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TOWNSHIPS DIGEST

Victim was shot twice, then set on fire

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

Investigators are now checking dental records in an attempt to identify the severely burned body of a man found in a wooded area near Bromont in late Friday night.

An autopsy performed on the burned corpse Monday showed the victim to have been a white male with brown hair and eyes. He was about five-foot, 11 inches tall and weighed slightly less than 170 pounds. The man had been shot once in the head and once in the chest before his lifeless body was brought to the wooded area just off of Racine Rd. and set on fire.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord said so far all indications point to a settling of accounts. A final identification of the body should help investigators to determine just what happened, he said. However the extent of the burns means they will have to rely on dental records for identification.

At about 11 p.m. Friday, property owner Bernard Adam received a call from a neighbor telling of a fire in his maple sugar woods. Adam drove out to the scene and found the body, about 90 feet from the road, still burning. Using a cellular phone he immediately called the Bromont Police. After putting out the fire they in turn called in the Major Crimes squad of the QPF to take over the investigation.

Traces of blood and tracks leading to and from the scene have led police to believe at least two individuals were involved in the slaying, said Bromont Police chief Réal Ouimet. The proximity of the tiny rural road to Autoroute 10 also has police wondering if the killers or their victim came from outside the region. Easily accessible from the autoroute, Racine Rd. has only a handful of houses and gets little traffic.

Because of the condition of the body, investigators will now have to check dental records to determine the identity of the victim. Dubord said they are also going over any recent reports of missing persons in an attempt to piece together just what happened.

This is not the first time this road has been used as a body dumping site. The burning corpse was found less than 1,000 metres from where police found the body of Montreal crime figure Giovanni Redana in August 1991. Redana had been shot several times and his body dumped in a nearby field. His assassins were never caught.

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Surprise: Townships Liberals tilt toward Charest Johnson made noble choice — MNAs

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Local Liberal MNAs were shocked and surprised Monday to hear the unexpected news that their embattled leader Daniel Johnson had decided to step down.

With a provincial election around the corner, they say a new leader is needed in a hurry to bring the party together and lead it into battle.

Johnson's announcement after 17 years in politics, and four years at the head of the Liberal party, caught some colleagues completely off guard.

"Mr. Johnson knew it was going to be a tough battle, but I thought he was going to stick it out," Orford MNA Robert Benoit said in a telephone interview from overseas.

A former party president, Benoit said the best choice for a new leader is someone who knows the party and its rules and traditions, someone who knows the province and has contacts in Ottawa, and a "real Quebecer" who is a strong nationalist.

St. François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay said a new leader requires two main qualifications: the ability to bring the party together quickly, and the ability to win the next election.

Her first choice: Sherbrooke MP Jean Charest.

The federal Conservative leader, who had been busy trying to bring his own party back from the brink of extinction, has repeatedly maintained that he has no interest in provincial politics. Charest could not be reached for comment Monday but aides confirmed he has not changed his mind.

In Toronto Charest said he can continue to defend Canadian unity while remaining in federal politics.

Despite his insistence, Charest's name was on the

lips of many Liberals as their best chance to beat the Parti Québécois in the next election.

Gagnon-Tremblay and Richmond MNA Yvon Vallières both said there will be a lot of pressure on Charest to change his mind.

"Charest must reconsider his future in Quebec," Gagnon-Tremblay said. "He has all the assets needed to lead this party and win the next election."

The pressure on Charest is unlikely to come only from Quebec, said Vallières, adding that politicians from across Canada see Charest as one of the few leaders able to extract the country from its current constitutional impasse.

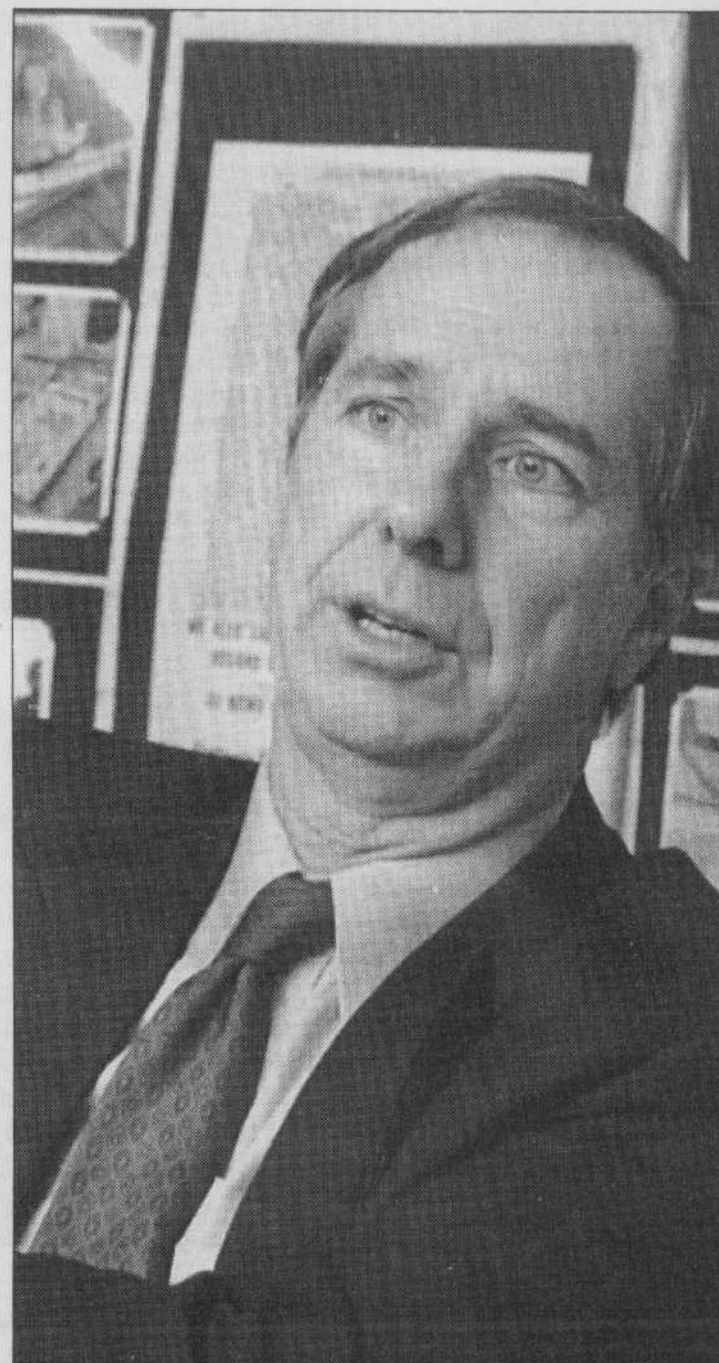
"We have to resolve this issue once and for all," he said.

Local MNAs were not unanimous on their choice of candidates, but agreed the next election will be of utmost importance in determining the future of Quebec. They all expressed admiration for Johnson and his decision to put aside personal ambitions for the interest of the party and the people.

"We need to win the next election and avoid another referendum," said Megantic-Compton MNA Madeleine Bélanger, adding that political uncertainty is hurting the economy and threatening the future prosperity of the province.

Johnson came to a similar conclusion. While he easily survived a vote for leadership review last spring, with more than 80 per cent support in the party, Johnson saw the writing on the wall. Polls showed Johnson had little chance of winning the next election.

"There is never a good time to leave, but a good leader knows when the time is right," Johnson said in a televised press conference.



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Daniel Johnson's announcement after 17 years in politics, and four years at the head of the Liberal party, caught some colleagues completely off guard.

He said it was his responsibility to leave at the best time for his party and for Quebecers.

"The next election is of capital importance for Quebec," he said. "The Liberal party must win."

Johnson said that faced with the polls, and the fact

that some quality candidates had expressed an interest in the leadership, he thought the time had come to step down.

He said the new leader must be able to unite Quebecers of all walks of life and breathe new life into the

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Spring is in the air

Decisions, decisions what to do on the weekend

They returned lamenting that I had not accompanied them. I had been tempted to go, to share my son's excitement and enthusiasm, but in the end declined, deciding to let this be an all-male event, and to stay at home and do housework. What a toss-up, choosing between a 160-km drive to an aviary and cleaning three bathrooms!

The young bird aficionado in our family and a fellow feather fancier had arranged a trip to purchase some specially plumed poultry. My husband was to drive and my dad, another hen fan, went along.

Anyone who's a pessimist might say that the day turned out to be ruled by Murphy's Law - you know, if something can go wrong, it will. But it wasn't really that bad.

First, there was the time mix-up. Three of the traveling group arrived to pick up the fourth a half-hour earlier than expected.

Meanwhile, I was scrubbing shower walls, and then decided to freshen up the drain with a home-made concoction

of baking soda, salt and vinegar, washed down with boiling water. When the water failed to go down the drain as quickly as I thought it should, I took off the cover to look down. Big mistake. One of the screws fell through one of the holes in the drain cover before I'd even lifted it.

Further afield, the bird enthusiasts were driving back and forth, up and down trying to find St. Jacques Boulevard. Once they found the street, the site they sought was hidden, thanks to the Greater Quebec City region's snow banks.

Back at home, I was determined to right my wrong. I poured more boiling water down the drain and used the plunger. Eventually, the water level receded, but the screw was still down there somewhere. I could hear it moving around when I lowered a straightened out coat hanger. Tweezers might work. Too short. Tongs? Long enough, but the drain pipe was so narrow that the tongs closed together before touch-



SUSAN MASTINE

ing the bottom. A magnet would work. Finally I found one, anchored it onto the wire hanger and lowered it. No success. The magnet wasn't powerful enough to attract the screw.

By this time, the travellers had found their destination and were admiring all kinds of poultry and small animals, including a llama, miniature horses, and Angora rabbits. It was in the pen of peacocks and pigeons, where my loved ones knew I would have been very unhappy, that a misfortune befell one of the lot. Thanks to the marksmanship - intended or not - of flying fowl, in the midst of an uncapped spectator.

Back at home, I was stumped. I had to admit defeat. Not for a moment did I consider exploring the drain pipes and goosenecks involved, especially since the problem was on the second floor. Never a plumber will I be.

My loved ones returned, mishaps forgotten, with enthusiastic plans for all of us to revisit and a trunk full of fowl - a pair of Rosecombs and four Barred Rock bantams have been added to the bird building.

BACK TO NORMAL YET?

A note to well-meaning friends who are forever asking if life is back to normal following the ice storm. Please come for a tour of our surroundings. It seems that no matter how we try to explain the consequences of January's weather, we do not succeed in communicating what the impact has been.

Much to everyone's dismay, the answer to your question is not the one that you want to hear, or we want to give: Life will not be normal for a very long time.

Hundreds of branches still litter the ground around the house, still frozen into the ground. We are still not used to the much-changed, unnatural looking landscape. It will take years to clear both the roads in the woods and the forest floors. There will be no maple syrup-making here this spring. The fences were wrecked as well. It took days to repair just the back side of the fence around the pasture behind the barn. The size of that stretch of that pasture is minuscule in comparison to what remains to be covered. We haven't yet repaired the veranda railing, and we still have a half-dozen or so pieces of siding to replace. So you see, things are far from normal for us.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Perhaps that's why any inkling of spring brings hope to our hearts. Last Tuesday, as I strolled down the trail in Blanchard Woods, I suddenly stopped in my tracks. Something was out-of-place. What a sight to behold - soft, furry, almost white pussy willows. And what a reaction they caused. A sense of heaviness lifted from my whole being, my spirits soared, my step was lighter. All because of a few little twigs.

A tangible sign that this dreadful winter is coming to a close. How needed it was. But so early, I thought. No one will believe me. Guiltily, I plucked a tiny, tiny branch with only two buds, and rushed excitedly back to show my colleagues. I headed straight for the editor's desk to share this newsworthy-only-to-me find. No, there would be no headline that read, Return of the pussy willow. But, I know she was impressed. Because she stuck the twig in her hair, right behind her ear, where sometimes she places her pencil.

Ah, spring. It will come.

Tell us about a special woman in your life

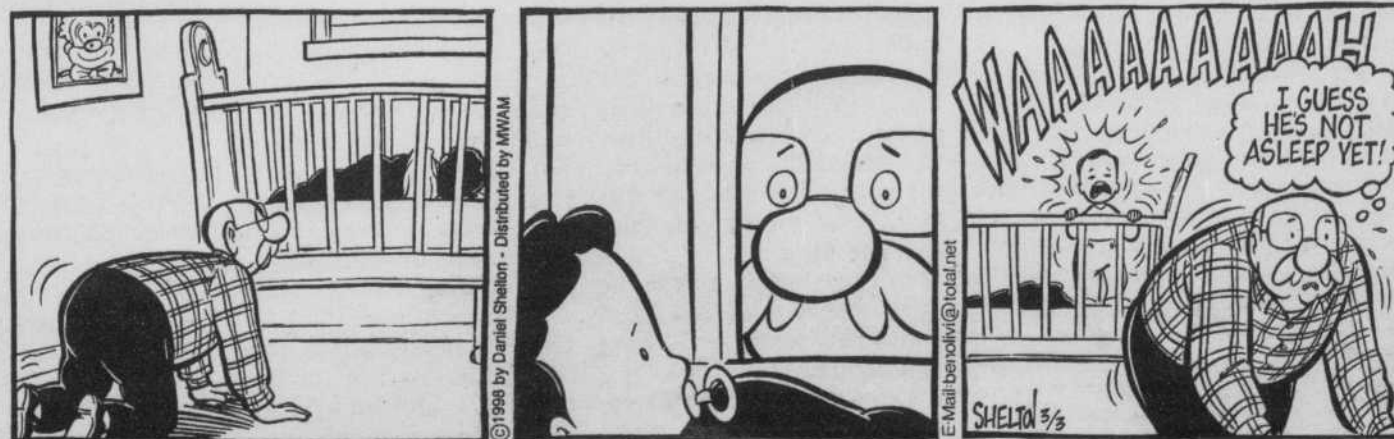
The Record is once again celebrating International Woman's Day on March 8 by publishing a special edition featuring Townships women making a difference in a variety of fields. Tell us about a woman who's made a difference in your life. It could be a mother, sister, teacher, friend - someone who's really had an impact on your life. Please keep it short, 100 words maximum, and send along a photo if you have one. The entries will be published in the Townships Week edition of March 6 and all entries will have a chance to win prizes. Send your dedications to The Record, 2850 Delorme, Sherbrooke, J1K 1A1 or 88 Lakeside, Knowlton, J0E 1V0 or fax it to (819) 569-3945 or (514) 243-5155. The deadline is Wednesday, March 4, at 5 p.m.

TODAY'S WEATHER



Due to a computer transmission problem, the complete weather forecast was unavailable at press time.

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Johnson called Charest to tell him the way was clear

Johnson:

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party. Most of all, he or she must be able to put the Liberals in power to ensure a stable future for Quebecers, he said.

Quebecers don't want a separate country, Johnson said. "Each time we are asked a clear question on how we see our future, the answer is equally clear."

"We need a leader with a new approach, new ideas, who will bring vitality to the party."

Johnson apparently called Charest this weekend to inform him that the way was clear. But whether or not Charest throws his hat into the ring, many MNAs are clear: a leadership race is badly needed to give the party momentum heading into the next election.

"A leadership race will allow a full debate of ideas and the media coverage will show Quebecers that the Liberal party is a real alternative to the PQ," Vallières said, adding that if Charest stays out there will be a long list of potential candidates.

While Johnson was their leader, Liberals kept their hopes to themselves. But several names have now been put forward including Charest, federal ministers Stéphane Dion, Pierre Pettigrew and Lucienne Robillard, and Quebec MNA Liza Frulla.

Gagnon-Tremblay, who was vice-premier in Johnson's short-lived government, told the Record she has not had time to consider a leadership bid of her own, and she is too busy trying to get Charest to change his mind.

Vallières, who has been in politics for 20 years, said he has no leadership am-



Robert Benoit, Monique Gagnon-Tremblay and Daniel Johnson at a No rally during the 1995 referendum.

bitions. Same for Robert Benoit or Madeleine Bélanger. On the other hand, Brome-Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis is among those most often mentioned as a possible successor.

Paradis has already gone after the Liberal leadership, placing second to Claude Ryan in the 1978 campaign to replace Robert Bourassa. Then time Johnson came in third.

Paradis, enjoying spring break with his daughter, could not be reached.

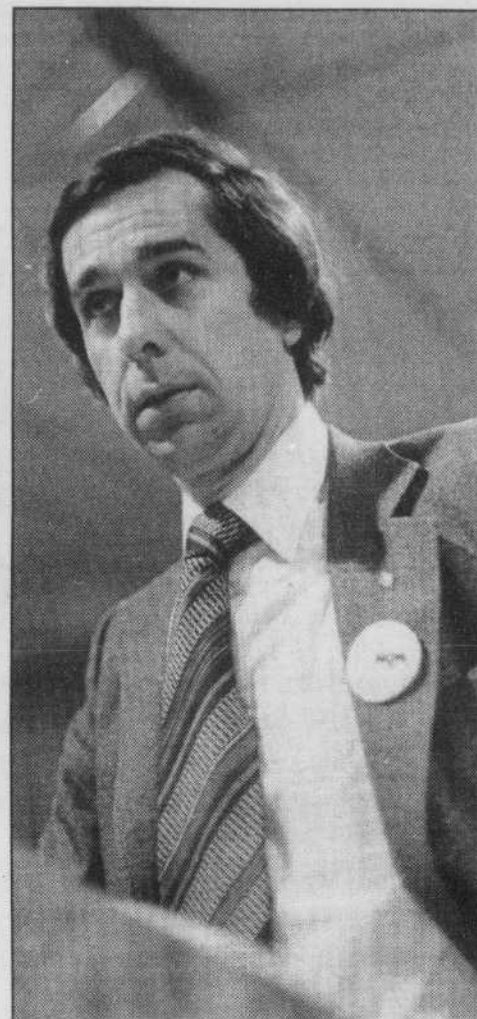
Bélanger said she hopes the new leader is not acclaimed as Johnson was

when Bourassa retired in 1993. Bélanger said a powerful lobby of 40 MNAs stood behind Johnson, so no one dared contest the leadership. Yet once he was elected, Johnson faced many open and insidious challenges from within the party, she said.

"If the leader is elected, he will have the confidence of everyone," Bélanger predicted in a phone call from Vancouver where she is attending a parliamentary conference.

Party brass will meet on March 12 to decide when and where to hold a leadership convention. The convention, likely to be held in June, would probably delay put any election until fall.

MNA Vallières said PQ leader Lucien Bouchard won't take advantage of the leadership vacuum to call a quick election. "There is a kind of gentleman's agreement not to do that sort of thing."

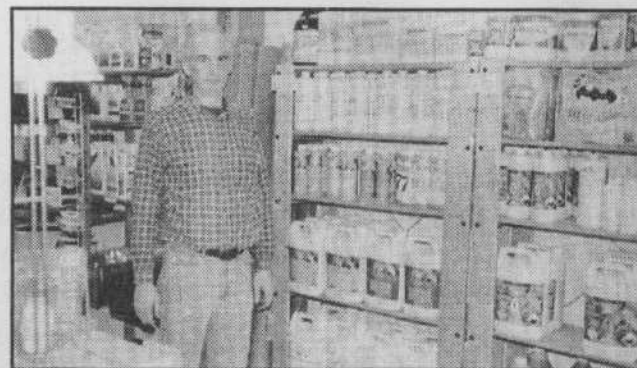


Daniel Johnson as a young member of the National Assembly.



Happier times: Daniel Johnson and Yvon Vallières.

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Hydroponic store marks third successful year in the Townships

Hydroponique de l'Avenir, an indoor gardening and hydroponic specialty store, recently celebrated its third anniversary with two significant events:

- Bigger premises to serve customers better (right next door to its original location) and
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Water backs up on Church Street in Lennoxville

While workers were watching television images of the inside of a pipe, looking for the reason why water was backing up in several basements around Church Street on Friday, Curt Rose happened by. "If you want to gather a group of women, bring a baby," he opined, "while if you want a group of men, dig a hole." Lots of men stopped to look, while virtually no women did.

— PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT



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Mr. Picken, meet Sgt. Pouliot

'Let's get together' — police ethics commission

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

South Stukely resident Howard Picken will get his chance to meet a Quebec Police Force officer who apparently got tired of speaking English to him last December.

Picken and QPF Sgt. Claude Pouliot will appear before the police ethics commission on March 23 for a "reconciliation" meeting. If the two fail to work out an agreement there, further steps could be taken to resolve the matter. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Waterloo courthouse.

"It seems that if they're going this far they must see something in it," Picken said Monday.

One evening in December Picken was

visiting friends in Waterloo when the question of the legal definition of statutory rape was brought up. After trying unsuccessfully to reach a lawyer for an opinion, Picken decided to contact the QPF.

Picken was eventually put through to Estrie region duty officer Sgt. Pouliot, and the two began discussing the law. As they were doing so, friend Robin Langlois decided to record the conversation, to be sure of the facts. The conversation continued normally, and then several minutes later things took a surprising turn.

Pouliot, apparently tired of speaking English, asked Picken why he didn't speak French. Picken was then told that because he lived in Quebec, he should have to speak French, and police should-

n't have to speak English. The conversation quickly turned sour.

Early in January Picken's story gained province-wide attention when it appeared in La Presse. Picken said he had no idea how big his story was going to get.

"I started this, I'm going to see it through," he said.

Another interesting discovery that came to light as a result of the story was that the QPF is actually under no legal obligation whatsoever to provide any service in English. QPF spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord said in December most officers will try to do what they can to provide services in English, though problems do arise from time to time.

About two weeks ago Picken was visit-

ed by two QPF officers, who assured him that whenever possible, the provincial police will serve English-speaking citizens in English. They also told him they want to know when incidents like this happen so they can correct any problems.

"I went to the media because I wanted to be sure something was done about this," Picken said. He says he still wants an apology from Pouliot, both for himself and for the English-speaking community.

So far, he hasn't had one. He said Pouliot should owe up to what he did, and the QPF should take action.

"I don't have to say too much; the tape speaks for itself," Picken said. "It's up to them now."

Charest says No to provincial vacancy

Will PC leader's political stripes turn red?

By Richard Foot
SOUTHAM NEWS
TORONTO

Jean Charest has declined to don the waiting armor of Quebec's federalist white knight.

The national Conservative chief doused years of speculation on Monday that he might one day quit his minor role in the House of Commons to go head-to-head against Quebec's separatist government as the province's new Liberal leader.

News that Daniel Johnson is resigning as Quebec's Liberal boss before the next election focused the question on Monday.

"The answer is no," said Charest in Toronto. "I've already answered that question on the weekend and the present circumstances have not changed my mind."

Then Charest added in French: "There is nothing that would make me change my mind."

Charest told a Conservative party rally on the weekend that for now, his fight is a national one — to resist a merger with Reform and continue rebuilding his beleaguered party which today holds only 20 of 301 seats in Parliament.

During a lunch Monday with the Toronto Real Estate Board, Charest responded to similar questions about his future by saying he can most effectively crusade for Canadian unity as a national rather than a provincial leader.

Charest has been considered a potential savior for Quebec's federalist Liberal party ever since he assumed leadership of the broken national Conservative shell in 1993. The party left behind by former prime minister Brian Mulroney won only two seats in the election that year, in Saint John, N.B., and in Charest's base of Sherbrooke.



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Progressive Conservative leader and Sherbrooke MP Jean Charest is being touted as the future leader of the Quebec Liberal party. So far, Charest has said he's not interested in the position Daniel Johnson vacated on Monday.

Despite his party's continued struggle, Charest has remained a popular figure in Quebec, coming second to Premier Lucien Bouchard as the province's favored leader in some polls. Charest vice-chaired the No committee in the 1995 Quebec referendum, and some believe he is the best hope federalists now have of keeping Canada together.

"He's the best person in Canada to hold us all together," said Jim Jones, Ontario's only Tory MP. "But we need somebody of his stature at the national level."

"I hope that (Charest's statement) will put it to rest, but I think there is a tremendous amount of will to have Mr. Charest go back to Quebec and lead the federalist forces in defeating Lucien Bouchard," added Tory House leader Peter MacKay.

But Charest had few words for reporters wanting to know why he had ruled out returning to fight Bouchard, his former Tory cabinet colleague, for the premiership in an election expected this year.

Charest praised Daniel Johnson's leadership. He said he could "very well serve the question of unity and Canada in the job that I am in right now." He then walked away from the microphones.

Charest may have made up his mind to stay in Ottawa several months ago, when he purchased a house in the city's leafy downtown Glebe community. He and his family move into their new home in April.

A move to provincial politics would present Charest, 39, with the opportunity to settle head-on a long-standing account with Bouchard that stems back to when Charest co-chaired the parliamentary committee that sought to massage the Meech Lake accord into a form acceptable to all the provinces. Bouchard used the committee report as an excuse to bolt the federal Tories, refusing even to reply to phone calls placed to him by Charest.

"There's no love lost there — that would be quite a battle," remarked Tory MP David Price.

"The pressure has been there on Jean

all along," Price said of the recurring efforts by provincial Liberals and some businessmen to get Charest to replace Johnson.

Charest can hardly be accused of adding to the pressure on Johnson. For instance, he told a December press conference: "I'm not assuming there is going to be a referendum. The provincial (election) campaign in Quebec is going to be hard fought and I see a real opportunity there for the people to turn the page. The choice will be: 'Do you want a referendum and everything that accompanies it, or do you want some peace of mind?' It's that simple. And Daniel Johnson represents that opportunity of some peace of mind."

Some Toronto real estate agents who met Charest on Monday said he would need to steer his party through at least two more elections before he could expect to become prime minister, which is a long time in politics.

"The Tories have a long way to go from where they are now," said Scarborough realtor Debbie Mitchell. "I voted for the Liberals in the last election. I like Jean Charest, but he's still associated too much with Mulroney. That's the problem for him."

"I think it's going to take some time before Charest can come back, at least in Ontario."

Even Toronto realtor Stephen Dupuis, a Conservative, said he doubts Charest can win enough Ontario seats in the next federal election to overcome the Liberals.

"Charest certainly has the profile," said Dupuis. "He's young, he's got the vision. I'd like to think the federal Tories have a chance here, but I just don't know."

— With files from Terrance Wills, Montreal Gazette

COMMUNITY FORUM

Too nice for the job

Daniel Johnson suffers from the fatal political handicap of being too nice.

This otherwise-enviable personality trait even characterized the way he became Liberal leader. Quebec hero Robert Bourassa was dying of cancer, and whoever might become the new leader, it was obvious that he or she would be defeated at the polls. Eventually Mr. Johnson was acclaimed because he was ready to take the job when no one else would touch it.

Never one to suffer fools, Mr. Johnson, like his father and brother before him, occasionally shows the temper of his Irish blood. But usually not, and he doesn't hold a grudge. Even after he became Liberal leader, he remained polite, self-effacing, low key, relaxed and always an attentive listener. He is also a family man, not given to staying out late at night, and someone who keeps his word even when it's not convenient.

This may have made Mr. Johnson a good husband, a decent parent and a model citizen, but unfortunately it also makes boring TV. In this day when nothing seems to happen unless we can see it on a screen, success in politics is determined not by what one says or does as much as by how many times one is seen saying or doing it. The nice guy becomes a disappearing man, and in our 256-color universe, Mr. Johnson seems as grey and invisible as a morning mist.

People want stable politics, but that doesn't necessarily mean they want stable politicians. In the same way that our sports stars and movie idols do, our political leaders represent some of our unreachable dreams. Many people, therefore, want a touch of racy living in those who lead them.

VIEWPOINT

CHARLES BURY

Perhaps the best homegrown example of this is Pierre Trudeau, who made a living out of tweaking people's fancies, at first using his position to date a succession of star women, then - after he was married - gaining still more popularity when his wife ran off with the Rolling Stones. We've all seen what makes U.S. President Bill Clinton's popularity go up, and even definitely-not-a-hunk Jacques Parizeau's rating rose when he got a new girlfriend with big blonde hair.

Mr. Johnson has never seemed to want to be the center of attention. Now that he's resigned, maybe he'll get what he sought.

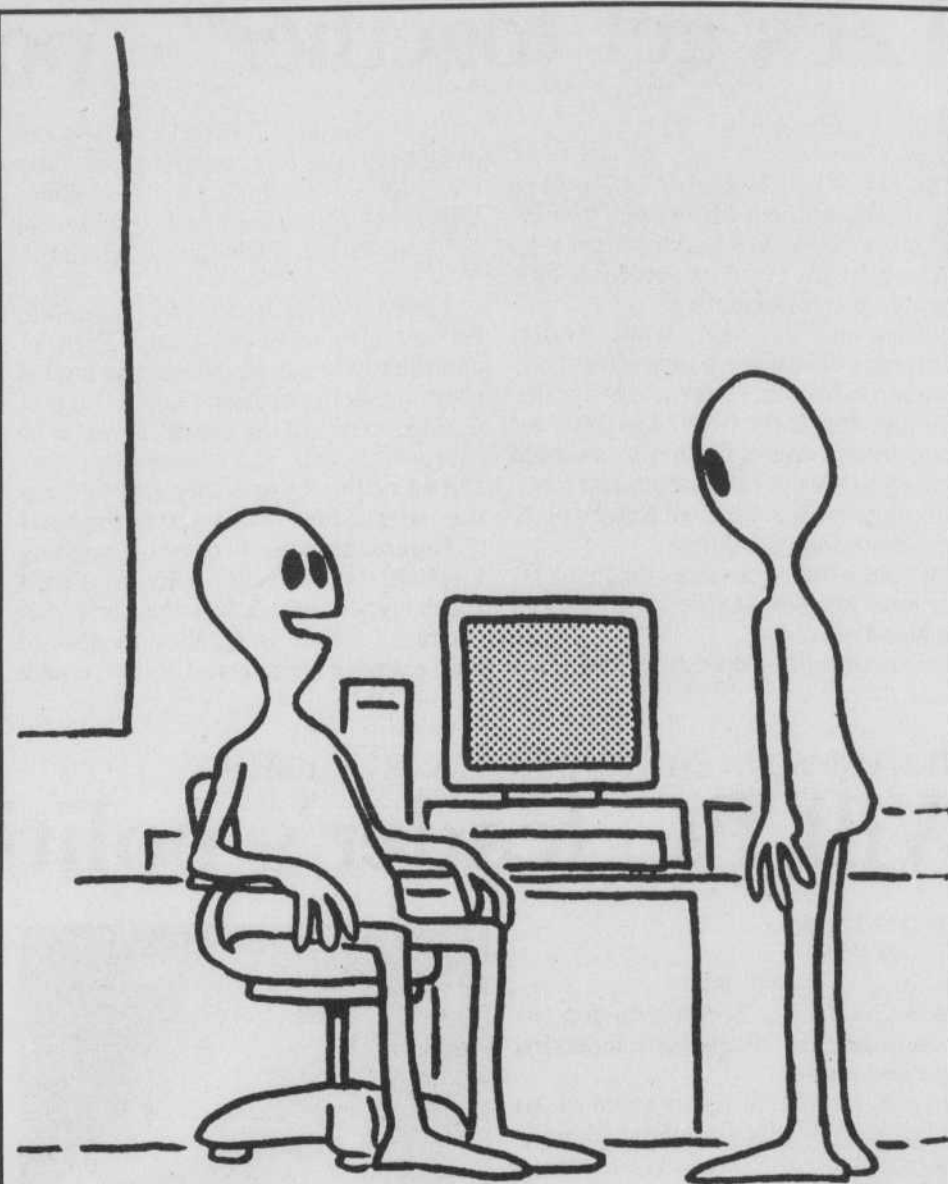
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Note to Jean Charest: Don't jump. You already have a good job in Ottawa and Canada needs you there. With Preston Manning on one side and Paul Martin on the other, the country will be in crisis as soon as Chrétien's gone. Plenty of people are pushing you to become an instant Liberal but most of them are more interested in their own agendas than in yours or the country's.

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Note to Pierre Paradis: Go for it. You're the kind of guy Quebecers need - an experienced, practical person who knows how to get things done, rather than someone vain and self-important like the guy across the aisle.

Over the last few years, there's been too much fancy talk and not enough action in the National Assembly. The time is ripe for someone like yourself, who knows which end of the horse to feed and which end to clean up after.



Jim Burns
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"The thing I like most about chat rooms is that people assume you're human."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A free ride breeds complacency

DEAR EDITOR,

To harvest student votes, Ottawa has addressed student debt as though it were a new phenomena. If Ottawa has surplus money for education, it should go directly to the universities and not to students or provincial governments.

Even in the best of circumstances, the money Ottawa is offering students, in many cases, will go into undertakings far removed from educating the recipient. As a parallel example, one does not support health care nor make it more accessible by subsidizing patients. One supports

health care and makes it more accessible by keeping hospitals up and running and doctors well rewarded.

The best way for Ottawa to subsidize higher education is to allow industry tax incentives that would encourage student hiring at wage rates commensurate with the costs of education. But, by directly subsidizing the students, Ottawa knows that it gets the biggest vote-getting bang for its buck.

To be a student is to be broke. To pay one's way through college makes one appreciate the voyage. To go into debt to pay for the trip proves commitment. A free ride breeds complacency. A decent wage lightens the load.

Graham Smith
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Will he or won't he?

Charest may soon be staring down Bouchard

TORONTO

To hear Tory Leader Jean Charest tell it, he has seen the enemy, and the enemy is Reform Leader Preston Manning.

If he keeps his current job as federal leader of the Progressive Conservative party, that no doubt is true.

But in the light of Quebec Liberal Leader Daniel Johnson's surprise resignation Monday, many believe Charest could soon be trying to stare down separatist Premier Lucien Bouchard.

Charest, who is far more popular in Quebec than he is anywhere else in Canada, has long been rumored as a possible Quebec Liberal leader.

Whether he actually takes the leap or not remains to be seen, but judging from the major policies he's been pursuing it could be argued that he has been acting much more like a man intent upon saving Quebec from the separatists than a man hoping to lead the Tories back from the political wilderness.

Charest, of course, earned Brownie points in some quarters for his activism on behalf of the federalist side in the 1995 Quebec referendum.

While he earned good reviews, it certainly didn't translate into political

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seats for him in the last federal election where, outside of his own seat, he didn't win a thing in the province.

One has to wonder now, given Johnson's resignation, just exactly what audience

Charest was playing to over the weekend - and has been playing to for a while now - when he announced that the Tories were going after Preston Manning and the Reform party.

He dismissed the Reformers as "extremists" and "divisive," a tactic which isn't going to win back any of those western seats the Tories used to own and isn't likely to convince a lot of Ontarians to vote for him either.

But dumping on Reformers as "extremists" no doubt plays well in Quebec where, given the politics of that province, they certainly know an extremist when they see one. Indeed, they've elected one as premier.

Charest is, first and foremost, a Mulroneyite Quebecer. His view of the best way to deal with Quebec is to placate the separatist demands.

For a guy who has to win in Ontario and the West in order to ever get his once-mighty party back into office, Charest has sure been backing some

strange horses along that track.

But if he is indeed looking to take over in Quebec, that perhaps explains why he joined the side of the huge majority of Quebecers in opposing Ottawa's decision to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on the legality of Quebec seceding unilaterally should it win the next referendum.

It hardly seemed to enhance Charest's reputation outside Quebec to be seen standing shoulder to shoulder with the separatist Bloc Québécois - and also, to their shame, the federal NDP led by Alexa McDonough - in voting on the issue in the Commons.

There comes a time, after all, when federalists have to decide which side they're on. And on this occasion, both Charest and McDonough made the wrong choice.

Or so it seemed at the time for Charest.

On the other hand, if his game plan all along has been to return to Quebec as the savior of federalism, then perhaps Charest's stand wasn't so wacky after all. At least not as far as his personal political career goes.

What it will do for his party is another thing. After all, his seats, like McDonough's, are concentrated in Atlantic

Canada where voters are not necessarily noted for their willingness to cater to the every whim of Quebec separatists.

At the weekend meeting of the federal Tories, Charest slammed Manning for having "no plan for keeping our country together."

This, of course, isn't true. And Charest would know this since he was one of its harshest critics when Reform's tough-love approach was unveiled several years ago. The Liberals also dumped on it as "extreme," incidentally, even though they have now adopted the Manning approach, which is to say, tell Quebecers that if they really wish to leave they can, but it's not going to be a walk in the park.

Charest, on the other hand, has gone out of his way to avoid anything which might upset anybody in Quebec.

If he's trying to win votes in Red Deer, Alta., with his Quebec-friendly policies, that makes no sense. But if his goal is to take over the provincial Liberals and win votes in Montreal, then maybe he's onto something.

My own bet is that Charest couldn't win in Quebec either. But he'd get a lot closer to power there than he ever will in Ottawa.

Bon voyage, Jean!

Vermont senator dodges for dollars

Lake Champlain is a nice lake, but is it great?

By Julian Beltrame

SOUTHAM NEWS

WASHINGTON

Some lakes are great through an act of nature, others aspire to greatness through an act of Congress.

Lake Champlain, a nice little lake on the New York-Vermont border, has long been trumpeted as great by residents of Vermont. But thanks to a bill that cleared the U.S. Congress this month and will soon be signed by President Bill Clinton, it will officially acquire the designation of one of the 'six' Great Lakes.

The bill was promoted by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, who wanted the recognition to make the University of Vermont eligible for \$50 million in federal research funds that go to so-called Great Lakes sea grant colleges.

"Vermonters have always considered Lake Champlain the sixth Great Lake," explained Leahy. "Federal funding is the main benefit of this designation, but it also gives us another foot in the water for acceptance of the lake alongside its sisters as Great Lakes."

Leahy may have successfully finessed more money for his state, cleverly inserting the amendment in a college-funding bill without much notice, but the news is out now and his sleight of hand is starting to cause waves on both sides of the border.

Michigan congressman Fred Upton has taken exception to the diluting of the special club of lakes and is now feverishly collecting signatures in Congress trying to reverse the Leahy amendment.

He has touched off a philosophical debate about what makes a lake great.

"It may be a big lake, but it's certainly not a Great Lake," Upton protested.

"That's a stretch that even the St. Lawrence Seaway couldn't bridge," added Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois. "I think the senator had a little too much maple syrup for breakfast."

Not blinkered by tradition, Ontario Premier Mike Harris said he doesn't object to expanding the Great Lakes club, but thinks Leahy has failed to grasp the true nature of greatness.

"Lake Nipissing is the greatest lake

I've ever known," the member for Nipissing quipped.

So what makes a lake great?

Opponents to elevating Champlain say that size matters when it comes to Great Lakes. And Champlain just doesn't measure up.

According to the World Almanac, Lake Champlain covers only one-seventeenth of the water surface covered by Lake Ontario, currently the smallest member of the club.

As well, four of the real Great Lakes form a continuous chain and all five drain into each other from west to east, whereas Lake Champlain is out there on its own, draining into the St. Lawrence River - as do the Great Lakes.

And lastly, there's history.

"As far as I understand it, the significance of the Great Lakes is purely geographic and has been around forever," explained Léonard Legault, the Canadian co-chairman of the International Joint Commission which oversees the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. "The French explorers referred to them

as 'les grands lacs,' which came from the fact they are awfully, damned big lakes."

But at Leahy's office, press spokesman David Carle says that Lake Champlain is bigger than shallow Lake Erie in water volume, so should be counted as great.

Leahy was able to enlist the support of the U.S. Geological Survey, which noted that Lake Champlain, like the other Great Lakes, shares a 'post-glacial geologic history,' is the largest U.S. freshwater lake next to the Great Lakes, and has similar biological challenges, such as exotic weeds, sea lampreys and zebra mussels.

And if history is to be judge, Leahy reminds his critics that Lake Champlain was critical in the formation of the United States.

"If the British had not been stopped at the Battle of Lake Champlain, today we'd all be singing God Save The Queen," the senator said.

To Canadians, however, that may be another reason to keep Lake Champlain out of the club.

'There was never a perfect moment to leave' - Daniel Johnson

Federalists try to regroup for next election

By Brad Evenson
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

The resignation of Quebec Liberal leader Daniel Johnson, after four years of faint praise and with an election looming, has cast a ray of hope into Canadian federalist hearts.

Johnson, 53, caught the country by surprise with his announcement Monday, citing political and personal reasons for his departure. He said he's wanted to leave for months, "but there is never a perfect moment to leave."

From a tactical viewpoint, however, some federalists say his timing couldn't

be better, even though federal Tory leader Jean Charest, the politician most often rumored as Johnson's successor, suggested he would be staying in Ottawa.

Johnson's departure will almost certainly delay at least until the fall the election Premier Lucien Bouchard had hinted could come in the spring. The Parti Quebecois enjoys a high satisfaction rating and held an eight-percentage-point lead in a February Leger & Leger poll of voter preferences. An election win was considered a sure bet.

Quitting now will give Johnson's successor time to plot a comeback strategy.

"It would be foolish for Bouchard to

jump on this occasion, knocking his opponents when they're out," said David Black, spokesman for the federalist Quebec Committee for Canada. "People would see through that."

Ontario Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Dianne Cunningham was blunt in her reaction. "We weren't all really enthusiastic about the fact, and I say this with great respect to Mr. Johnson, that he could have defeated the separatists," she said in an interview.

Even the Toronto Stock Exchange registered its approval, closing up 20.61 points largely on the strength of Johnson's departure.

No date has been set for a leadership convention and Charest, the only man whose political popularity in Quebec exceeds Bouchard's, issued a terse denial Monday that he is interested in Johnson's job.

"I think I can very well serve the cause of unity in Canada with the job I have now," he said in Toronto.

Charest recently bought a large two-storey home in the Glebe neighborhood in Ottawa. The Spanish-style, white stucco house was listed at \$448,000 but sold for \$432,000. The deal closes April 1.

Another rumored candidate, federal Human Resources Minister Pierre Pettigrew, who declined comment Monday, has kept his distance from the hard-edged rhetoric of Ottawa's so-called "Plan B" on Quebec and is well-positioned to run as leader.

Pettigrew is a former chief of staff to former Liberal leader Claude Ryan - a Jean Chretien rival - and a self-described Quebec nationalist. "Pierre Pettigrew is brilliant and I think he would be very well suited to the job," said Black.

The other potential candidate is former Robert Bourassa cabinet minister Liza Frulla. She recently turned down requests to run for mayor of Montreal, which kept her political options open.

Johnson had seemed over the last few months to have lost his taste for political life. He was overshadowed by Bouchard's competence during the ice storm, endured attacks within his own party and even began to call newspapers to complain about editorial cartoons that he believed portrayed him unfairly.

Even Johnson's wizened circle of die-hard supporters had dwindled last month when he enraged federalist by announcing he opposes the Supreme Court of Canada deciding the fate of Quebec. After months of refusing to do so, Johnson denounced Ottawa's move to ask the court whether Quebec can secede unilaterally.

But Liberal insiders say Johnson was not pushed out the door. "I don't see a big intrigue that was in play here," said political strategist Eric Malloff.

Johnson entered politics in 1981 after a luminous business career; a lawyer, he was vice-president of Power Corp. But he was overshadowed by his father Daniel Johnson, Union Nationale premier from 1966 until 1968, and his brother, Pierre Marc Johnson, PQ premier for two months in 1985.

When an ill Bourassa stepped down in 1993, Johnson took over as premier for eight months before he was defeated by Jacques Parizeau.

"He told me on a number of occasions that it was the best job he ever had in his life," said Quebec Liberal strategist John Parisela.

Johnson also led the No campaign to its disastrous near-defeat by Bouchard in the 1995 sovereignty referendum.

This time, the polls said he would not beat Bouchard again.

In announcing his resignation, Johnson said, "Today, with the issues of the next election taking shape, I think the time has come to announce that I will be leaving public life."

Bouchard, who is vacationing out of the country, issued a statement. "Mr. Johnson has always defended Quebec's democratic institutions and the rights of Quebec," it said.

Although Johnson would not comment on his future, Prime Minister Jean Chretien appeared to hint the ex-leader would participate in unity efforts.

"We always miss people who are not there," Chretien said. "But he will be there in whatever capacity."

As for the Quebec Liberal Party's direction, it's unclear whether it will shift from its current soft nationalist bent, which has aggravated its historic relationship with the federal party. It may depend on the leanings of its next leader.

"I think if the Liberals see someone they can win with they will move in that direction," said Malloff.

Ontario's Cunningham said Johnson's resignation gave new hope to politicians who are working to offer Quebec a new constitutional compromise based on the declaration signed by the English-Canadian premiers in Calgary last year.

The Calgary declaration, which recognizes the uniqueness of Quebec but insists any powers granted to it would have to be granted to all other provinces as well, has little hope of support by a Quebec government unless the Liberals return to power in Quebec City.

Reform Party deputy intergovernmental affairs critic Rahim Jaffer was less convinced.

"I think it's a real setback for the federalist cause," he said. "If anything, it shows the Liberals are in disarray in Quebec."

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Wales Home news:

Rolls, squares, cookies, pies, muffins and cupcakes

Well folks, here at the Wales Home, El Nino seems to have been on his best behavior through the month of February. We all sympathize with those places east and west of us where he has been up to his old tricks.

Activities here zipped along as posted. Videos for the month included Breakfast at Tiffany's, Road to Rio, Cheaper by the Dozen, and Angel in my Pocket. We have also been admiring a collection of insulators from Hydro, telephone and telegraph poles, arranged in the display cabinet by Thelma Day. The insulators are the property of Thelma and Allan Banfill. Some date as far back as 1849. Some come from as far away as France. They are composed of glass, porcelain and even rubber; and are in an assortment of earth tones.

On February 10th, a Valentine Dance was held in the dining room. Red and white balloons decorated the area. The music of Stewart Deacon, Wayne Nutbrown and Bruce Patton lifted everyone's spirits and the residents and staff enjoyed singing along to the old familiar tunes as well as dancing to them. Valentine's Day was observed again on the 14th with a tea in the main living room. Heart centerpieces crafted by Kelly and Thelma graced the tables, and decorated cupcakes and tea was served by Grace Johnston, Kelly and Thelma.

Claire Bourne presided at the first World Vision meeting of the year. The "Florence Group" was started in the '60s by Florence Doyle in Ulverton, and when she moved to the Home she continued it here. They meet three times a year and presently sponsor four children; two in Ethiopia and two in Thailand.

February 18 was a very busy day. In the morning, Benoit Leduc, the language teacher from L'École Secondaire de Brompton, brought 28 of his students to improve their command of the English language with residents of the

home. Fourteen residents enjoyed chatting with the boys and entertaining them in the main living room with carpet bowling, games and cards. Monsieur Leduc brings the boys to visit us four times a year. In the afternoon, folks again gathered in the living room to enjoy old familiar tunes sung by the Snowshoe Club from Sherbrooke. Bruce Patton acted as pianist. A visit from the Snowshoe Club is always a happy event and Kelly's "Chester Verse", A Bicycle built for Two added a rare touch to the entertainment.

The living room was again the scene of a tea party on the 28th when a delightful Tea and Food Sale was brought to us by the Richmond Sparks, Brownies and Guides, under the leadership of Andrea Blouin, Sheila Oakley, Darlene

Stevens and Vickie Baldwin. A variety of delicious cakes was arranged and served by the girls, while the leaders tended to the tea. The food table was laden with rolls, squares, cookies, pies, muffins and cupcakes in mini size packets. The guides report that it was a successful effort and the residents thoroughly enjoyed their company. Well done girls.

Eighteen birthdays were celebrated through February. Among them that of Mildred Wintle who was one hundred years old on the 12th. The fifty guests who attended the party for Mildred on the 4th floor included her daughter Margaret (Mrs. Ray Bourbonnière) from Toronto, grandchildren from Toronto and Cornwall, and family grandchildren and friends from the Richmond area. Mildred received greetings from

the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Governor General and Lise Thibault, the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec. Best wishes to Mildred and all others who celebrated their birthdays in February.

We were saddened by the deaths of Hazel Dyson, Kathleen Burnside, Diana Taber, and Beulah Damon through the month and all wish to express our deepest sympathy to their families.

The only new resident in February was Miss Marion Duncan. Miss Duncan taught school in Richmond for many years. We hope she will enjoy her contact with the staff here as much as she did with her pupils.

Best wishes to all our readers through St. Paddy's month.

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Knowles maple farm has long road to recovery



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Jim and Lenny Knowles have a lot of branches to pick up after the ice storm.

By Rick Foss
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP

Split trunks and snapped branches tell the story of a sugar bush hit hard by the January ice storm. As Jim Knowles walks through his devastated maple forest, he examines the

new pipeline he installed last fall. Most of it lies under ice, snow and a thick layer of fallen tree limbs. "We won't be collecting sap this year," he said, contemplating the wounded trees.

The January storm passed eastwards across Quebec, blazing a path about 50 miles wide with a heavy layer of ice.

Trees on slopes facing north west suffered the most. Knowles' farm, situated in Trenholm, near Richmond, was crushed by the ice.

"A branch as wide as your finger was cased in ice as thick as your arm. Dense, blue ice, I've never seen anything like it," said Lenny Knowles, Jim's father. "Every tree suffered damage. Some were uprooted, saplings are bent over double, they all have a lot of branches torn off," said the younger Knowles. "We'll wait till the snow melts, then clean up the fallen wood and see how the trees recover."

Knowles estimates his forest may have lost as much as 60 per cent of its sap producing capacity. A significant amount when you consider he draws much of his farm's income from the

spring syrup production. This year the sugar bush will require a big investment of time and money without yielding any return.

Other parts of the farm also need repairs from ice storm damage. Before Knowles can turn his herd of 70 beef cattle out to pasture, miles of damaged fencing will have to be repaired or replaced. Revenue from the syrup production is counted on to finance the routine spring maintenance as well as pay for seed and fertilizer for the hay fields. "There's a lot of work to be done," said Knowles, "but when you're self-employed, no one pays you for it." With nothing to bring to market this spring, the Knowles family will, like the damaged maples, be using stored resources to get through this difficult time.



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Jim Knowles looks at the fallen maple trees on his family farm.

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The nightmare returns

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave deal 52 from the final of the 1980 World Open Team Olympiad. Five of the contestants (Paul Chemla, Christian Mari and Michel Perron for France; Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff for the United States) also competed in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl final. And all five were in action when deal 131 of the 160-board match was played. At the time, France led by 50 international match-points (IMPs).

Again, Hamman had 12 major-suit cards, no diamonds and a singleton club. After Chemla (East) passed, Hamman began with a strong, artificial and forcing one club. Perron made a weak jump overcall of three clubs. Wolff showed his diamond suit. Chemla jumped pre-emptively to five clubs. Now Hamman made a forcing pass, which, when followed by five hearts, showed both majors. Wolff raised to six hearts, which Hamman passed. Wolff was criticized for not cue-bidding six clubs, but I can understand why he didn't. It was hard to envision partner's having such a strong hand. So, the United States registered plus 1460.

In the other room, Mari (South) opened one heart, West overcalled, and Alain Levy (North) showed a strong heart raise. So, when East went to five clubs, Mari cue-bid five diamonds. And when this prompted Levy to jump to six hearts, Mari raised to seven. Perhaps he thought that if the club ace were missing, West wouldn't lead the suit and that the contract would then succeed, dummy's club losers disappearing on South's spades.

Here, seven hearts was laydown, giving France 13 IMPs on the way to a 328-301 win.

Death



BELANGER, Victor — At the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute, Argyle Pavilion, on Thursday, February 26, 1998, Victor Bélanger at the age of 81. Survived by his dear friend Phyllis Ross Hazard of Lennoxville (formerly of Magog). Left to mourn are his daughters Mariette (Fernand Riopel) and Madeleine (Serge Levasseur), his grandchildren, Marie (Robin Côté), Martine (Patrice Paquin), Brigitte, Jacques (Mylène), Vicky (Sylvain Laprade), his great-grandchildren, Eloïde, Alexis, Florence and Selena, his brother Théodore (Béatrice Beaulieu), his sister Rita, his half-brothers and half-sisters, and his ex-wife, Angéla Turcotte, as well as other relatives and friends. Cremation was held under the direction of la Coopérative funéraire de l'Estrie, 530 Prospect St., Sherbrooke, Que., Louise Lancôt, Dir. Gen., tel: 565-7646, fax: 565-7844. Funeral service was held Monday, March 2, 1998 at 11 a.m. at St-Antoine Church, Lennoxville. Donations to the Quebec Heart Foundation, 1358 King St. W., Suite 103, Sherbrooke, Que., or the Quebec Lung Association, 1173 Charest Blvd. W., Suite 240, Quebec, Que. G1N 2C9, would be greatly appreciated by the family. The family would like to thank the personnel of the 2nd floor of the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute, Argyle Pavilion, for the care given to Mr. Bélanger.

Kinnear's Mills

Audrey Allan
424-3252

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rothney and Lynn of Cookshire, spent Sunday with the Lawrence Allan family.

Deaths

DEYETTE, Gale — At the Centre d'Accueil Foyer Sutton on Monday, March 2, 1998. Gale Deyette in his 75th year. Husband of the late Mabel Fuller. Step-father of Ellen Tibbitts. Dear uncle of Pat Milks of Ontario, Doris (Stephen Carpenter) of Maine, Lyle (Judy Lessard) of Mansonville, Glen (Linda Derpentigny) of Pike River, Larry Fuller (Debbi Lamothe) of Swanton, Vt., and Lois Fuller (Cecil Krishnan). Also left to mourn are his sisters Fay Deyette of Sutton and Barbara (Gerald Fuller) of Sutton, other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 31 Principale St. S., Sutton, Que. JOE 2K0, (514) 263-1212 or 538-2306. Funeral service will take place at the Grace Anglican Church in Sutton on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 2 p.m. Interment at the Brock Cemetery in the spring. Rev. Tim Smart officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Grace Anglican Church would be appreciated and acknowledged by the family. Please take note: Thursday, day of the funeral, the funeral home will open at 1 p.m.

PRESCOTT, Edwin Basil — At the C.U.S.E. Bowen site, Sherbrooke, Que., on Saturday, February 28, 1998, Basil Prescott in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Muriel Moore. Loving father of Sidney (Donna) of River John, N.S., and much loved grandfather of Ian of Vancouver, B.C. Brother-in-law of Hugh and Gladys Patton of Lennoxville, Que., and Charlie Moore of Johnstown, Ont. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 50 Craig St. S., Cookshire, Que., where friends may call on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and where funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 11 a.m. Rev. Martyn Sadler officiating. Spring interment in Johnville Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the United Church, Johnville Cemetery or the charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard
248-4168

Congratulations to Fred and Christelle Duhamel on the birth of their son Andrien, a brother for little Tessa.

Word has been received of the death of our former resident, Philippe Arpin. Sympathy is extended to his family.

Deaths

RACICOT, Beatrice — Beatrice (Bea) Racicot (nee Swett) of Calgary, passed away at the Intercare Chinook Centre on Tuesday, December 23, 1997 at the age of 86 years. Bea was born in West Bolton, Que. She has resided in Calgary, Alta., since 1975. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and Sherman Talbot of Brampton, Ont., two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Nancy Racicot of Cochrane, Alta., Neil and Vi Racicot of Calgary, three grandchildren, Catherine and Mark Gellatly, Todd Racicot and Jan and Lyle Huska, and a great-grandson, Tyler Neil Gellatly. Bea was predeceased by her husband, George in 1960. Funeral service was held at McInnis & Holloway's Crowfoot Chapel on Friday, December 26, 1997 at 1 p.m. with the Right Rev. Douglas A. Ford officiating.

WHITEHEAD, Caroline Dodge — At the C.U.S.E. Bowen site, Sherbrooke, Que., on March 1, 1998 at the age of 84, Caroline Dodge Whitehead, born in Newfoundland, wife of Gilbert Whitehead of Sherbrooke. Survived by her children Eric (Ginette), Bruce (Johanne), granddaughter Tracy, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Salon Funéraire Brien & Monfette/Les Jardins du Souvenir de l'Estrie inc., 33 Bowen St. S., Sherbrooke, Que., tel: 819-564-6455, fax: 819-564-7346, Mario Lemaire Dir. gén. adj., Jean-Pierre Beauchemin, Dir. gén. Visitation on Monday from 2 to 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., day of the funeral from noon to 1:45 p.m. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Advent Church, Bowen St. S., Sherbrooke. Interment at Malvern Cemetery, Lennoxville.

Card of Thanks

MAURICE - The family of the late Veronica (Pilly) Maurice (November 17, 1997) would like to express sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their presence at the service, expressions of sympathy and charitable donations in her memory. Please accept this as a personal thank you.

STELLA MAURICE

Waterloo

Judy Arnott
539-2169

Diana and Dominic Clark and Mrs. Gladys Cook recently spent the day in Sherbrooke.

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Woman with everything can't find a reason to live

Dear Ann Landers: I am an intelligent, attractive, articulate, vivacious divorced woman, under 40. I have a great career and make good money, which has made it possible for me to own a nice home and car, and wear designer clothes. Everyone loves me because I'm outgoing and extremely funny. I'm invited out a lot. So what's my problem? I don't enjoy living, and it would be OK with me if I didn't wake up tomorrow morning.

When I was younger, I suffered from depression. When my son was born, he gave me a reason to live and enjoy life. But now that my son is grown, I can't seem to find a reason to live. I have had no success in relationships. I often joke that I need to meet a well-educated man in a blue-collar job, but the truth is, I don't think I'll ever meet anyone.

I recently fell hard for a co-worker. He was wonderful and seemed so happy to be with me, but after only a few weeks, it became apparent that we had little in common. I love being around people; he doesn't. He didn't care for any of the recreational activities that I enjoy. He was content to see me once a week, and there was never a guarantee of intimacy. He said his sex drive would probably diminish as he gets older. This was very bad news because his libido barely func-

tions while mine is in overdrive — and he is four years younger than I am.

I finally decided to quit seeing him, but I'm terribly lonely. My son is away at college, and I don't see any point in going on. I don't want to meet more men, but the thought of being alone forever is more than I can bear. Please help me. — Pointless in Zion, Ill.

Dear Zion: If ever I sensed clinical depression in a letter, yours is it. Please ask your physician to prescribe a mood elevator. (A psychologist cannot prescribe medication.) You could also use some counseling. I recommend it.

Too bad you picked a dud, but please don't give up. Keep alert to other possibilities and open to new relationships. You say you are lonely. Well, there are a lot of lonely men out there who would appreciate a woman like you. Find one.

Good luck, and happy hunting.

Dear Ann Landers: I don't consider myself a prejudiced person, but I am terrified of AIDS. It's not that I sit in judgment of people who have it. I'm simply frightened to death of catching the disease.

I think there should be some sort of law requiring an annual HIV screening



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of everyone over 18 years of age. People who test positive should be required by law to tell everyone they have had sex with about their condition. I've heard and read countless stories about women whose boyfriends or husbands were infected but didn't tell them until it was too late.

Is it wrong for me to feel this way? How can I make sure I don't get infected? — Michelle in Riverside, Calif.

Dear Michelle: Decency and consideration for others cannot be legislated. It

is a matter of personal integrity. You should not have to worry about AIDS unless you are having unprotected sex with someone who is promiscuous or whose sexual history is somewhat murky. If you aren't sure of your partner's status, insist on seeing the results of a blood test. Then, insist that your partner use condoms each and every time.

There are now condoms for women. Since you are so concerned about AIDS, it might give you additional peace of mind if you used that protection, too. P.S.: If you want unequivocal and total peace of mind, consider abstinence.

Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard
248-4168

The Vision Committee of the Bedford Charge of the United Church sent out around 150 surveys asking for thoughts about the services etc. in the Bedford, Mystic, Philipsburg and Stanbridge East churches. According to the 34 returned, the majority would like to see more joint services and events.

The Dunham Anglican Church ladies held another soup and desert luncheon and card party. Many folks enjoyed the meal and 44 stayed to play 500. Winners were: Women, Mabel Erno, Men, Herbie

Riti. The door prizes were won by Mary Boomhower and Herb Cole.

John and Dianne Rhicard held an Old Fashioned Woodsmen's Day on their property. Several folks participated coming from Farnham, the Pinnacle, St. Alexander and local places. A pot-luck supper was served and music was played by those attending and talented.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Norman Young who had the misfortune to fall and break her ankle.

Congratulations to Fred and Chris-

CROSSWORD

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By Eugene R. Puffenberger
Reston, VA

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals C

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Anything other than death is a minor injury." — Thunderboat racer Bill Muncey, after surviving a serious crash.
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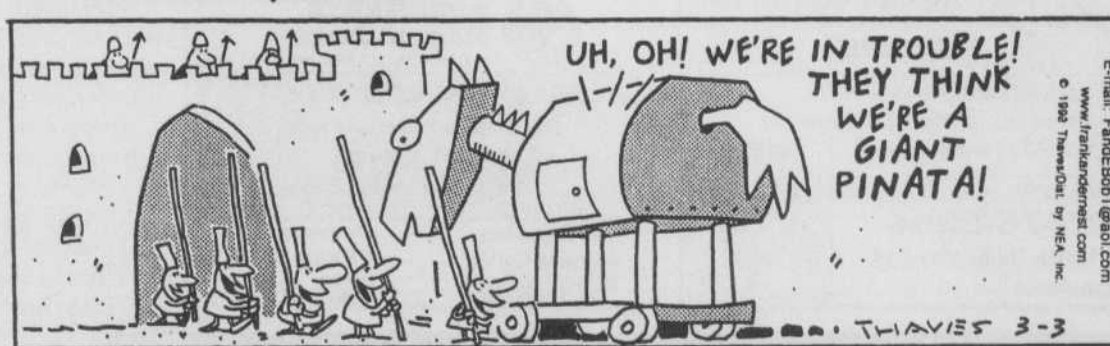
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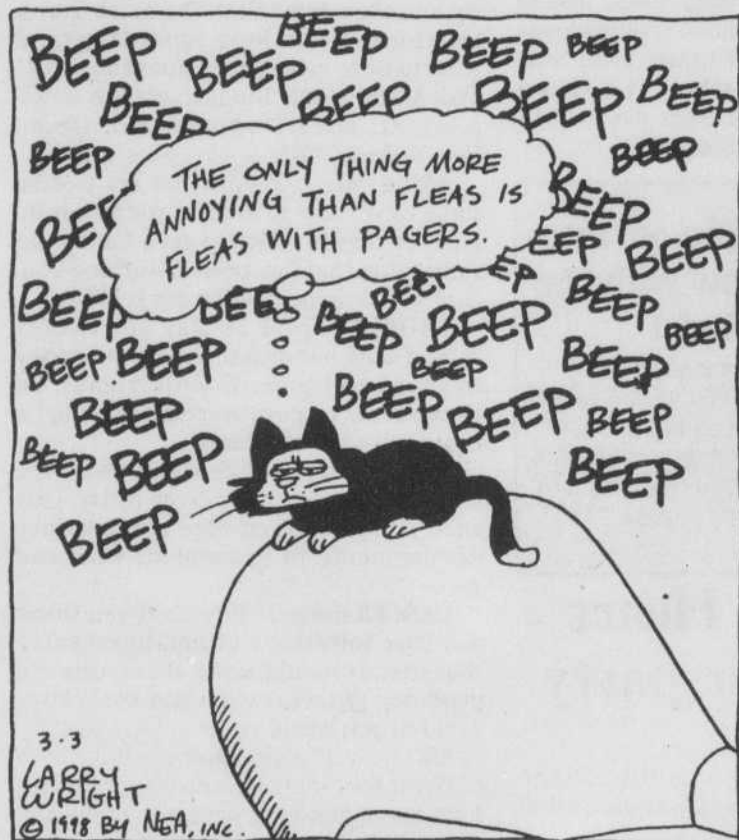
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Young in Heart plan sugar party

GRANBY

The January 1998 meeting of the Granby Young in Heart was cancelled due to the ice storm.

The February meeting of the Granby Young in Heart was held in the United Church Hall on February 18, 1998. President Eleanor Hope opened the meeting and welcomed 31 members.

President Eleanor asked the members for a minute of silence for those who passed away in 1997 - Zymund Sliz also Joe Wenning, 1998.

Happy Birthday was sung to those who celebrated birthdays in January and February.

Two trips were discussed, also a sugar party was planned for March.

The financial report for 1997 was available for those who wished to have a copy.

There were two tables of 500. Winners: 1st, Frank Hope; 2nd, Dorcas Tinkler. There were five tables of Bridge and the winners were: 1st: Phyllis Dougall; 2nd: Dorothy Dickenson. There was one table of games and the winners were: 1st: Diny Van Doorn; 2nd: Eleanor Hope.

The next meeting will be on March 18, 1998 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Patricia J. Hansford
Secretary for the
Granby Young in Heart



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

There are indications in the year ahead for a strengthening of both your personality and will. Your new qualities will enhance your probabilities for success and popularity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Promoting your self-interests could be of paramount importance to you today. Handle your involvements in an assertive manner, but don't become too pushy. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to take some time today to analyze your most innate feelings in order to get a handle on something that has been disturbing you. New self-awareness will make it clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Things should work out rather well for you today in your involvements with friends, be they social or commercial. Your luck could work in either area.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds are tilted slightly in your favor today, just enough to give you an edge in competitive developments. Be grateful for what you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you think you have something of significant value that friends should know about, this is a good day to reveal what you have. They could be intrigued.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It could be very difficult for others to keep things hidden from you today. Your powers to probe and detect will discern readily what is being covered up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a good time to take care of arrangements that require additional bonding. You will be able to see situations from both sides and fuse them together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are some effective measures you can take at this time that could benefit your career. When others become aware of your intentions, it could trigger their help and cooperation on several levels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nice things will be said about you today, because the word has gotten out that you're generous in your praise of others. This gives you a dual purpose for taking bows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) People to whom you should be most solicitous today are members of your own family. They will be the ones backing you up when the chips are down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The more complex situations are today, the better you're apt to function. Your mind is nimble and quick, unafraid of challenging developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could be rather good at being able to spot arrangements that can be turned to your advantage. When you become aware of your opportunities, take positive action.

Townships' Crier

PICKERING

The Free From Fear Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals suffering from anxiety disorders, provides a number of vital services, a new formative and educational "Newsletter" is being produced. For free information, write to: Free From Fear Foundation, 1848 Liverpool Road, Suite 199, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 6M3.

LENNOXVILLE

A weight loss program based on the Canadian Food Guide and adapted to your individual needs. Meetings are held on Monday afternoons (1:30) at the CLSC on Speid Street. For more information call 829-0014.

WAYS MILLS

World Day of Prayer bilingual service, March 6, 2 p.m. at the United Church. Theme: "Who is my neighbour?" comes from Madagascar. Special entertainment Mrs. H. Church and her little choir. Everyone welcome. Followed by refreshments.

LENNOXVILLE

Brunch at A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Sunday, March 8 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Highland Arts Summer Camp. July 13 - 24. Learn to play the bagpipe, sidedrum or highland dance. Instructor from Scotland. Held at BCS. Deposit required. Day camp only.

Information call 565-7798.

THE RECORD

Watch for the JOBS IN FOCUS page every Wednesday in March in The Record. Topics: job search techniques, tools and resources. Info: Job Links 566-2422.

LENNOXVILLE

Jobs in Focus workshops, April 4, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Bishop's University. Presentations on resumes, interviews, the job market, job research techniques, self-employed workers, etc. Information kiosks. Registration: Job Links 566-2422.

AYER'S CLIFF

The regular meeting of the Ayer's Cliff Q.F.A. will be held on March 5 at 8 p.m. A musical program is planned.

COWANSVILLE

Townshippers' Networking meeting, March 3, 7 p.m., Emmanuel United Church basement. Information on Townshippers' Association's endeavors. Comments and suggestions welcome. A network of contacts and enthusiastic volunteers needed in each community. Refreshments served. Info: 263-4422.

SHERBROOKE

World Day of Prayer Service Friday, March 6, 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, Dufferin Avenue. Theme: "Who is my neighbour?" prepared by the women of Madagascar. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Library -

Legends and crafts about Indian Spirits and Totems, Wednesday, March 4, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Ages 6 to 10. Come costumed and/or bring a show and tell Indian object.

LENNOXVILLE

Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper 6 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the Lennoxville United Church. A project of the Lennoxville Acsot Historical and Museum Society. For reservations and prices phone 562-6123.

LENNOXVILLE

Embroidery Workshops with Louis Hains, Uplands Museum 9:30 - 12:00 March 7. Theory and practice of embroidery. No registration fee. Information phone Uplands 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Hand Applique Workshop with quilt-maker Sheila Wintle. An introduction to hand applique. March 21, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Uplands. Registration fee. Project is panel and borders of small quilt. Information 564-0409, Sheila Wintle 826-2063.

STANBRIDGE EAST

St. James the Apostle ACW are hosting a Card Party in the Parish Hall Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and prizes. Admission charged.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Curling Club Building Fund Committee hosting casserole and bingo dinner Saturday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. A bingo card included in price of dinner. Members and friends welcome. Reservations a must. Phone 562-2310 or Charlie Ross 562-0394.

RICHMOND

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate. The theme of this ecumenical service is "Who is my neighbour?"

NORTH HATLEY

Canton de Hatley and Village of North Hatley Fire department's annual pancake breakfast at the North Hatley Community Centre, 3127 Capelton Road, March 7 from 7 a.m. - noon. Admission charged. Come and support your fire department.

KNOWLTON

The Brome County Historical Society, 130 Lakeside will hold an evening program at 7:30 p.m. Margaret Corry presents "19th Century Worcester Porcelain ... talk accompanied by slides."

DANVILLE

St. Augustine's Church, rue du Carmel is hosting World Day of Prayer Service prepared by people of Madagascar. Theme "Who is my neighbour?" A bilingual service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 6. Everyone welcome.

BEEBE

World Day of Prayer service, Friday, March 6 at St. Therese Church at 2 p.m. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

The Massawippi Dart League would like to invite everyone to their first annual Memorial Tournament to be held at the A.N.A.F. (Hut), St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on March 7. Registration 12:30 to 1:30. Starts at 2 p.m. This tournament is a 3 on 3 (1 woman).

Admission charged. Everyone welcome. This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$5.00 fee, \$8.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$11.00 for 3 publications. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$5.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Golden Age Club meets

KNOWLTON

The Golden Agers met at the Community Centre Thursday, February 19 for an afternoon of cards. Jim Eaton opened the meeting and welcomed all.

Lil MacLellan read the minutes of February 12th which were accepted and seconded by Lillian Brown. Jim Eaton entertained us by telling a cute story. The attendance was 22 people.

We had 5 tables of 500. Today's aim was the 10 of diamonds bid and made - not won. Prizes were won by Phoebe Eaton, 5680; Lawrence Marsh, 4480; Shirley Dutton, 4240; Ormonde Brown, 4220; Elvia Johnson, 4060. While we were enjoying our pot luck lunch, door prizes were given out.



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ASK AN AGRONOME

Q. Do I have to make payroll remittances for a casual worker?

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Q. How is someone declared incapable?

A. A person is declared incapable by court judgment. An interested party will petition the court to obtain such judgment. A medical and psychological assessment and interrogation by the court and consent of a family counsel are required. If no one acts, the public curator (government) will take over.



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