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Cabinet call for Vallières?



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Yvon Vallières gets back to work Tuesday morning with political aide Diane Fradette.

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Yvon Vallières is putting his political future in the hands of Quebec Premier Jean Charest and hoping for the best.

The 25-year veteran of the Quebec Legislature is hoping that he will soon get a call from Charest that says he is in the next cabinet with a portfolio he can handle.

"I am hoping for a posting that will make a difference for my constituents and for the rest of rural Quebec," he said in an interview at his riding office Tuesday.

"I feel I am able to handle certain issues that I have worked with for many years or have coached other members of our caucus."

Vallières has his hopes up based on his years in the legislature and because of some words Charest used two years ago at a Liberal fundraiser in Warwick.

"Yvon is the most wisest, most respected member of our caucus," Charest said then.

"If I am to become Premier, I will need people of experience around me. That means Yvon."

Vallières has held cabinet level duties in the past, notably during the second regime of former Premier Robert Bourassa, from 1985 to 1994.

The positions included transport and agriculture and for a while chief whip of the caucus.

Asked what portfolio he would like this time, Vallières said he is willing to

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Eyes are an emotional matter

Waiting list for transplant grows

By Tamara Gignac
CANWEST NEWS

Kevin and Cheryl Watson, who recently lost their 22-year-old son Charles, take comfort in the fact that someone is seeing the world through his eyes.

The couple decided to give the gift of sight to a needy recipient, after cystic fibrosis and a failed lung transplant took their only child's life 16 months ago.

"It's probably the last great gift we can give," said Calgary resident Cheryl. "It's nice to know that maybe there's another young man who's getting a chance to see things Charles never could."

Unfortunately, few Canadian families make the same choice. "People have an emotional attachment to their eyes," said Jan Batiuk, a spokeswoman for the Lions Eye Bank Society in Calgary.

That may explain why thousands of Canadians are currently on waiting lists to receive donated eyes for vitally needed corneal transplant surgeries, which are 98 per cent effective.

Some 250 Albertans donated their eye tissue in 2002 - less than half required to meet current demand. The statistics are just as bleak across the rest of Canada.

Health Canada reported that in 2000, 2,602 corneal implants were conducted. Yet the total number of people on waiting lists across the country was 3,269.

In B.C., almost 600 people need a corneal transplant right now; 125 do in Saskatchewan; 121 do in Manitoba and 200 need one in Halifax and Saint John, New Brunswick combined. In Ontario, according to Health Canada, in 2001, there was a waiting list of 1,500. Quebec's waiting list that year had 844 names on it.

In Alberta, there are 208 visually impaired patients currently in need of

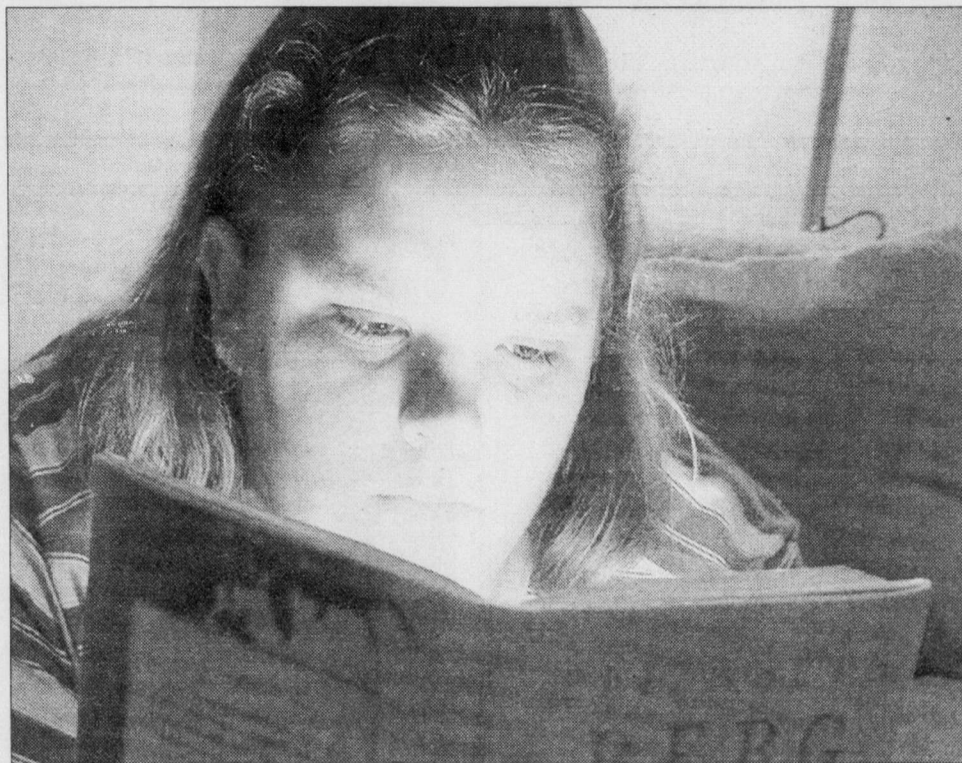


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Julie Haynes, 19, is waiting for a corneal transplant. Haynes has difficulty driving at night and reading.

corneal transplants- the longest waiting list the province has seen in almost two decades. In that province, on average people wait two years for a donor. Compare that to the United States where the procedure is typically available within only one week.

Batiuk believes people associate transplants with hearts, kidneys and lungs without realizing the importance of eye tissue.

"We take our vision for granted. It's just a natural part of us unless we're threatened with losing it," she said.

Even though Canadians are more inclined to donate organs other than eyes, a recent study indicates an astounding 97 per cent of Canadians are in favour of organ donation, yet they fail to put their views into action. For every one million Canadians, fewer than 15 choose to donate their organs. The ratio in Spain is over double: 31 organ donors per million people. More than 4,500 people are on a waiting list

for a transplant - sometimes as long as two years for hearts and kidneys. Each year, some 150 die because they fail to receive a vital organ.

Few people discuss the sensitive issue with their families or bother to fill out an organ donor card, and it's something that must be given thought prior to an urgent need for an organ.

"When the time comes, it's pretty tough for a grieving family to make the decision," Batiuk said. "It needs to be addressed ahead of time."

Canadians' lack of inclination to donate their eyes is directly affecting Calgary teenager Julie Haynes. After a routine visit to the optometrist, the 19-year-old's life was jolted. She was told that she has keratoconus in her left eye, a disorder that advances rapidly, has no known cure and - in her case - requires a corneal transplant.

Driving at night is difficult, and Haynes suffers from painful

headaches. It's also becoming difficult for her to read. "It's scary and frustrating, waiting for a donor. I worry about losing my sight," said Haynes.

"I don't know how long I'll have to wait. That's what bothers me the most," she said.

For the Watsons, nothing erases the pain of losing Charles, an inquisitive Star Wars fan who read Homer "or fun" and wrote his first book at age 14.

Still, they cling to the fact that others have benefited from their loss through the gift of their son's skin and eyes, and are leading better lives as a result.

Charles, who waited 18 months for a lung transplant, didn't want anyone else to suffer," Cheryl said.

"He hated injustice. My son was given a chance and it didn't work out. But he didn't want to take the opportunity away from somebody else," she said.

In the U.S., the cost of a cornea is about \$1,500 US. In Canada, however, the Eye Bank pays all fees associated with recovering eye tissue for a needy recipient.

CORRECTIONS

On the front page of Tuesday's paper, The Record mistakenly reported that the Liberals finished with 77 seats. It should have read the Liberals finished with 76 seats. Also, on Page 5 ('PQ's Jutras wins Drummond riding'), it should have read in the story that Liberal candidate Jean Courchesne finished second with 36.1% of the vote and ADQ candidate Patrick Leblanc with 20.3%. Finally, on Page 9 ('Liberal Lessard takes Frontenac riding from PQ'), near the end of the story it should have read that ADQ candidate Daniel Lamothe finished third, not second.

The Record regrets the errors.

Weather

Wednesday: Snow. Low near zero. High near 4. Probability of precipitation 80 per cent.

Thursday: Sunny. Low near minus 8.. High near 3.

Friday: Variable cloudiness. Low near plus 1. High near 8. Probability of precipitation 60 per cent.

Saturday: Variable cloudiness. Low near plus 1. High plus 10..

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Paradis sees big changes for Quebec, riding

Creation of new administrative region a major project

By Maurice Crossfield

After winning his seventh term as National Assembly member for Brome-Missisquoi, Pierre Paradis isn't predicting if he will be given a seat at the cabinet table.

"If Mr. Charest thinks I can help somewhere, that's okay with me. If he thinks I cannot help, that's okay too," he said Tuesday. "I got my prize for being an MNA in the house for the last nine years (in opposition) last night."

Like all elected MNAs, Paradis said the decision will be up to premier-elect Jean Charest. Refusing to state any preference, he said he doesn't want to be the 38th minister in a large cabinet.

"It has to be a small and efficient cabinet," Paradis said.

Paradis, who spent most of Tuesday returning phone calls to supporters and saying farewell to colleagues who didn't win their ridings, said the coming years should bring many changes to both Quebec and the riding he represents. But he said low voter turnout indicates many Quebecers aren't expecting much to change.

"The challenge will be to prove we can make a difference," he said. "I think we will be judged on health and income taxes."

Paradis said he doesn't think the riding was treated completely unfairly by the Parti Québécois, noting funding was made available to renovate the



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Paradis ready to serve where needed.

Mansonville town hall and create a new youth centre.

"We need more old age homes, more home care," he said. "It's not just about spending more money, it's about money being spent fairly."

Paradis will likely be faced with numerous requests for road repairs from municipalities he toured on election day. The rough ride he received is likely to be a reminder.

"People in Quebec City don't realize we still have provincial roads here that aren't paved," he said.

NEW REGION

Brome-Missisquoi's feeling of being left out may change, as Paradis plans to work with the MNAs of Shefford (Liberal Bernard Brodeur), Iberville (Liberal Jean Rioux) and Johnson (péquistes Claude

Boucher) to create a new administrative region. Depending on which department is involved, Brome-Missisquoi is either part of Estrie or Montérégie. Paradis says as an outlying area, they tend to be forgotten.

"I agree with my colleague (Brodeur), we are left behind," he said. "But I don't want Granby to take everything."

Paradis said the creation of such a region would require a kind of urban-rural pact, which would ensure a fair division of power and influence. He said he will be a strong advocate of his riding's interests.

"It's a major issue for the future," he said. "I believe if we can build a good understanding with Brome-Missisquoi, Shefford, Johnson and Iberville, we can develop one of the strongest regions in Quebec."

"We have the

best hospital, the best manpower training," he continued. "Those things will have to be recognized, and if they are not recognized I will fight, like a bulldog."

COURTHOUSE

One project Paradis plans to see underway soon is the renovation and subsequent reopening of the Cowansville courthouse. Closed for a decade now, the courthouse dossier has been inching towards a resolution in recent months. Paradis says the project will be completed, and will be called the Jean-Jacques Bertrand court house.

"That is a pledge I made to Gabrielle Bertrand before she died," he said.

In the immediate future Paradis said the Liberals will be undertaking the huge task of changing governments. That will mean more than just changing offices and handing over a few files.

"This morning a lot of people in Quebec City lost their jobs," he said.

The 52-year-old Paradis said Quebecers can expect to see the National Assembly reconvened by May 20. By that time Charest will need to have selected a cabinet, and have a budget ready.

Looking at Monday's results, Paradis said he managed to maintain his level of support, while the PQ lost votes to the Action Démocratique in Brome-Missisquoi. While Farnham was expected to show a more sovereigntist bent, Paradis won every poll there. In fact he only lost a small handful of the 180 polls in the riding.

"I have a very good team," he said. "They are as efficient as they are discreet. People don't know them, but they do a spectacular job. I owe a lot to them."

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resume past duties or take on a new challenge as long as it is tangible.

"I want a department that I have experience in and which affects people's lives directly," he said.

"Something where government services are noticeable and shows this government can deliver what it promises directly."

Vallières added he is best equipped to handle issues that affect Quebec's rural life more than its urban one.

"Most people in rural areas depend on roads to get them to work and on farms to produce the food they eat," he said.

If Agriculture and Transportation are not available, Vallières said he would like to explore rural economic development, given that jobs outside of Montreal and Quebec City are not as steady or plentiful and many young Quebecers often abandon their rural homes for jobs in the city.

One last option he seemed interested in was to tackle the issue of electoral reform.

He noted that in the 1998 election, the Liberals won the popular vote, but because it was centered in fewer, more urban electoral ridings, the party lost the election to the PQ, who had more rural seats.

Vallières argued that the idea of proportional

representation should again be explored, after having been rejected by the PQ in the late 1970s.

Under proportional representation, some ridings would be allotted to the different political parties based on their overall popular vote rather than their performance in each riding.

Vallières believes reform is needed because many voters chose not to go to the polls on Monday.

"When you have less than 75 percent of Quebecers voting, it tells me they are turned off by the process," he said.

"That means they have little faith in our democratic system, and that their vote means nothing."

"That type of thinking is not good for any democracy."

But Vallières admits it is not a priority for the new Liberal regime and could be pushed aside as higher issues about health care, education and the provincial debt are discussed in the legislature.

He remembers that in 1977 when the PQ's Robert Burns proposed implementing a proportional representation system, it got a cool reception from the PQ caucus. Within two years, the idea was dropped by the regime of René Lévesque.

"It was ironic how the PQ complained for years that the Liberals were dominating the voting system up until 1976 when they got into power," he said.

"Once in power, they forgot all about reform, and refused to even discuss it when they got re-elected in 1994 and 98."

BRIEF

Missing woman

The Sûreté du Québec is asking for the public's assistance in locating a 46-year-old Asbestos woman who has been missing since April 26, 2001.

Michelyne Chartrand, who walks with a cane, suffers from a number of illnesses was last seen in Asbestos. Police have not had any clues to her whereabouts but believe she could possibly be in the Montreal or Drummondville areas. The family is asking anyone with information on the whereabouts of this woman to contact Info-crime at 1-800-711-1800. All calls are confidential.



BRIEFS

Bylaw limits pesticide use

Knowing where and when to spread pesticides will not be easy beginning this spring thanks to a new Sherbrooke city bylaw.

New regulations, already in effect across the entire city of Sherbrooke, state that the residential use of pesticides must be limited under certain conditions.

- Between June 15 and Sept. 7. Children on vacation may be susceptible to negative health effects.
- When the temperature goes above 27 degrees C.
- On lawns, when wind goes above 15 km/h
- On trees and shrubs, when wind goes above 10 km/h
- On fields adjacent to playgrounds or other busy green spaces

A pamphlet on the regulations will be available at the six borough offices later this month. Conferences will also be organized soon in all boroughs. The complete list of regulations is available by calling Sherbrooke City hall at 819-821-5400.

Information session to be held on curbing pot production

The Sûreté du Québec and local farmers unions are working together to fight the production and sale of marijuana.

Started in 1999, Operation Shears is a province-wide program bent on eliminating marijuana production. Over 300 sites were visited and 55,371 plants seized in 2002 in the Townships. The haul was worth about \$120 million.

In collaboration with the Union des Producteurs Agricoles (UPA) of Weedon, La Patrie and Sawyerville, the SQ is organizing an information session on Operation Shears on April 16. It will be held at Salle Guy Veilleux (1 p.m.) on Castonguay Street in Cookshire-Eaton.

Mother's Day Concert in Magog

The Foundation of La Providence Hospital in Magog announces that a benefit concert will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. in St-Patrice Church, 115 Merry North, featuring the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra under the direction of its conductor, Stéphane Laforest. The orchestra will present selections from Mozart, Beethoven, Offenbach and other composers, and will feature Marie-France Duclos as the guest soprano.

The event is in support of the CLSC role of the foundation, in seeking to provide assistance to parents of children with special needs. The Honorary patron is Gisèle Lacasse-Benoit and the Foundation has expressed its gratitude to a number of local businesses, which are acting as supporting sponsors. Tickets are \$30 each and information may be obtained at (819) 843-2292, ext. 2623. Door prizes will also be presented.

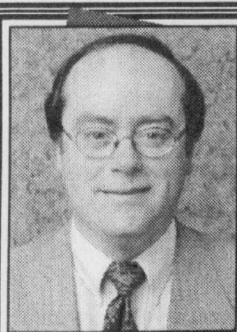
Quebec's newest Premier Jean Charest joins impressive list

PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY/CANWEST

Quebec Liberal Jean Charest thanks his family (from left): wife Michèle Dionne, Antoine, Alexandra and Amélie during his victory speech in Sherbrooke Monday night. Second from left is Marc-André Blanchard, President of the Quebec Liberal Party.

Quebec Premiers since Confederation

	From	To
P.J. Chaveau, (Cons.)	July 15, 1867	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. 25, 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, 1897
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 23, 1905	July 8, 1920
Louis Alexandre Taschereau, (Lib.)	July 8, 1920	June 11, 1936
Adélar 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 16, 1966	Sept. 26, 1968
J. Jacques Bertrand, (UN)	Oct. 2, 1968	April 29, 1970
Robert Bourassa, (Lib.)	May 12, 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. 12, 1985	Jan. 11, 1994
Daniel Johnson, (Lib.)	Jan. 11, 1994	Sept. 24, 1994
Jacques Parizeau (PQ)	Sept. 26, 1994	Jan. 29, 1996
Lucien Bouchard (PQ)	Jan. 29, 1996	March 8, 2001
Bernard Landry (PQ)	March 8, 2001	April 14, 2003
Jean Charest (Lib.)	April 14, 2003	



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From the classroom to the courtroom

Project takes kids inside judicial system

By Kate Shingler
SHERBROOKE

An nervous energy crackled outside Room One of the Sherbrooke courthouse Tuesday morning. Teenagers lounged along benches, studied papers and whispered excitedly amongst themselves as two Sûreté du Québec police officers circled nearby.

The scene was not as ominous as it appeared to be. As part of a for-credit course offered by the Eastern Townships School Board's Sherbrooke adult education centre, New Horizons, about 50 students alternated posing as lawyers, jurors, witnesses, police officers, and journalists to learn more about the judicial system.

The students were presented with two straightforward cases, an assault and a theft. In an attempt to create as real a scenario as possible, the two incidents were staged at the school by staff. With the exception of the victims and perpetrators, the student body was not told that the acts were fabricated for the purpose of the project until the following day.

"They are probably trying to teach us what would happen if we ever do something (illegal)," said Katherine Gagnon, 20, a student at the centre who was playing a reporter/juror in the scenarios.

ETSB Secretary General Chantal Beaulieu, a lawyer, acted as the judge yesterday, and advised the group about proper procedure. ETSB Chair Margaret Faulks was also in tow for the activity.

The project aimed to give students a sense of what it's like to play a role, to be a professional with a certain

amount of status, namely a lawyer or police officer, as well as those implicated in the proceedings, the defendants, and witnesses.

In preparation for the trial, the student lawyers were in communication, via-email with Jean McKenna, a senior partner with a Halifax-based law firm, Huestis-Ritch. Community Liaison Agent

Const. Jacques Gagnon from the Sherbrooke Municipal Police Force also gave tutorials to students.

The project allowed teachers at the school to address issues they felt were important including conflict-resolution, according to teacher Randi Heatherington.

"It's a good way to know all of the different jobs that you can get," said Sheila Myers, 17, a reporter/juror.

Gagnon agreed. "I've always wanted to be a lawyer but I know I can't do it, I just can't argue with people. My dream job is (the character from the television show) Judging Amy. I want to be her in the kids' court," she said.

One week prior to the ETSB's very own courtroom drama, some of the young people visited the Talbot jail, a provincial prison and a holding cell for men and women charged with crimes that merit sentences of over two years, which are served in a federal penitentiary.

Led by the prison Chaplain, the Roman Catholic priest Father Donald Thompson, 11 students traipsed



Students donned robes and got into the act at the Sherbrooke courthouse Tuesday.

through the concrete and chain link fence compound. They were granted access to the prisoners' living and working quarters. They observed young men compress recyclable material in a putrid warehouse, and others seal bags or tape curtain rods over and over again in the prison factory.

Off limits was the maximum security portion, the holding cells for prisoners charged with crimes so grievous they have to be kept apart from the other prisoners, for their own safety.

The trip to the jail is a kind of preventative measure, admitted centre director Louise Caron, who has visited the prison numerous times with students. Caron believes a look, however brief, at the inside of a cell or the conformist, sterile lifestyle of the inmates is enough to convince her students they do not want to ever wind up behind bars.

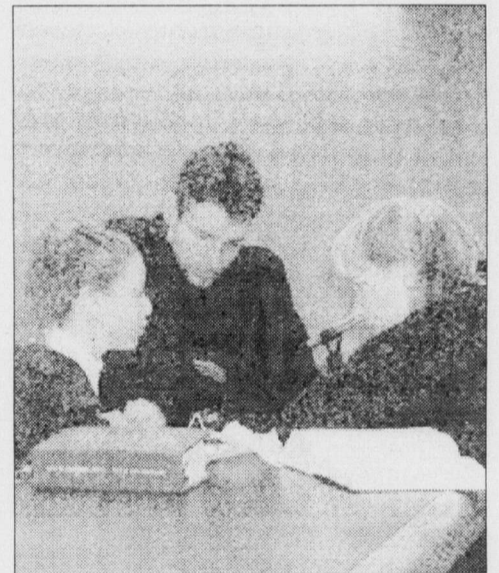
Students also had the opportunity to speak to one inmate, a man who has been in and out of prison throughout his adult life, who was scheduled to be released from prison the following day.

Twenty-two-year-old Kimberley Keeler visited the prison on a previous trip. She said she preferred the role-playing exercise portion of the program.

"I've been to the (Talbot jail), I learned more from doing this. (Acting as a court reporter) is a better learning experience," she explained.

Both students and teachers participated in the mock trial. One teacher acted as a witness for the Crown, and Caron worked with another student as the court clerk. The students posing as lawyers got into the part, sporting flowing black robes and addressing Beaulieu as "your honour," and requesting to "approach the bench."

For more information on the mentoring program or the justice system simulation course at New Horizons adult education centre, call 566-0250.



ETSB Secretary General Chantal Beaulieu acted as judge for students who played the part of lawyers and witnesses.

BRIEFS

Granby gets right on red rules

Staff

The Granby city council finally made quorum Monday evening, passing a bylaw to forbid right turns on red lights at one out of every three intersections.

In 61.8 per cent of cases in Granby right turns on red are allowed. The practice is forbidden at most of Granby's main intersections and all "T" junctions. There are also two intersections under the control of Transport Quebec where right on red is not allowed.

Motorists had a brief period of unlimited right turns on red Sunday and Monday, after the council failed to make quorum to pass the proposed bylaw Friday. Over the next couple of days signs will go up at intersections where there will be no right turns on red, and police will be watching those intersections closely.

An initial bylaw project would have seen no right turns on red at two out of every three approaches to red lights. That was met with stiff opposition, so the bylaw was rewritten. Still, several councillors were against it, and they failed to attend the adoption meeting.

Monday evening the same bylaw was adopted by a vote of four to three.

Down the road in Cowansville the council has already voted to forbid right on red at all intersections under its control. The only right turns allowed on red are

the intersections of Boulevard J.J. Bertrand (Route 139) and Rivière, and J.J. Bertrand and Sud, if you are driving on J.J. Bertrand. Those traffic lights are controlled by Transport Quebec.

Dunham man arrested in dope operation

An 18-year-old Dunham man will face charges of cultivating marijuana following a raid on a residence Tuesday morning.

The raid, carried out at 3734 Principale in Dunham, netted police some 800 pot plants in various stages of maturity. Another 100 grams of marijuana was found ready to be sold, and some \$1,400 in cash.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said the plants were found in two rooms of the apartment, and were intended to be transplanted outside once the weather warmed up. Allowed to mature, the plants would have been worth nearly \$1.6 million, police said.

Ruel said the raid was the result of an investigation carried out by the Brome-Missisquoi SQ detachment following some information received about the operation.

The young man was questioned and later released on a promise to appear before a judge to be formally charged on May 9.

Community Forum

Charest did it his way

On Saturday, the earth shook in Quebec City, mildly and not too unsettling, but enough to signify a shift underfoot.

On Monday, just hours before polls closed, there was a loud clap of thunder, a bolt of lightning, and some ice pellets - winter's last gasp, intersecting with the changing winds of springtime.

If those signs weren't enough, there were the polls, the debate, the spectre of Jacques Parizeau, the sum total of eight years messing with the health system, the last desperate PQ attacks on the Liberals' financial promises, and Bernard Landry's final weekend plea to sovereigntists.

"I know you are a little shaken," he said in an audio message sent to PQ members via the Internet, "by certain recent polls."

He called upon each of them to seek out three other people to vote PQ. Operation "Fierté", it was called, "a mission of the highest importance".

"Do not let Jean Charest stop our march to national progress and sovereignty," he said.

It was the final, almost sad gesture to prevent the inevitable, a convincing win by Jean Charest's Liberals and the dashing of a lifelong effort by a generation of sovereigntists to lead Quebec to nationhood.

It is a sad day for a large number of sovereigntists, who began with René Lévesque and the PQ's first victory in 1976 and believed the creation of a separate nation was inevitable. People such as Landry himself, Louise Beaudoin, François Gendron, Louise Harel, Pauline Marois.

It may still be. But it will be up to another generation now, to go through the inevitable party battles to find a successor for Bernard Landry and to find among the new young generation of PQ supporters the people who can re-define Article 1 of the Parti Québécois program.

It's going to take a lot longer than Landry's 1,000 days.

For now, it's Jean Charest's moment.

He holds the reins on a solid majority government, winning 76 seats to the PQ's 45 and ADQ's four. He improved on his party's popular vote and he made more progress in francophone ridings, holding on to Jonquière and Laviolette, and grabbing Rouyn-Noranda-Temiscamingue and Roberval. The Liberals will certainly ask for a recount in Dubuc, where the PQ held on by just 69 votes.

Just look at all the rouge in Lac St. Jean. Look at the Liberal sweep in Quebec City. Even in Lévis, Liberal Carol Théberge knocked off cabinet minister Linda Goupil.

Give Jean Charest credit. When he was brought in from Ottawa to save the country in 1998, he had neither the experience nor the intimate knowledge of provincial politics to match Lucien Bouchard.

And when he lost the election later that year, despite narrowly winning the popular vote, he was criticized for lacking zip and vision, an Ottawa conservative who could never become a Quebec Liberal.

But Charest rebuilt his team, his platform, and his strategy his own way. He found his issues and never deviated. He toured the regions over and over again. When the media concluded he was uninspiring, he kept plugging away in his own understated way.

When the campaign began, there were only rare moments when he went into a riding and didn't know the problems of the region's hospital or the needs of a local industry.

During the debate, he shone, demonstrating he had mastered the issues, had a plan, and possessed the dynamism people had been waiting to see.

But give Bernard Landry credit too. Six months ago, polls suggested the PQ was heading to an ignominious defeat, trailing not only the Liberals but Action démocratique too.

He managed a brilliant recovery, and when he called the election, he fully ex-

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GLENN WANAMAKER

pected a third PQ majority was at hand.

But just as the leaders' debate was Charest's shining moment, so too was it the moment of Landry's collapse.

All the ghosts of the previous eight years of PQ appeared at the very moment voters turned away from war in Iraq and tuned in to the election campaign. The chaos in the health system, the high taxes, forced municipal mergers, and of course, Jacques Parizeau.

The final straw was the realization that the PQ's ace campaign promise, the four-day work week, was totally improvised.

But there were other factors too, including Landry's ill temper, his far too frequent personal attacks, and his propensity to lecture. There are more than a few voters who didn't forget his "bird-brain" comments, when he wondered why birds with tiny brains managed to feed their young while some poor parents would send their children to school on an empty stomach.

Then there was sovereignty. Despite his appeal to federalists to vote for a "good government" and his promise to Quebecers that he would follow "your rhythm" on sovereignty, he was clearly developing a plan for another referendum. Too many voters simply do not want that.

For Mario Dumont, it should be satisfying to see ADQ's share of the popular vote rise by about seven per cent. But it won't be, because he saw first place in his

dreams last summer and believed they could come true.

But the party is growing roots. If Dumont can keep the strongest parts of his team together, jettison those who saw a bandwagon and jumped aboard, and hone his program, ADQ could become a significant political force, especially if the sovereignty issue recedes.

For now, however, it's springtime for Jean Charest. And it's worth noting the parts of his victory speech delivered in English, following in the time-honoured tradition of newly elected Quebec leaders of sending a message to the rest of Canada.

"Our first mission will always be to defend Quebec's interests with passion. The federal government now has a counterpart, whose leadership will contribute to improve the Canadian federation. I say to my counterparts that we must resolve, in a spirit of cooperation, important and common issues, such as the current fiscal imbalance.

"Leadership makes a difference. Quebec's leadership will make Canada a stronger place."

Many would say that in 1995, Jean Charest had a decisive impact on the referendum result when he pulled out his Canadian passport and made the speech of a lifetime.

Now, as Quebec's new Premier, he will have the chance to seize that moment of eight years ago and turn it into something lasting.

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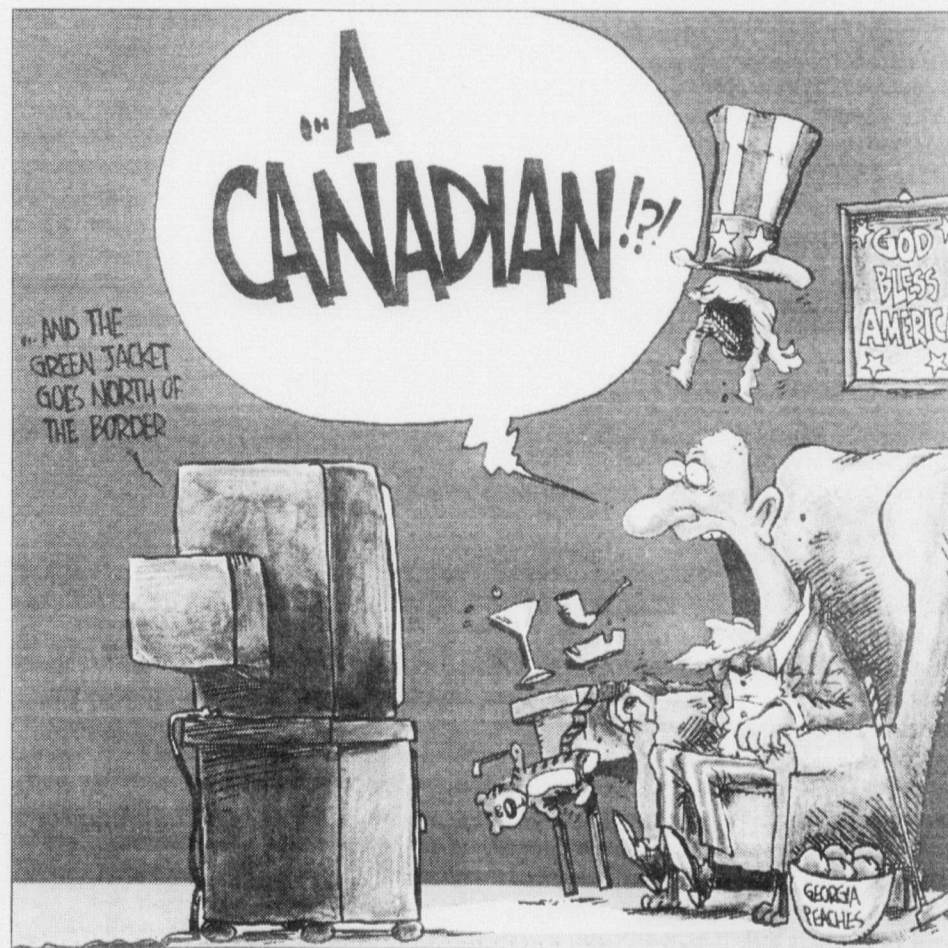
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Perspectives

Controversy over mayor's legal fees, not about to subside

Part I : Legal implications

The recent decision by TBL council to cover Mayor Stanley Neil's legal fees raises as many political questions as legal, not the least being what impact will it have on the November municipal elections. Up until the council voted on the resolution, many TBL taxpayers were inclined to view the mayor's plight as having little or nothing to do with his public duties. I'm referring, of course to his status as sole defendant in Foster businessman Lloyd Sturtevant's \$150,000. defamation lawsuit.

THE MAYOR'S FAXED LETTER

Let me begin with a brief recapitulation of the relevant facts. On April 27, 2002, two of his car tires were slashed while attending a fundraising event in Foster. The very same evening a complaint was made to the municipal police who transferred it for investigation to the Sûreté du Québec. Two days later, Stanley Neil faxed a letter to The Record entitled, "Did someone actually slash Stanley Neil's tires?" It began with the question, "Do I know who did it? I will let you, the readers try to figure it out..." He then went on to enumerate a series of detailed "hints" and concluded by asking, "How many of you, think you know who it was?"

Many of his "hints" were quoted in a front page article in The Record on April 30. On the following day a similar article appeared in Le Voix de l'Est. Lloyd Sturtevant, immediately claimed that due to the "hints" Stanley Neil was accusing him of being the person who slashed his tires, hence the defamation lawsuit.

Insofar as the police investigation is concerned, it has yet to produce any tangible evidence regarding the identity of the vandal (s).

THE COUNCIL'S DECISION MAY NOT BE UNREASONABLE

At first glance the decision by TBL council to authorize the payment of \$5,737 to cover Stanley Neil's current legal fees may appear unreasonable even though it was based upon the advice of its attorneys. After all, the Town of Brome Lake was never a party to the defamation action. Furthermore, Neil's letter was neither written on official TBL stationery nor did his signature bear any reference to his position as mayor. On the other hand one could argue that were it not for the fact that the Town had already been embroiled in various legal disputes with the plaintiff, perhaps he would never have been sued. However, this is of little consolation to those who believe that had he never written his letter there would never have been a lawsuit.

THE LAW PROTECTS PUBLIC OFFICIALS

There can be no doubt that if public officials were obliged to pay out of their own pockets the costs of defending themselves against lawsuits brought by disgruntled and aggrieved citizens they would have little choice but to cease performing their duties. Having been a career public servant, myself, I naturally understand the pitfalls. Not only does article 604 of the Cities and Towns Act recognize this reality with regards to council members, officers and employees of a municipality, the act spells out the conditions that must exist in order to allow them to be reimbursed of all "reasonable" legal costs.

KEY CONDITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

The key condition requires that the person who is being sued must be brought before a court "... by reason of



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his alleged act or omission in the performance of his duties as a member of the council or as an officer or employee of the municipality..."

Rather than force the defendant/public official to support the costs of a lawsuit and then require him to seek reimbursement before the courts, article 604 shifts the

burden to the public body. The general rule is that the public body must initially pay all reasonable legal costs and when in doubt as to whether the official is covered by the Act, seek a reimbursement ruling.

Furthermore, the article provides that only the judge who is assigned to the original lawsuit can grant the reimbursement order. As he is expected to become fully acquainted with all of the relevant facts it would serve no constructive purpose to begin all over before a different judge.

However, before the judge can order the public official to reimburse the expenses incurred by the municipality, he must be satisfied that the official committed a "gross or intentional fault or a fault separable from the performance of his duties". Failing such a finding, the municipality can be obliged to cover all of the defendant's "financial losses" resulting from the lawsuit, which necessarily includes any award in favor of the plaintiff.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY JUDGE

Because of the specific wording of article 604 which contains no less than 13 sub-paragraphs, the judge must take into account, "the good or bad faith" of the public official as well as his "diligence or negligence in learning the rules and practices relevant to the performance of his duties."

There is more. By law the judge

must also consider "the existence or absence of any previous fault related to the performance of his duties, the simplicity or complexity of the circumstances in which he committed a fault, the good or poor quality of the advice given to him and any other relevant factor."

WHO IS BEST SUITED TO PRESENT CASE

When the issue of reimbursement involves a sitting mayor, such as in the present case, the question may be asked as to which party or parties are best suited to present such evidence, if indeed such evidence exists.

Seeing that the Town of Brome Lake council mandated its own attorneys to seek a reimbursement ruling, one must assume it also decided that an "outside" firm would not be in a better or in a more "comfortable" position to pursue such a delicate mandate with all of the necessary rigor and objectivity.

WHAT HAPPENED TO TBL INSURERS?

Finally, for those taxpayers who have yet to digest the 1998 \$450,000 "brutality" tax that was imposed on their properties to cover the David Allan Gauthier award, they will naturally be interested in knowing why the TBL insurers have yet to intervene in the Mayor's case. Perhaps the insurers consider the issue as having nothing to do with the "performance of the mayor's duties". If such is the case let's hope they will agree to cover all of the costs incurred by TBL, if and when a judge reaches a contrary conclusion.

By doing so, we could at least avoid another "commission of inquiry" as was the case in the Gauthier affair.

NEXT WEEK : PART II, POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CIDA should confirm funding

DEAR EDITOR,

While the Iraq war has been distinctly "unheroic", we might pause to think of my American hero, Jim Grant, who negotiated days of peace between the belligerent in El Salvador, Sudan, Lebanon and Iraq so that children would get their vaccines.

Jim, as the visionary and uncompromising leader of UNICEF, totally dedicated the last 15 years of his life to launch the child survival and development revolution. As a result, by 1995, 25 million children were alive that would have otherwise died. Millions more were living with better health and nutrition.

He did it by promoting on a broad scale simple tools such as 10 cent packets of oral rehydration salts, two-cent capsules of Vitamin A, iodized salt and immunization against six

childhood diseases. He is the man behind the World Summit for Children of 1990, co-chaired by then Canadian Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney. That's the kind of Canada-U.S. partnership I like to see.

Jim said "It is in how we treat children that our civilization is measured, our humanity is tested and our future is shaped." And how do we treat children? Well, 30 000 children still die every day, mostly from preventable diseases, some from war. "Surely the time has come to say it is

obscene to let this continue, day after day, year after year"

Surely the time has come for Canada to become again a beacon of hope.

More specifically, it's time for CIDA to confirm new funding for its hugely successful international immunization initiative and for Canada to triple the funds to fight off major infectious diseases (AIDS, TB and malaria) as stated in the Millennium Goals.

PAMELA WALDEN-LANDRY,
Montreal

Political prophecies by our pie-making pundit

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

This reporter will be eating - or at least baking - some humble pie this week after losing a number of wagers on the provincial election campaign.

The day after the election was called, I bet my editor that Jean Charest would likely lose his riding. She refused to wager money and suggested we raise the stakes by putting our most popular pies on the line.

At the time, my wager was perfectly reasonable and based on sound logic. Charest was third in the provincial polls behind Action Démocratique leader Mario Dumont. Premier Bernard Landry, who was ahead in the polls despite a decade of Parti Québécois rule, was seen as the most credible leader, and most Quebecers agreed he had provided good government. More importantly, Charest was trailing far behind in the determining francophone vote.

Before I continue, I have to admit that my record for office election pools is terrible - except when it came to predicting the results of the referendum when I came within less than one point of the final score. I cover politics all the time, but apparently that isn't of much help.

In our office "trifecta" pool, I came in 14th in a field of 16 participants for predicting the number of seats the various parties would win. Even on Monday, I had not discounted the ADQ factor and predicted the results would be a much closer.

By the way, the winner of that pool was a woman in our production department who barely follows politics. Perhaps she and I could switch jobs.

I also came in eighth in a second office pool predicting the percentage of votes each of the Sherbrooke candidates would obtain. I thought Peter Downey, who campaigned aggressively, would get more votes and I figured he would rob them from Charest, not from Parti Québécois candidate Marie Malavoy.

The winner of Pool 2 was our reporter Nelson Afonso who has been covering for the Township for less than two years. Let's not mention I have been covering the Townships for 16 years during which I covered numerous provincial and federal elections and followed the ups and downs of Charest's political career. By the way, Editor Sharon McCully, who will be enjoying my pie this week, finished 10th.

To my credit, I did predict the winners in the nine other Eastern Townships ridings, but did not win that pool cause I was wrong about the ranking of the other candidates. I thought for sure the left-wing Union des Forces Progressistes would smoke by the Bloc Pot in Shefford. I forgot the riding is in the middle of the marijuana belt where "Townships Gold" is the biggest cash crop.

Before I attempt to further explain my failure to conjecture correctly, I want to brag that on subjects that I know little or nothing about, I rock. I won this year's Oscar pool and I had only seen one of the movies in competition. And, a few years ago, I embarrassed the Sports Editor and numerous other diehard sports fans by coming in first in the NHL hockey pool. I believe I chose my players based on whether or not I recognized their names, or maybe I just flipped a coin.

Perhaps when I get close to a subject, I lose sight of the bigger picture. But I digress....

My acclaimed sucre-a-la-crème pie will become much more illustrious

Back to the big pie gamble.

During the last election in 1998, Charest barely won his riding in a tight race against the outgoing MNA Marie Malavoy. He got 907 votes more than Malavoy in a race where the ADQ was not a factor. With the new electoral boundaries it would have been an even closer race.

Sherbrooke likes to be in power. In fact, the only time it had voted against the ruling party was in 98, and that landed the riding into the opposition along with most of the rest of the Townships. With the PQ headed towards victory, and with a strong local ADQ candidate promising to be a bigger factor, it looked like Charest would have to give up his lifelong ambition of power.

In my own defence, Charest's victory was impossible to predict a few short weeks ago. From the start the PQ, which had been in power for almost a decade, was riding high in the polls and it looked like the somewhat overly confident incumbents would breeze into a third mandate with few promises other than a vow to help parents reconcile work and family.

The turnabout came during the leader's debate. Unlike the showdown in 1998, Charest was well-prepared and he proved he was indeed ready to govern. Humbled by five years in opposition, Charest had spent the last five years visiting every corner of Quebec and his party developed a platform which responded to the concerns and aspirations of Quebecers.

Through the first three-quarters of the debate, Landry held his own, appearing like every bit the statesman. Then came the knock-out punch when Charest questioned Landry over controversial comments made by Jacques Parizeau earlier that day. Landry lost his step and he never recovered his momentum.

While the debate was clearly the turning point, Charest made the most of his advantage turning up the heat on the sensitive issue of sovereignty. Charest jumped on Landry's vow that if he had the least chance of winning a referendum, he would hold a vote on the future

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RITA LEGAULT

of Quebec.

The Liberals claimed the PQ had a hidden agenda and Charest vowed that while Landry's main objective was sovereignty, his first priority was

health care.

A week after the debate, Charest began to climb in the polls. Two weeks later, the Liberals were clearly in the lead and I gave up any notion of savouring Sharon's mouth watering tourtière. It was time to go shopping for ingredients for my acclaimed sucre-a-la-crème pie which will now become much more illustrious.

Victory will be sweet for Sharon's hubby Ralph who is a big fan of the Québécois favorite pastry. But victory was even sweeter for Jean Charest who came from behind to win the battle of his political life with a convincing win in Monday's provincial election.

Charest's Liberals took a whopping 45.8 per cent of the popular vote to form a majority government as he and his Liberal team relegated the once-mighty Parti Québécois to the back benches.

The polls and pundits - except for me of course - were right, as the Liberals rode a red wave, winning some 76 seats compared to 45 for the outgoing incumbent Parti Québécois. Premier Landry and his party has their lowest percentage since 1973 with a slim 33.2 per cent of the vote.

Here in the Liberal stronghold of the Eastern Townships, the Liberals held onto all of their ridings and even made inroads into Parti Québécois territory by wresting the riding of Frontenac away from the PQ with a win for former Thetford Mines Mayor Laurent Lessard.

Liberal stalwarts including Pierre Paradis in Brome-Missisquoi, Monique Gagnon-Tremblay in St-François and Yvon Vallières in Richmond easily regained their seats. Bernard Brodeur was also re-elected in Shefford with a much stronger majority than in 1998 when he squeaked by with 77 votes.

Two new candidates including former University of Sherbrooke rector Pierre Reid and industrial commissioner Daniel Bouchard maintained Robert Benoit's seat in Orford and Madeleine Bélanger's seat in Megantic Compton.

The only seats to resist the red tide were the PQ stronghold of Johnson, where Claude Boucher was reelected with a much slimmer majority, and Drummond, which is still held by outgoing Public Security Minister Normand Ju-tras.

As Charest prepares for the transition to government he will likely reward his local faithful, particularly Monique Gagnon-Tremblay who campaigned for him in Sherbrooke while the Liberal leader was on the road collecting votes throughout the province.

As he decides on his cabinet, Charest

will also want to reward Paradis, who stepped aside from his leadership aspirations in 1998 to leave the leadership uncontested, and Vallières who, as the dean of the National Assembly, won his seventh mandate as the MNA for Richmond.

Here come some more political predictions that are about as dependable as the weather forecast.

I agree with more credible pundits who are not busy baking this week that Gagnon-Tremblay will likely get the Education portfolio, but that she will retire from politics quickly to make way for Pierre Reid.

Paradis, one of Charest's most seasoned politicians, should be in line for the job of Deputy Premier and he will also get another reward - probably permission to control the purse strings as Treasury Board president. That prediction goes against those other pundits who are voting

for star candidate Yvon Marcoux, a former deputy minister in that department. As an experienced parliamentarian, Paradis would also make a good Speaker of the National Assembly, by the more credible pundits predict Michel Bissonnet, who has been deputy speaker for a while, will get the job of refereeing parliamentary debates.

Vallières, who was once described by Charest as the wisest and most respected member of the Liberal caucus, could get a more junior job, perhaps the transport or agriculture jobs he held in previous Liberal regimes. Vallières could also become whip as a consolation prize, but he will more than likely be passed over as Charest makes every effort to streamline cabinet and ensure each region of the province and both sexes are well represented in the corridors of power.

Another local in for a top job is Philippe Couillard, the brain surgeon from the CHUS who took a leave to run for the Liberals in the stronghold of Mont Royal. Touted as a possible health minister, he was the brainchild behind much of the Liberal's health care platform. Despite his lack of political experience he will get the job over Liberal health critic Jean-Marc Fournier, who will have to be content with another job, perhaps one of Vallières's much-deserved posts as party whip or transport minister.

Other star recruits that will accede to cabinet are former Liberal revenue minister Yves Séguin, who chaired Quebec's hearings on fiscal imbalance, and Quebec Chamber of Commerce Michel Audet. Séguin will get finance and Audet the industry and commerce ministry or another economic portfolio. Also at the cabinet table will be Jacques Dupuis, Line Beauchamp, Marc Bellemare and Sam Hamad.

So much for my political predictions. I am confident, but this time I'm keeping my pie hole shut. I have enough baking to do this week.

Political predictions as dependable as the weather forecast.

Ont. students face tougher admission requirements

By April Lindgren
CANWEST NEWS

Ontario university officials say that tougher competition for places at Ontario's post-secondary institutions is pushing up admission requirements so that grade averages of 85 per cent or higher will be needed for entry into many programs in September.

The administrators were reacting to Premier Ernie Eves who earlier this week insisted standards will remain virtually unchanged despite the influx of students expected due to the Conservative government's cancellation of Grade 13. The phase-out of Ontario's five-year high school system means a Grade 12 class and the province's final Grade 13 class will graduate together this spring.

"Our admissions cut-off has been growing without the double cohort so we're expecting to see an increase this year" particularly in limited enrolment programs such as journalism, commerce, aerospace engineering and international business, said Susan Gottheil, associate vice-president of enrolment management at Ottawa's Carleton University.

The cut-off mark for entry into the school of journalism, for instance, was 84 per cent last year, Gottheil said in an

interview. With about 1,700 students vying for 200 spots in the program, that is expected to rise to 88 to 90 per cent for the academic year beginning in September.

At the University of Waterloo, registrar Ken Lavigne said he expects the competition for entry into computer, electrical and software engineering to push the cut-off mark above the "low 90s" that has been required in the past.

"I can't put a very specific number on it. However, given the volume of applications, competition for places at Waterloo will be more intense and I suspect the average will rise, but to tell you by how much... is difficult to say at this point," he said, noting that there are only 210 spaces in the computer engineering program, up from 200 last year.

"It's all about supply and demand," Lavigne said in an interview, noting that 38,500 high school students have applied to Waterloo for 5,140 first-year positions.

At McMaster University in Hamilton, preliminary data suggest the cutoff for entry into general humanities and social science programs will rise to 78 or 79 per cent from 75 per cent last year, registrar George Granger said in an interview Monday.

"Are admissions averages likely to go up? The answer is yes? I don't see any program where it is going to go down or remain the same," he said.

Granger, who noted that McMaster and other universities are sending out some early acceptance letters to the highest performing students this week.

He said the cut-off for engineering at McMaster is expected to rise to 84 or 85 per cent this year, up from 81 per cent last year.

"We're only offering places to people clearly about the cut-off average," Granger added.

At the University of Toronto, Sheldon Levy, vice-president of government and institutional relations, said that he

doesn't believe higher admission requirements will be a problem because the increase in the number of students being accepted is roughly proportional to the increase in applications. The university plans to accept 9,500 new students out of high school this September, up from 6,200 in 2000-2001.

"Overall we're saying that entering grades are very comparable (to last year), though there may be some specialized areas that are the exception," Levy said in an interview.

The premier said he has "talked to a few people in both the college and university sector and they assure me... that the admission standards this year are virtually the same as they have always been despite the huge influx of students."

"Anybody that's worried that there's going to be this huge bell curve - that you are going to need 97 per cent to get into university - (I) can dispel those fears," he said, saying he's received such assurances from University of Guelph president Mordechai Rozanski.

ROZANSKI, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES, LAST YEAR DELIVERED A MAJOR REPORT ON ONTARIO'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM, POINTING OUT MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING.

'We're only offering places to people clearly about the cut-off average of 84-85.'

Liberals should honour pledge to reform voting

Fair Vote Canada, a multi-partisan citizens' campaign for voting system reform, is calling upon the Quebec Liberal Party to act quickly on their commitment to bring a proportional representation voting system to Quebec within two years of being elected. The commitment was made in a Liberal Party policy resolution adopted in September 2002.

"The Quebec election results provide yet another glaring example of how badly our first-past-the-post voting system distorts what voters are saying," said Fair Vote Canada president Doris Anderson. "The Quebec Liberals won only 46 per cent of the vote - the majority voted against them - but the voting system handed the Liberals 61 per cent of the seats. The ADQ attracted 18 per cent of the vote, and gained only 3 per cent of the seats."

While commentators described the election as a "sweep" and party leaders talked of a "mandate", the portion of Quebec voters supporting the Quebec Liberal Party remained virtually the same as in the last election. Their total popular vote actually decreased. In 1998, the Quebec Liberals won 1.77 million votes or 44 per cent; in 2003 they won 1.75 million votes or 46 per cent.

Despite the inconsequential change in the popular vote, the Liberals gained an additional 28 seats this time around. A 2 per cent increase in vote share produced a 58 per cent increase in seat share.

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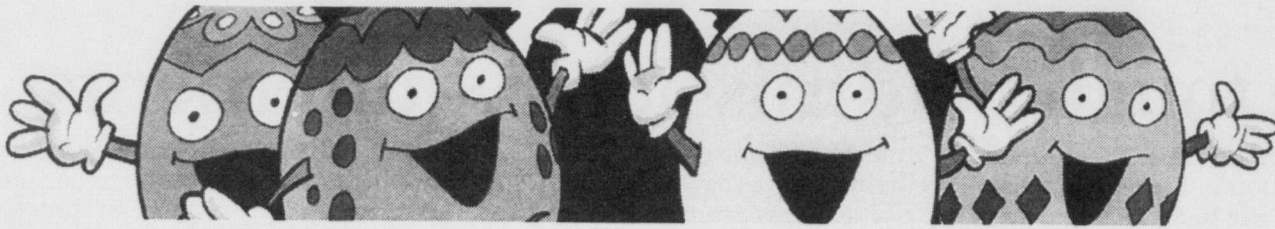
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Tommy tangles with more Bundles

By Lois Ogilvie Blanchette

It was the day after the famous "Easter Bundle Hunt," that Tommy and Bun-Bun were passing by the front door of the city greenhouse in Howard Park, when their attention was caught by a large brown container on the step. It was a basket, or a sort of 'carry-all,' made of woven leather, or something similar, which smelled deliciously of chocolate, and orange, and vanilla, and all such goodies.

Yesterday's 'Easter Bundle Hunt,' held to benefit the Argyll Children's Centre, had caused poor Tommy a great deal of trouble, (remember?), and so of course the lovely perfume at once caught the attention of the two friends, who, with one accord, stopped and sniffed!

Yes! It did have that wonderful chocolate aroma!

"Let's just raise the top and see..." Tommy whispered to Bun-Bun, and before she could stop him, Tommy had 'squirreled' his little nose under the lid, and opened it up a bit.

"Come see, Bun-Bun, more bundles! They must be left over from yesterday! Come see!", and he stood up tall and pushed his nose down deep into the case.

"Watch out, Tommy, somebody's Coming! They'll catch you!" Bun-Bun moved close beside him, leaning over the top of the basket, or briefcase, or whatever it was. "We'd better - Oh! my good-

ness!" -

Bun-Bun's fore-foot slipped, and she slid directly onto Tommy, who was already bending over at a dangerous angle, and before they realized what had happened - they both tumbled head-long into the basket!

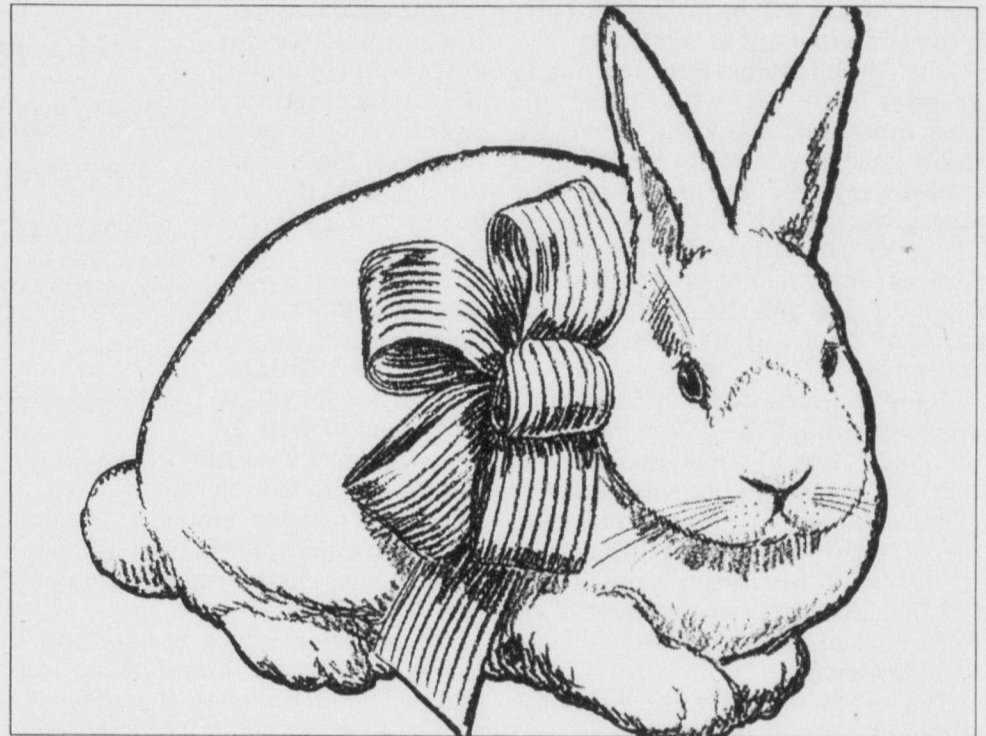
The many little bundles of 'Goodies' made their fall very soft, they were not hurt - but - there they were - caught deep inside the container - and voices of people approaching came to them clearly!

"Well, thank you for all your help yesterday," said a bright female voice, "I have to run now to catch my bus to Montreal, and take my reports of yesterday's 'Bundle Hunt' to headquarters, so off I go - Bye!"

The lady speaking was one of the volunteers who had organized the Children's Easter Benefit, and every word she said was clearly heard by the two inquisitive friends caught inside the container.

What should they do? Lie still? Try to escape? or - but their questions were answered for them as the basket was suddenly swung up on the arm of the good lady volunteer, and carried away, swinging merrily from side to side, to the bus station!

The bus ride to Montreal was not too long, and quite smooth, so the two occupants of the carry-all snoozed fitfully throughout the whole journey. (What else could they do?) They only awoke



Bun-Bun and Tommy had no idea what adventure awaited them.

when the case was briskly shaken as it was once more swung away on the arm of the volunteer as she left the bus at the Montreal station.

As the sweet lady said goodbye to the driver, she added -

"Oh! I'd better check my reports before I deliver

them, make sure they're in order." And she began to open the basket! Tommy and Bun-Bun crouched down quickly under the bundles and were completely hidden. Only the bundles were visible.

The volunteer lady looked at them and gasped!

"Bundles!" she cried, "Packages from the Easter Hunt! I've brought the wrong case! How stupid of me! Now I'll have to give my report from memory!"

She turned to the bus driver and said, "Would you - would you be kind enough to return this basket to Sherbrooke? I'll

call my friends to pick it up. Oh! Thank you! I have to run!" and she thrust it into the hands of the astonished driver, and ran off - disappearing at once in the milling crowd!

The poor driver stood paralyzed for a moment - then began to laugh. "Women!" he chuckled, and, shaking his head in good-natured indulgence, he walked to a storage shelf at the door of the bus stop and placed and carry-all carefully on it, and returned to his bus.

Now, all the while this little scene was taking place, it was closely observed by two rough-looking characters, who lounged against a railing, watching - while pretending not to watch - all incoming busses! Their bright, intense eyes didn't miss a detail, and they both gave a little gasp, quickly covered up, as they saw the carry-all thrust into the driver's hands.

"Did j'see that?" asked one, "J'mean th' satchel? Yeah! I sure did!" "Satchel, huh? Don't look like no satchel t'me! It's brown leather!" "Yeah. Sort of like a briefcase, would j'say?" "Yeah, I'd say! Sure does look like a briefcase." think it's THE briefcase?" "Could be! Let's go see!"

Now, the 'brief-case' these two robbers - yes, they were robbers, and dangerous ones! - were looking for was one which contained a very great deal of money, which a rival robber gang had stolen from a bank that very morning! They were supposed to leave it at the Bus Station to be picked up by their 'contact man,' and taken to their headquarters.

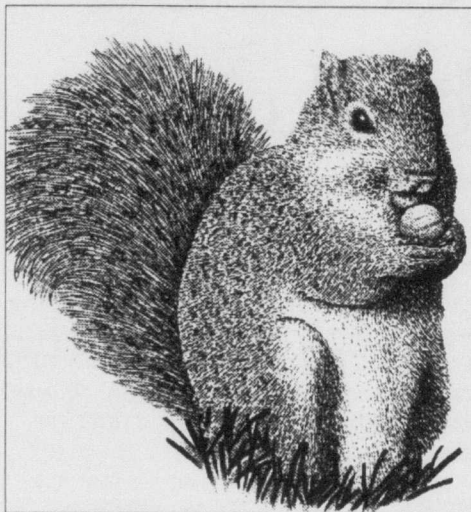
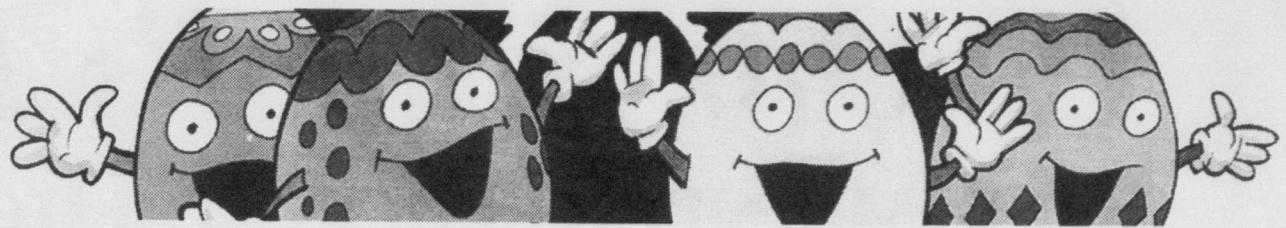
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What an adventure for Tommy.

'Our' robbers, the two who were now determined to get the money for themselves! That's why they were there - waiting and watching for the special package, which they were told would be a briefcase!

Now they nonchalantly walked up to the shelf, and one of them said, "Better get you gun out - just in case!"

"Get my gun out?," replied the other. "Why? Ain't nothin' in there gonna hurt us!!" "Not in there, dummy, someone watchin' us! Get it out!!"

When Tommy and Bun-Bun heard this they were very frightened, too frightened to move or even cry out even, which was lucky for them, because when the robbers opened the case, and smelled the chocolate and saw only the little candy packaged, the closed it up again with a disgusted 'Bang,' shoved it back on the shelf and walked away, stuffing their guns back into their pockets!

"Can ya beat that? Chocolate packages! Somebody framed us! Wait'll we get that guy! Settin' us up to watch for a briefcase full of money, an wotta we find? Candy! Jes' wait'll I tell the boss a thing or two!!" and the two robbers muttered nasty words to each other, all the way back to their car!

Poor robbers! That is, if one can ever be sorry for characters like they were! But you see - a little further down on the very same shelf as the carry-all in which Tommy and Bun-bun were hiding - was the REAL briefcase! The very one containing all the stolen money! It looked very much like the other, brown, sort of leathery, and so on, but pushed 'way back in the shadows so it was hard to find! But it wasn't hard to find for the smartly dressed, 'executive-type' fellow who had watched the two robbers with dismay and alarm, until they put their package back on the shelf and left. Now he gave a big sigh, and, grinning from ear to ear, (in a big-shot executive way!) walked up to the REAL briefcase, hefted it carefully into his arms because it was very heavy, and, in a very gentlemanly 'man-about-town' manner, carried it out of the bus station!

Nobody paid any attention to him, not even the bus driver, who just then stepped out of his bus to greet the new driver who would return at once to Sherbrooke.

"Here's that pesky carry-all," he said, lifting it up once more, "The Volunteer Lady brought it by mistake and I was to send it back! You can take it on your return trip - somebody will pick it up in Sherbrooke - she said she's phone."

"Fine with me, the new driver hefted the case and swung it lightly in the air. "Seems a bit heavy for just candy - oh well - see ya later." and he boarded his bus for the return trip, dropping the carry-all none too gently on the floor beside him. We know why it was heavy, don't we?"

Poor Tommy and Bun-Bun! What an adventure! When they heard the robbers talk about their guns they were terrified! Too terrified to move! But, as I said, this was the best thing that could happen, because they were about to return home! How wonderful! They began to relax and feel happy again.

The bus arrived back in Sherbrooke only a few short hours after this whole adventure began! The driver was delighted to see Mr. Armand de Geer himself, (head agromone for "Les Serres") waiting for the carry-all.

"The volunteer told me it would be on this bus," he said, "and since we are giving all the left-over candy to the Argyll Children's Centre tomorrow, I'll just leave the case at the Greenhouse on my way home. Thanks a lot for bringing it back."

The last ride of the latest adventure of our two friends was a smooth automobile ride, and Tommy and Bun-Bun were so tired that they nearly fell asleep again!

Mr. de Geer stopped at the front door of the Greenhouse, and set the carry-all down on the step - the very same place where this adventure began! Can you imagine! Then he sped away to his home.

Inside the bag Tommy stirred. Bun-Bun stretched. Tommy's tail twitched. Bun-Bun sighed. "Well," she said, "it looks like we're home again." "Oh Boy," said Tommy, "that sounds good!" "Very well, let's get out of here Tommy Friend - I'll lead the way, and Bun-Bun pushed open the lid of the carryall and hopped out. Tommy followed more carefully.

"My fur is all messed up!" (Our little grey squirrel was proud of his beautiful fur). "I'll have a big job to get it straightened out again."

"I'll have to work hard to fix my fur too!" (His graceful Rabbit friend has lovely beige fur in winter and dazzling white in summer!) She added in a sad little voice, "I bet I look awful!"

"You never look awful, Bun-Bun, you're beautiful!"

"Now Tommy, I think all this sweet candy has made you a sweet talker."

"Oh, - er - Bun-Bun," Tommy was almost

at a loss for words - but not quite! "Bun-Bun, speaking of 'sweets,' this has been such a difficult adventure, do we deserve to eat a couple of these bundles of candy? I'm very hungry - do you think -

Bun-Bun knew her friend so well she wasn't surprised at his reaction. She smiled at him fondly as she answered - "Yes indeed! I certainly do!" And they did!!

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RICHMOND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

May the (knitting) circle be unbroken

On Friday morning, March 21, the Wales Home Knitters Club hosted 19 students from Richmond Regional High School. The level II Home Economics students of Ms. Lori Hill are learning the ancient, and revolutionary, craft of knitting. As beginners, many of Ms. Hill's students need one-on-one attention, and what better place can there be to find people who really know the art! The students are eager to acquire and master this skill, and the residents of the Wales Home are more than able to help out their young apprentices.

At 9:30, after a warm welcome by Activities Co-ordinator Brendalee Piironen, the students accompanied their mentors to a sunroom, a living room, or an apartment. For the next hour and a half, the needles click-clacked. Sparks were sent a-flying in every direction, as industrious hands became more confident with every passing strand! The mantra of knit-one-purl-one-knit-one-purl-one echoed softly along corridors and down staircases. The students felt so honoured and grateful to be receiving the specialized help that they needed to get their knitting projects launched.

At the same time, and more importantly, they greatly enjoyed the charming company and delightful conversation of their expert guides. According to student Maude Bombardier, "These women are so cool. They have such interesting stories to share with us, and are so willing to answer our questions." She was seated with Mrs. Margarita Beaudreau, and was anxious to find out what life was like when she was a teenager!

Mr. Earl Bracey discussed the way the Wales Home Knitters Club began, under the guidance of his daughter

Carol. Mr. Bracey "took over the club to honor her memory," wrote Record journalist Rita Legault in her 1996 article. He was on hand this day to see how the young people are carrying on an established tradition.

Student Carl Bergeron was under the distinguished direction of Mrs. Alda Fowler, whose son Bruce owns an elevator company in Lennoxville. She notes that she came to the pastime of knitting just five years ago, and since that time has knitted 1,167 pairs of mittens! That's a lot of mittens (2,334 to be exact), and all have been donated to Sun Youth or other worthy community programs. Carl completed his project that morning!

In fact, several knitters at the Wales Home have long provided for a variety of organizations or causes. Many, like Mrs. Ruth Graham, recall the times when socks that they knitted were shipped overseas for the soldiers fighting in WWII.

Today, there is yet another war, and yet another generation of knitters. This time, the knitters are creating arm-bands for peace. The concept of revolutionary knitting circles is not a new one: in days gone by, women gathered

to knit and, at the same time, pass information from family to family, region to region. In parts of the world where any gathering of males is observed with suspicion, it is the women who are the key players in the information "underground". Prayer meetings, quilting bees, knitting or weaving circles, sewing sessions: all of these are still viewed as harmless activities, and so

serve to extend freedom of expression in countries where there is little tolerance for free speech.

The craft of knitting may be old, but as long as it helps humanity, in so many ways, it stays as strong and vital as ever. The Home Economic students of RRHS can now carry on the tradition, thanks to the Wales Home Knitters Club.



Mrs. Ruth Graham assisted Emily Larin (not shown), and recalls the knitting of countless pairs of socks for Canadian regiments in the Second World War.



Ms. Lori Hill (left) and Maggie Camiré admire some of the work of Mrs. Vera Sullivan. Maggie later received the pattern for the beautiful afghan, shown here, from her mentor.



Carl Bergeron learns the lightning-fast knitting ways of Mrs. Alda Fowler.



Maude Bombardier spent her morning with Mrs. Margarita Beaudreau



Eric Jolin is filled with pride at his accomplishment of the morning!



Carl Bergeron learns the lightning-fast knitting ways of Mrs. Alda Fowler.



Mrs. Ellen Cathcart closely observes the work of Tiffany Mathieu.

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Weight not one for following headlines

By Iain MacIntyre
 CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Some players don't read newspapers. Doug Weight is not one of them. Sometimes, this is bad.

He remembers the morning after one of the many titanic playoff clashes he had for the Edmonton Oilers against the Dallas Stars.

"I was scoreless in the first two games of the series, minus two," Weight told reporters Tuesday morning. "The headline was: Weightless. It was tough. I'm checking Mike Modano the whole game, playing pretty good playoff hockey and that's what I come home to."

Weight still reads the paper. Mostly, this is good.

The headlines in Tuesday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch screamed: Advantage, Blues... Weight scores twice.

For all its media consequences, Weight craves and thrives the pressure of being a dominant figure, the biggest player. Perhaps that's why it's immensely impressive how he is beating the Canucks because he is not the Blues' biggest player.

He is not even on their first line.

Weight, two seasons into a five-year, \$40-million-US contract with the Blues, is suddenly a checking centre.

And if he did over a full season what he has done in three games against the Canucks, Weight would be Selke Trophy material.

"I think I'm getting older and wiser," he said. "I think I'm more complete. The team game is more complete. I just think this concept and the way we play fits me perfectly."

At age 32, Weight is starting to consider his mortality as a player.

A good season for Edmonton meant a playoff appearance and spirited first-round loss. In St. Louis, the expectations are considerably higher.

"It's a different pressure. My younger years, and first appearances in the playoffs, I was never so nervous as the

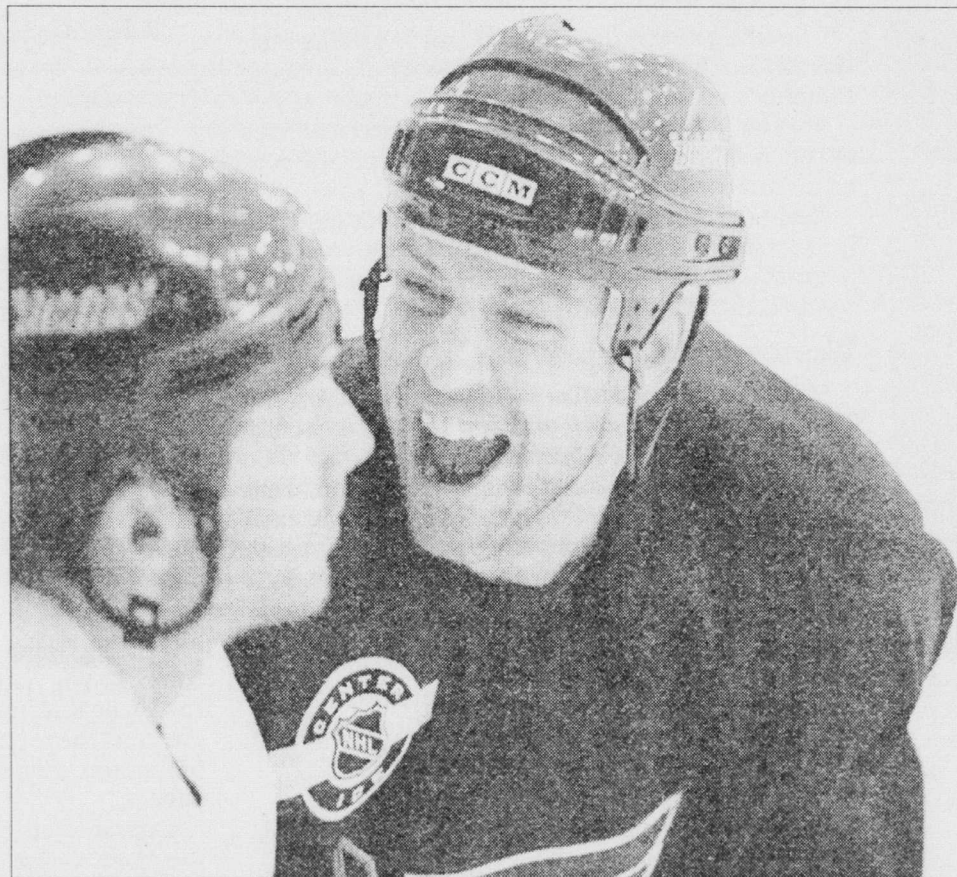
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first game in Vancouver. It's a good sign when you have 30-somethings shaking on the on the bench during the anthems."

Quenneville said: "He took another step as far as meeting this challenge and what he means to this team. You can see on his face his determination to win."



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Doug Weight, 32, is starting to consider his mortality as a player after being reduced to a checking centre with the St. Louis Blues in their series against the Vancouver Canucks.

Stars' Turco playing with pressure

By Jim Matheson
 CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

On the way into Skyreach Centre on Sunday, painted fans in Oilers jerseys were taking a sledge-hammer to a beat-up green and black Volkswagen Fox, with Marty Turco's No. 35 on the back of the car. For five bucks a wallop, they were giving it to the car and the Star — a harbinger of things to come as the Oilers ultimately beat the Dallas goalie for three goals on four shots in a three-minute span of the third period.

Welcome to the Stanley Cup cauldron, where goalies might be better served in asbestos suits than hockey jerseys. Turco's regular-season 1.72 average may earn him the nod for the Vezina trophy over Martin Brodeur's 41 wins in New Jersey, but this

first-ever playoff for Turco is like qualifying for the Masters and trying not to collapse under the weight of playing on a bigger stage.

And Turco has a big weight; he's the lowest-paid regular (\$800,000 US) on the Stars, yet has a \$66-million team on his back. And today, after giving up at least two weak goals (Ryan Smyth in Game 1 and Fernando Pisani in Game 3) in the series and a few others he might want back, Turco is where every goalie finds himself when his team's losing: bearing the brunt of the questions.

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It's been that way with Curtis Joseph in Detroit this year, too; he gave up some softies in the first two games against Anaheim; and it was that way with Dan Cloutier in Vancouver last spring.

At times in this series, Turco has looked too eager to stop the puck (like on Smyth's Game 1 one-hopper), instead of sitting back and letting the harmless shot come to him.

But, as Oilers coach Craig MacTavish so often says about playing pool, it's not what you make, it's what you leave. It's all about timing in the playoffs; the goals you

give up and when they come.

Which is why Turco was under media siege after practice this week.

"They're all bad goals when you give them up in the playoffs I when you're winning 1-0 (after 40 minutes), it doesn't matter how they happen," said Turco. "Hey, I knew I was going to get attention, one way or another. Whatever people say or write, it's not an issue with me. I'm fine with my game."

"As you guys point out, this is my first playoff," acknowledged Turco, who has a .902 playoff save percentage after posting a .932 GAA in his 55 regular-season games. "Is it hurting my confidence the way things are going now? No."

GAME 4 WAS NOT FINISHED BY PRESS TIME. READ THURSDAY'S PAPER FOR THE FULL STORY.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Penguins show coach Kehoe the door

Rick Kehoe was fired Tuesday after less than two full seasons with the Pittsburgh Penguins, leaving as the team's only coach since the mid-1980s to fail to make the playoffs.

Kehoe, a former Penguins player and assistant coach, had a 55-81-14-10 record since succeeding former coach Ivan Hlinka four games into the 2001-02 season. Hlinka was fired after coaching the Penguins to the Eastern Conference finals in his only full season as coach.

The firing means the Penguins will be seeking their seventh coach since the 1996-97 — owner-player Mario Lemieux's last full season before he initially retired.

Former general manager Eddie Johnston was fired as coach midway through that season and replaced on an interim basis by Patrick.

Kevin Constantine was hired in 1997, but was fired in December 1999 after several run-ins with star Jaromir Jagr. He was succeeded by Herb Brooks, who coached the team the rest of the season.

Weir commits to play in Canadian Open

Masters champion Mike Weir plans to play in the Bell Canadian Open this summer, the Royal Canadian Golf Association announced Tuesday.

On Sunday, the native of Bright's Grove, Ont., beat American veteran Len Mattiace in a sudden-death playoff following a bogey-free 4-under 68 to win the tournament, the first major championship won by a Canadian male golfer. Weir pocketed \$1.08 million US for his historic win and vaulted atop the PGA Tour's money list with over \$3.3 million already this season.

Mattiace has also confirmed his intention to play in the \$4.2-million Bell Canadian Open, which will be held from Sept. 1 to 7 at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

Knicks agree to extension with Chaney

Knicks coach Don Chaney has agreed to a two-year contract extension that will keep him in New York through the 2005-06 season.

The deal was expected to be announced before the Knicks' regular-season finale Tuesday night against Indiana, according to an Eastern Conference official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The extension could be worth between \$4 million and \$4.5 million, the Daily News reported.

On TV

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- **FIGURE SKATING: 2 p.m.**, Russian Cup, TSN.
- **NHL: 7 p.m.**, Eastern Conference quarterfinals, best-of-seven series. Ottawa Senators at New York Islanders (Sens lead 2-1), RDS; **7 p.m.**, Philadelphia Flyers at Toronto Maple Leafs (Leafs lead 2-1), CBC; **7 p.m.**, Western Conference quarterfinals, best-of-seven series. Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild (Avs lead 2-1), TSN.
- 10:30 p.m.**, Detroit Red Wings at Anaheim Mighty Ducks (Ducks lead 3-0), TSN; **10:30 p.m.**, Vancouver Canucks at St. Louis Blues (Blues lead 2-1), CBC.
- **NBA: 10:30 p.m.**, Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors, Sportsnet.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

White starting to get the hang of playoffs

By Allen Panzeri
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Todd White's two goals and Magnus Arvedson's assist on White's overtime winner on Monday were hopeful signs for the Ottawa Senators.

The club's top line of White, Arvedson and Daniel Alfredsson might finally be finding its game. And it needs to.

Before Monday's 3-2 victory in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarter-final series, the line hadn't done much — only Alfredsson had a point (an assist). Now it's Ottawa's only line that has all three players with at least one playoff point.

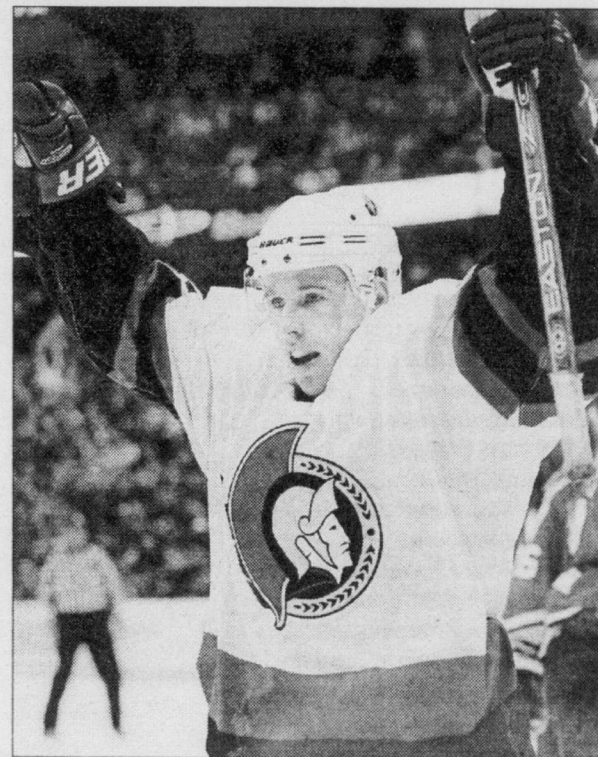
White's emergence was the most encouraging sign. His past two regular seasons have been terrific, but there was always the underlying question of whether he could carry that success through to the playoffs, where play is a lot rougher.

White, who had two goals and two assists in 12 playoff games last year, is starting to get the hang of the playoffs.

"The big thing is, you're not going to get much room, so you have to take advantage of time and space," he said Tuesday. "In the playoffs, you've just got to get the puck on the net a little more. In the regular season, maybe you'll have a little more time to be patient."

Ottawa coach Jacques Martin is quick to credit the five-foot-10 centre for his hard work.

"I'm always thrilled and pleased to see Todd's de-



CANWEST NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

Todd White's two goals on Monday was encouraging given that he only recorded two goals and two assists last playoffs.

velopment in the organization," Martin said. "He's a tremendous individual and he has worked extremely hard in the off-season to improve. He's not a big man, but he's one of the strongest players on the team, and he has improved his speed and quickness.

"He has always had great anticipation and he's getting himself in the right place at the right time. It's nice for him to have some success."

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Roughriders re-sign receiver Rocky Henry

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The Saskatchewan Roughriders re-signed import wide receiver Rocky Henry on Tuesday. Terms of the deal were not released.

Henry is entering his third year as a member of the Green and White. Last year he picked up 62 catches for 698 yards and two touchdowns.

Henry originally joined the Riders midway through the 2001 season when he caught 14 balls for 220 yards and picked up two touchdowns.

"The re-signing of Rocky gives us the veteran receiver we need to

make the big plays," said Roughriders head coach Danny Barrett. "Rocky has good hands and great speed. He is always a threat every time the ball is snapped."

CHAD PLUMMER RE-SIGNS WITH BIG BLUE

A day after adding Robert Gordon to its lineup, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers re-signed slotback Chad Plummer.

Plummer (six-foot-two, 223 pounds) returns to the Winnipeg lineup after appearing in both of the club's post-season outings in 2002. He originally joined the Big Blue from the Toronto Argonauts. He has both CFL and NFL experience to his credit.

"We look forward to having Chad here for the full year," said Dave Ritchie, head coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. "I'm really excited about the abilities he brings to our team. I expect him to make an impact on our offence."

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In Memoriam

BOGIE, Alden - In memory of our brother who passed away April 16, 2002. To receive his calls and hear his voice, To sit and talk with him a while, To be together the same old way Is the dearest wish we have in our hearts today.

LORNE (brother)
ROSS (brother), RACHEL
BYRNA (sister), RALPH
and FAMILIES

Death



MacKINNON, Douglas - Peacefully on April 12, 2003 at the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute (Youville), at the age of 73. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Norma Ellis and four children: Angus (Jennifer Mungham), Peter (Mary Ellen MacKay), Helen (Warren Loomis), and Kathleen (Wayne Walsh). He will be missed by 12 grandchildren: Elizabeth, Martha, Clara, Leslie, Julia, Rosemary, Perry, Abbigael, Tristan, Noah, Jessica and Connor. He also leaves one sister, Margaret (Alvin Ross) and one brother Stuart. Predeceased by his brothers Keith and Gordon. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends will also mourn his passing. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough, Ayer's Cliff (819-876-5213) where the family will receive condolences Thursday, April 17th from 2 - 4 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m., as well as Friday, April 18th from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The funeral will take place on Friday, April 18th at 2 p.m. in Beulah United Church, Main St., Ayer's Cliff with Rev. Doreen Moffatt officiating. Interment to follow in the Way's Mills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to The Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute Foundation (Foundation S.G.U.I.S.), 1036 Belvedere South, Sherbrooke, Que., J1H 4C4 or Beulah United Church, 976 Main, Ayer's Cliff, Que., J0B 1C0.

Deaths

DAVIES, Evelyn - Passed away peacefully, in London, Ontario, March 2, Evelyn Davies (Dougherty). Leaves husband Everett; children Doug (Debbie), Russell (Carrie), Patsy (George), Bruce (Debbie); seven grandchildren; sisters Carmen, Ethel, Muriel; brothers Harvey and Jimmy. Predeceased by brothers Stuart and Herman. Service was held March 5. Spring interment in Aylmer Cemetery. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation greatly appreciated.

MORELAND, Wilma (nee Jones) - Passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side. Mrs. Wilma Moreland in her 73rd year. Loving wife of 53 years to Glenn Moreland and dear mother of Gloria (Frank), Wilton (Wanda) and David (Elaine). Wilma also leaves to mourn her dear grandchildren Kristopher, Jeffrey, Kevin, Lynn and Sonia, along with her brothers, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Homes, 295 Principale St., S., Richmond, Que., where family and friends may visit on Wednesday, April 16th, 2003 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 - 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, April 17th, 2003 at 2 p.m., with Rev. Reginald Jennings officiating. Interment in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

WHITCHER, Russel 1921-2003 - Peacefully at the Wales Home in Richmond, on Monday, April 14, 2003, at the age of 82 years. Son of the late Herbert Whitcher, and the late Agnes Aldrich, brother of the late Douglas Whitcher. Left to mourn are his sisters, Rica Averill (Roy), Richmond, Dorothy Clark (Gilbert), Vero Beach and several nieces and nephews. Resting at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes St., Granby, tel.: (450) 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393, www.famillebessette.com. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 2 p.m., in the chapel. Rev. W. Davidson officiating. Visitation, day of the funeral from 1 p.m. Interment in Pinewood Cemetery.

Deaths

WIGLE, Danial Victor - After a courageous 3 month battle with kidney failure, on March 31, 2003, at the age of 43 years. Loving companion of Maria and son, David. He was the son of Frank and his mother, Betty. He was a brother to Dennis, Jason, Sheryle-Lin Wigle (Calvin Badger), Denise (Dave Battersby), Sharon-Ann (Nick Major). Uncle to Alex, Stephanie, Maxim Morissette, Kendle Battersby, Shara Lavallée and Jason Major. He also leaves to mourn a large extended family and friends. The funeral was held at Avalon Surrey Funeral Home, B.C. Burial was held at The Valley View Memorial Gardens, Surrey, B.C. Danial, if in this life we only have hope, we are men most miserable. But as Jesus was raised from the dead, even so we who are asleep shall be made alive again at His coming. Then shall we meet again.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm now following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with a remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.

WOLF, Lynn - Passed away suddenly at her home on April 12th. Sadly missed by her friends, colleagues, Zeke and Maggie. Memorial service at St. Mark's Chapel, Bishops University, Lennoxville, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

We met at Fête accomplie on Tuesday April 1st, for dinner. Thanks Monique and staff for your super "Sugar Shack Buffet" dinner. We had an excellent meal - a real treat. The club paid half the cost and the members paid the other half, our Vice President, George Hamelin presented the tips to our waitresses and with bill paid. We thanked our host and hostess and returned to home base for our games and a chance to socialize with our friends.

"500" winners were Edmond Ducharme and Juliette Laliberté. There was no half and half game today.

Game winners were H. Levoy, M. Gauvin, J. Jersey, C. George, R. Mossa, V. Aiken, Flora Jersey, M.A. Martel and A. Vintinner.

On Tuesday, April 8th, we sat down to a dinner of hot chicken sandwiches, salad, pickles and a delicious pecan cake. Rita Marcoux was our chef for today. Thanks Rita, it was much appreciated. Lila McCoy donated serviettes and Reginald Landry gave the afternoon, fruit drink.

Judy Rypinski won today's half and half game. "500" winners Rose Mary Maxwell and Richard Smith.

Game prizes were won by Ida MacKay, Rita Mossa, Alfred Vintinner, Helma Wiener, Juliette Laliberté, Dorothy Woodard, Carol George, Verlie Aiken, Mary Ann Martel, Flora and Jackie Jersey and Lila McCoy.

Rita Mossa

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♣ Q 10 7		♣ J 8 4 2	
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♠ K Q J 10 4			
♥ 8 2			
♦ K 7 5			
♣ A 6 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

There is another option

By Phillip Alder

The North-South hands in today's deal were used by a fellow columnist. Given that the trumps are breaking 2-2, how would you plan the play in four spades after West has led the heart jack?

That North hand is strong for a limit raise, but a tad weak for a game-forcing raise (made here with a conventional three-no-trump response). The best bid is something like 3.65 spades, but few opponents let one get away with that.

The original columnist recommended winning the first trick with dummy's heart ace, drawing trumps ending in hand, and leading a low diamond toward dummy's jack. This establishes a diamond trick for a subsequent club discard if West has the diamond queen or East holds the diamond ace. Fair enough, but his closing sentence was: "The suggested method of play fails only when East has the (diamond) queen and West the ace — which will occur in about one deal out of four — but in that case any other method of play is also virtually certain to fail."

Hmm. How about ducking the first trick? Suppose West continues with another heart. You win with dummy's ace, ruff a heart high in hand, draw trumps ending in the dummy, ruff the last heart, and exit with three rounds of clubs. If West wins the trick, he is endplayed, forced either to lead a diamond around to your king or to concede a ruff-and-discard. If East wins the third club trick and shifts to a low diamond, you have to guess the position.

I'm not saying this is a better line, but it is the way to succeed with the given layout.

Offer some non-judgmental suggestions

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My organization is a network of 30,000 retail florists in North America. We would like to donate a portion of our floral sales to a charitable effort that supports the families of our military people.

Can you suggest a couple of charities that we can contact to provide support to the wonderful men and women of our armed services? — Livonia, Mich.

Dear Livonia: You are kind and generous to offer. Hundreds of readers have asked what they can do to help support our military. It is important that we let our servicemen and women know we are thinking of them. Here are some suggestions:

Since packages and mail are permitted only if you know the name of the person you are sending it to, you can make a donation to:

Operation USO Care Package, c/o Pentagon Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 19221, Alexandria, VA 22320-9998 (www.usometrodc.org/care1.html)

For donations to the families of our Army servicemen and women, please

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Our thoughts and prayers are with all the troops overseas. We wish them a speedy return home.

Dear Annie: I saw the letter from the woman whose sister had such a dirty house it made her ill. You said, "She's your sister. Tell her the truth."

In my case, the dirty house belongs to my stepdaughter. "Carol" is not the best housekeeper, and on top of that, her home has been in a state of upheaval for two years, due to some ongoing construction. It seems Carol has mice in her

kitchen. She has even shown me the droppings in her silverware drawer.

Carol and I do not exactly have a loving relationship. In fact, she can be rather confrontational. She lives 200 miles away, and when my husband visits, he stays overnight. I absolutely cannot bring myself to do this, although I'd love to spend more time with our grandchildren.

Carol recently has become quite insistent that we spend the night in her home. However, if I were to tell her that I have a fear of mice skittering across the bed while I'm in it, I don't think she would take it well. What is your advice in this situation? — Fearful Step-Mother

Dear Fearful: Eeek. Telling her the whole truth might hurt the relationship irreparably. Since Carol has shown you the mouse droppings, perhaps you could offer some non-judgmental suggestions about alleviating the problem — maybe even help her clean the kitchen under the guise of searching for those pesky creatures.

Meanwhile, discuss this with your husband. Insist he tell Carol that the two of you prefer to stay in a motel because it allows everyone to have some privacy.

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

90th Birthday

Congratulations to Mildred Cairns of Ives Hill on being 90 years young on April 19, 2003.

Happy Birthday from your family.

Best wishes can be sent to:
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Happy Birthday



Happy 90th birthday to
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and great-grandchildren.

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Marion at #206 - 107 Oxford Cres.,
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Stanbridge East Women's Institute

Stanbridge East Women's Institute held a regular meeting on April 3, 2003, in the Anglican Church Hall in Stanbridge East. Hostesses were Margaret Cummings, Pearle Yates and Lorraine Domingue.

In the absence of President, Margaret Cummings, 2nd Vice President, Dianne Rhicard presided. She thanked the hostesses, welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting with Collect and Salute to the Flag.

After the minutes were read by Mary Boomhour and approved, members continued with plans for the F.W.I.C. Convention Tour. The treasurer, Diane Tait was with us to give her report.

Correspondence included an invitation to Bromo County Annual meeting in Abercorn on April 30 at 9:30 a.m. A thank you was read from Louise Hall for contributions to well-being of the patients at the B.M.P. Hospital.

Unfinished business was the prizes for the flower show and everything was taken care of with the approval of members.

Lunch was cold cuts, salads, breads, desserts, etc., and was greatly enjoyed by everyone including our guest, Reverend Michelle Eason.

After lunch Jean Cogswell introduced guest speaker, Barbara Bellingham, who spoke on the "After School Program" at Butler Elementary School in Bedford. This program was developed to help and encourage students to read. Reading for pleasure is declining and

children are missing a vital part of mental and personal development. Consequently progress in schools is declining. Fourteen women go to Butler to help students hone their reading skills. This program is a privilege for students and only 2 have not stayed with the program and opted to leave. Butler Elementary applied to be one of the lead schools in the district to get laptop computers as a pilot project. Ms. Bellingham was thanked by Jean and presented with a gift.

New business included discussion of an article in the Quebec Women's Institute News, 'What Do W.I.'s Do.' The answers came fast and furious, and will be sent to Jean Furcall for her list of "101 Things that Women's Institutes Do."

A letter from Townshippers was discussed pertaining to Townshippers' Day in Cowansville. Stanbridge East will have a table. A reminder to everyone that Stanbridge East W.I. has cards for all occasions for sale. They may be had by contacting Dianne Rhicard at 85 Ross Road, Stanbridge East, JOJ 2H0. 450-248-3616. She also has Heritage Hasty Notes for sale.

Announcements were made. The next meeting will be on May 1, at Diane Rhicard's on Ross Road at 1 p.m. Roll Call is bring a "Mystery Parcel" to be auctioned and also to bring a guest or two.

Pearle Ingalls Yates
Publicity Convenor

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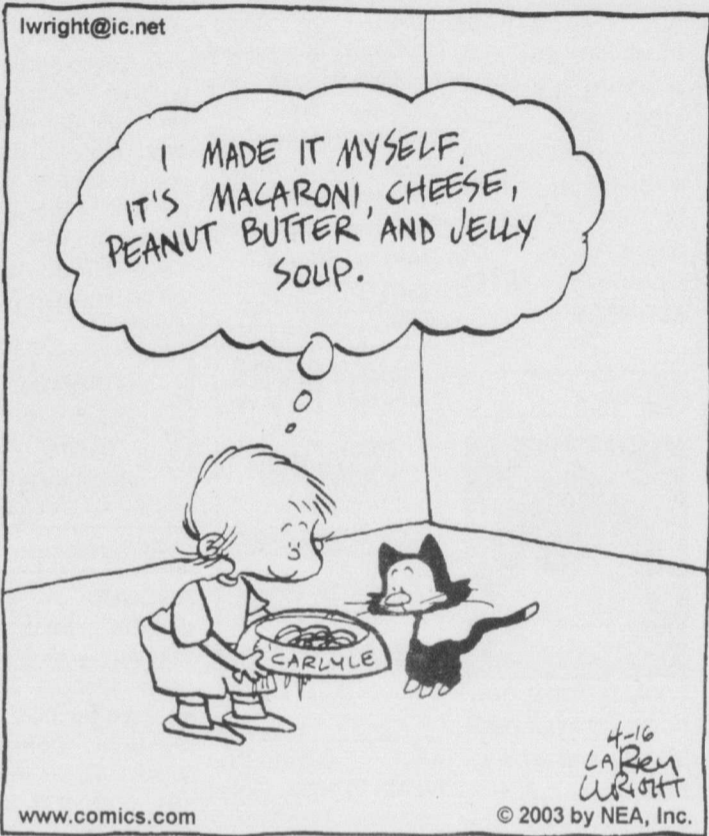
by Luis Campos

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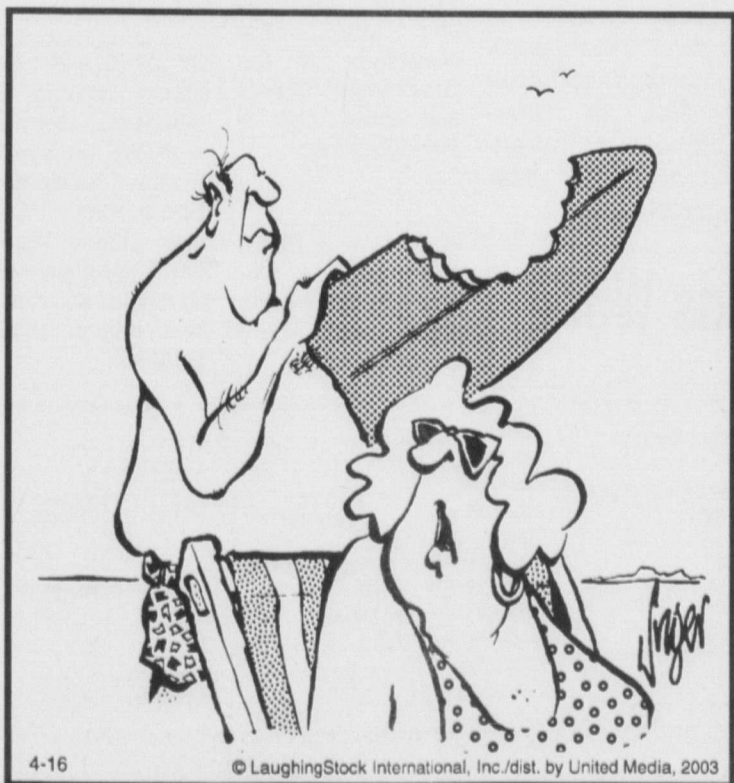
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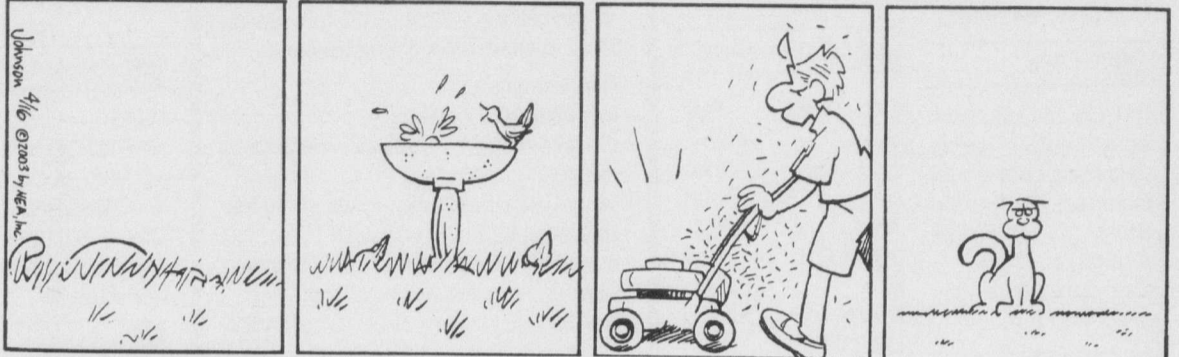


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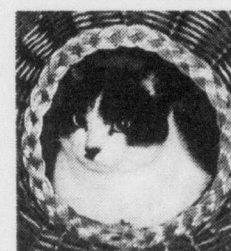
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Military Whist in Richmond

It was still daylight and warm outside when the card players arrived at St. Anne's Church Hall in Richmond to play Military Whist on Thursday evening, April 10. Even though Marge and Raymond Lancaster had to be away, they had left everything ready for the nineteen tables of players to have an enjoyable evening.

While the lunch was being enjoyed, we proceeded to the distribution of the prizes. We had two tables with a high score of 26 points. One was Pauline

Fecteau, Rose and Paul Rioux and R. Dubois. The other was Jean and Ross Davidson, Norma Perkins and Sonia Loisel for second place, with 25 points, we had another two-way tie. These were Iona, Percy, Orillia and Reginald Patrick; the other was Ghislaine Redburn, Raymond Fortier, Alton Mills and Patsy Biggs. The low-score honours were won by Pearl Armstrong, Pearl Kydd, Patsy and Audrey Millar.

Next was the anticipation of winning one of the 21 door prizes and these went

to M. Langlois, R. Dubois, Jeannine Lancaster, Vivian Pollock, Norma Perkins, Jean d'Arc Jutras, Lyla Beattie, R. Belanger, Daisy McGee, Jean Davidson, Rhislaine Redburn, George Lancaster, Hazel Carson, Olive McCourt, Edna Smith, Andree Carson, Elizabeth Mastine, Paul Rioux, Gertrude Watson, Rita Noel and Marcel Tremblay.

The drawing on the two grocery boxes followed and they were won by Paul Rioux and Estelle Fortier.

Once again, this could not have been such a success without the help of so many willing workers. Thanks to Cathy

Watson who solicits the sandwiches each month, to her and her mother, Alison Watson, for supplying the delicious homemade cookies, to Liz Mason and Rita Noel who look after the kitchen and the kind and thoughtful men who clean up the Hall at the end of the evening. And a very special thanks this time to Daisy McGee, Mildred Holliday and Vivian Pollock for their help. We hope to meet everyone again for our final Military Whist Party for this season on Thursday, May 8.

Jean Storry

Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

In the year ahead you might get the opportunity to form an alliance with someone for the purpose of developing a joint endeavor. It will have beneficial potential, but only if it is managed both skillfully and fairly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be sure you are in total agreement with your mate today regarding an issue you both deem important. If one or the other is unhappy about the decision, it'll end up being a thorn in your side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It behooves you to stay abreast of your duties today. Should you fall behind, it's apt to throw your whole schedule out of whack for the remainder of the week

and you're not likely to catch up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not allow your associates to get involved in your business interests today or let them drag you into theirs. In either case, the consequences could be foreboding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you are usually tolerant of your in-laws or relatives, if any of them becomes too autocratic or domineering today, you're not likely to take it lightly and won't put up with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually you enjoy stimulating lighthearted exchanges of viewpoints. Today, however, you could view the issues being discussed as far too serious to handle in a cavalier manner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be ex-

tremely selective today from who you request any favors. Picking the wrong person could have you paying a higher price for his or her indulgence than you may be prepared to pay.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful how you handle your close associations today. Some issues could prove to be very testy for you and it won't matter if it is coming from a personal alliance or a social one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Certain responsibilities should be taken seriously today, but that does not mean blowing things way out of proportion. You will make things far more difficult than they should be if you overreact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be careful how you handle your personal resources today or you could be tempted

to plunk down your hard-earned money on gambles that are long shots at best. Don't put strains on your wallet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You are capable of attaining your goals today, but only if these objectives are realistic. Reject a tendency to allow your ambitions to exceed beyond your reach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — For reasons known only to you, chances are you'll toss all experiences you've gained from past mistakes out the window today and succumb to some old, unproductive patterns.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you are tired or unprepared today, do not be pressured into negotiating any complicated financial matters. Wait until you're fresh or have all the facts at your fingertips.

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ACROSS

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- 6 Ragout
- 10 British trunk
- 14 Gaseous element
- 15 Keystone site
- 16 Lowdown
- 17 Detached
- 18 Jaipur attire
- 19 Floor
- 20 Club
- 23 Oil of _
- 24 Aspirations
- 25 Hale and hearty
- 28 For a song
- 31 Tennis champ Lendl
- 32 Rub it in

- 33 German river
- 36 Club
- 40 Rockies grazer
- 41 Touches down
- 42 Taj Mahal location
- 43 Friday's ID
- 44 Like a baguette
- 46 City north of Salt Lake
- 49 Steer clear of
- 50 Club
- 57 Ages and ages and ages
- 58 Suggestive beginning?
- 59 Edge along
- 60 Litter's littlest
- 61 Squeeze in
- 62 River of Kashmir
- 63 Mimics

- 27 Rover's exclamation
- 28 Glasgow's river
- 29 Gardener's tools
- 30 Knack for music
- 32 Band of hoodlums
- 33 Work units
- 34 Trading center
- 35 Influence
- 37 Factory
- 38 Young man
- 39 Discouraging
- 43 Brutal characters

- 44 Fidel confederate
- 45 Putin's place
- 46 Soap or horse follower
- 47 Aggregation
- 48 Metaphysical poet
- 49 Trample
- 51 Second-rate writer
- 52 Angler's doodad
- 53 Space-saving abbr.
- 54 Icelandic literary work
- 55 Grad
- 56 City near Phoenix

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 1 Rugged cliff
- 2 Luminous ring
- 3 Image of worship
- 4 Perplex
- 5 Prepares to propose
- 6 Flippant
- 7 Pitfall
- 8 Buff color
- 9 Fluttering sound
- 10 Knight's neighbor
- 11 At hand
- 12 Helpful
- 13 Shadings
- 21 Hamlin pest
- 22 Idle talks
- 25 Houston campus
- 26 Racetrack shape

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Happy Birthday Gay - On Wednesday, April 16th a very dear friend celebrates a birthday. It is strange how friendships are made and last the test of time - ours is one such case. In the mid sixties my husband, Paul was office manager of Labrador Finance Company (now defunct) in Magog and Gay's husband, Jacques was manager of the Sherbrooke branch. Out of the blue she phoned me to ask a very special favour. I don't dare say what it was as I would be in very deep trouble but I have always loved intrigue so I checked the various watering holes for evidence to confirm her suspicions but to no avail. She was expecting her first baby and my younger son was about four years old and my heart was broken for her to be in such a sad state of mind. After several telephone conversations we decided to see a movie with another company wife, Cecil Fortier. Behaving like excited teenager we met at Sherbrooke's Granada Theatre to see "Doctor Zhivago," a love story set in the time of the Russian revolution. The actors were Julie Christie and Omar Sharif. To this day I love the soundtrack from that movie. But I

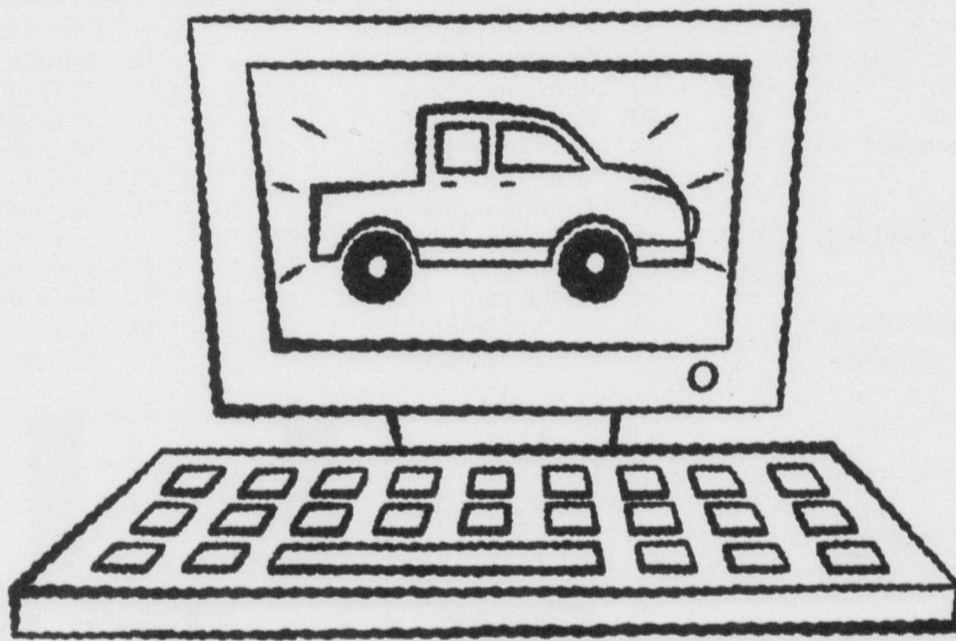
disgrace. When I saw my friend for the very first time I was astonished by her height 5 feet 7 inches and she is always in spike heels. The real surprise was that she could have been a double for Linda Evans (Dynasty). Gay was born in London, England during the blitz and her mother Muriel Kemp met and fell in love with a handsome French Canadian soldier, Bob Cloutier (both deceased). They settled in Rock Forest where Bob started a business and built a home. There was a bomb shelter just in case war would eventually end up in this part of the world. Presumably, the bomb shelter is still intact!

Over the years it was evident that we had a lot of common interests and could discuss till the cows came home. When Muriel died I mourned with Gay and when my mother, the late Sarah MacRae passed away Guy and I would talk about life and death and as a matter of fact we dwell about whether there is a hereafter. Presently, we are at a good place in our lives. I have found a measure of peace despite the loss of my cherished elder son, Michael and my precious sister, Evie who moved to North Hatley from Oakville,

Ontario following her retirement. She died in her sleep eleven months later. I think of them every day and silently whisper "Rest in Peace, Michael and Evie." I must attribute my peace and contentment to Paul. He did anything and everything he could to comfort me. If I had a sad look on my face he would say "let's go for a ride." It could be inclement weather, pouring rain or a snow blizzard and off we would go! I would soon feel better - could it have been that because I am a back seat driver I was wishing that we would not become statistics! Getting back to Gay - she is happily married to her second husband, Victor Laliberté and resides in her beautiful home on the lake front, in St. Francois Xavier and is constantly redecorating and caring for her 10 year old Doberman, Dolly and a Siamese cat, Lucy. She and Paul have something in common. They are real softies when it comes to a sick bird, an injured squirrel a malnourished looking cat or dog and will nurse them back to health. We have a animal cemetery in our backyard encircled with lilac and snowball trees. Patrick's first pet, a hamster "Ralph" and


our hamster "The Phantom" which got it's name as he escaped from his cage and hid in the basement for days and days. That little rate had numerous hiding places as there was so much clutter for example, a mattress, piles of wood, boxes and boxes of God knows what. Finally, hide and seek games were over and he was captured! Now conversations with my friend are about the war in Iraq, SARS, the economy as well as the occasional rant about getting older and how it sucks! If we are sad we will discuss life and death and still wonder if there is a better place beyond - My feeling is that whatever is on the other side it will be peace and maybe, just maybe I will see Michael and other loved ones. Mother's Day is just a few weeks away and I still remember the last one when Michael drove into the driveway with a beautiful bouquet of tulips and a mushy card. I have a memory like an elephant. I never, never forget and Paul says that is the reason that he would never try to con me - I would get him for it! I will wrap this up with extending my sincere best wishes to Gay on her 60th birthday. Take care and may we enjoy many, many long winded conversations for many a moon.

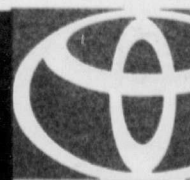
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Waterville U.C.W

The regular meeting of Waterville United Church Women was held in the church hall on April 2 with 12 present. The president, Doris Fidler, opened the meeting with the UCW purpose repeated in unison and gave a reading called "The Smile."

Pat Hurley conducted devotions, reading excerpts from the Every Day Bible concerning how to fight the battle of life. Humans cannot boast of winning the battle for it is God who brings about the winning. Faith, love, prayer, the gospel and hope are weapons which are powers from God. Hymns "Fight The Good Fight" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth," were sung. Psalm 3 was used as a closing prayer. The offering was received by Vi Derby.

The minutes of the March meeting were read by Glenna Smith with Vi Derby moving their acceptance. Literature on the Autonomy and Aging Conference being held in Lennoxville, were noted.

The treasurer, Audrey Cunningham gave a favorable report on finances. Vi Derby sent out a number of cards of all types during March.

Final plans for the May 1 luncheon and bazaar were made. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00. Pies were solicited, solicitations were named, advertising planned and preparation of the hall decided. Gift sales items were requested to be in, a week in advance.

Our final meeting for the summer will be held on May 21 when the UCW executive will hold a luncheon at noon followed by a meeting.

Pat Hurley moved adjournment of the meeting and everyone enjoyed refreshments and a social hour.

Glenna Smith