

Charest team ready for election April 14

Liberals to campaign on health, education and PQ's record

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The worst kept secret in Quebec was let out of the bag yesterday as Premier Bernard Landry called a provincial election for April 14.

With the obligation to call an election by the fall, and the Parti Québécois back at the top of the polls, the premier decided it was the best time to launch his reelection bid.

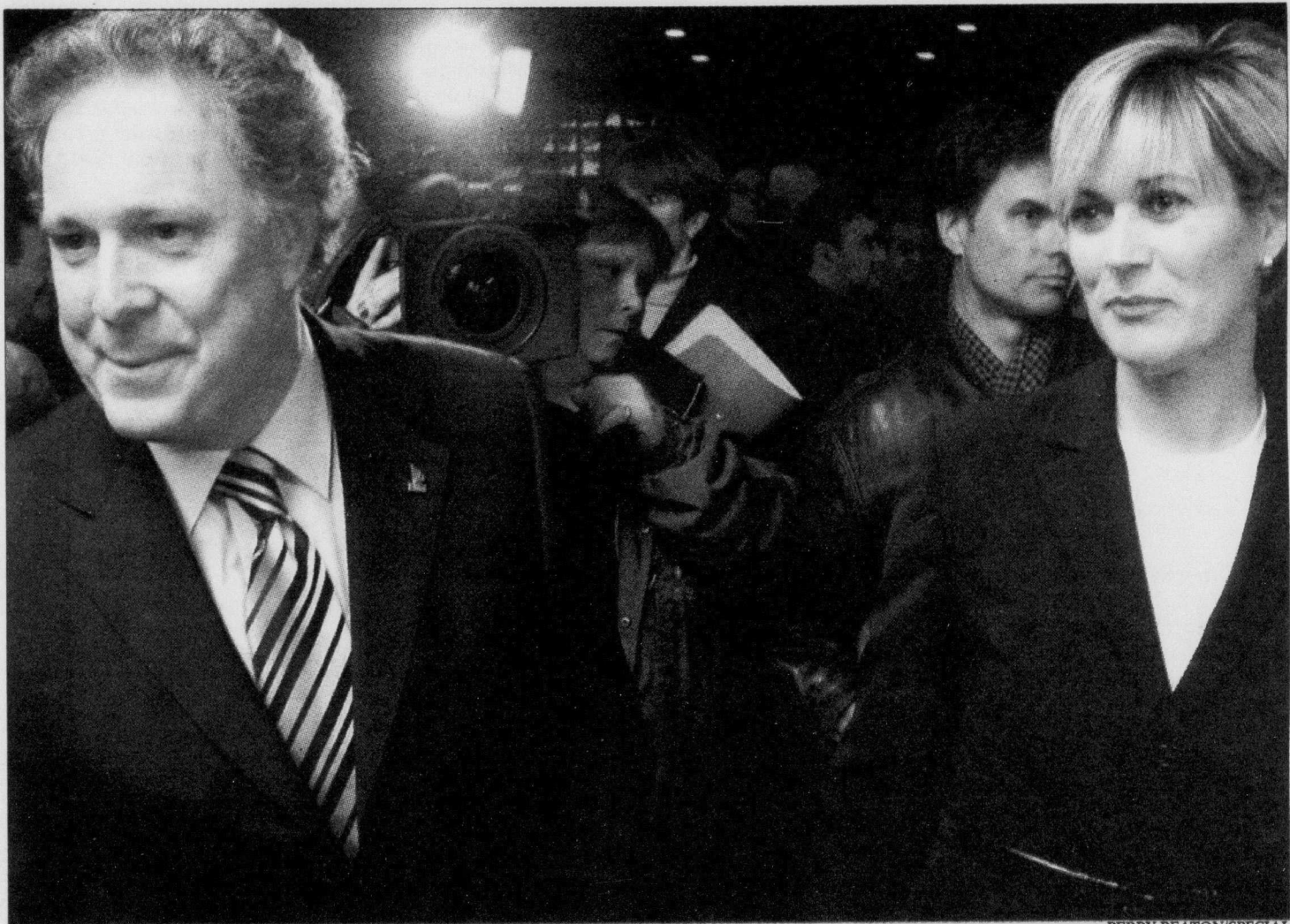
Once the anticipated announcement was made, the leaders of the three main parties wasted no time in hitting the election trail as Jean Charest headed back to Sherbrooke for a rally in his hometown riding as Landry headed to Montreal while Mario Dumont headed to his home riding in Rivière du Loup.

The PQ, which is campaigning mainly on its record in office, held a preelection extravaganza on Monday with a budget speech by Finance Minister Pauline Marois. The budget, which contained a lot of goodies for taxpayers, was not debated or adopted because the National Assembly was dissolved with the election call. If the PQ is not re-elected it will go down the tubes with the party.

Here in the Townships for his first rally of the campaign, Liberal leader Jean Charest said he is ready for the election with an electoral program that was released six months ago in September.

In a speech to a few hundred supporters crowded into La Toque Rouge on Belvédère Street, Charest asked for the support of local voters so he can keep his job as the MNA from Sherbrooke and become Premier of Quebec.

"Are you ready?" he asked the cheering crowd. "Are you ready for a Liberal



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Quebec Liberal leader accompanied by wife Michèle Dionne met with supporters and fellow MNAs at a rally in Sherbrooke last night.

government. We are ready."

Charest vowed to invest in health care and education and freeze all other spending so he can cut taxes by some \$15 billion a year over the next five years. He also vowed to take care of Quebec's beleaguered regions which he accused the PQ of ignoring.

But aside from the Liberal promise to bring the government back to its four

essential missions of health, education, prosperity and safety of Quebecers, he also plans to attack the PQ's record in office.

Charest accused the Landry government of overseeing the squandering of Quebecers' pension fund with its support of the money-losing Caisse de Depot which recently announced it lost some \$13 billion in the last two years.

"Thirteen billion is more than the entire education budget. It's almost as much as our health care budget. It's about \$1,885 per Quebec resident. It's the salary of 26,000 nurses during 10 years in Quebec."

"Those are the results of Bernard Landry," Charest said, adding that while

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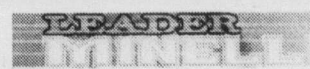
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This is the place to be for a fruitful



and enjoyable networking opportunity. Also, information about the Association's endeavours will be on display.

The open house also will highlight the developing plans for Townshippers' Day - the Townshippers' Day Committee will launch the T-Day Raffle, with prizes totaling \$2,750 in gift certificates from Cowansville's finest venues.

Directions to 203 Principale from Highway 10: Take "Exit 74, Cowansville". Take Pierre Laporte to Cowansville. Turn right at Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital onto Rue Principale. Go 3 kms to Emmanuel United Church, on the right (just before shopping centre).

We appreciate the contributions of our friends who helped make this open house possible: Connie Sharman and Linda Gagnon (caterers), Restaurant La Station, Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser, and Paul Marcoux of Giant Tiger.

It's a date: March 21! We'll be looking forward to seeing you.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

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This is the season to sign up for an experience of a lifetime as a volunteer in the third World Youth Athletics Championships slated for July 9-13 in Sherbrooke. Volunteers aged 16 to 116 are welcome, especially the English-speaking kind.

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Where? At the Champlain Cougars hockey game in the Bishop's University arena, Friday at 7:30 p.m. Just look for Townshippers' vice president, Heather Bowman, who will be at Podi's side, her hands full of volunteer application forms. First-come, first-choice among all the various volunteer options - you'll be glad you registered early.

OUTSTANDING TOWNSHIPERS

NOMINATIONS

Did you miss the call for nomina-

tions of potential Outstanding Townshippers Award recipients? The March 31st deadline is almost upon us. Don't delay if you know someone - young, middle-aged or old - who had made an outstanding volunteer contribution to the community. You can help give them the recognition they so richly deserve.

For information, just contact one of our offices 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. In Lennoxville, visit 257 Queen or phone 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717). In Cowansville, visit 203 Principale or phone 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422). Email ta@townshippers.qc.ca.

MEMBERS RENEWAL DATE: MARCH 31

And finally, don't forget that the current membership year ends March 31st. If your Crossroads label was highlighted in yellow, now is the time to renew. If you didn't renew yet and you didn't receive a call yet in yesterday's phone-athon, feel free to give us a call instead. We're sorry to have missed talking to you, and we'd enjoy hearing from you.

Pets seek new home

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Tigrou is a very pleasant male cat of three years. He is here because his family had a new baby and they didn't want to take a chance with having a cat. Tigrou is calm, affectionate and playful. He is waiting for a nice family where he could be happy and of course, where he could have a lot of caresses.

P.S. All animals at the SPA Estrie have been neutered.

Visit SPA de l'Estrie at 1139 boul. Queen N., Sherbrooke or call (819) 821-4727



CORRECTIONS

No church service March 30

It was reported in Brome County News on March 12 that there would be no Sunday Services in March at St. Paul's United Church in Waterloo when in fact it should have read that there will be no Sunday Service on March 30 only.

Waterloo Legion breakfast is March 16

Also, in the March 12 edition of Brome County News, it was stated that Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #77, Waterloo Country Breakfast would be held on Thursday, March 13 when in fact it will be held on Sunday, March 16.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Weather

Today: Sunny with cloudy periods. High near minus 6.

Friday: Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 20. High near minus 7.

Saturday: variable cloudiness. Low near minus 16. High near zero.

Sunday: Sunny. Low near minus 6. High near minus 7.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Racine man surprises burglars, saves belongings

St-Joachim man has house emptied

By Maurice Crossfield

A Racine man was fortunate in his misfortune Tuesday, surprising burglars before they could haul off his belongings, while a St-Joachim man was much less fortunate the day before.

At about 1 p.m. the man was returning to his Grand Ligne Road home when he spotted a red pickup truck and three men at the house, with the front door open. He immediately pulled in and blocked the driveway to prevent their escape.

Caught in the act, the men jumped into their truck and forced their way out of the yard, smashing into the man's vehicle. The burglars were last seen headed towards Bonsecours.

"His possessions were piled up next to the door, ready to be loaded," said

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel.

The owner was unhurt in the crash. Despite the close call he was unable to give police a good description of the thieves. The Haut St-François detachment of the SQ is handling the investigation.

On Monday a St-Joachim-de-Shefford man wasn't as lucky. He returned home at the end of the day to find his house on Brosseau Road had been mostly emptied of its contents. Probably more than one burglar made off with most of his furniture, all of his household appliances (fridge, stove, washer and dryer), home electronics and a home theatre system. Only a few things were left behind, probably because the burglars couldn't carry them. In fact some items fell off the truck as it drove away, leading police to believe the getaway vehicle was an open pickup truck, possibly towing a trailer.

This is the second round of bad luck for owner Denis Cimon, whose home in Granby was completely destroyed by fire last year. Just a few days ago he let his insurance policy lapse.

SIMILARITIES

While the Haute-Yamaska detachment of the SQ is continuing its investigation there, they will also be conferring with their counterparts in Brome-Missisquoi, where at least three burglaries of the same type have taken place in recent weeks.

"There are important similarities with the break and enter in St-Joachim," Ruel said. "But at this moment a link has not yet been established."

"We know that contrary to popular belief, most burglaries are committed in the daytime, when people are at work," Ruel said. "Not at night when people are home and they can be caught."

Ruel said burglars will often cruise through a neighborhood for days, watching the habits of local residents. Once they establish when a house is empty, they know when to strike.

"If you see a suspicious vehicle you should call the police," he said. He said that can lead to catching burglars, or at least discouraging them from working in a certain area.

Houses in isolated areas are even better targets, because the neighbors won't see anything.

"The further people are from their neighbors, the more we recommend they have an alarm system connected to a central office," Ruel said. "An alarm is a good means to protect yourself when you can't count on your neighbors."

Ruel said the arrival of spring often brings more reports of burglaries in chalets, as the owners return after a long absence only to discover they've been burglarized.

Burglars made off with pet cockatiel

Reward offered for Cutie McGee

By Maurice Crossfield

West Brome burglary victim Pierre Beulac is offering a reward for the safe return of cockatiel Cutie McGee.


"If they're keeping it and it's upset, their neighbours will definitely hear it," said Beulac. "Maybe that can lead us to the thieves."

On the afternoon of Friday, March 7 between 1 and 3 p.m. one or more burglars broke into Beulac's home. At the time, Cutie McGee, a rare white-faced cockatiel, was flying freely in the house. The burglars made off with a variety of goods, ranging from old television sets and items of furniture to a relatively new Apple computer. They also snatched Cutie McGee.

"As low as it is to break into someone's house and steal their belongings, it is truly cruel and despicable to take away an innocent and defenceless family pet in the process," Beulac said.

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Cutie McGee speaks some words, including his own name. But when he is

under stress or lonely he can get agitated, and will emit a loud and piercing squawk — a squawk the thieves' neighbours would likely hear.

Beulac noted that many of the items stolen were of little value, with the exception of his wife's engagement and wedding rings which came from her grandmother. The important thing is the safe return of Cutie McGee.


"Everybody loves this bird," he said. "When you have a pet that talks to you, you get very attached to it."

Cutie McGee has a white face and a grey body, with a bit of white on his wings. He also wears a purple I.D. bracelet.

If anyone has seen Cutie McGee or knows of his whereabouts since March 7, they are asked to call Beulac at 450-263-7053 or 263-6902. A reward is being offered for Cutie's safe return.



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Youths debate election issues at U of S

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

The possibility of rising tuition and free trade were among the key election issues discussed Wednesday at a debate featuring representatives from the youth wings of four provincial parties.

"The history of Quebec has shown us that young people have always been at the forefront of ideas and innovation. Today's generation is no different," University of Sherbrooke Students Association (FEUS) president and debate organizer Mathieu Jeanneau told a lunchtime crowd of about 150 people, which included the two candidates who are challenging Sherbrooke MNA and Leader of the Opposition Jean Charest, Marie Malavoy of the Parti Québécois and the Action Démocratique du Québec's Peter Downey.

The provincial election will be held on April 14.

PQ youth wing president Patrick Taillon was joined at the University of Sherbrooke by Liberal youth wing executive David Veillette, ADQ youth wing president Simon Gosselin and Union des Forces progressistes (UFP) regional member Alexandre Lavallée.

TUITION

After listening to the four participants introduce their party's platform, students in attendance were eager to get the parties' stance on tuition fees. Both the Liberals and the PQ denied they favoured a tuition hike, while the ADQ intends to increase tuition slightly while eliminating other unnecessary costs.

"Access to education is a PQ priority," Taillon said, reassuring everyone that the government promises to extend the present freeze on tuition fees for another mandate. "There are hundreds of thousands of jobs that need to be filled in the near future. People need to get



ADQ youth wing president Simon Gosselin, PQ youth wing president Patrick Taillon, Liberal youth wing executive David Veillette and Union des Forces progressistes (UFP) regional member Alexandre Lavallée.

adequate training for those jobs, so now is not the time to stand in the way of education."

Lavallée said the UFP, a party created last June and dedicated to defending the rights of society's less fortunate, favoured the concept of free education to students of all ages and levels.

KYOTO

Veillette emphasized the Liberals, unlike the ADQ or the PQ, are making the environment, including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to meet Kyoto protocol targets, and health the main issues of the campaign, provincially and regionally. He reminded the crowd that if elected the Liberals intend, among other things, to create the post of environment and durable development Commissioner and institute a parliamentary commission to study the forestry industry.

Taillon said decisions involving Quebec's natural resources must be made

by a sovereign Quebec, and that his government has made considerable strides to protect the environment in the last nine years.

The ADQ and the UFP are also in favour of the Kyoto accord but stressed that reaching those targets must be done as soon as possible.

FREE TRADE

Quebec's role in a globalized world where countries favour free trade zones was also a preoccupation for the students assembled in a University of Sherbrooke auditorium.

Although the sovereigntist UFP called for Quebec to withdraw from the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA), saying it would only benefit wealthy countries and companies, the three other youth wing members agreed Quebec must emphasize its own needs and concerns when final negotiations on the terms of the agreement come up.

While Veillette repeated the Liberals' position that Quebec is a nation within the Canadian federation and should defend its rights through the many social and economic delegations it sends abroad, Taillon said that only independence will bring Quebec respect in the international community. It must be free to make its own decision, concluded Taillon.

The ADQ's Gosselin, who said the province needs to have a stance on the free trade question but should work with the federal government, said his party would not hold a referendum during its first mandate if elected.

Pedophile attempts suicide while hospitalized

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

A pedophile with a past record of abusing young children was arrested in the psychiatric wing of the Hotel Dieu Tuesday afternoon after he tried to commit suicide.

Jean Laplante, 49, of East August, was on parole for a previous conviction of abusing young children at the time of his arrest, said Sherbrooke police spokesman Marc Bérubé, noting the accused has a record for past assault that goes back to 1980.

Laplante appeared at the Sherbrooke courthouse Wednesday morning where he was charged with the sexual assault of two young Fleurimont boys. He was

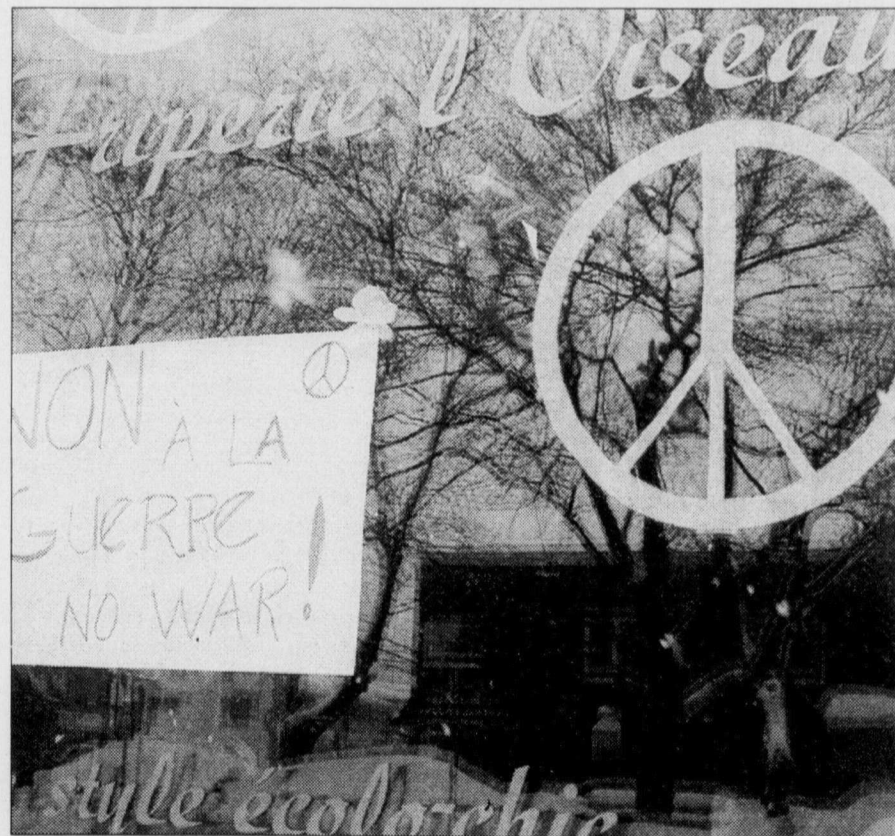
remanded back into custody and will be held till a bail hearing.

Bérubé said Laplante befriended the parents of the two young boys. The attacks occurred when he was babysitting.

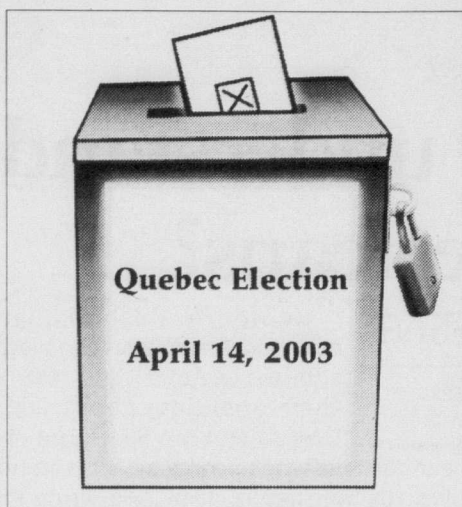
The parents complained to police after their sons told them they had been abused by Laplante. The alleged attacks, which apparently began in February of 2002, include allegations that he fondled, masturbated, sodomized and had oral sex with the young boys who were aged between 7 and 11 years old.

Bérubé said this week's attempted suicide was the second time Laplante tried to take his own life.

Marketing the message



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL
Fripierie L' Oiseau on Waterloo's Taylor street has created a window display to express the management's concerns about present rumors of war. With military helmets, and fatigues from past wars, beside skeleton props that can be easily seen by pedestrians at street level, these merchants are doing their best to spread the message of peace.



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some 100,000 Quebecers have been on waiting lists for years, the PQ found some money to reduce the lists 50 days before the election.

"The Liberal government would resolve the problem for the next five years and for five years after that," he vowed.

Charest said the PQ's first priority is sovereignty, which is Article 1 of the Parti Québécois program.

"Our first priority is health care," Charest said. "A Liberal government will repair the health care system. We will take care of the sick."

Charest, was introduced by former Liberal premier Daniel Johnson whom he replaced as Liberal Party leader in 1998.

Johnson, who said Claude Ryan also wanted to be on hand but could not for health reasons, said he had confidence in Jean Charest and a Liberal victory.

"It is not blind faith, but confidence in the Liberal Party program that is

Liberal supporters gave Charest an enthusiastic welcome.

based on the needs of Quebecers and confidence in the quality of the Liberal team," he said.

At the rally emceed by former city councillor Lise-Drouin Paquette and former Sherbrooke Liberal MNA André J. Hamel, Charest was also surrounded by past, and he hopes future, Townships MNAs.

The Liberal's election team is already in place. It includes longtime party stalwarts St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Brome-Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis, Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur and Richmond MNA Yvon Vallières, who is now the most senior MNA in the National Assembly.

The incumbents are set to fight to regain their ridings while MNAs Robert Benoit and Madeleine Bélanger have ceded their place to some prominent newcomers.

In Orford, former University of Sherbrooke rector Pierre Reid, who has been

working in Ottawa as an assistant deputy minister and consultant for economic development in Quebec, was parachuted in to replace Benoit. In Megantic Compton, East Angus resident and riding vice-president Daniel Bouchard, who is the director general of the Société d'aide au développement de la collectivité du Haut St-François, won the nomination last Sunday.

Affronting the Parti Québécois stronghold of Johnson - which is currently held by two-time MNA Claude Boucher - is Nicole Brouillette, a real estate agent from Racine.

Earlier in the day, all three parties launched their campaigns in press conferences that followed Landry's visit to Lieutenant Governor Lise Thibault's office to deposit the election writ.

Sounding confident, outgoing Premier Landry, who is facing his eighth election but his first as party leader, said he believes his party can win a

third consecutive mandate.

Landry vaunted Quebec's economic success, pointing out that it is the sixth leading economy in North America

Landry also vowed to leave sovereignty on the backburner until he is convinced the party can win an election.

"I don't want the Quebec nation to lose another referendum."

Action démocratique du Québec Leader Mario Dumont said Quebecers are tired of the same old faces and quarrels and ready for change. And he said he hopes the provincial election campaign will be the scene of a real debate on Quebec's future.

Dumont said he was proud of his party's work over the last few months in recruiting a solid team and developing its program which promotes families and the province's outlying regions. Dumont also wants to reduce the debt and the size of government.



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Premier Bernard Landry is facing his eighth election and his first as premier.



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Liberal leader Jean Charest says Liberals have a plan to cure health care.

Community Forum

Do we really understand the Americans?

VIEWPOINT

JAMES FERRABEE

We Canadians pride ourselves on knowing Americans more intimately than any other people in the world. But it may be time to ask ourselves the question: How well do we really understand what worries Americans and what motivates their policies?

Most of us feel we need no coaching about America because 90 per cent of us live within 160 kilometers of the US border; we are their best customers and vice versa; we mesmerize ourselves with American TV daily; we drive their cars; and we watch and admire their movies, their baseball, football and, yes, even NASCAR racing.

More intimately, many of us have relatives or friends in the US. In my case, which is not unusual, my sister and brother were both born in the US, and my friend and wife (same person) was born in Canada of American parents. And we, like millions of Canadians, travel frequently to the US.

In fact, we returned a few days ago from the longest visit we've ever made to the US, nearly a month in South Carolina. The trip was revealing, especially because we count ourselves among those who think they know America and Americans well. We got some surprises.

For a start, spending time in America helped us to understand that the all-consuming issue in the US is how vulnerable Americans still feel 17 months after the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. The spontaneous friendliness to strangers, one of the trademarks of Americans, continues to be part of their daily routine. But just below the surface you sense the anxiety. You hear it on the talk shows, read it in letters to the editors and hear it in quiet chats over lunch or dinner.

The new state-of-alert program run from Washington adds to the general feeling of unease. And then there are the long convoys of military trucks and equipment moving over the major highways towards airports for shipment, eventually, to the Persian Gulf. A country that is reminded of terror and war at every switch of the dial and turn of the head is an anxious country. And there is no doubt this anxiety explains much about US policy and the preoccupations of the president.

The president, as you might expect, evokes strong feelings, both for and against. Yet many Americans who don't support him on Iraq and feel he is an illegitimate president, because his victory in 2000 was so narrow, applaud his tenacity and leadership qualities. Most Democrats agree that he has performed extremely competently.

George W. Bush displays many other qualities the world admires in Americans. One is their openness about what they do and say. Surely, no one

can mistake what George W. Bush stands for. His message is clear. And while foreigners, including Canadians, often deride his messianic tone, his strong religious convictions are something most Americans share. Unlike most Canadians or Britons, for a majority of Americans religious beliefs play an important part of every day life.

Idealism is another laudable American trait that the president echoes in every speech he makes. He and the American people put a high premium on "life and liberty," especially liberty. And clearly one of the motivations for the policy of regime change in Iraq is the belief that if "life and liberty" could be restored there, it could become a model for other Middle Eastern countries.

Bush's Iraq policies, to be sure, are provoking strong opposition that is visible in the streets of the US and shouted from the university communities, the labour unions and, of course, Hollywood. But nothing has interfered with the high standard and wide range of views heard in the debate about terrorism and Iraq on American radio and TV.

On this score, it is sad to say for a Canadian, but National Public Radio (NPR) and its TV cousin, PBS, are more independent and far more resourceful and professional than our CBC radio and TV. The private TV networks, too, contribute much to the discussion. In short, the determination of the American media to let every view be heard and every piece of evidence be debated remains a remarkable example to the rest of us.

While straightforwardness, idealism, sincere religious belief and making sure there is a full debate on contentious policies don't assure that the policies are right, these remain a few of the attractive attributes of America today, even as it agonizes through one of the most trying periods in the last 50 years.

In the rush to criticize, Canadians sometimes talk as if America should be more like the gentler, kinder Canada. But Americans are no more like Canadians than Canadians are like Americans. And that is not likely to change.

And, finally, in the rush to criticize, we often forget that we have much to learn from Americans and still more to learn about them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great new Web site design

DEAR EDITOR

Just want to congratulate the Record on the new design of your Web site, clearer and easier to get around on, great job!

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Love new look

DEAR EDITOR,

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ture in the corner for each page is a nice added touch. Especially the rose on the announcements page. Keep up the good work.

CHRIS LEBLANC
Timmins, ON

We could help each other

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PETER WESTON
By e-mail

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Robert Benoit bids farewell to the capital, 14 years as MNA

MNA said he decided four years ago not to run again

By Kate Shingler

Longtime Orford MNA Robert Benoit was emotional as he packed up his office and left the provincial capital yesterday, ending more than a decade in provincial politics.

"I had a hard time falling asleep last night. I did find it quite hard leaving (Quebec City) this morning. I felt sad getting in my car," Benoit said from his cell phone early yesterday afternoon on the trip back home to the Townships. "The office is closed now. I have 24 boxes of documents packed up, some will go into archives and some I have taken with me," he noted.

Leaving the friends he has made over the years will be one of the most difficult parts of retiring from politics, he admitted.

"For 14 years I have built real relationships with these people. We've become friends," he said of his colleagues in the National Assembly. "I still have an apartment in Quebec City but it is sold, it will be (handed over) in June."

LOOKING AHEAD

Benoit said he is excited about embarking on "another chapter," and looks forward to pursuing his athletic interests including skiing, racquetball and tennis.

"I want to have more time for life," he said simply.

The decision not to run again was made four years ago upon returning home the night of the last election, explained the father of two.

"I got into bed and turned to my wife and said: 'Gisèle, I won't run again'."

Danville to limit right turns on red light at two intersections

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Right turns on red lights may be legal in most of the province come April, but some towns are reserving the right to outlaw the maneuver at some intersections in order to protect the public.

In Danville, the town council voted Tuesday night to restrict some turns at its two lighted intersections.

At the Daniel Johnson-Route 116 intersection, motorists will not be allowed to turn right on a red if they are entering Route 116 heading towards Warwick and Victoriaville.

At the Highway 255-Bypass road intersection, motorists will not be able to turn right on a red if they heading towards the Savoura greenhouse complex.

Town manager Michel Lecours said the restrictions were made because of poor visibility and poor road surfaces at those corners.

"The town will post a sign at the intersection where the turn cannot be made," he said.

"It will consist of a black arrow with a prohibited red circle and bar superimposed on it."

The town also approved a speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour for a section of the Craig Road head-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Orford MNA Robert Benoit shares a laugh with Liberal leader Jean Charest. Yesterday was Benoit's final day in his Quebec City office.

The man whose achievements in office include the establishment of the CRIFA agricultural training centre in Coaticook, the Massawippi Trails, and maintaining the Magog hospital operating room, said his involvement in local politics will continue. He plans on helping to promote his successor, Liberal candidate for the Orford riding, Pierre Reid, in the upcoming election.

"On Friday I will put up posters for Mr. Reid in Magog," said Benoit. "I will be a volunteer!"

ing towards Tingwick. The speed limit will apply from the intersection of Craig and Maple Grove to the Nicolet River bridge.

The council also introduced legislation that would disallow the installation of a private water pressure booster pump in homes and buildings.

The pumps are used by residents to increase the water pressure in their homes and buildings. But Lecours said they also cause pressure problems for neighbours and increase the risk of water contamination.

"As soon as someone uses a booster pump, the pressure in their neighbour's water supply is lost," he said. "The extra pressure and suction can also cause any dormant bacteria in the pipes to circulate in the system, which means we have to flush it out more often. That causes more costs to the town and more hassles for residents."

Lecours said the town has uncovered three such pumps in residents' homes in the past year.

He said any pumps used in homes and buildings must conform to the provincial building code.

"These booster pumps definitely don't conform to the code," added Lecours.

The proposed fine for anyone with such pumps would range from \$50 to \$300.

Daignault Honoured



Sara Daignault (nee Kingdon), formerly of Sherbrooke, receiving the Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative medal from the Hon. Myra Freeman, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, Dec. 16, 2002 at a gala ceremony at Halifax's historical Pier 21. The medal was awarded to acknowledge several years of dedicated public service and especially, the last three years with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

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Record Web site gets new look

Northern-Crown WebCommunications today unveiled a new look for The Record's Web site (www.sherbrooke-record.com), the first visual make-over of the site in nearly two years.

The new look brings a fresh face to the newspaper's online presence. The layout is more concise, navigation simple and easy to use, and the design smart and sophisticated.

The Record Online edition is a value-added service for Record subscribers, providing teaser news articles, columns, arts and life, sports, announcements, and online classified ads. It is ideal for subscribers who wish to access news quickly and easily from anywhere, at anytime. The Web site also provides a linchpin between those who have left the region and their community of origin.

"The online edition complements the printed edition wonderfully," said Michael van Lierop, president of Sherbrooke-based Northern-Crown WebCom. "Many online readers have expressed an interest in having more content on the Internet. For the paper, it's a delicate balancing act between providing a useful value-added service and keeping print subscribers. As soon as the website steals readers from the

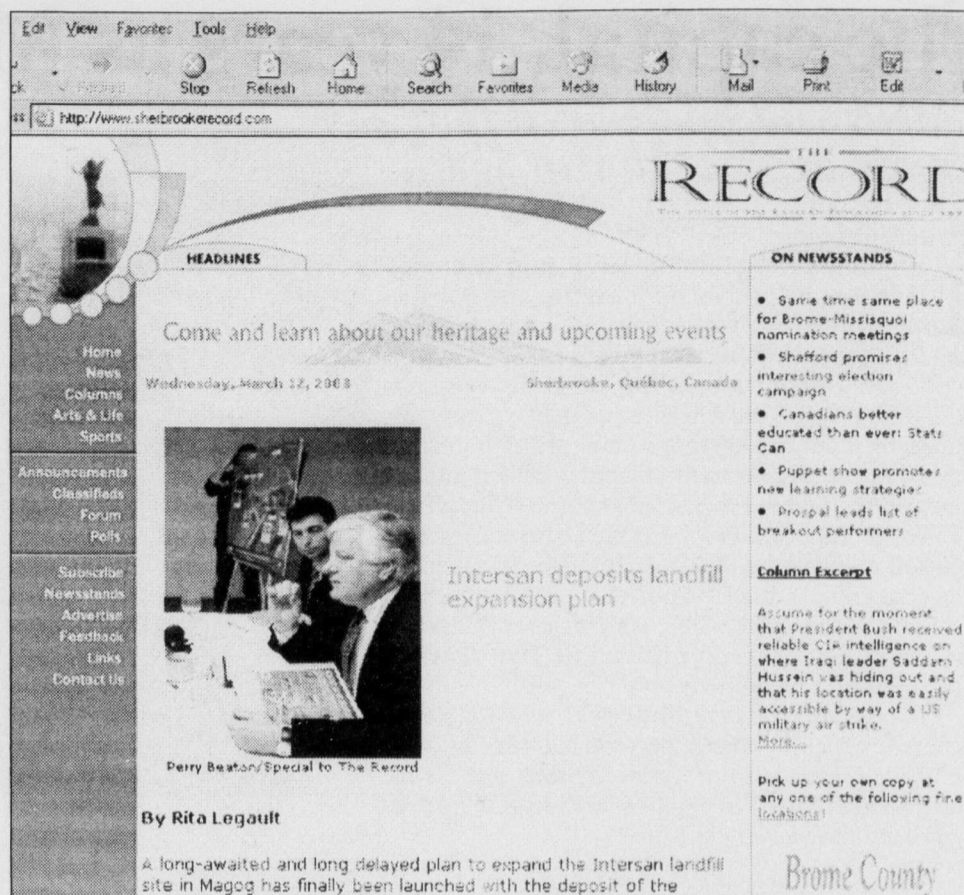
print edition, the battle is lost. Harnessing new technology is not about replacing old. It's about building and improving on what already exists."

The Record partnered with Northern-Crown in the fall of 2000. In 2002, the Quebec Community Newspapers Association recognized the Web site, and readers have regularly sent positive feedback about the online edition, from the Townships and throughout North America.

"Newspapers have struggled for years with how to integrate Web media into the delivery of news content," noted Sharon McCully, the Record's editor.

"Done well, it can complement the process and help bring news to our readers effectively, while building a sense of community around the Record with people far away. Done poorly, it can really undermine a newspaper's viability," added Randy Kinnear, publisher of The Record.

Northern-Crown WebCom and Montreal-based ZenDyn Software are in the process of developing a new, industry-leading content management system (CMS) engine for small scale Web site implementation and maintenance needs. Both firms intend to package this new product later in 2003 to appeal to the newspaper industry in Canada.



COURTESY NORTHERN CROWN

Record Web site gets fresh new look.

Groups support cancer patients

Being diagnosed with cancer is a life-altering experience, not only for the person receiving the news, but for family members as well. To help provide support to people dealing with the disease, five organizations in the region provide a support network: Quebec Cancer Foundation, Maison Aube Lumière, La Rose des Vents de l'Estrie, the Canadian Cancer Society and a program dedicated to improving the quality of life for people afflicted with cancer.

The support groups aim to inform cancer patients of resources and services available to help them and respond to their needs. The five groups work in co-operation with one another to provide the broadest base of services. A booklet outlining the various services offered by each will be distributed to households throughout the Sherbrooke region and to some 30,000 households in surrounding areas thanks to support from Sherbrooke MP Serge Cardin.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The shock of being diagnosed with cancer is absorbed somewhat by knowing there are a number of groups and services available to help those afflicted with the disease and their families deal with the disease.

BRIEF

Lac Megantic industrial park gets grant

The provincial government continued its spending spree Wednesday when it confirmed that Lac-Megantic will receive a \$1.3 million grant to improve its industrial park.

The municipality will receive a total of \$3.9 million as part of the Quebec-Canada infrastructures program, which calls for the three levels of government to split the costs of a project.

On average, the federal government contributes one-third of the cost of municipal infrastructure projects. Québec and the municipal governments contribute the remaining funds, and in some instances, there may be private sector investment as well.

Get bilingual or else: Senior federal bureaucrat

CanWest News
BY KATHRYN MAY
CANWEST NEWS

One of Canada's most influential bureaucrats has warned his executives he will dock their pay, move them, or even lay them off if they don't meet the March 31 deadline to be fully bilingual.

Deputy minister Peter Harder bluntly told Industry Canada employees that executives who fail to meet the deadline will lose their performance bonus, be moved or demoted into a job that doesn't require both languages and, if no job can be found within a year, could be declared surplus and laid off.

The letter, which has thrown some senior bureaucrats into a tizzy, comes on the eve of Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion's new \$650-million "action plan" to beef up bilingualism across Canada. The plan, to be announced today, will pump about \$65 million into the public service to raise the level of bilingualism among federal workers.

"Everyone knew they were serious about it this time, but no one was ready for a letter like this one," said one long-time executive.

The letter is said to have created the biggest stir among departments with executives who won't make the deadline. Some say Harder's zero-tolerance stand is putting his fellow deputies' feet to the fire to do the same. Industry Canada has 223 executives and all but the eight who are being tested this month have met the language requirements.

With Dion's new bilingualism policy, many say the government can't blink on its linguistic crackdown of executives and those who don't meet the requirement must be penalized. At last count several months ago, about 220 executives had yet to meet the language requirements of the looming deadline. About a year ago, closer to 450 executives didn't make the grade.

The big unknown, however, is whether Harder's course of action will be the standard for all departments or

whether deputy ministers will mete out their own penalties. Treasury Board has suggested possible penalties, such as docking performance bonuses - but officials say any action is left to the discretion of deputy ministers.

Bob Emond, president of APEX, which represents federal executives, said the association endorses the crackdown and has "no quarrel" with any penalties proposed. He said APEX's biggest concern is ensuring that no executives are unfairly punished because they were refused or couldn't get the language training they needed to meet the March 31 target.

"None of this should come as a surprise because executives have known this was coming for some time," said Emond.

Industry Canada executives got plenty of warning of possible repercussions. Harder told them a year ago that those

who miss the deadline would be demoted out of the executive ranks and given a job that didn't require both languages. In the fall, he followed with a warning that they wouldn't be eligible for their annual performance bonuses.

Those who are moved to another job, however, have one year to take further training. If they finally pass, they can get their old jobs back. If they fail, they will be declared "surplus" and permanently removed from the executive ranks. Junior executives - known as 'Ex 1s' - will be offered jobs at one level below executive rank, but will keep their executive salaries. Higher-paid senior executives, however, will be laid off.

The linguistic crackdown on executives began in 1998 when the Official Languages Act was changed, making a high level of fluency in both languages a requirement for nearly all executive

jobs. This level demands advanced reading, comprehension and speaking skills and intermediate writing skills.

At that time, the government gave all unilingual executives, as well as those whose fluency didn't meet the new standard, five years to become bilingual. Those promoted to executive positions after April 1998 were given two years for training to get their language up to scratch.


The March 31 deadline won't affect anyone recently promoted. The crackdown on executives is considered the first step in Treasury Board president Lucienne Robillard's push to make the public service an "ideal" bilingual workplace. She has long pressed to make fluency in French and English a basic qualification for all bilingual jobs, starting at the top with deputy ministers and working down through the ranks of executives one level at a time.

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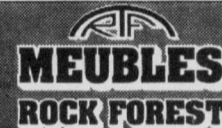
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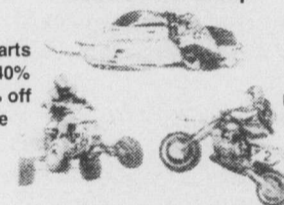


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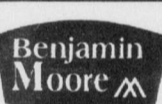
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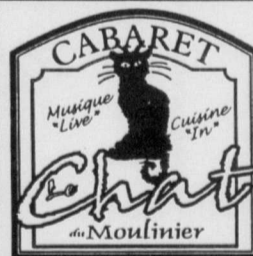
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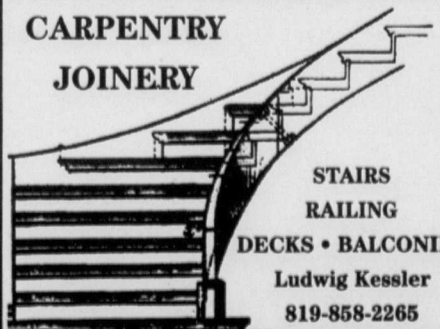
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PAUL

OUR VISIT TO THE MUSEUM

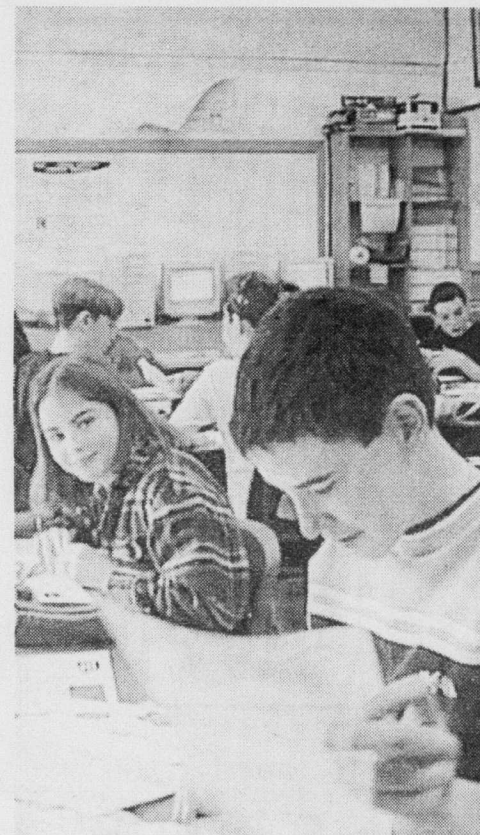
On Jan. 29 we went to the Museum of Nature and Science in Sherbrooke. It was very fun. I learnt that museums aren't so boring. I saw a whole exhibit devoted to the brain, the beaver and one all about climate change We had a lot of fun.

NATHAN

PODI

On March 10 Podi, the mascot from the Sherbrooke World Youth Olympics came to our school and did some exercises with everyone from kindergarten to grade six. We had fun and the kids all liked Podi. Podi played a game of Basketball with grade four to six and played an easier game with the classes of Kindergarten to Grade 3. He talked to us about the activities they do at the World Youth Stadium in Sherbrooke. Some of them are Long Jump, High Jump, Relay, Running, Triple Jump, and many more activities.

CATHY



STORYTELLING

We have a visiting artist, guitarist/storyteller, in our school. Her name is Claire Mallet. The teachers applied for a grant called 'Artists in the School' and we were lucky enough to get her for three days. She is going to work with each of the classes. We are going to hear stories and perhaps write our own stories and present them. We are going to coordinate this with our public speaking that will be held in May.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Many of our students are working on entrepreneurship projects. We have created the 'Pepper Book Company'. We have also groups who are working on a yearbook, a craft/bake sale and daily exercise and nutrition. The one project that I will talk about is the one that I am involved in. We are writing stories and illustrating them. The names of the books that we have written so far are

'The Greedy Man', 'The Need for Speed', 'The Vanishing Shelby', 'Steve Nadeau', 'The New Neighbors' and 'The Penguins vs. the Maple Leafs'.

We have designed a contest for the school students to be able to make the cover for the book, 'The Greedy Man'. The winner will get a first place ribbon and be given a copy of the book.

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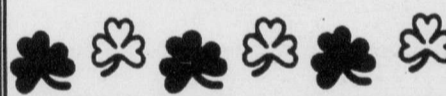
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At 8:30 P.M., Belfast Andy's New Blarneys Trio will entertain with guitar, voice, fiddle, Irish bagpipe, and bodhran. Tickets may be reserved at 826-2388 (\$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children).

Mass - Everyone is invited to attend mass at St. Bibiane's Church on March 16 at 9:00 A.M.

Parade - On **Sunday, March 16**, the annual St. Patrick's Parade will begin at 2:00 P.M. from Le Tremplin School along the green-lined shamrock route! Anyone wishing to be part of the parade will be welcome and should contact Paul or Mark O'Donnell at 826-2535. After the parade, participants are invited to a reception at the Legion.

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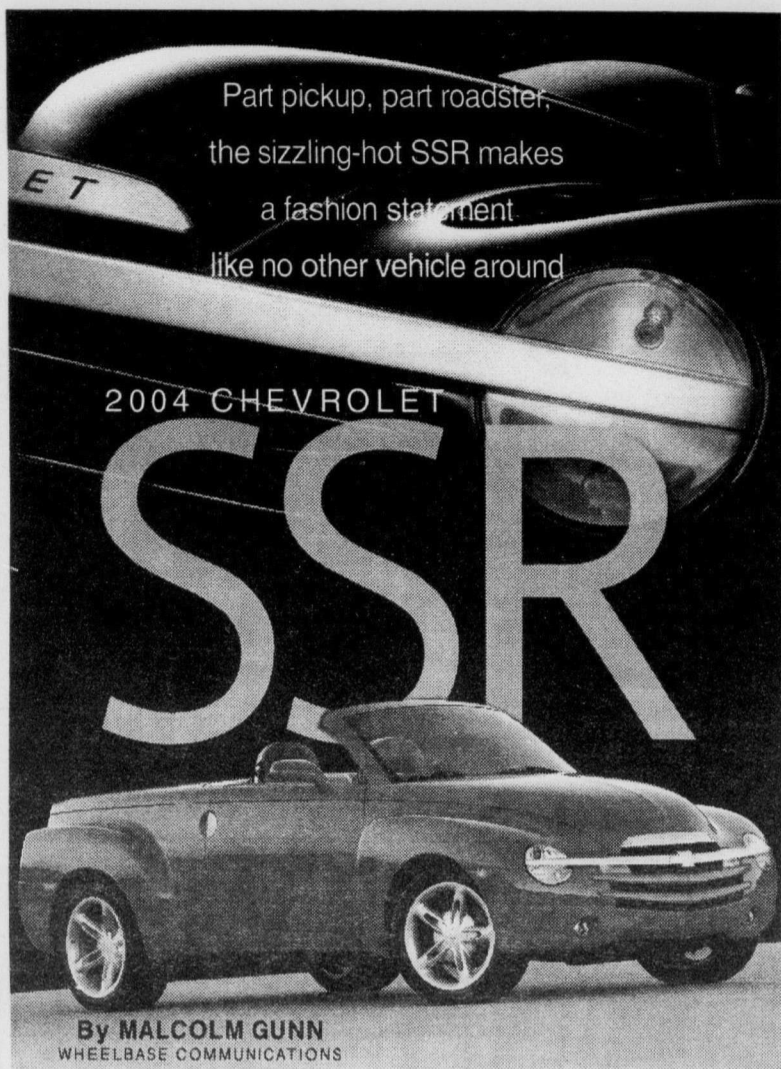
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No doubt about it, the forthcoming Chevrolet SSR is one incredible automobile.

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demonstrate what a cool and innovative organization GM really is, or wants to become. To accomplish this feat, the Chevrolet division has blended one part nostalgia with two parts high-tech content to come up with what can best be described as a convertible hot rod pickup (or something like that — your description may vary).

The SSR headed for public consumption next summer is amazingly similar to the concept version first displayed at the 2000 Detroit Auto Show. The nose is vaguely reminiscent of an early 1950s Chevy pickup as are the protruding fenders. Beyond that point, the truck's heritage styling gives way to ground-breaking gizmo-try, the most sen-



The one-word answer, my friend, is image.

Just as the hot-rod Prowler did for Chrysler during its successful run and the upcoming GT40 race car clone is expected to do for Ford, the SSR's mission is to

sational being a fully retractable power-operated hardtop. In less than 30 seconds, the two-piece roof section folds vertically into a storage area behind the seats, hidden by a cover panel. Behind it, a removable hard tonneau covers a modest 3.9x4.2-foot

long storage box best used for few pieces of luggage or golf cubs. Hay bales and camper tops are definite no-nos.

The body sits on an ultra-stiff ladder-frame chassis adapted from the Chevy Trailblazer. Also borrowed are that sport-utility vehicle's independent coil-spring suspension, roll bars and four-wheel-disc-brake setup. What you won't get is the Trailblazer's optional four-wheel drivetrain — the SSR is strictly a rear-wheel-drive affair.

Putting the power to the SSR's meaty 10-inch wide Goodyear Eagles mounted to 20-inch five-spoke alloy rims (the eight-inch-wide front wheels come with 19-inch rubber) is a 5.3-litre OHV V8 that also sees duty in full-size Chevrolet and GMC pickups. This particular Vortec motor puts out 290 horses and 325 lb.-ft. of torque. That should be enough performance grunt for most hip trucksters to handle, but it's well shy of Ford's ultimate hauler, the 380-horsepower SVT Lightning.

The powertrain is completed by a limited-slip rear differential with traction control and a floor-shifted four-speed automatic transmission.

There's nothing old-fashioned about the SSR's standard convenience features, which include items such as air conditioning, cruise control, CD sound system, power-adjustable front seats, steering wheel audio controls, power windows (heated) and door locks, fog lamps and a two-piece cargo liner.

In addition to factory-installed options such as a Bose premium sound system, heated seats and silver-colored alloy wheels, there will also be a number of SSR accessories available at the dealer level. Among this list will be auxiliary gauges, running boards, custom floor mats and a towing package.

Annual SSR North American volume is expected to be around 12,000 units, enough to ensure regular, if infrequent sightings, but not enough to spoil its low-volume, look-at-me cachet. Although full production is a few months away, a limited batch of 25 SSR Signature Series models, all painted a vibrant purple, will show up at various car shows, charity auctions, press previews and other public events throughout the winter and spring of 2003.

This allows only a scant few months to come up with a suitable description for the hard-to-pin-down SSR that doesn't leave us completely tongue-tied.

SPEC SHEET

2004 Chevrolet SSR

- ★ Two-door hardtop/convertible performance pickup (that's our best guess)
- ★ 5.3-liter OHV V8, producing 290 horsepower and 325 lb.-ft. of torque
- ★ Four-speed automatic transmission
- ★ The high-dollar SSR, with its blend of old and new styling is a real head turner, regardless of what you call it.
- ★ Its usefulness as a truck is so severely limited, buyers should view the SSR as a potential alternative to buying a Corvette, or similar sports car.
- ★ The SSR's estimated 2,000-kilogram curb weight will curtail some of the V8's performance potential, but should still manage to make sweet music on the street.
- ★ Base price \$58,000 (est.)

THE RECORD

Say you read it in The Record

HMMMM, SHE LOOKS INTERESTING: In an effort to fight prostitution, Oklahoma City officials started a television channel which broadcast the pictures of men caught cavorting with the local ladies of the evening.

MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



Public shaming, it was thought, would keep potential clients away.

The plan backfired. Since the hookers' mugshots were also aired, it enabled would-be customers to identify them, facilitating future encounters. "It was almost a promotional thing for them," a spokesman said. "It wasn't a deterrent at all."

WHERE'D ALL THESE COPS COME FROM? A man in Germany pulled his car over so he could snort cocaine, not realizing that he parked in a space reserved for police cars outside the Innstadt police station. He was arrested.

YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY WHAT I PICTURED: An orthodox New York rabbi went on the Internet and arranged a date with a 13-year-old girl named Katie, who he met in a chat room called "I Love Older Men."

"Katie" turned out to be a middle-aged police detective who arrested the rabbi as soon as he arrived for the tryst.

GASP, NO, WAIT, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND: An 85-year-old woman in New Forest, England, felt that simply filling out medical forms was not enough. She had the words "Do Not Resuscitate" tattooed on her chest.

JUST HOLD ME UNTIL I FEEL BETTER: In order to get attention from attractive women, a short, fat Florida man has been pretending he is choking, then — after the ladies employ the Heimlich maneuver on him — he hugs and kisses them out of "gratitude."

When a local newspaper printed an account of one woman "saving" him, other women came forward. He has done this at least a half a dozen times. He is described as 5-foot-6, 245 pounds, with a bald spot.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR SHOW, SIR: Police in Michigan arrested a 19-year-old driver when they saw him watching a 6-inch television mounted on the dashboard of his car.

BUT OFFICER, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND: An overzealous traffic warden in Manchester, England, immediately ticketed a driver the minute he pulled into a parking space marked "Buses Only." The recipient of the ticket was driving a bus at the time.

He said he repeatedly told the warden, to no avail, that he had every right to stop at a bus stop. The ticket was later rescinded.

SO THEY KNOW 'SHODDY' WHEN THEY SEE IT: Workers did such a bad job putting up a government building in Germany that it will cost millions in repairs. The building in question is the Ministry of Construction.

NOT MUCH OF A HONEYMOON: A 14-year-old schoolgirl went on vacation with her parents to a Mediterranean resort town in Turkey where she met and fell in love with a Turkish bartender nine years her senior.

A few months after the family returned home to Wales, she ran away to Turkey to carry on their torrid affair. They wound up getting married, but, since the age of consent is 15 in Turkey, the bartender was sent to prison.

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The Boys of Winter flourish in Lennoxville

Old Timers hockey league in 33rd year

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The hockey players arrive at the W. B. Scott Arena shortly after 5 p.m., plenty of time to prepare for a 6:45 start. They go through time-honoured rituals of taping their sticks and equipment, and stretching sore muscles that seem to ache with each passing year. In short, they put on their game faces.

Of course the game that the Lennoxville Old Timers face is quite different from those you seen in a normal dressing room prior to a win-at-all-cost game. Instead of talking strategy or rehashing past scouting reports, members are busying needling each other and catching up on the latest gossip.

To call the Old Timers a league is a misnomer. Instead, it is a collection of friends, most of them talented, who were competitive players at one time of their lives. They now meet regularly to get some exercise, play a sport they love and have fun.

In its 33 years of existence a lot of strong friendships have developed, plenty of laughs have been shared and every now and then some pretty good hockey is displayed, flashbacks to an earlier time of their lives.

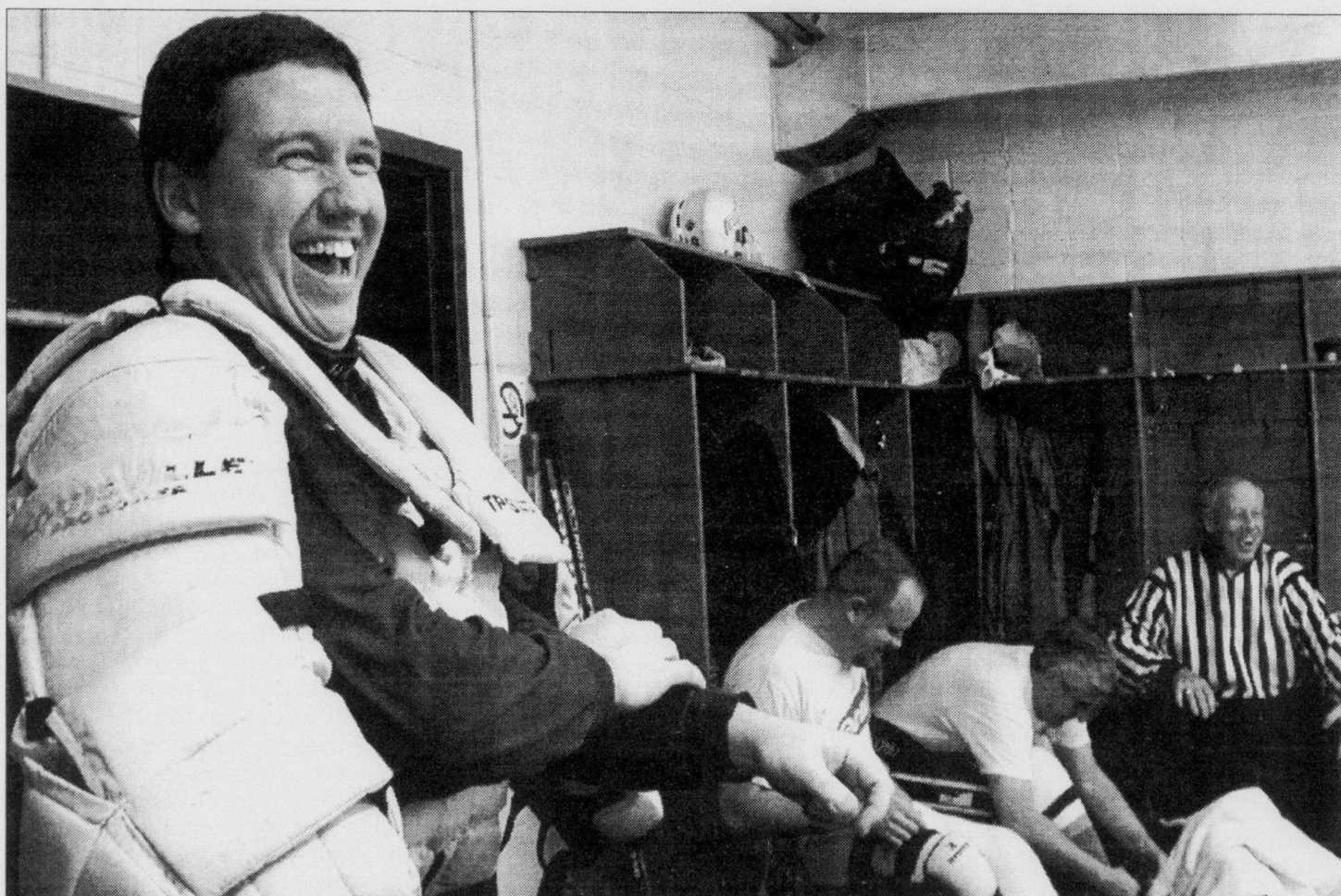
But the emphasis has always been on having fun. There are no sacred cows when they began to give each other the gears every Thursday night.

"You have to be thick-skinned to play with this group," said club president Rod McKell as he put on his equipment all the while listening to other's stories.

"In this locker room you have to be able to give it and take it as well. Everyone knows that the kidding is all in fun, and we keep coming back because we enjoy it."

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The Lennoxville Old Timers began 33 years ago. McKell, who replaced former Bishop's College School athletic director Cliff Goodwin as the club's unofficial president many years ago, is one of four original members still playing (the fab four also includes Rick Pellerin, Tom Allen and Mac Learned).



PHOTOS BY PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Thirty three years after it all began, the Lennoxville Old Timers are still mixing a good game of hockey with lots of laughs and a whole lot of fun.

"When Galt opened in 1969 a lot of young teachers came into one area and didn't have a hockey team to play for," McKell said. "We all played for various teams until a group of us got together and put a Lennoxville Old Timers in the Sherwood Brador League."

The team made a major mistake, according to McKell, when they won the league that first year. The following season, the champions realized it wasn't much fun playing hockey when winning was the only goal of opposing teams. Realizing that, the players decided to pool the area's four educational institutions (BCS, Bishop's University, Alexander Galt High School and Champlain College) to form their own group.

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League emphasizes playing hard, having fun

OLD TIMERS:

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"We started slow and then started to add friends from Lennoxville that worked in other areas other than education," recalled Pellerin.

"The original philosophy was to meet with other teachers once a week, and over the years we had people like Garth Smith and Gil Ross play with us. What I enjoy the most socializing with the guys after getting a good workout."

Their membership soon included local businessmen such as David Monty, Bob Parson, Joe Scott, Tim Bradley and Tim Guild. Newly named Lennoxville golf course manager Gary Neely is also a member of this august group.

"It is best hockey I have played," said Guild. "It is competitive to a degree because the players are good, but there is no malicious play. You know that you are not going to get hurt on purpose because you are playing with friends."

"All the ribbing that goes on before and after the games is a lot of fun. It is well organized and Rod does a great job."

As older players packed up their skates for the last time, newer members were brought in so that players now range from 31 to 61 years old.

The set-up is unique with teams changing from week to week, and several rules specifically designed to de-emphasize the competitiveness of the games ensuring that the two sides are relatively equal.

Each week McKell painstakingly selects the teams, and although there are rumours of stacking his own team his side still manages to lose on occasion.

"The greatest motivation Thursday night is to play against McKell and win against a one-sided team," Pellerin laughed.



The Lennoxville Old Timers 2002/03: Front row (left to right): Andy Gallichon, Dave Shieids, Mac Learned, Rod McKell, Rick Pellerin, Claude Gauthier, Todd Winquist, Tom Allen, Joe Scott. Back Row: Gary Neely, Dave Monty, Joe Sabo, Gilles Ribeaux, Louis Parent, Matt McBrine, Robert Parsons, Tony Addona, Rod Gilpin, Tim Guild, Albert MacDonald, Ian Warcup, George Garard, Terry Marlin, Brian Heath, Joe Losito. Absent: Jim Bowey, Tim Bradley, Jeff Cathcart, Glen Faucher, Ron Milonja, Pat Veilleux.

Games are not timed, but rather end when one team scores five goals, at which time the goalies change teams. There are two full-time unpaid referees, but most of the time players are ultimately responsible for calling their own infractions.

The president also holds a mandatory team meeting, usually at the Elmwood Motel, where that night's incidents are discussed in detail and often with little mercy.

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To emphasize the association's social components, several off-ice activities in addition to the weekly team meetings are held during the year. Like any decent hockey program the first activity of the year is dry land training which differs greatly from those held by professional teams.

The one-day event is held a week prior to ice time at the Elmwood and each member must tell a joke.

A Christmas Party with wives in attendance is held during the holiday season. A no-swear rule is in effect for the party in deference to the fairer sex.

There is also a bowling night that proves that good hockey players are not always as adept in other sports. A brasserie night is held annually to find out who can eat more than Claude Gauthier, and of course the annual golf tournament, a staple of any hockey organization.

The golf tournament and barbecue gives the winning team bragging rights for the entire year, and is preceded by a golf draw night because according to McKell "no one and I mean no one wants to play with Dick Long".

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McKell, a successful basketball and

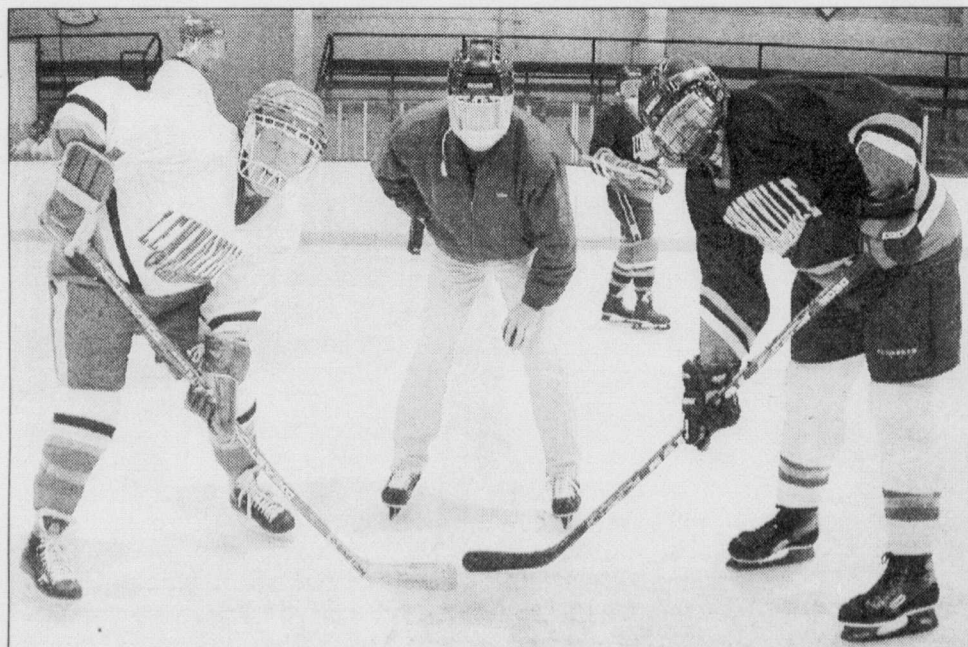
hockey coach at both the high school and CEGEP levels, feels strongly about the survival of the Lennoxville Old Timers.

"During my teaching days in the Eastern Townships I have really enjoyed playing hockey for the Lennoxville Old Timers," McKell said. "Once a week it gave me a chance to take my mind off teaching, and coaching, and pretend I was 16 years old again."

"I played hard, partied hard, swore a bit, told a few lies and laughed a lot. Most importantly I developed and still have many friendships among the members."

"It has been great for me and I hope the others who take over will enjoy it as much as we did."

That statement sounds like a swan song, but McKell still believes he has another 10 years left. When he does pack in it there will be big shoes to fill, but finally maybe the teams will be a little more even.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Season to forget for Montreal Canadiens

By Philippe Germain
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

It has been another week to forget for the Montreal Canadiens and also another week to remember. While team management and players still say they haven't lost all hope of making the playoffs, all indicators point to a fourth playoff exclusion in five years for the Habs.

Only hardcore fans haven't given up based on mathematical possibilities.

Prior to last night's road contest against the Florida Panthers, the Canadiens had 12 games remaining and were five points behind the New York Islanders and the eighth and final playoff position in the Eastern Conference.

Sitting beside his California hotel pool with Dany Dube of CKAC and Red Fisher of The Montreal Gazette, general manager Andre Savard was puzzled.

"Seventy-three points and we'd be right in the middle of everything. Five or six wins, that's all," he said. "We had all these things going for us. I thought we had the players to make it."

If there's one thing the team must forget from last week is how they've played in these supposedly crucial games. It all started against the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim when the hosts scored two quick goals halfway through the third period to earn the win.

The following night, the Canadiens could not hold on to a one-goal lead in the final period and lost in overtime to the San Jose Sharks.

Saturday at the Staples Centre, the Los Angeles Kings turned their thumbs down to the Canadiens, who avoided a shutout loss with 0.3 seconds to play.

And on Monday, the Canadiens finally managed to pull out a 3-1 win over the Nashville Predators.

Here's what to remember from last week and from this whole season. Line swapping had a bad effect on a team looking for confidence. Even in Michel Therrien's days as head coach, there was no common sense used in the line composition process.

Players who were not playing up to their potential were scratched for two or three games, or even sent to the minors, only to return to the lineup on the first or

second line. Younger players were taken out of play at the first mistake they made while veterans dragged their feet for weeks without scoring a goal and ended up with extra time on the ice on the power play.

This haven't changed under Claude Julien.

"One thing Claude (Julien) could have done differently is to bring stability in his lines," says Danielle Sauvageau, who coached Canada's women's team to an Olympic goal medal last year and a television commentator on Radio-Canada's La Soiree du Hockey.

"There's dead wood on this team and he simply didn't do away with it with the results we now have."

The greatest paradox with the Canadiens since Serge Savard was let go as general manager after the 1995-96 season is that while the organization added experience on the ice, it lost much of it off the ice.

Mario Tremblay, Alain Vigneault, Therrien and now Julien have started and might end their short NHL head coaching careers with the Canadiens.

"We are paying for errors made at the draft table between 1998 and 2000," explains Canadiens president Pierre Boivin.

Ya right. Mike Ribeiro, Marcel Hossa and Ron Hainsey are three players picked up in the two opening rounds during these years. All three are seen as top prospects around the league.

A fourth one is Eric Chouinard, who was traded to the Philadelphia Flyers a few weeks ago after spending the season with the Utah Grizzlies. Chouinard now has four goals and two assists in 17 games in Philly. That's almost half of Mariusz Czerkawski's production after 43 games in Montreal.

Could it be that experienced players need experienced head coaches? A team enjoying the rich tradition the Montreal Canadiens have should not be reduced to missing the playoffs four times out of five.

It's hard both on fans and on the club's financial statement. Sources say the Canadiens could lose up to \$20 million this year if they miss the playoffs.

Hopefully, somebody will remind members of this year's club they are on their way to being remembered as the worst team within the most successful hockey organization in history.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Greyhounds captain returns to lineup

Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds welcomed the return of captain Trevor Daley in the wake of a racial slur from former coach John Vanbiesbrouck.

"He might be the best player in the league, let alone on our team," added defenceman Jordan Smith. "He's our captain, he leads by example and he's crucial to our success. I know I look up to him and I know a lot of the other guys do too."

Daley left the Ontario Hockey League team on Saturday after hearing Vanbiesbrouck had referred to him as a nigger in a conversation with other players.

"I felt I had no alternative but to leave the team to reflect on the comments and decide how best to handle this unfortunate situation," Daley said in a statement.

Prez unlikely to up World Cup teams

FIFA president Joseph Blatter is skeptical about boosting the number of World Cup teams from 32 to 36 for the next World Cup.

South American officials, upset they are being cut from five berths to four, made the proposal Friday for the 2006 World Cup to be held in Germany. FIFA, soccer's world governing body, is expected to make a decision in May.

But Blatter said changing the number of teams would be complicated by existing television and marketing deals built on 32 teams and a certain number of games.

Report: NFL asks eight refs to resign

Eight NFL officials were asked by the league to resign by March 20 or they would be fired.

Mike Arnold, a labour lawyer representing the NFL Referees Association told the New York Times it was the largest number of referees ever asked to resign at one time.

He also said the league did not give a reason for its decision to the officials or the union, except that the decision was connected to the officials' performances.

"We're investigating the details," Arnold told the newspaper. "We're operating on fairly limited information."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello would not confirm the report.

On TV

THURSDAY

- **GOLF: 4 p.m.**, PGA Honda Classic, second round, TSN
- **NHL: 7 p.m.**, New York Rangers at Ottawa Senators, Sportsnet; **7:30 p.m.**, Montreal Canadiens at Atlanta Thrashers, RDS.
- **TENNIS: 11 p.m.**, Omnium Pacific Life ATP Masters Series, Day 4 (same-day tape), TSN.
- **FIGURE SKATING: 7:30 p.m.**, Grand Prix Championships, TSN.

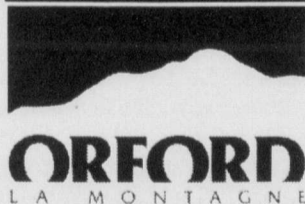
Around Town

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UPCOMING

- **VOLLEYBALL: Friday and Saturday**, Junior Provincial Championships, University of Sherbrooke Sports Centre.
- **SWIMMING: Friday to Sunday**, University of Sherbrooke Team Invitational, University of Sherbrooke Sports Centre.
- **QMJHL: Friday**, Shawinigan Cataractes at Sherbrooke Castors, Palais des Sports, 7:30 p.m.

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Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open Trails: 8/8
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT GLEN
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 37
Open Trails: 32/32
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 60

Open Trails: 53/54
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

MONTJOYE
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 47
Open Trails: 20/20

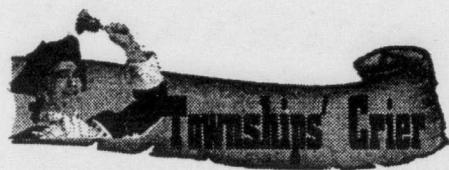
OWL'S HEAD
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 54
Open Trails: 43/43
Lift Hours: N/A

SKI BROMONT
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 7

Snow, last 7 days (cm): 39
Open Trails: 46/46
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SUTTON
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 1
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 28
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 2
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 65
Open Trails: 75/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Your Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship area committee is pleased to invite you to attend an information and fundraiser buffet that will be held on Saturday, March 22, 6 p.m., at Salle Amedee Beaudoin (above Firehall), Queen St., Lennoxville. Come celebrate with us the work of IVCF at Bishop's and Champlain campus in Lennoxville. Contact your local church or Ed Anderson (819) 569-1493 for your personal RSVP.

BURY

Babysitting: Red Cross Certificate course for young teens (11-14 years), Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bury Town Hall. Admission charged. Call the Women's Centre to register, (819) 564-6626.

SAWYERVILLE

The second in the series (this one in Sawyerville) of "Olde Tyme Country Music" with Dave McBurney and Terry Howell will be held in the Sawyerville United Church on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Admission charged.

SHERBROOKE

Plymouth-Trinity United Church Women's annual Shamrock Salad Buf-

fet and Sale at 380 Dufferin Street, Saturday, March 15, 3-6 p.m. Includes sales tables of home-baking, handicrafts, novelties, etc. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

Richmond Soccer inscriptions, Saturday, March 15 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Richmond Community Centre, 820 Gouin Street.

LENNOXVILLE

It's that time of year again. The Local Association of Girl Guides in Lennoxville are having their annual St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at St. George's Church, Lennoxville, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church will be abuzz with the Chinese auction and the silent auction as well as the bake table. Bring your lucky shamrock and your dimes and be prepared to have lots of fun! Admission charged.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Patrick's Day brunch, Sunday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Antoine Parish Hall, 104 Queen Street. All are welcome! Info. (819)563-5178

LENNOXVILLE

Everyone is invited to attend the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 17 at Uplands, 9 Speid Street. Readings by the Black Cat Writing Group.

LENNOXVILLE

Corned beef and cabbage supper hosted by the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and

Museum Society on March 14 at 6 p.m., Lennoxville United Church Hall, Church Street. Reservations: Mildred McMullen (819)562-6123.

BURY

Luncheon and card party on Monday, March 17 at the Bury Town Hall starting at noon with luncheon and card party at 1:30 p.m. Box of groceries drawing and door prizes. Admission charged. Everyone welcome. Proceeds for Cookshire Fair.

SHERBROOKE

The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting at Hotel Le President will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jean Morrison. Topic: "Living the Good Life as an Oral Historian".

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Bingo will be held at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AUSTIN

Card party at Austin Town Hall on April 5 at 7:30 p.m., to benefit the East Bolton Cemetery Association. Prizes and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

BULWER

There will not be any Bulwer Q.F.A. meeting this week. Next meeting: Thursday, April 10. See you then.

DERBY LINE, VT.

Rabies Clinic, Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Derby Line Town Hall. Re-

duced price, other vaccinations available. Organized by the Frontier Animal Society. Info: (819) 876-7785.

WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY

The Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge Worship services on March 16: Waterville 9:30 a.m.; Hatley 9:30 a.m.; North Hatley 11 a.m.

HATLEY

Luncheon on March 19 in St. James Church Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

We are holding a Military Whist card party on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Church Hall, 171 Principale St. South. To reserve, please call Marge at (819) 826-2760.

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Time Flies at Trinity Anglican, Cowansville

Busy! Busy! Busy! describes Trinity Anglican Church, Cowansville. Starting with the Friendly Society's very successful Coffee Party on February 11th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. despite the cold weather, with everyone really enjoying the pancakes and sausages, as well as the large table full of "goodies" and telling us that they are looking forward to the next one on March 11 at the same time, again with pancakes and sausages.

On February 22nd, a large number turned out for Visioning Day. After a few minutes of socializing, we broke up into groups to discuss - Spiritual Growth; Evangelism; Social Programs; Liturgy/Worship/Music and Christian Education. Told that we could either stay with one group or move around to the various groups, one could see a lot of movement and discussion taking place. When the time was up, the groups got together and heard a report from each group leader. Questions and discussion again took place before the date was set for the next meeting - March 22nd, starting at 9:30 a.m. A bag lunch followed with a feeling of accomplishment and the enjoyment of sharing this special time together.

The Helping Hands Food Bank is kept busy on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m. with volunteers packaging goods, bought in bulk, until around 3:00 p.m. when the volunteers close up shop. We are well supported by the members of the parish, Emmanuel United Church, the Cowans-

ville Legion and friends, for which, we are very thankful. Bryce Dougall and Reg. Shaw are our busy shoppers, watching the fliers to get the best bargains.

Valentine cards were collected and sent to St. Anne's Veterans' Hospital, kindness of Reverend Arnold Godsoe. The Sunday School did a fantastic job with the ones, which they made. I'm sure that they were very much appreciated.

Coins, coins, coins are being collected in order to raise \$500.00, so that we may purchase a heifer, through Heifer International Inc., for a family in the third world. There is a drawing of a large cow in the hall, with spots, worth \$50.00 each. It is fun to see the spots being coloured and the involvement of the children.

Thanks to many, a 2003 Lenten Book was composed and given to the contributors, with the rest sold for \$5.00. They are proving to be popular as they are full of inspirational readings for Lent.

Trinity is happy to be in partnership with St. Paul's Anglican Church, Knowlton, for the Healthy and Holy Lenten Conference with Bishop and Mrs. Marsh from Newfoundland, to be held between the two churches April 3rd to the 6th with a joint service at St. Paul's at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th, also we will take part in the World Day of Prayer to be held at Emmanuel United Church this year.

Bible Study continues to take place in various homes each Friday, beginning around 1:30 p.m. DOCC (Disciples of

Christ in Community) meets in the church hall every Tuesday night with leadership in the hands on Reverends Sinpoh Han and George Campbell along with June Harris.

Reverend Sinpoh Han, besides getting in a lot of home and hospital visitations, which are really appreciated, in conducting Lenten Services each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning on Ash Wednesday. His plans are to hold an Eucharist at each service as well as a Video "Wrestling with Angels" with a discussion. If they continue to be as interesting as last night's, we are in for a most enjoyable Lenten series.

The members of the Friendly Society are as busy as beavers as they prepare to welcome Canada's Hat Ladies with their Mobile Hat Museum from Ontario. These ladies are known from coast to coast for their most interesting program based on hats down through the ages. Along with the fun of seeing and trying on hats, etc., a lovely tea will be served - one at 2:00 p.m. and another at 4:00 p.m. on April 12th, held in the church hall, 409 South Street, Cowansville, Quebec. If you wish to have more information, please phone Marion Hunter - 450-293-6136.

Well better close, I'm probably missing something going on right now. Until the next time!

Evelyn Beban Lewis

Military Whist

RICHMOND

Despite the winter chill, Ladies Auxiliary, Br. 15 sponsored another successful Military Whist evening the 27th of February. Under game organizer Mildred Holliday's direction, 22 tables were in play, with the following winners: 1st (26 flags) Jeanne d'Arc Jutras, Marcel Langois, Rita Belanger and Victoria Beland. 2nd (25 flags) Neil and Ruth Mountain, Royce and Winnifred Griffith, 3rd (14 flags) Helen Knowles, Pat Price, Harold and Rowena Henderson.

Grocery box winners were George Horan and Marie Berthe Skerry. Door prizes went to Pat Price, Patsy Biggs, Gilbert Verhoef, Eileen Perkins, Gordon Irwin, Caroline Beloeil, Vivian Pollock, Winnifred Griffith, Raymond Lancaster, Valerie Clifford, Joe Bell, Jean Davidson, Rose Oakley, Helen Gallup, Raymond Fortier, Ross Davidson, Rose Rioux, Royce Griffith, Fran Cunningham, Elsie Dunn, Arthur Cassidy, Marge Abercrombie, Victoria Beland, Gertrude Watson, Paul Rioux, Marge Frazer, Walter Adam, Patsy Millar, Wanda Viens, Suzanne Tremblay, Andrée Carson, Helen Jones, Marge Hill, Jean Storry, Jeff Van Wersch, Jeanne d'Arc Jutras, Dot Gunter, Helen Knowles, Clara Boisvert, Ruth Mountain and Zetta Olney.

Another evening of fun guaranteed at our next Military Whist Evening, Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.! (Reservations - 819-826-2658). Thanks to all who help to make these fund-raisers so successful!

Norma Lester, publicity convenor

Obituary

DORICE AGNES (REED) HAMILTON

Peacefully at the Newport Health Care Center, Newport Vt., on March 7, 2003 in her 101st year. Loving wife of the late Robert J. Hamilton.

Born July 6th, 1902 in Graniteville Quebec, daughter of Roy M. and Grace (Reynolds) Reed, attended school at Beebe, Quebec, and later worked for several years in the office of Butterfield and Company, Rock Island, Quebec.

She married Robert J. Hamilton of Beebe Plain, Vermont on June 30th, 1924, making their home in Claremont, New Hampshire. She was secretary for the Claremont Building and Loan Association for eighteen years, also secretary for Reed-Hamilton Memorials, a company owned by her husband and brother Howard Reed.

She did volunteer work at the Claremont General Hospital, and was also active in the American Cancer Dressings Program, and the Red Cross.



After her husband died in 1960 she continued to do volunteer work, sewing, and caring for a large rock garden until 1989, when due to failing eyesight, she sold her house and moved to Michaud Memorial Manor in Derby Line Vt., then to Newport in 1998 where she was faithfully cared for by the Newport Health Care Center staff.

She was predeceased by three brothers Howard, Lyell, and Willard Reed, survived by her sister Enid (Reed) Elliott of Ogden, Quebec, brother Philip J. Reed (Marjorie) of Barre Vt., and sister-in-law Mae Reed of Newport Vt., many nieces, nephews and their families.

As per her wishes, cremation, no visitation. Interment of ashes with a graveside service in Mountain View Cemetery, Claremont, NH., in June. Arrangements entrusted to Curtis-Britch, Converse-Rushford Funeral Homes of Newport, Vt.

Milby Women's Institute

The March meeting of the Milby W.I. met with Evelyn Suitor on Thursday afternoon, March 6th at 2 p.m.

It being 1st Vice President's Day, Winona Kirby opened the meeting by greeting all and repeating the Collect; the flag and the Oath of Citizenship. Motto: "By the time you find out what makes the world go around, you are too dizzy to care."

The minutes were read and accepted. Business, the books had been audited. The treasurer, Marjorie Suitor gave her report and all bills were voted paid. Our new programs were given out. Thanks to Gwen Parker for this.

A letter from Q.W.I. office was read also a thank you for knitted articles received. A thank you from the Fowler Home for their Christmas basket. More discussion over the 2003 FWIC Convention being held at Bishops in June. Members who play to go are to fill out the registration form soon.

Instead of having Convenors now, it is called Committee chairs. For agriculture: Beverly Patrick read about "water flowing again" also about awards given to volunteer workers in Lennoxville, and she read an article of W.I. news for 1988. Many changes since. Evelyn Suitor mentioned school break this last week. For health, Winona told about Anna Kinney says organic food is better for you, try sweet basil.

The W.I. news is sent to The Record and County Publicity Convenor and Mildred Cairns read how the Pussy Willows got their name. Marjorie gave the County meeting report. Six articles were handed in for 2003. Pennies were collected. Mystery article went to Winona. The roll call was answered by nine members by naming "a food from another country." The meeting adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Evelyn Suitor.

Mildred Cairns

Death

BARRINGTON, Mary Lestine (nee Taber) 1906-2003 - Peacefully at the Centre d'Accueil in Cowansville, Que., on Tuesday, March 11th, 2003 in her 97th year, passed away Mary Lestine Taber, loving wife of the late W. George Barrington. Loving mother of Elaine (Robert Buzzell), Cowansville, Que., and Winnifred (Bill Jenner), Châteauguay, Que. Cherished grandmother of Charlotte (Henry Blumenfeld), Cowansville, Que., Barbara (Joe Michel), Bromont, Que., Margaret (Bart Moodie), Wolf Island, Ont., Lianne (Pierre Pelletier), Brockville, Ont., Heather (Ian Johnston), Rossland, B.C., Suzanne (Steve Cobham), Alymer, Que., and John Robert, Ottawa, Ont., and great-grandmother of 15. Predeceased by her brothers, Clifford (late Emily), Wesley (late Marjorie) and Merrill (late Diana), her brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Edna Barrington and Wilma and Allan Peterson. Also left to mourn are her sisters: Florence Doyle (late Frank), Wales Home, Richmond, Que., and Violet Rothney (late Lyman), Lennoxville, Que., her nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 109 William St., Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca where family and friends may visit on Thursday, March 13th, 2003 from 2 - 4 p.m., and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 14th from the funeral home chapel at 1:30 p.m. Reverend Mary MacPhearson officiating. Burial of ashes will be at a later date. Please note: Friday, day of service, the funeral home will be open from 1 p.m. Donations in her memory to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Deaths

MORRISON, George - After a lengthy illness, at the Richmond Foyer, Richmond, Que., on Sunday, March 9, 2003 in his 55th year. George Carlton Morrison, beloved son of Lloyd Morrison and the late Hilda Goodenough and father of Patricia (Martin) and grandfather of Naomi. Dear brother of Bryan (Lynda) and Shirley and nephew of Margaret Goodenough Sewell. He will be sadly missed by his many relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where friends may call on Friday, March 14, 2003 from 7 - 9 p.m., and on Saturday, March 15, 2003 from 1 - 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Rev. Barbara Willard officiating. Spring interment in Eaton Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

PELLERIN, André - Surrounded by his family at his home in Lennoxville, passed away André Pellerin on Friday, March 7, 2003. André Pellerin, in his 49th year, loving husband of Wendy MacLean. Devoted father, he leaves his children: Daniel, Julie (Corby Tietz), Anne, Karen, Mathieu, young Liam and the late Catherine. Son of Claire Tardiff and of the late Dr. Marcel Pellerin, m.v. André will be missed by his brothers, Luc (Chantal Gagnon), François (Lucie Fréchette) and Charles Pellerin, the Tardiff family, his friends, all those who had the pleasure of working with him and the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sherbrooke. The family will receive family and friends on Friday, March 14, 2003 from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel.: (819) 565-1155, fax: (450) 820-8872. On Saturday March 15, 2003 family and friends are welcome to meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2775 Prospect St., Sherbrooke, Que. Funeral service will be held at the Kingdom Hall, Saturday, March 15 at 3 p.m. The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Longval for his exceptional support and devotion. As a memorial tribute, donations to Leucan, P.O. Box 25146, Sherbrooke, Que., J1J 4M8, would be appreciated by the family.

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♦ K Q			
♣ J 5 4			
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South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ A			

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Nine more often than not

By Phillip Alder

To start today, look at the North-South spade suit. You have nine combined cards, missing the queen. You are in six spades and lose the first trick. So, you must play the trump suit without loss. Should you bash out the ace and king, or should you finesse on the second round?

In this auction, North's four-club response is a splinter bid. It shows game values with at least four-card spade support and a singleton (or, rarely, a void) in clubs. This is music to South's ears, so he trots out Blackwood.

West cashes the club ace, then, for want of anything better to do, continues with the club king. After ruffing in the dummy, declarer played a spade to his ace and led a second spade. When West followed with the 10, time stood still. Had West begun with Q-10-8 or 10-8?

The specific spot-cards are irrelevant. Did West begin with Q-x-x or x-x? It seems to be a guess. There are three queen-thirds: Q-10-8, Q-10-7 and Q-8-7. There are also three low doubletons: 10-8, 10-7 and 8-7.

However, the probabilities for 3-1 and 2-2 splits are not identical. The a priori probability of a 3-1 split is 49.7 percent, and of a 2-2 division is 40.7 percent. (Remember 50, 40, 10 for the three possible splits of four cards.) Doing the arithmetic, you find that the probability is 18.65 percent that West began with queen-third of spades, and 20.35 percent that East started with queen-doubleton. Therefore, going for the drop is nearly two percent better than taking a second-round finesse.

You might ask yourself why you care so much

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband, "Gil," and I are divorcing after 23 years of marriage. We mutually decided that I would move out Jan. 1 of this year.

At the end of December, I was unexpectedly given a day off of work. I needed to reach Gil, and tried his office and cell-phone, but there was no answer. I went home, and something compelled me to press the redial button on his bedside phone. Was I ever surprised when the desk clerk at the local hotel answered.

As any woman who is still married would do, I headed over to the hotel and waited for two hours in the parking lot. Sure enough, out comes Gil with "Denise." Both of them were speechless when they saw me.

Annie, you have no idea how hurt I

was. It wouldn't have bothered me if he had waited until I was officially out of the house, but I guess he couldn't control himself for one lousy week more. When I told Gil how upset I was, he replied, "What's the difference? You were leaving me anyway."

I ended up packing my things that very night. I stayed at my parents' home and took my teenage children with me. They were devastated by their father's behavior. I would like a third-party's opinion. Don't you think Gil and Denise should have waited a week to arrange their little rendezvous? — Lost Morals in Massachusetts

Dear Lost Morals: Yes, Gil and Denise should have had the self-control to wait a week. However, you might ask yourself why you care so much. His actions were not the most respectful, but they were not so surprising as to provoke the reaction you had. Two hours in the parking lot? You must have been plenty steamed. And to tell the children about it was a spiteful choice, Mom.

Please consider counseling to sort out your feelings before you eat yourself up with anger. It sounds like there is more going on than you want to admit.

Dear Annie: Last week, while on a flight to Dallas, the woman seated next to me proceeded to floss her teeth after she finished her lunch. I was still eating my own meal and found her behavior most unappetizing.

This was not a case of simply having a piece of meat stuck somewhere. The woman methodically cleaned the spaces between all of her teeth. Airline seats are close enough as it is, and she was practically flossing in my face.

Am I off base in thinking this act of personal hygiene should be reserved for the bathroom? — Gritting My Own Teeth in California

Dear Gritting Your Teeth: You're lucky the woman didn't gargle and rinse while she was at it. Flossing one's teeth is not a spectator sport. All forms of dental hygiene should take place in the bathroom. It would have been perfectly OK to tell that ill-mannered woman, "Excuse me, but I'm sure you would prefer to do that in the washroom rather than subject everyone else to your personal routine."

Dear Annie: You missed the boat about making donations to the family after someone has died. It may be a regional thing, but such donations are very much accepted in the area where I live. Frankly, I would much rather my money go to the family to offset funeral expenses or pay for a child's education than to some charity I've never heard of, or to send flowers that are gone in a few days. — Flowers Are for The Living

Dear Flowers: It is generous to give donations to the family if you wish. It is NOT OK, however, for the family to ask for donations in the death notice. However, if that is a common practice in your neck of the woods, fine with us.

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

Happy Birthday

Happy 96th birthday wishes to Mrs. Ruby Alden on Thursday, March 13.

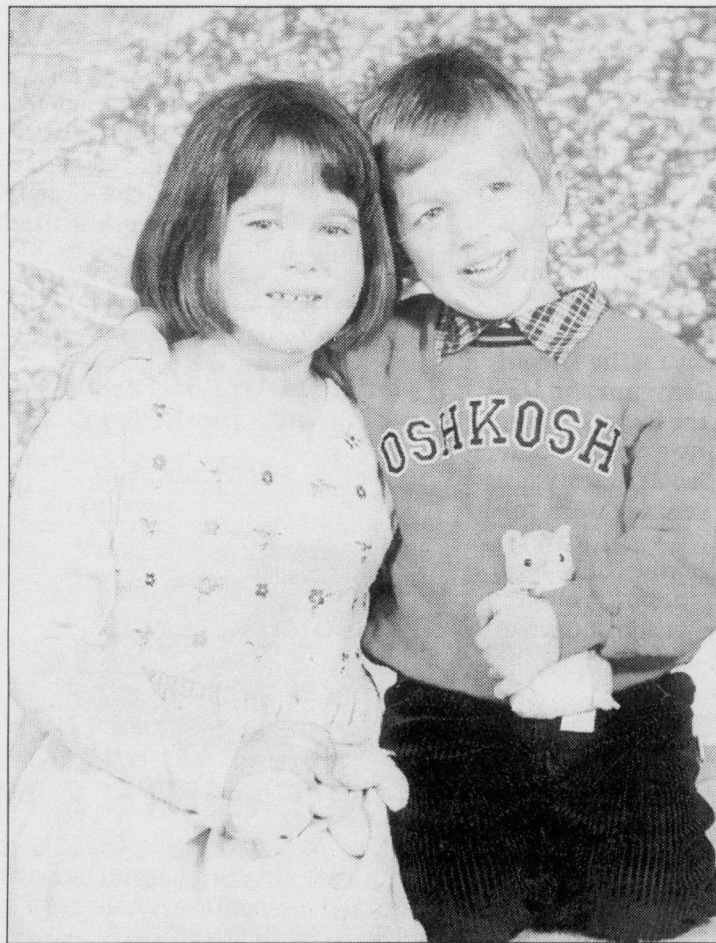
Love and best wishes from the staff and residents' of the Grapes Residence.

Open House

The family of Ivy Hatch would like you to join them to celebrate Ivy's 90th birthday, at the St. Francis Manor, 125 Queen St., Lennoxville on Sunday, March 16, 2003, 2-4 p.m.

Best Wishes Only please.

Elizabeth and Evan



Elizabeth Jean (7) and Evan Alexander (5), children of Wanda (Evans) and Conan Moore of Kanata, Ont.

Proud grandparents are Terry and Bernie Scheisser, Golden, B.C., George Moore, Toronto, and Franklyn and Jean Evans of Sawyerville, Que.

75th birthday party

HUNTINGVILLE

Birthdays are always a cause for celebration, especially when it's the 75th! So on Saturday, March 8, 2003, approximately 35 people gathered at the Howe home, to help Nilda Howe celebrate her birthday. Nilda's daughter, Pat arranged the party.

Delicious refreshments were served including a variety of sandwiches, chips, veggies, dip, cookies, doughnuts, cupcakes, fruit salad, tea, coffee, and a lovely birthday cake, which was made and decorated by Ruth Charleau.

A guessing game (no. of beads on a basket) was won by Janet Shepherd.

A social time was enjoyed by all.

Sue Nichols

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

Met at the town hall on Tuesday, March 4th.

Rita Marcoux made meat loaves and gravy, Huguette Levoy made and donated mashed potatoes, we had a tossed salad, Johnny cake from FLora Jersey. The club furnished tropical fruit for dessert, we had cookies, and a lemon bread from Rita Mossa. Bertha Smithers donated cookies to be used at a later date.

Lila McCoy won today's half and half game.

"500" winners were, Therese and Edmond Ducharme.

Game winners were: Bertha SMithers, Flora and Jackie Jersey, George Hamelin, Dorothy Woodard, Juliette Laliberte, Verlie Aiken, Alfred Vintinner, Lila McCoy and Rita Mossa.

Rita Mossa

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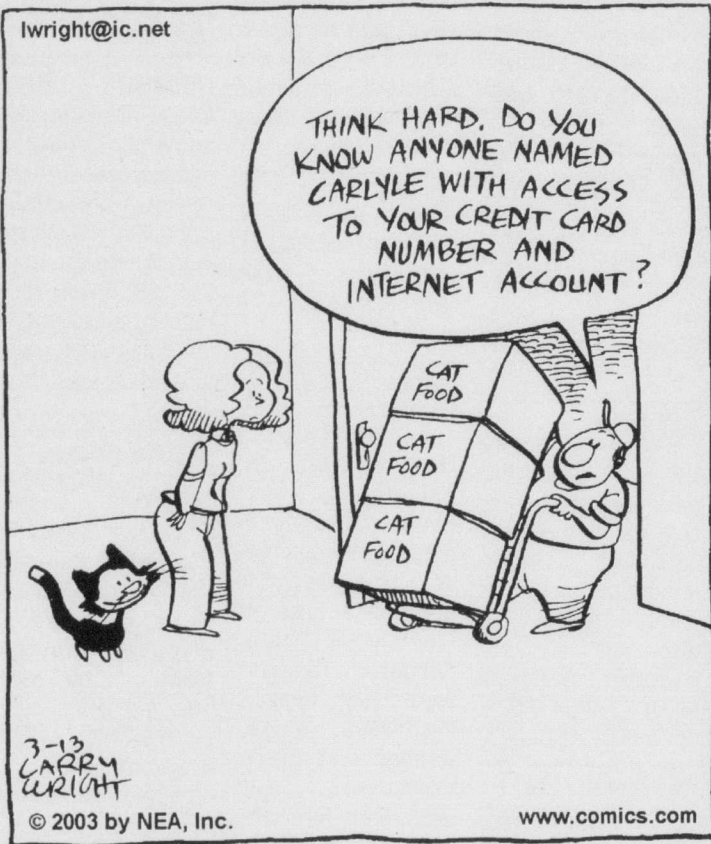
by Luis Campos

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

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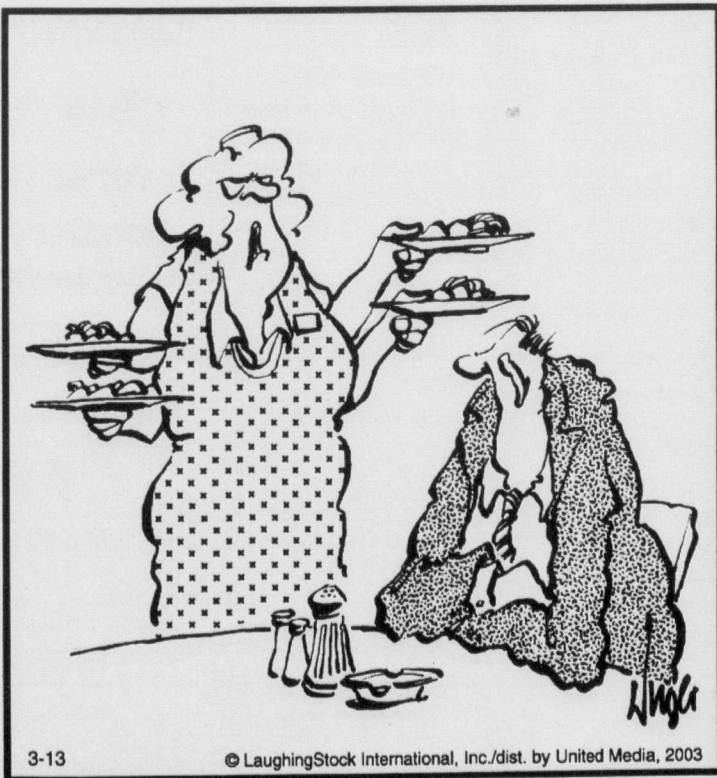


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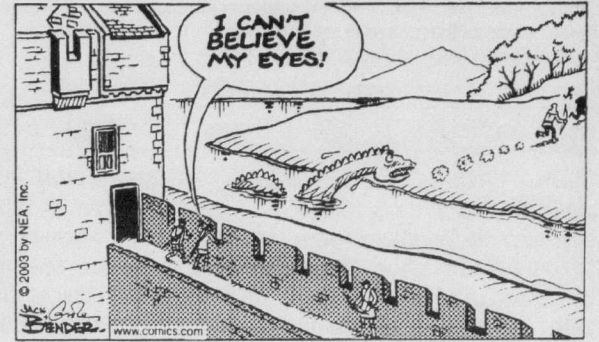


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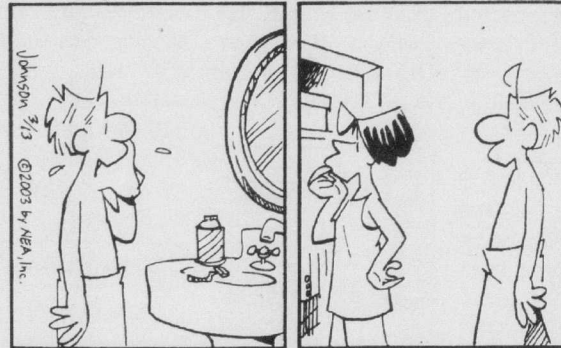
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"I've only got two pairs of hands, you know!"

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS

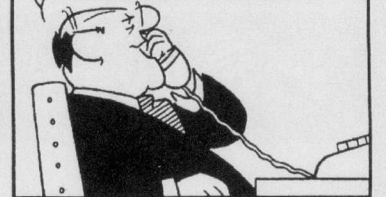
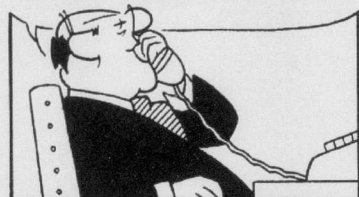


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IT'S GOOD YOU'RE HERE! YEAH. I'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS TO TELL HER!

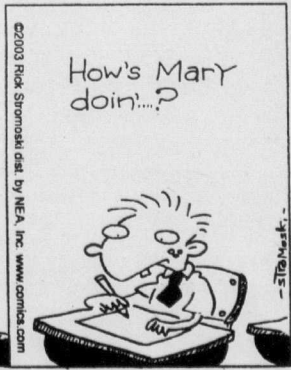
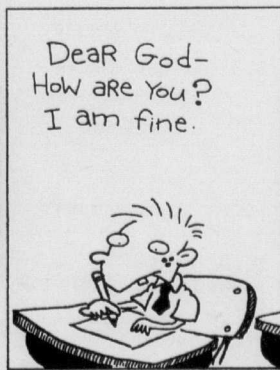
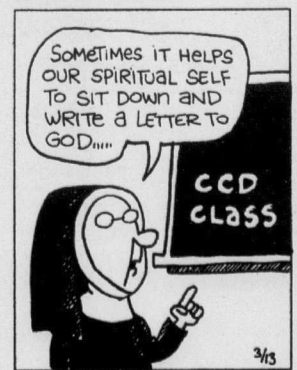
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RICHMOND
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sure it was to hear the clear tones as each bell was sung at just the right time! The program was carried out with readers from St. Anne's Anglican Church, the United Church of Richmond and Melbourne, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. Bibiane's Catholic Church and Trenholmlville United Church.

The address was given by the Rev. Ruth Matthews, retired Anglican Rector. Her subject was "The Holy Spirit Fills Us." She very ably gave a great deal of her

message in French, as well as English. The collection that was taken up will be forwarded to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, which provides grants to deserving projects and produces World Day of Prayer resources.

Music was an important part of the evening. Appropriate selections had been chosen by Mrs. Ann Clark, who played the organ for their rendition by the congregation. She also led the inter-faith choir in two special numbers. The pro-

gram closed with another selection by the Bell Choir, "Go Now In Peace." Bouquets of flowers were presented to the Rev. Ruth Matthews and Sister Carmen Dubois by Mrs. Ann Clark, a small thanks for their special efforts.

To close this ecumenical evening, everyone was invited to the Church Hall for refreshments, which included two traditional dishes of Lebanon.

Jean Storry

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 13, 2003

It looks like the year ahead will be a better one for you than usual. Some exciting happenings will stimulate your well-being and give you much courage to take on several projects that can improve your lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You could be a bit luckier today in ventures that have some elements of chance. However, this doesn't mean you should get reckless and put your money down on foolish long shots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Being in the company of persons with whom you have close personal bonds will make your day today. If your calendar is packed with outside interests, change some

plans in order to be with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Continue to search all your venues for new developments or opportunities that can help you acquire one of your fondest wishes. You have a good chance of finding a means today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Capitalize on your opportunities at this time and you'll continue to have excellent potential for material growth. Don't let any advantage or opening to add to your resources slip by.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - There are indications today that you may be exposed to some type of inspirational stimulation. Listen well and digest what is said, because it could have a profound effect on your outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - There is some

kind of activity stirring behind the scenes today of which you're totally unaware. Once it surfaces, however, you'll be pleased by it, because it's being done on your behalf.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Have faith in your thinking today, because your judgment is better than you think. Once you decide upon something, make every effort to see it through to completion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - It would behoove you today to raise your sights a bit higher where your career or aspirations are concerned. Challenges will awaken your better qualities and urge you on to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Friends have a sincere appreciation for your organizing abilities and may draft you today into making the arrangements for

a social event. You'll justify their faith in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Something you've been unable to acquire through your usual sources may finally be attained through an untapped channel an associate finds. It'll make your day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Making time to take a short excursion could satisfy your restless spirit today. You won't have to put too many miles on your car; simply get out and move about a bit with a couple of pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Your financial aspects look especially encouraging today, particularly in situations where you are earning income through your acquired talents and skills. Keep plugging.

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ACROSS

- 1 Gem weight
- 6 Field yield
- 10 Lacking fizz
- 14 Like a lot
- 15 Anglo-Saxon slave
- 16 Continental cash
- 17 Pass
- 20 North American reindeer
- 21 Three-way junction
- 22 Campus life
- 23 In-vogue one
- 25 Germ cell
- 26 Rigel's constellation
- 28 On the other side
- 32 With 41A, pass
- 36 Yes, Yves

- 37 Freeway exit
- 38 Miss a step
- 39 Part of CPU
- 40 Aladdin prince
- 41 See 32A
- 45 Advil competitor
- 47 Bring to bear
- 48 Homeric epic
- 50 Thingamajig
- 54 Cheerleading accessories
- 57 Japanese honorific
- 58 Lilly or Wallach
- 59 Pass
- 62 Cradle call
- 63 Succotash bean
- 64 Mitt
- 65 Kerplunk cousin

- 24 Closed circuit
- 25 Exhaled contemptuously
- 27 Lollapalooza
- 29 Ms. Chaplin
- 30 Long or strong follower
- 31 Web location
- 32 Jam-pack
- 33 Crown of light
- 34 Overlook
- 35 Silly Rabbit's cereal
- 39 As far as
- 41 Gas light
- 42 Eric Burdon's group

- 43 Aromatic wood
- 44 Ancient period
- 46 Irregular stone foundation
- 49 Openly welcome
- 51 Clear, as a windshield
- 52 ___ and kicking
- 53 Crapshooter
- 54 Stately display
- 55 Roundish shape
- 56 Bulletin board posting
- 57 Stick with something
- 60 Cassowary cousin
- 61 Sunshine St.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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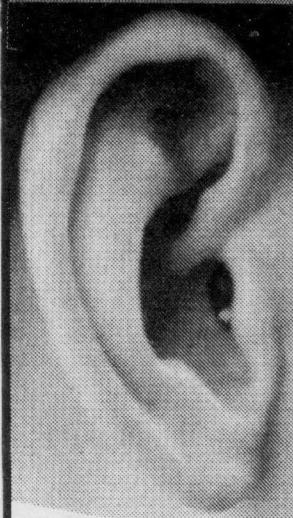
DOWN

- 1 DA's workload
- 2 Of age
- 3 Bullwinkle's pal
- 4 Crescent
- 5 Wobbles
- 6 Surrender formally
- 7 Pretoria's nation: abbr.
- 8 Standing by
- 9 Mariner's jacket
- 10 Tributary
- 11 De ___ (sumptuously)
- 12 Saroyan's "My Name Is ___"
- 13 Ponderous volume
- 18 Eldritch
- 19 Stupor: pref.

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