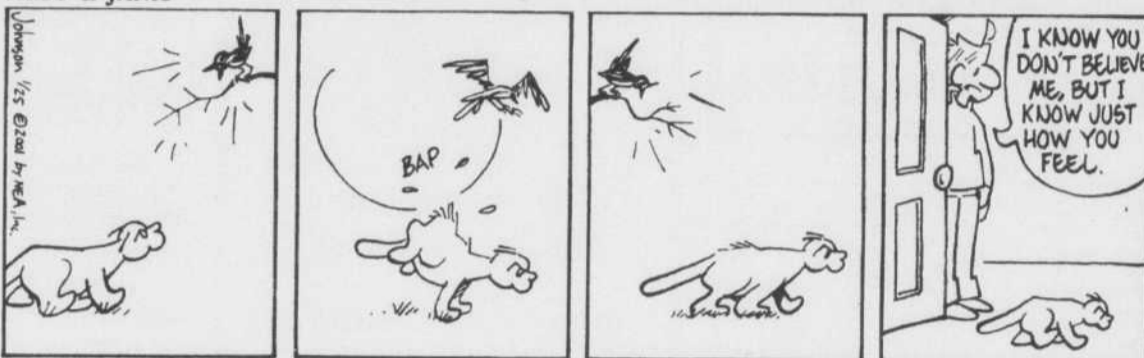


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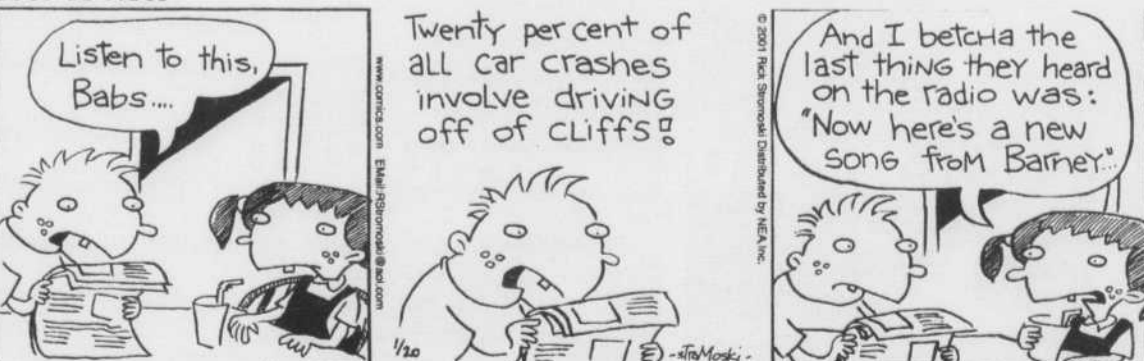
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Women's Institute meeting

The Hatley W.I. met at the Millers for lunch on Jan. 3, 2001. Only four were able to attend, but as this was

the annual meeting it went on as usual.

The meeting was opened in the

usual manner and the President followed the agenda for annual meeting. Yearly dues were paid along with the

regular amount.

The annual reports were given by the Treasurer and the convenors.

Our President, in her address, thanked the members for their support during the past year and once again offered to let someone else be president - sorry, no takers!

New business: Our February meeting is the time for our Valentine Cheer baskets for shut-ins.

It was decided to accept Mildred Roarke's offer to come to her home.

She and Phyllis Knapp are hostesses and supply soup and sandwiches.

We will meet at 10:30 have our meeting and arrange and deliver the baskets in the afternoon.

The need for a fundraiser was discussed and suggestions brought forth but we agreed that the February meeting would be soon enough to make a decision with, hopefully, more members present.

The round robin was won by Mildred Roarke.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Winnifred Wright

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001

Impatience could be your biggest enemy in the year ahead. Time is your ally, and the fruits of your labor need plenty of time to ripen so that your harvest can be your biggest one ever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Family members might have to be handled with considerable tact and tolerance today in order to avoid a confrontation of long-standing duration. Give a little now to avoid future discomfort. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're not careful today, you could unwittingly pass on some harmful information about a friend predicated strictly on hearsay rather than fact. Keep any juicy tidbits tightly sealed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Too much

pay for too much play could be the reason behind your financial picture being in trouble right now. In the future, get a grip on yourself as well as on your wallet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are no shortcuts to success, and not taking the time to think through a good game plan is guaranteed to cause failure today. Do your homework so you can be ready with all the answers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'd be surprised how much you'll learn if you try to see things from the other person's perspective today. A fresh view of things could open your eyes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Dealings you have with others may be of questionable value today in as much as you could find yourself drawn into something where the burdens fall disproportionately on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unfortunately, depending on an ally to pull off something you can't do would be unrealistic today. You must combine your resources to do together what can't be done alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't allow

guesswork to govern your actions today. If you lack the expertise to instruct another on how something should be done, don't even try. You'll make matters worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard your words and behavior carefully today when out with others. You might make a poor impression on several people you're very anxious to impress favorably.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you find that those you're with today are constantly disagreeing with you, take the time to ask yourself, "Who is out of step, me or the other person?"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The world could appear to be a dark, lonely place today because your mental attitude may be tuned into the negative wavelengths rather than your usual optimistic channels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Purchase only that which is essential today and wait until another time to assume any long-term financial obligations. Your thinking cap isn't on straight enough to act prudently.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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- 6 Blow used to rebuff a pass
- 10 Jug handles
- 14 Hawaiian hi
- 15 Make a point
- 16 Supplication
- 17 Underground worker
- 18 Lends a hand
- 19 Summon
- 20 Fire residue
- 21 Two guys who are Marlo's dad?
- 24 Kukla's friend
- 26 One Jackson
- 27 Forever
- 29 Joie of CNN
- 31 Turnpike, e.g.
- 32 Zhivago's love

- 34 Cavalryman's weapon
- 39 With reference to
- 40 Levels
- 42 Appropriate moment
- 43 Failed to
- 45 On pins and needles
- 46 Soprano Gluck
- 47 Continental prefix
- 49 Narrative song
- 51 Gas giant
- 55 Inane
- 56 Two guys with Goldie Hawn?
- 59 Roast beef au ___
- 62 Cut and splice
- 63 In the near future
- 64 ___ Jaw, Sask.
- 66 Rub over
- 67 Tickle Me ___

- 22 Church passage
- 23 Painter Holbein
- 25 Carrying a burden
- 27 Not interesting
- 28 Ms. Anderson
- 29 I believe: Lat.
- 30 Dangle
- 33 Assert
- 35 To any extent
- 36 Two guys who are the Piano Man?
- 37 Austen novel
- 38 Peruse
- 41 Ms. Thorndike

- 44 Guam or Yukon: abbr.
- 48 Brand new
- 50 ___ Brothers Band
- 51 Turns obliquely
- 52 Actor Murphy
- 53 Rubbish
- 54 Absolute
- 55 Toledo man
- 57 Fish choice
- 58 Vague amount
- 60 Annapolis sch.
- 61 Connery or Penn
- 65 Spanish gold

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Cradle rocker
- 2 Baba and MacGraw
- 3 Two guys from Mayberry?
- 4 Revolutionary Guevara
- 5 Almost not
- 6 Alan Ladd classic
- 7 Tender cut
- 8 Gibb or Williams
- 9 Club-shaped tool
- 10 Disney World draw
- 11 Texas landmark
- 12 Kind of race
- 13 Spanish beat

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