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Police stop motorists as Hells Angels party

By Rita Legault

Provincial and regional police patrolmen were kept busy Saturday evening as dozens of Hell Angels and other unsuspecting motorists were stopped for traffic checks along Route 143 between Sherbrooke and Lennoxville.

More than 100 members of the notorious biker gang and their friends and sympathizers were in town this weekend to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Sherbrooke Chapter of the Hells Angels — now the largest in Canada.

As celebrations were scheduled to begin, the route between the chapter's clubhouse in Lennoxville and the reception hall in Sherbrooke was crawling

with police cars — some of them from as far as Abitibi-Ouest.

Dozens of motorists were intercepted, including one Record staffer on her way to the paper's Christmas party at the Old Lennoxville Golf Course. Everyone who arrived at that party reported they had seen flashing red and blue lights and police intercepting vehicles on Queen Street on the city limits between Sherbrooke and Lennoxville.

A gas station attendant on Queen said he witnessed a constant parade of police vehicles all evening. A couple of patrolmen who stopped to buy gas were wearing bullet-proof kevlar vests.

SEE HELLS ANGELS, PAGE 7

Vigil



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Today, in memory of the 14 women killed 10 years ago at the École polytechnique in Montreal, a vigil will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. It begins with a ribbon ritual at Lennoxville City Hall at 5 p.m., continuing with a candlelight procession to Bishop's University at 5:40 p.m. and ending with a vigil and candle ceremony at Bandeen Hall, Bishop's University, at 6 p.m. On the Bishop's organizing committee are Andie Gordon, Steph Brown, Michelle Levy, Tamy Superle, Kevin King, Leah Thompson and Katie Haslett, pictured in front of a decorated window at Bishop's to commemorate the anniversary. The program will be bilingual and everyone is welcome. For more, please see page 5.

Fatal Collision on Rte. 108



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

A 33-year-old Ascot man was killed instantly in a head-on collision on Route 108 near Birchton Friday evening. Two other vehicles were involved in the accident which took the life of Richard Nadeau. One of the other drivers suffered several fractures and had to be taken by ambulance to the Centre universitaire de santé de l'Estrie. The driver of the other vehicle was also injured. Quebec Police Force officials were still investigating the cause of the crash Sunday afternoon. Police theorized one of the vehicles may have been driving in the oncoming traffic lane, perhaps in an attempt to pass. Police said the accident occurred on a dry, curving stretch of highway. A section of route 108 was closed to traffic in both directions for about four hours.

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Ottawa to close Granby RCMP detachment

Six other outposts also slated to close

By Maurice Crossfield

Shefford MP Diane St-Jacques says she has obtained documents that show the federal government intends to close the Granby detachment of the RCMP, along with several others in Quebec.

"In doing this they are leaving the place to organized crime," St-Jacques

said. "It is well-known that when the cat is away, the mice will play."

In the document entitled "Reorganizational Project of the Operational Structure - Division C," the recommendation is made to close the Granby detachment along with outposts in St-Hyacinthe, Valleyfield, Iles de la Madeleine, Roberval, Baie Comeau and Joliette.

St-Jacques said those recommendations have since been given the support of the Solicitor General of Canada, Lawrence MacAulay.

The operations of those detachments

would then be centralized. In the case of the Granby, St-Hyacinthe and Valleyfield detachments, they would be centralized in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

However, St-Jacques says that would leave large areas of the region without RCMP protection, including the region between St-Jean and Sherbrooke. Though rarely seen, the RCMP commonly work on drug dossiers, counterfeiting and smuggling cases.

The Shefford MP said farmers will be adversely affected because they will have less protection from marijuana growers.

"And that is but one of the multiple criminal activities on our territory," she said.

Granby Township police chief Denis Roy, himself a former RCMP officer, said the loss of the six-member Granby detachment will mean more work for local police forces. He said municipal police forces may have to hire more officers to handle dealing with the dossiers.

St-Jacques has vowed to fight the proposed closures.

"I will not stand by with my arms crossed."

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Nine thieves caught in the act

Police successes also a warning for homeowners

By Maurice Crossfield

After coming off of a banner month, the Brome-Missisquoi detachment of the Quebec Police Force is warning residents to be more watchful for thieves during the holiday season.

In the month of November QPF patrollers nabbed nine people in the act of robbing homes in Brome-Missisquoi.

"That is extremely rare," said QPF spokesman Const. Serge Dubord. "We don't usually get that many in a year."

In two of the cases neighbors contacted police after seeing something suspicious. A patrol car came to the scene, and the burglars were either caught at the scene or following a car chase.

In another case it was a person distributing advertising circulars who spotted something

unusual. Once again, the thieves were nabbed on the spot.

In another case an alarm was tripped at a home in Sutton Township on the night of Nov. 25. QPF officers were in Sutton at the Chez Camil's fire, and responded to the call within minutes.

The thieves attempted to get away by running out the back door of the home. They ran into a pond, which they could not see in the darkness. The officers waited on shore until the soggy burglars gave themselves up.

On the night of Nov. 30 a patrol car spotted a minivan on Godbout Road in Dunham. The van was stolen, as was the assortment of tools inside. A 17-year-old was hiding nearby, and was arrested in connection with a string of six thefts in Frelighsburg, Abbott's Corners, Dunham and Farnham.

"This all goes to show how important it is for people to be aware, and to contact the police if they see anything suspicious," said Dubord. "Good

collaboration has given us results."

COATICOOK

There have also been a string of break-ins in the territory covered by the Coaticook detachment of the QPF. Dubord said there were five break ins in October and seven in November. Another five thefts were reported at residences along Wallace Lake in St-Hermenigilde.

On Monday Dec. 6, there will be a community meeting at the Compton Community Hall. Dubord said the meeting will provide information on the recent break-ins, and some good advice on prevention. The meeting gets underway at 8 p.m.

Be sure to lock your doors when you go.

Dubord suggested that all homeowners be especially watchful at this time of year, which is the peak of the burglary season. It's also the time when people leave their homes to visit friends and family, giving thieves a wide selection of targets.

Weather

TODAY: Rainy. Temperature steady near 5. Winds northeasterly 15 to 30 km/h.

TUESDAY: Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 4. High near 1.

WEDNESDAY: Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 6. High near 1.

BEN by Daniel Shelton



'This is anti-democratic and anti-Québécois'

Sovereignists say No to Federal Liberals setting referendum rules

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

About a dozen prominent sovereignists held a news conference in Sherbrooke Friday to denounce the Federal Liberal plan to set the rules for a future referendum on Quebec sovereignty.

Following last year's Supreme Court ruling, in which Canada's top jurists declared that a clear majority on a clear question would be required for Quebec to separate from Canada, the Liberals are considering introducing legislation that would determine what a clear majority is and that would force Quebec to adopt a clear question and determine what a clear majority is.

But sovereignists say that in a democracy the majority is 50 votes plus one and that any other formula would mean federalist votes would be worth more than sovereignist votes.

'It's not true that a vote by (prominent federalists) Robert Pouliot, Jean Charest or Dennis Woods is worth 20 per cent more than the vote of (Bloc MP) Serge Cardin or anyone else,' said Frontenac Bloc MP Jean-Guy Chrétien. 'We are not going to let them bulldoze us.'



Bloc MP Jean-Guy Chrétien... 'We are not going to let them bulldoze us.'



PHOTOS: PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL
Former Parti Québécois MNA Marie Malavoy (right) said Jean Chrétien is obsessed with his place in history and the PM doesn't want to be known as the man who allowed Quebec to leave Canada.

'Democracy is when the majority rules. When the minority rules - that's a dictatorship,' said PQ youth delegate Guillaume Brault, adding that in many countries in the world people are still fighting to get a vote.

Friday's rally came during a province-wide tour of Bloc MP Pierre Paquette.

The Bloc is handing out postcards for people to sign and send to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to show their support for democracy and their disapproval of the Liberal plan to mess with the democratic rules that have governed past referendums.

'This is an attempt by Jean Chrétien and (Intergovernmental Affairs Minister) Stéphane Dion to rob us of our democratic right to decide our own future,' Paquette charged, adding the Liberals must fear a victory in a future referendum.

Paquette said that after three referendums - including a federal one of the Charlottetown Accord - the Liberals want to change the rules of the game.

'This is anti-democratic and anti-Québécois,' he charged, adding it amounts to the federal government taking over guardianship of the National Assembly and the people of Quebec.

'They want to take away our right to decide our own future,' he said.

Former Parti Québécois MNA Marie Malavoy said Chrétien is obsessed with his place in history and the PM doesn't want to be known as the man who allowed Quebec to leave Canada.

'I am ashamed as a former parliamentarian that a group of parliamentarians are trying to thwart democracy,' she said. 'They are turning against their bread and butter, against the democratic system that elected them.'

Sherbrooke Bloc MP Serge Cardin also issued a challenge to provincial Liberals to take a stand.

Once again comparing the current Liberal tactics to the unilateral patriation



PQ youth delegate Guillaume Brault... 'Democracy is when the majority rules. When the minority rules - that's a dictatorship.'

of the Constitution in 1983, Cardin said the Liberals will have to deal with the Bloc this time around and they won't let the rights of Quebec be trampled on.

Cardin and other Bloc Québécois MPs have promised to tie up parliament if the Liberals try to legislate the rules for a referendum in Quebec.



Sherbrooke Bloc MP Serge Cardin and Bloc MP Pierre Paquette... postcards to the Prime Minister.

Woman found dead in pool

Staff
SHERBROOKE

The body of a 77-year-old woman was found in the pool of her apartment complex in Sherbrooke Saturday morning.

The woman was found float-

ing in three feet of water at the Villa de l'Estrie senior's apartment complex, situated at 3300 DesChênes St. behind the Carrefour de l'Estrie.

She was wearing flotation devices around her arms.

An autopsy is being per-

formed to determine the cause of death.

Due to the shallow water in which the woman was found and the presence of flotation devices, Sherbrooke police speculate the woman may have suffered a heart attack.

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Charles Marion found dead in his Stoke home

Victim of lengthiest kidnapping in 1977

Staff

Charles Marion, who became famous as the victim of Canada's longest kidnapping, was found

lifeless Friday afternoon in the Stoke home where he was kidnapped 22 years ago.

It appears Marion shot himself. Police would not confirm the method, but confirmed it was a suicide.

Marion was kidnapped on Saturday, Aug. 6, 1977 by two masked men at his

cottage on Rang 11 in Stoke. The next day his wife reported him missing to the Quebec Police Force.

A ransom letter was discovered the following Monday morning in the night deposit box of the Caisse Populaire de Sherbrooke Est where Marion was the credit manager. The note demanded a million dollars in exchange for the life of their captive.

His captors - who dubbed themselves Les Septs Serpents - also delivered a number of missives to local media creating a veritable media circus around the kidnapping. At one point a duo of reporters from CKSH and CKVL were to deliver the ransom.

Two attempts to drop off the ransom in September failed and Marion was finally released on Oct. 17, 1977 at the airport in East Angus after a ransom of

\$50,000 was delivered by his son and another family member. He had been held for 83 days in a hunting cabin in Gould.

For a long time during the inquiry people suspected that Marion had had a hand in his own kidnapping - a suspicion that followed him throughout his life but was mitigated when a first suspect, Michel de Varennes, was arrested on the Saint-Jean Baptiste Holiday in 1978. De Varennes and accomplices Claude and Jeanne Valence were eventually found guilty.

But Marion never got over the emotion of the incident and after he was released he kept away from the public eye and never returned to his job at the Caisse Populaire.

Marion would have been 79 this month.

AUTOGRAPH

If transmission fluid could talk

A car's automatic transmission is a vital and expensive piece of hardware that should be taken care of. Often, though, it is neglected. Like the engine, a transmission's fluid and filter need to be changed at the intervals prescribed by the owner's manual. The color and texture of the fluid can be an indicator of its condition and possibly the condition of the transmission itself. Here are the basics.



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Waterloo recycler sues Hydro

Staff

The owner of a scrap metal recycler in Waterloo is suing Hydro-Québec for more than \$3 million, saying the power company illegally sold them contaminated materials that caused a major fire.

The lawsuit, filed at the Granby courthouse last week, is one of the largest ever launched in the Bedford judicial district. The suit says Hydro knowingly sold Fer et metal Papineau 600,000 kilograms of copper wire and aluminum, covered with an insulation that contains contaminated oil, in 1998.

Not knowing that the scrap was contaminated, the recycler originally stored it outside. However under environmen-

tal law, contaminated scrap must be stored indoors.

Upon discovering that the copper and aluminum was contaminated, Papineau moved it indoors. The company, headed by Yvon Papineau, then had to apply for a permit to store the contaminated materials.

But before a permit could be obtained, a massive fire leveled the company's main facility on April 4, 1999. The lawsuit says the fire was caused by the contaminated wire coating. The fire caused an estimated \$2 million in damages.

The suit also says two of the employees who handled the contaminated goods became sick as a result.

Crash on Route 104



Two people were injured in a head-on car crash on Route 104 just west of Knowlton Friday morning. Brome Lake Police officer Wallace McGovern said a tow truck was traveling westbound when it slowed to turn into a driveway. A white minivan was following, and the driver apparently lost control. The minivan then collided with an eastbound burgundy Ford Tempo. The drivers of the minivan and the Tempo were both taken to hospital to have their injuries treated. McGovern said the injuries do not appear to be life-threatening.

- Maurice Crossfield

Soldiers of this generation and the next

Today is the 10th anniversary of the massacre at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. A man named Marc Lépine, enraged because he had been denied admission to engineering studies at the school, wrote a suicide note blaming his failures on feminists and arrived at the engineering building carrying a semi-automatic.

Separating men from women, and shouting at the women, "You are all feminists!" he opened fire. After killing 14 women and injuring 9 women and 4 men, he killed himself.

The Lennoxville and District Women's Centre has found that recent support in our region for gestures and efforts to oppose violence against women has been broad-based. It has been generous and freely given. We've come a good long way.

As you will have heard and read elsewhere, the Women's Centre is collaborating with five other women's organizations to mark the anniversary of the massacre. The Town of Lennoxville is contributing by having the commemoration (which will last from 5 to 7 p.m.) begin on the lawn of Town Hall with a ceremony including the placing of commemorative white ribbons on the evergreen tree there. The organizations working with the Centre to mount the event represent, among other sectors, local French-speaking rural women and the Catholic Diocese of Sherbrooke.

The World March of Women 2000 is being planned as an effort to combat two evils: Poverty (which has a mainly feminine face worldwide) and violence against women. On this page, you will see 192 signatures gathered by members of the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre among local people who support the aims and methods of the World March. Other area women's centres have also succeeded in gathering numerous signatures to be published elsewhere.

It looks good. It looks encouraging. Let's look at some other facts.

Sunday morning I spoke briefly with Sarah McGirr, a young woman friend who was doing volunteer weekend duty with the Sherbrooke CALACS, or rape crisis centre. Being on weekend duty means you relieve the CALACS's paid staff of the responsibility for responding to calls requiring immediate intervention — distress calls and calls to assist with sexual assault emergencies. (During the week, the staff rotate responsibility for staying on duty 24 hours a day.) Sarah said that

World March of Women 2000

In the Eastern Townships, we support the global demands of the World March of Women in the year 2000, against the poverty and the violence suffered by women.

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On December 6, let us not forget the 14 women killed 10 years ago during the sad event at the École polytechnique.

this past summer, on two successive stints of weekend duty, she was called to the hospital to assist women who had been admitted in cases of sexual assault. During an extended period in the summer, she said, duty volunteers and staffers were called to the hospital every few days.

An organization called the Collectif masculin contre le sexisme maintains a very moving list headed "Women and Children Murdered by Men, as Men, in Quebec Alone, Since December 6, 1989." Updated as of Aug. 21, 1999, it includes 543 names.

I sit in on a discussion group consisting of some Bishop's faculty and students interested in classical philosophy and literature. Four Fridays ago, when we were discussing Euripides' play the Hecuba, a student presented a paper which included — with no sense of awkwardness or embarrassment — the question whether the killing of a woman character in the play should be viewed as erotic. In the ensuing discussion, another student (both these students were young men) declared that he found the word "bitch" erotic.

Do you remember the following case? A year-and-a-half ago, two young

Saskatchewan men entrapped a prostitute, a young Native woman who worked the sex trade at the end of every month to eke out her welfare money and feed her kids. One man approached her while the other was hidden in the trunk of their car. She got into the car and was driven to an isolated area outside town. There, the hidden man emerged from the trunk of the car. Think of her terror. They had her give one of the men oral sex. Then they beat her senseless and left her in a ditch in the cold.

They returned to town and boasted of what they'd done. She died. They were convicted of manslaughter and given light sentences, because they didn't have criminal records and it hadn't been their intention to kill her.

How did the justice system come to accommodate sexual atrocities as understandable acts requiring light sentencing? When did luring a woman to a place where she would be completely defenseless, and beating her after she had performed sexual services, become a predictably and understandably pleasurable sexual escapade?

Other legal cases could be cited. Contradictions escape the people they don't harm. In 1980, I traveled to Israel with my mother to see family. While we were there, we visited my grandmother's grave. My grandmother was a very difficult person, but she had also led a very difficult life. In early 20th-century Turkey, when women's work had little monetary value, she worked for her family's subsistence by sewing and by training women to use Singer sewing machines.

She had five children to feed. Her husband, my grandfather, was able-bodied and educated, but was employed only er-

atically because he was an alcoholic.

For the last 20 years of her life, though, my grandmother lived in security and comfort, close to my uncle, in Haifa, Israel. At her graveside, my uncle translated the Hebrew inscription for us. Speaking Judaeo-Spanish (the language of Jews of Spanish descent), he told us, with obvious affection for her, that the words said she had lived life like a soldada — a soldier woman.

Against the odds, and through sheer ferocity, she saw to it her five children were fed and educated. Yet this same uncle, loyal and respectful towards his mother and loving towards his wife, later quoted with appreciation an Arab proverb according to which a man should slap his wife as soon as they wake up in the morning, in anticipation of anything wrong she may do during the day.


The young prostitute in Saskatchewan was a soldier like my grandmother. You just don't let your children starve. But we have made, and are making, women fight the wrong fight; and we still haven't achieved the courage to name all the anti-woman forces around us for what they are. All the social factors that make it okay to direct hate (and self-hate), degradation, malice and devaluation against women, function synergistically to drain individual women's self-esteem and confidence and to trigger violence against women.

The 14 women killed at the Polytechnique enlisted as soldiers in the best kind of fight, the fight to which all human beings should be recruited, in which you rejoice in the satisfaction of developing your talents to the full and using them to improve your world. I have written this column for them: Anne-Marie Edward, Anne-Marie Lemay, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte, Barbara Daigneault, Barbara Maria Kluznick, Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Maud Haviernick, Michèle Richard, Nathalie Croteau, Sonia Pelletier.

But I've written it too for the soldiers I know of the next generation who are fighting to name the things that still degrade, weaken, silence, and kill women: Kathleen, Alexandra, Bekki, Alix-Andrée, Rachel, Andrea, Sarah.

Add your own names to the list. Help them. Name and fight the hate you see.


*Rina Kampeas
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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIAL

One bath a week. Think about it.

Once again last week, health and education workers picketed outside their respective institutions during the lunch hour trying to draw attention to their plight and that of their charges within.

Most of these efforts have had the effect of spitting in the wind. Instead of listening to the grievances, many are turning on those raising them for withdrawing services and exacerbating an already bad situation.

Others just don't seem to care.

It's tough to capture the attention of a public preoccupied with Christmas shopping, picking up the kids from daycare and taking the chops out of the freezer for supper. It's equally difficult to grab the attention of a government desensitized by chronic malaise within the public sector and focused more on the future than the here and now.

The common refrain from health and education professionals of increased work loads, reduced staff and additional responsibilities due to budget cuts has rendered us oblivious. It's predictable that when health care workers at a local seniors' chronic care hospital repeated their warning last week of fewer and fewer staffers to take care of residents, most people's eyes glazed over.

After all, they've been saying that for the past two years.

So, in case this simple statement got lost, it bears repeating:

"The order now is that residents only get one bath a week," Lise Mar-

timeau, local union president for the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute, reported last week.

One bath a week. Think about it.

Imagine for a moment being confined for the rest of your life to bed and chair day in, day out where life's list of simple pleasures has been reduced to a smile, a touch, a visit, a bath.

A warm bath, a back rub with body lotion and fresh clothes can make such a difference in the daily life of a person confined to hospital. And it's one of the few things that can be done for chronically ill patients to improve their quality of life.

It's unconscionable that sick and elderly patients who have lost their ability to speak for themselves are being deprived basic comforts because institutions are understaffed.

Is anyone listening when those speaking on their behalf tell us there will be six janitors to clean the institution where they are housed, where once there were 16?

Are we quietly acquiescing to the knowledge residents who are unable to handle eating on their own are now being taken to a common dining room where there are four staffers to feed 30 patients?

It's unacceptable in an enlightened society that people should live the final chapters of their lives under such conditions.

We can't say we weren't told.

SHARON McCULLY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gun control is essential to achieve a more peaceful society

Dear Editor,

On Dec. 6, 1989, at l'École Polytechnique, our daughter, Genevieve Bergeron, was murdered along with 13 other young women:

Helene Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Maryse Laganier, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michele Richard, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte, Barbara Klucznik, Widajewicz

In the wake of the Montreal massacre in which these 14 young women lost their lives, we all made some promises. We promised to work to end sexism and racism. We would be more tolerant of others. And of course, we would work to put an end to violence.

What have we accomplished 10 years later? Certainly not everything we set out to do, but there is one promise that we managed to keep. After such a horrible tragedy, we all wanted to improve firearms control, as did the majority of Canadians. Little did we know that it would be such a long and difficult battle.

It took six long years of struggle to obtain the new gun control legislation. The new law brings Canada in line with most developed countries. Licensing firearms owners reduces the chances of dangerous people having access to guns. Registering firearms will make owners more accountable for their guns. Weapons which are not needed by civilians have been prohibited.

It took enormous efforts but we were supported in by a diverse cross section of Canadians and organizations concerned with public safety - police, public health, domestic violence, religious and community groups. And our voices were joined by the voices of other victims of gun violence. What started as a response to the tragedy at Polytechnique became a national effort to save lives. The deaths of our daugh-

ters forced people to consider the terrible toll exacted by guns - an average of 1,300 deaths each year.

When the legislation passed, some said, "Mission accomplished," but it will be several years before this legislation is fully implemented. The law is still contested and continuously undermined by an extremely vocal and powerful minority. Despite widespread support for the new law in every single province, at the urging of firearms groups, a number of provinces are challenging the law before the courts. We will join other violence prevention, public health, policing, victims and women's groups in defending the law in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Opponents argue that the law "punishes" law-abiding gun owners. But as Chief Justice of the Alberta Court of Appeal, Catherine Fraser, wrote, licensing and registration "are a small price to pay for the privilege of possessing a dangerous weapon."

How would gun owners compare these costs to the loss of a child?

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We, the families of the victims of the killings at l'École Polytechnique, work very selfishly so that our daughters will not have died in vain. Thank you to all those that have supported the Coalition for Gun Control. Thank you to the Coalition for Gun Control and all of those groups and individuals who have supported this important work. Thank you for helping us keep our promises for a more peaceful society.

In Memory of our Daughters.

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Hells Angels:

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During the spot checks, police discovered and arrested one member of the Ontario biker gang The Death Riders who was in town to participate in the festivities. The biker was stopped for an outstanding parking ticket which he promptly paid so he could return to the party and make a fashionably late entrance.

At the party, which was held at La Toque Rouge reception hall on Belvedere near Ascot, a Who's Who of the Hells Angels and biker gang world were on hand — some of them coming from as far as Manitoba and British Columbia. Of course some of the top Canadian brass was unable to attend because they were at a world convention of Hells Angels being held in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Throughout the day police kept a more or less discreet eye on the comings and goings at the Lennoxville clubhouse and La Toque Rouge. While patrolmen were stopping cars in the hope of uncovering bikers with outstanding arrest warrants, other, more discreet, police officers were monitoring activities to see who was on hand for the celebrations.

The Hells were also keeping an eye on police as a handful of leather-clad bouncers stood guard outside the reception hall, checking guests as they arrived for the invitation-only party and keeping a lookout for any signs of trouble with the law.

Inside the club, members dined and were entertained by local musicians that included one of the club's founding members: Claude Berger, a trumpet player who used to play with the Quebec Symphony Orchestra until his infamy got in the way of his classical music career. He got turfed from the symphony last year when he was charged with possession of a firearm in Quebec City. He also taught music at the Collège de Sherbrooke and now plays in a small blues band called the BB Blues.

On hand for the festivities was Maurice "Mom" Boucher, who was spotted Saturday morning having breakfast at a popular Sherbrooke family restaurant. Boucher, who is the head of the Hells Angels elite Nomad chapter, was acquitted last year on charges he had ordered the murder of two provincial prison guards.

Boucher, who joined one of his lieutenants at Chez Cora's, ran into a table of four members of the Rockers from Montreal, an affiliate of the Hells Angels. The Rockers are sort of the cub scouts of the Hells Angel movement who accomplish dirty deeds in order to climb up in the organization. Two of the "prospects" were expected to obtain their Hells Angel patch and be inducted as full-fledged members of the big boys club at the weekend festivities.

Once they become full patch members, the bikers get the right to wear the gang's colours — the group's black leather vest with the skull and wings logo and other patches. As members progress through the secret society, they obtain the right to sport more paraphernalia and jewelry, including a gaudy ring of heavy gold shaped in the skull logo with diamonds for eyes.

As Boucher arrived for breakfast, he greeted the table of sympathizers, ruffling one man's hair before finding his lieutenant in the smoker's section at the back. A few other Hells Angels were also spotted breakfasting there Saturday morning.

While their appearance was not as dramatic as the summertime arrival of a parade of noisy Harley Davidsons down Queen Street, the presence of the bikers did not go unnoticed — especially in Lennoxville. Many overtly visible Hells Angels, dressed in leather jackets, t-shirts sporting the club's winged-skull logo and bedecked with more gold jewelry than Zsa Zsa Gabor, were seen throughout the weekend dining in a number of local eateries, including Sebbys and Village Grecque.

Many of them also filled La Marquise Hotel located a stone's throw from the clubhouse. Hotels in the Sherbrooke region also profited from the boon during the off-season before ski season gets underway.

Saturday's anniversary celebrations were held to commemorate Dec. 5, 1984, when the Gitans de Sherbrooke biker gang became the third Quebec Chapter of the Hells Angels. The festivities also marked the anniversary of Halifax's "13th Tribe" Chapter, which also earned its patch Dec. 5, 1984, and the Montreal Chapter, which celebrated its 22nd anniversary this weekend too.

The Sherbrooke chapter of the Hells Angels is now the biggest in Canada with more than two-dozen "full patch" members, including almost a dozen from the original gang that got together in 1984.

The Lennoxville clubhouse on the outskirts of Sherbrooke is infamous as the place where five members of the "North" Chapter from Laval were purged. Their bullet-riddled bodies were wrapped in sleeping bags, weighed down with weights and cement blocks, then tossed into watery graves in the St-Lawrence River near Berthierville. Six Hells Angels were eventually convicted of the murders.

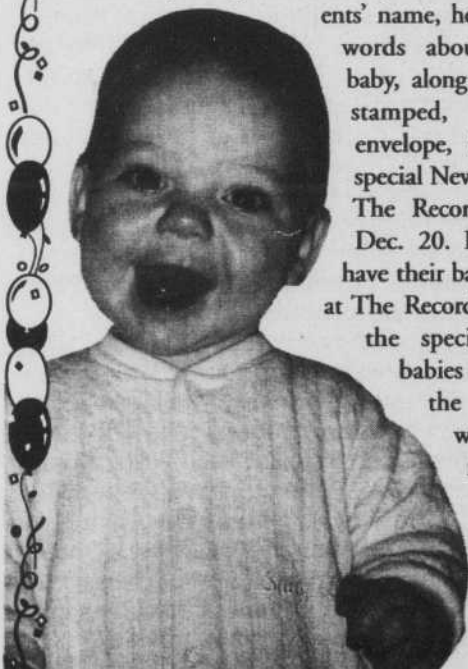
The Sherbrooke Regional Police Force, which oversaw surveillance activities over the weekend, would not release details on the operation Sunday. They planned a news conference on Monday to give reporters the details.

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PM is quiet about unity during Quebec visit

By Joan Bryden
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QUEBEC

After two weeks traveling the country and proclaiming the need to spell out the rules for the next referendum on Quebec independence, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien ventured into the Quebec capital Saturday and said not one word on the subject.

Not even having Premier Lucien Bouchard in the audience was enough to entice Chrétien to air Canada's domestic quarrel before a crowd of American legislators attending the Council of State Governments' annual meeting. He made only an oblique reference to Canadian unity during a keynote speech and agreed to speak to reporters afterwards only on condition that they not ask about his plans to introduce legislation, as early as Monday, setting out the conditions under which the government would agree to negotiate secession.

When one reporter asked anyway for the prime minister's assessment of the impact of his plan, Chrétien said "I have no comment to make. I stated government policies" and abruptly ended the

news conference.

An aide said the prime minister had no intention of getting into a spitting match with Bouchard over the referendum rules in front of an American audience. But the separatist premier was not so reticent.

Earlier Saturday, Bouchard treated the Americans to a brief history of the province's "mistreatment" in Confederation and declared that Quebecers alone will decide their future without interference from Ottawa.

Bouchard's comments were provoked by Jean Charest, Quebec's Liberal leader, who told the Americans that Quebec was not "founded on the basis of conquest" but rather that Canada was founded on a partnership between the French and the English.

When his turn to speak came, Bouchard corrected the historical record noting that Britain did, in fact, conquer French-speaking Quebec in 1759 and only years later in 1867 was a partnership struck between the French and English founding nations.

However, Bouchard said that turned out to be "a one-way partnership." It was

proven worthless in 1982 when Canada's Constitution was patriated without Quebec's consent. Since then, he said, the relationship has deteriorated.

Bouchard went out of his way to assure the American legislators, from whom an independent Quebec would need recognition, that Quebec's future in Canada would be decided democratically and peacefully.

"Whatever happens, everything will be achieved through democracy, through peace, dialogue to the ballot. It will be decided in Quebec, by Quebecers, and only by Quebecers and you can be sure . . . that everything will be done through a democratic process and respecting the will of the people, the majority of the people, which all over the world and here in Quebec and Canada, too, is 50 per cent plus one vote."

Bouchard did not mention whether secession would be achieved through legal means. He has previously asserted, however, that Quebec can separate on its own terms without regard to the Constitution and the Supreme Court ruling last year on the legality of secession.

Chrétien intends to use the court rul-

ing as the basis for his legislation spelling out that the federal government would not negotiate secession unless a clean majority of Quebecers voted yes on a clear question to secede. The legislation is expected to state that a simple majority of 50 plus one would not be sufficient to trigger negotiations.

In his speech later, Chrétien chose not to challenge Bouchard. He spoke only generally about the merits of the federal system in helping to protect Quebec's language and culture.

"Canada's founding fathers believed passionately in a system of government that would preserve and promote our necessary diversity and our unity. I believe passionately in this as well."

Chrétien also reminded his audience that President Bill Clinton recently reaffirmed that the United States values its "relationship with a strong and united Canada."

Charest left the conference for a previously scheduled event before Chrétien arrived. Before leaving, he reiterated his opposition to Chrétien's plan to spell out the referendum rules, arguing that the Supreme Court ruling is sufficient.

Bouchard wants PM to 'do nothing'

By Elizabeth Thompson
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Prime Minister Jean Chrétien should abandon plans to introduce a law setting out terms of secession and do nothing, Lucien Bouchard said Friday.

"It is urgent he do nothing," said a visibly irritated Bouchard. "It is urgent to

leave the Supreme Court judgment as it is. It is urgent to allow us to occupy ourselves with things that are priorities right now: health, education, the economy and employment."

Bouchard's comments, following a reception to honour Université Laval's Vanier Cup-winning football team, came only a day before Bouchard and Chrétien

were both scheduled to attend a meeting of the Council of State Governments being held in Quebec City.

They also come as reports out of Ottawa indicate Chrétien's government could table legislation as early as next week to clarify the conditions under which the federal government would negotiate with Quebec after a Yes win in a referendum.

Reports indicate the bill would require the question to be simple and the result to be greater than a simple majority of 50 per cent plus one vote. It is also expected to include a wide list of areas that would be on the negotiating table, including Quebec's borders, the national debt and the protection of linguistic and cultural minorities including Aboriginal Peoples.

Last week, when Chrétien first announced his government's plan to act, Bouchard angrily threatened to make a unilateral declaration of independence should Ottawa act in bad faith or refuse to negotiate following a vote in favour of sovereignty. In the corridors of the national assembly, PQ MNA's welcomed Chrétien's comment, saying it would help revive the separatist movement.

With every day that has passed since then, Bouchard's response has become more muted. On Tuesday, Bouchard was calm but firm as he rejected Chrétien's offer of a constitutional truce, but avoided being drawn into questions about a UDI.

By Friday, Bouchard's comments had evolved to the point of echoing Quebec Liberal Leader Jean Charest as he said the federal government shouldn't be spending its energy on referendum laws.

"I can't understand what is happening in Ottawa right now, it appears to be completely artificial," Bouchard said.

"It is something that is a complete fabrication, obviously to give (Chrétien) more considerable political support in English Canada.

"It is a politician who wants to have an election. It is nothing other than that."

In Ottawa, Conservative MP Peter MacKay said that provincial premiers and all Canadians deserve a say over federal legislation setting the rules of the next Quebec sovereignty referendum.

"If the prime minister is going to force this down Canadians' throats . . . we would certainly want broad consultations across the country with the provinces and with all-party participation in the form of a traveling committee," MacKay said.

"Let's do it right," he added, stressing his party would rather Chrétien shelve his plan for legislation.

The federal legislation is expected as early as next week, but MacKay, the Conservative House leader, said he doesn't think the government will move until next Friday, just one week before the House of Commons breaks for Christmas.

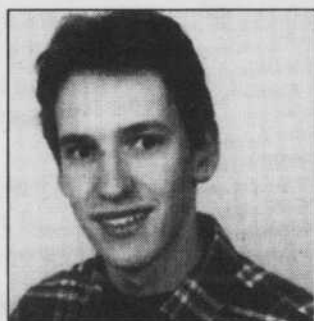
Bloc Québécois MP Suzanne Tremblay said the real purpose of the federal legislation is to make sure "Quebec can never get out of Canada" and to block the legitimate democratic will of its people.

"We understand the real intention of this government is to give a law in order to justify in advance its refusal to negotiate whatever the results of a future Quebec referendum," Tremblay said.

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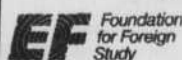
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Reform heartland lukewarm to UA

By Derek McNaughton
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OTTAWA

A survey conducted in the heartland of the Reform Party suggests there is weak support for the United Alternative and strong sentiment for a leadership review should the UA fail at its convention in January.

The party's executive, however, dismissed the survey Friday as unscientific.

The survey, conducted by a group of disgruntled Reformers which calls itself the Grassroots United Against Reform's Demise, or GUARD, indicates 71 per cent of riding presidents in the four Western provinces wanted a leadership contest in the event the UA is voted down at its founding convention in January.

More than 65 per cent of the riding presidents responded to the survey. Alberta presidents were the only ones to overwhelmingly endorse the United Alternative, the party initiated by Reform Leader Preston Manning as a way to unify political forces and broaden the party's support.

While a 48 per cent of all riding presidents in the survey said they supported the creation of UA, 34 per cent said they were opposed, and 14 per cent were unsure.

"What many are saying in the party is there is complete mismanagement of the issue by Manning and his leadership, this is what's showing up in the president's data," said Faron Ellis, a political science instructor at a Lethbridge Community College.

He admitted the data does not necessarily indicate what Reform's supporters will say, but the presidents "are a bellwether. They are certainly reflective of the opinion out there."

Ellis added there would have been more sup-

port for the UA if the party was sure to succeed, but many have speculated about its future and "many people are hedging their bets now."

The numbers show 73 per cent of president's in Alberta support UA, but a majority in B.C. and Saskatchewan do not. Manitoba is split on the issue.

Alberta, Manning's home, at 60 per cent showed the lowest level of support for a leadership vote. That compares with Saskatchewan, which showed the highest level, with 90 per cent of presidents calling for a review.

"What it means is where there is support for the United Alternative, at least among the presidents, it's concentrated in Alberta," said Ellis. Reform's executive knows this sentiment is out there, he said, and it's concerned.

"They're not happy with the results. They will try to deny it and say its unrepresentative, I'm sure. But they're aware of this. They know."

Manning, who has staked his leadership on the UA, has promised a leadership election in the wake of a successful UA convention that would likely lead to the dissolution of the Reform Party. But there is now plan for a



Preston Manning

review should the initiative fail. And the Reform leader continues to insist the fledgling party will succeed, and that he will lead it.

Jim Armour, Reform's director of communications, rejected the results of the survey, noting only 56 of 85 rid-

ing presidents provided answers.

He said the leadership question was irrelevant because a leadership vote will be held on the successful outcome of the UA. He refused to say what would happen in the event members chose not to approve the UA.

"That's pretty hypothetical. That's a very hypothetical question. It's going to work," said Armour.

Besides, he said, scientific polls conducted by Reform show over 60 per cent of Reform members support the UA and 80 per cent of Reform supporters want the UA.

"We got the support in the last referendum and we believe the support is growing," said Armour said in the last time the leadership question was put to members in 1998, about 87 per cent said no to asking the question.

Don Henley, former riding association president for Calgary East, said he answered the questions, but hasn't heard many people say they want a leadership review.

"I haven't seen or heard that feeling," he said. "I have every expectation Mr. Manning will be the resulting leader."

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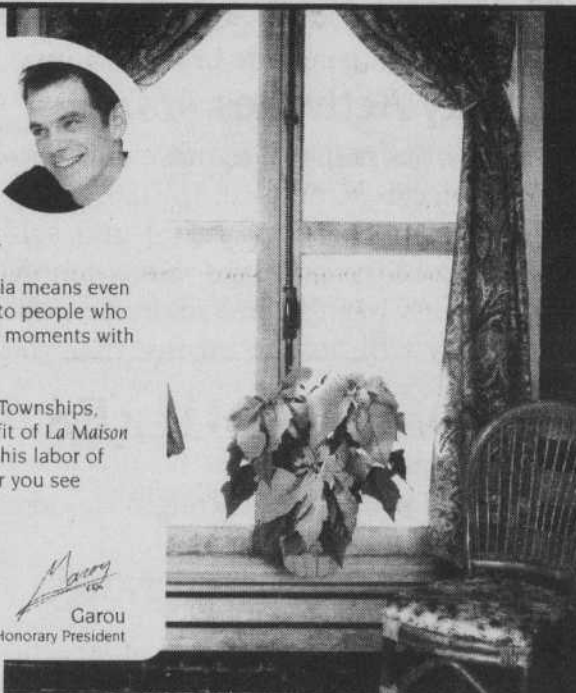


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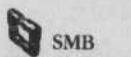
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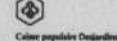
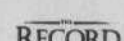
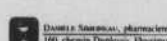
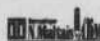
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Exercise — it's never too late to get moving!

No matter what your age and/or activity level, now is the time to start exercising regularly — if you haven't already. Everyone can benefit from increased physical activity, including people with physical limitations and chronic conditions. Increasing your level of physical activity as much as you are able can help offset many of the negative effects of certain diseases and disabling conditions. Whatever your situation, flexibility activities, strength and balance activities, and endurance activities can all improve your health and sense of well-being. If you're not sure where to begin, be sure to ask your doctor, health-care, fitness or recreation provider. Here are some examples of activities you may wish to include in your routine.

Flexibility Activities (daily)

These activities help you to move more easily so that you can accomplish the daily tasks necessary for independent living and self-reliance. Flexibility activities help you to keep your joints healthy and maintain your mobility. They will help to ensure that you can:

- * tie your shoes
- * clip your toenails
- * reach behind your back or straight up overhead
- * get down on the floor and back up again
- * get in and out of the tub
- * reach up to that top shelf in the kitchen

Activities to choose from include: stretching, dancing, gardening, washing and waxing the car, mopping the floor, yard work, vacuuming, T'ai Chi, golf, yoga, bowling, curling.

Safety — Stretching Activities

Start with 5 minutes of "stretch and hold" activities.

Stretch slowly without bouncing or jerking the movements.

Aim for a stretched, relaxed feeling — avoid pain.

Breathe naturally — don't hold your breath.



Strength & Balance Activities (2 - 4 days a week)

Strength activities are those that challenge all your muscles. Do more pulling, pushing, lifting, and carrying. Strength and balance activities help you to:

- * keep muscles and bones strong
- * reduce bone loss
- * improve balance and posture

When you maintain your strength and balance through regular activities, you:

- * are less likely to fall or to have accidents that cause injuries
- * will be able to lift garbage bags, carry groceries, push and pull furniture, open jars, and carry a suitcase
- * are more able to get around safely
- * know your personal limits

Activities to choose from include: lifting weights or soup cans, carrying the laundry,

carrying groceries, climbing stairs, wall push-ups, weight-training classes, piling wood, standing up and sitting down several times in a row.

Safety — Strength Training

Start slowly — but challenge your muscles.

Learn proper technique to protect your back and joints.

Use weights that you can lift 10 times before they become too heavy.

Breathe naturally — don't hold your breath.

Endurance Activities

(4 - 7 days a week)

Endurance activities help you to increase energy and keep moving for longer periods of time. They make you feel warm and breathe deeply. Endurance activities are good for your heart, lungs, circulation, and muscles. To get the best health benefits, try to do endurance activities for at least 10 minutes at a time. You want to make your heart and muscles work. If you can't do 10 minutes when you start out, do what you can and work up to it.

Activities to choose from include: walking, swimming, dancing, skating, cross-country skiing, cycling, hiking...

Safety — Endurance Activities

Begin with activities that you can do comfortably.

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SPORTS

Cougar men down Edouard Montpetit 89-79

Women crushed by Granby 84-45

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain Cougars men's basketball team made it two league wins in a row Friday night as they outlasted the Edouard Montpetit 89-79 at the Mitchell Gymnasium. The women's team did not fare as well as they got rocked by the first-place Granby squad 84-45 in Granby Friday.

Atnes Maeko continues to shine for Champlain since joining the team two weeks ago. He scored 27 points, grabbed 4 rebounds and dished out eight assists. Sherbrooke's Remi Cambron also had a strong performance with 27 points and six rebounds while Mike Drohan of Gaspé added 14 points and five boards.

The Cougars, now 2-3 in league play

entering yesterday's game against the nationally-ranked College Montmorency Nomades, jumped to a 39-30 halftime lead as Maeko scored 14 points and Cambron added 10. The team appeared to be in control of the game early in the second half when they became unglued. With the Cougars ahead 47-34, head coach Don Caldwell was ejected from the game after picking up a pair of technical fouls. It marked the first time in 31 years of coaching that Caldwell had been ejected from a contest. The Lynx's David Pichette connected on all foul shots and then canned a three-pointer to cut the lead to 47-43. To make matters worse, Champlain premier guard, Shaun Doherty, was sent to the sidelines with four personal fouls.

The visitors got to within one point at 51-50, before the Cougars got their act together to regain a double digit lead. With Doherty sidelined with foul trouble and the head coach watching

from the doorway, the Cougars prevailed and held on for the ten-point victory.

"The way we started the game it looked like we were going to blow them out early but things happened in the second half," Caldwell said after the game. "This is a team we should beat and we probably made it more difficult than it should have been.

Doherty, the team's co-captain and floor leader, agreed with his coach's assessment that the team could have played better.

"It's a win and that's all," Doherty said. "It wasn't pretty by any standards. We did what we had to but we are capable of playing much better."

The Lennoxville native still managed to score eight points and rack up eight assists despite having his playing time cut in half because of foul trouble.

The men wrap up the first half of their league season next Friday when

they travel to Quebec City to play CEGEP Ste. Foy. The following week they will be in Montreal to participate in the annual Sun Youth Invitational Tournament.

The women's game was a no-contest affair from the opening tip as the first-place Granby showed why they are undefeated in league play. Granby raced to a 52-27 halftime lead and coasted to their sixth victory of the season.

The Cougars, playing without Lennoxville's Katie Lowry, who suffered an ankle injury during the previous night's practice, were victimized by the opposition's full court press which forced Champlain into numerous turnovers. Magog's Amelie Cote was the best Cougar as she came off the bench to score ten points and grab seven rebounds.

The women finished the first half of play with a 3-3 record and are 7-5 overall. They resume action on Jan. 7 when they play in the Granby Invitational.

3 Nations Winners



The National Canadian Women's Hockey team extracted their revenge on the USA team for their Nagano defeat at the finals of the 3 Nations Cup in Montreal on Sunday. After defeating the Americans twice in round robin play (one game was played here in Sherbrooke,) the Canadian girls went on to beat the Americans in overtime with a shootout victory. Both Angela James and Jayna Hefford scored in the shootout while goaltender, Kim St. Pierre, shut out all four of the American shooters. The Canadian women have an all time undefeated record at the 3 Nations Cup.

- Steven Warburton
Picture by Perry Beaton/Special to the Record

SPORTS

Record nominees for Athlete of the Year

By Mike Hickey

Once again it is time to vote for the Eastern Townships' Athlete of the Year. We at the Record have combed 1999's sports stories and have come up with five nominees whom we think are deserving of the above award. To help us decide, please fill in a name

on the cutout below and send it in to the Record office. Please note that you don't necessarily have to select one of our five nominees. You can choose any athlete who makes his or her home in the Eastern Township.

Again, our choices are as follows:

Lynn Bessette of Knowlton Cycling 1999 represented breakthrough year for the Knowlton native as she moved into the elite of Women's Professional Cycling after only three years on the circuit. This past summer she captured gold in three international races - tour de l'aude race in Italy as well as competitions in Redlands, California and Oregon. Lynn, a member of the Saturn racing team, represented Canada in the world championships in July.

Fred Neimeyer of Rock Forest Professional Tennis - Fred moved over 100 places in the Association of Professional Tennis player computerized rankings

and participated at three major tournaments - Wimbledon, the U.S. open and the Canadian open.

Fred's ascent in the pro rankings began last March when he captured a satellite tournament in Australia. He represented Canada in their Davis Cup competition with Columbia earlier this year.

Kim Bonnell of Bishop's University - Skiing Bonnell is one of the finest women athletes ever to attend Bishop's University as demonstrated by her two-time selection as the school's outstanding female athlete. A former member of the Canadian National Ski Programme, Kim led the Gaiter Ski Team to back-to-back Quebec Championships during the last two years. Kim is an outstanding athlete who was also a member of the Bishop's Women's Soccer Team.

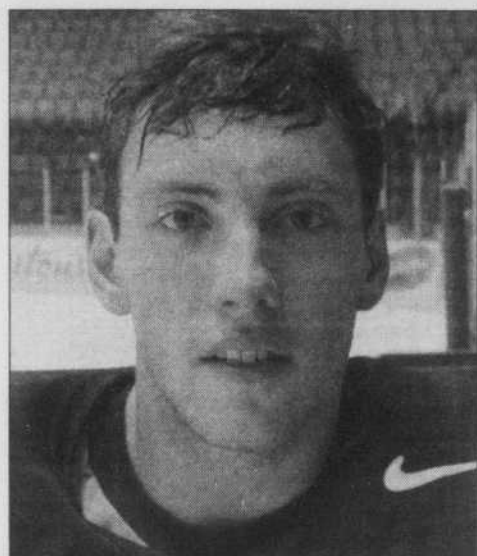
Dimitri Afanassenkov of Sherbrooke Hockey - Dimitri has become a local hero

since arriving in Sherbrooke from his native Russia three years ago. The smooth skating hockey players have developed into a solid two way hockey. He was drafted last year by the Tampa Bay Lightning and attended their training camp this fall. Dimitri's ability to deke opposition defenders and goalies has made him of the most exciting players in the QMJHL. He is presently among the league's leading scorers.

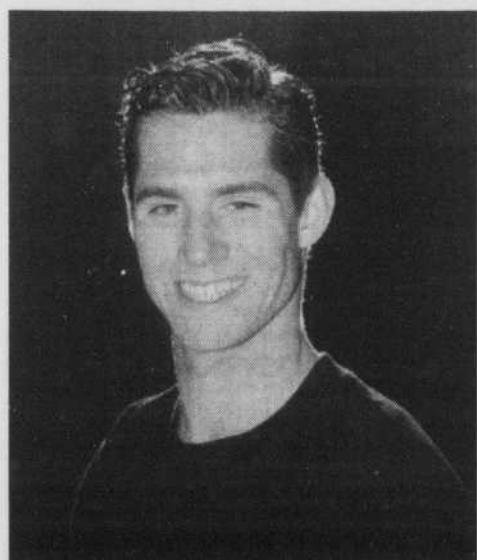
Alexandre Marchand of Universite Sherbrooke - Track and field Alexandre continued his outstanding career at U de S by winning the Howard Mackie award as the outstanding male university athlete in the country. Earlier in the year he was named most valuable player in the CIAU for the second consecutive year as he led the Vert et Or back-to-back national titles. This summer he participated in the world student games, the Pan-Am games and the world championships. He is planning prepare to qualify for the 2000 Olympics.



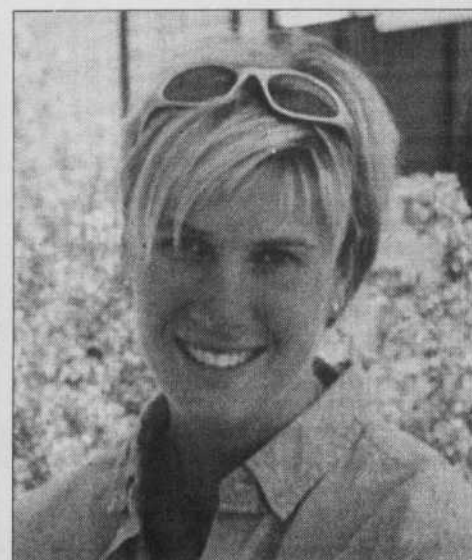
Kim Bonnell



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Alexandre Marchand



Lynn Bessette



Fred Neimeyer

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CBC's best puck

By Tammy Dorman

TVDATA

CBC's Hockey Night in Canada is ready to unveil the results of its viewer poll to select hockey's greatest moments.

The top vote-getters will be announced during a special two-hour program, Century of Hockey, airing Saturday, Dec. 11.

Clips and interviews highlight the production, which is hosted by Ron MacLean and Dick Irvin.

CBC is airing an afternoon contest in place of its late evening game Saturday to accommodate the special.

In the afternoon game, the New York Islanders invade the Corel Centre to face the Ottawa Senators.

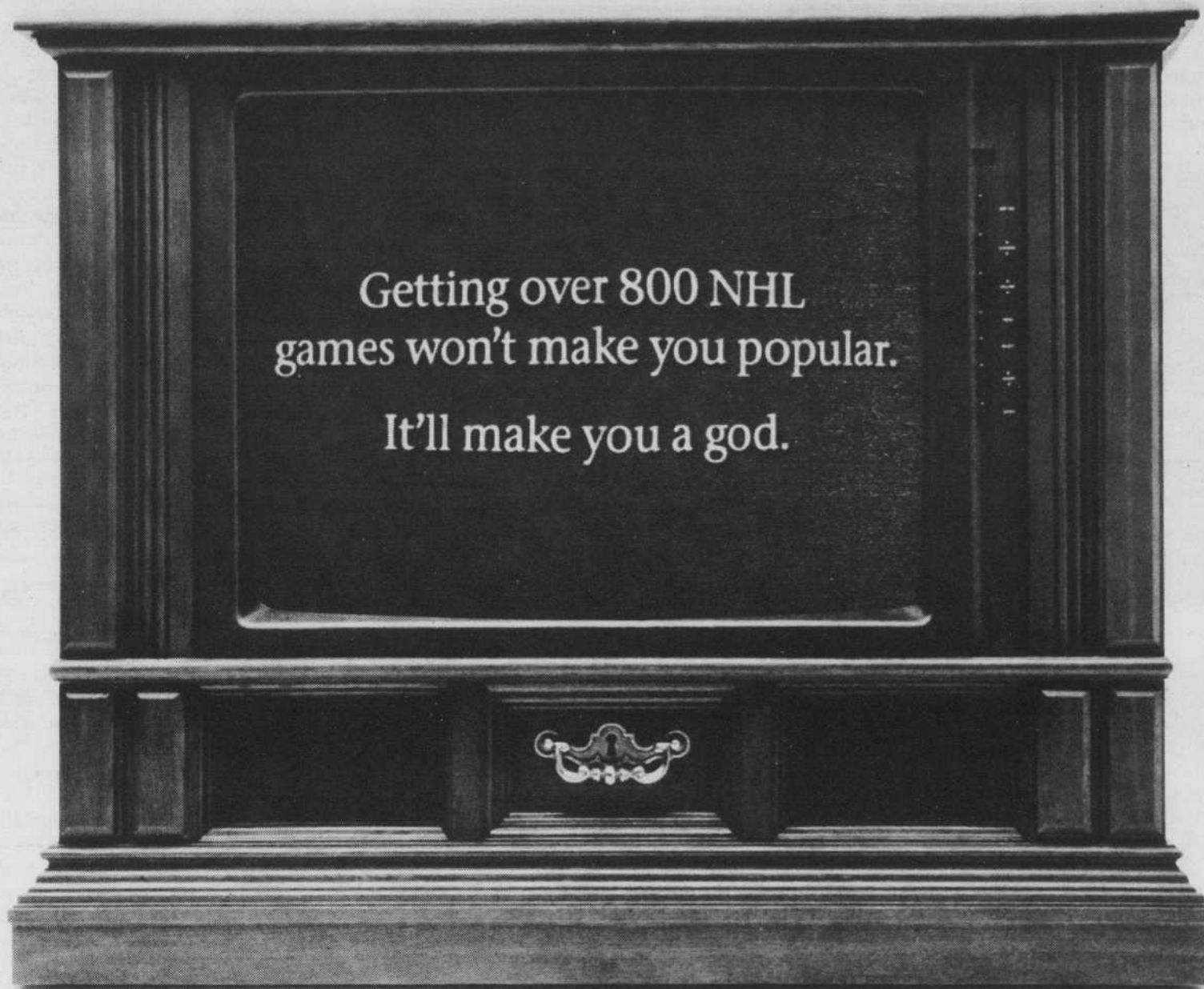
Chris Cuthbert and Greg Millen call the action.

The evening game has the Philadelphia Flyers at the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Bob Cole and Harry Neale are scheduled to handle the announcing duties.

-CTV Sportsnet is televising a pair of NHL contests this week.

On Monday, Dec. 6, last year's Stanley Cup finalist Buffalo Sabres are at Toronto's Air Canada Centre, and on Friday, Dec. 10, the Vancouver Canucks head east to visit the Calgary Flames.



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Obituary

LOMER ALFRED HODGE

Lomer Alfred Hodge passed away on September 17, 1999 after a long illness. He was in his 69th year. Lomer was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and came to Canada when he was two months old. When he was nine years old he was adopted by Fredrick Hodge and Mabel (Hill) of Birchton, Que., where he resided until the farm was sold.

He moved to Lennoxville where in 1954 he married Dorene Fearon and had just celebrated their 45th anniversary a few weeks before he died. Of that union they had five children and 11 grandchildren. One grandchild, Chester-Ray Lomer, predeceased him in 1998.

Lomer worked for himself as a truck driver in his younger days. Later on he worked as a mechanic and also operated heavy equipment. He was known for being a power shovel and crane operator, in that area built many of the Eastern Township roads. Belvidere Road and the road between Milby and Compton are some. With the crane he poured all the cement that went into building the old Lowney plant and Hospital Hotel Dieu, and the train overpass going into Sherbrooke. He worked for C.C. Warner, Peter Walters Construction, Newton Construction, Sintra, Lessard Bus Lines and the last years were spent at Les Equipement Fore Inc. (Castonguay and Freres). He lived to work and enjoyed what he worked at and made many friends along the way. One of his biggest disappointments in his life was when he had to quit work on account of his health. After his days in the work field he worked at home as long as he could in crafts. Most of his crafts were unique as he was always inventing things whether in wood or metal. Many of you I'm sure have some of his handiwork.

Lomer enjoyed his grandchildren and was always inventing machines for them to play with. He was most proud of his buggy he made for Chester-Ray, circa early 1900. He was pleased to see Chester in the Friendship Day parade with it.

Lomer enjoyed music all his life and played the accordion. He was happy to play at the Hut, one St. Patrick's Day with his son, Perry and his grandson, Chester-Ray. Being three generations they had their picture taken. It was a big blow to Lomer to lose Chester-Ray in a terrible accident in February 1998, as Chester was a lot like his grandfather, always dreaming up inventions to keep

Lomer going. Lomer never seem to get over his loss and went downhill after that.

Lomer and Dorene bred Boston Terrier dogs for over 25 years. Lomer drove from P.E.I. to Alberta to dog shows and won many top prizes. Although not breeding anymore he still had a Boston on his lap or being couch potatoes together.

The funeral service was held on September 23, 1999 followed by the interment of ashes in Eaton Cemetery. The urn was carried by his oldest grandson, Pte. Jason Grapes and the flowers by his oldest granddaughter, Victoria Matthews. Rev. David Fearon conducted the service. Carl Jackson, Lomer's childhood friend and so called, "One of the Birchton boys," gave the eulogy. Long time friends Carlyle McBurney and Wayne Nutbrown sang and played Lomer's favorite music.

Lomer was given a last gift by Dorene and granddaughters Kimberly and Stephanie of a salmon coloured rose from his favorite rose bush, that by some reason, flushed its last two roses the weekend he died.

Lunch and fellowship was held at his daughter's home in Bulwer.

Card of Thanks

HODGE - The family of the late Lomer Hodge would like to express our thanks and appreciation to family and friends who helped us through a difficult time. For all the cards, phone calls, flowers, donation to benefits, delicious food and the people who visited the funeral home. To Dr. Lowry and Dr. Cantin who were such great help over the years. Mr. Barter of the Cass Funeral Home and Rev. David Fearon for their services. Carl Jackson for coming all the way from Franklin Centre to give the eulogy. Thanks to Carlyle McBurney for lending us his beautiful voice in song and guitar playing. Wayne Nutbrown for the most beautiful fiddle rendition of Lomer's favorite music; to us, it made a very sad event into a beautiful memory. To Mrs. French, Marilyn, Brenda, Debbie and Wendy for preparing and serving the lunch after the service at Peggy's and Leigh's home. Most of all a special thanks to the people who visited Lomer at home during his long illness. It meant a lot to him at the time.

DORENE HODGE
and FAMILY

Deaths

HENDERSON-STANHOPE, Elsie - At the Wales Home in Richmond, Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, in her 96th year. Loving mother to Marjorie (Jerry), of Haliburton, Ont., Lorraine (Richie), of Ayer's Cliff, Raymond of Granby. Predeceased by her husband, Louis Stanhope, her daughters and sons: Lucille, Fern, Viola, Joyce, Pauley, Ralph, Wallace, Rederick, Eric, Veldon and Donald and her brothers and sisters. Also left to mourn are several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends. Mrs. Stanhope is resting at Salon Funéraire Yves Houle & Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Pauline Fecteau, Dir., tel: 1-800-405-4777, fax: 1-819-826-3001. Visitation was held Saturday and Sunday, and will be held on Monday, Dec. 6 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the Anglican Church in South Durham, Monday, Dec. 6, 1999 at 3 p.m., followed by interment in North Ely Cemetery.

MASSEY-BROWN, Mrs. Eleanor - At the Centre Hospitalier d'Asbestos, Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, in her 87th year. Predeceased by her husband, Mr. Harry Brown, her daughters, Nancy and Linda, her son, Jimmy and her sons-in-law George Stoddard and Dany Lynch. She was a wonderful mother and loved by her children: Harold (Gertie), Suzie, Shirley, Betty, Marjorie (Edward), Kathleen, Gary (Noreen), Mary (Wendell), Kenny, Jeff (Lucie). She also leaves to mourn, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mrs. Eleanor Massey-Brown rested at Centre Funéraire Yves Houle & Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Pauline Fecteau, Director. The service was held at the funeral home, Sunday, Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. celebrated by Rev. Christiane Glen and followed by the interment in Trenholm Cemetery.

PERGAU, Margaret - Peacefully at the McCormick Home (London, Ont.) on Dec. 4, 1999. Margaret Jean Pergau, at the age of 88. Widow of Stan (1980). Predeceased by her brother Doug Campbell (1997). Loving mother of Judy (Bob Comfort) of Zephyr and Paul (Lesley) of London. Granny to Daniel of Ottawa and Karen Pergau (University of Guelph). Jean leaves a legacy of love and appreciation of music. A memorial service will be held at First-St. Andrew's United Church Chapel at a later date. Interment will take place at a later date at the Malvern Cemetery in Lennoxville, Quebec. Memorial donations may be made to the First-St. Andrew's United Church Piano fund in London. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Memorial Funeral, (519) 452-3770.

Death



WHEELER-BUCK, Kelly - At the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont Pavillion on Wednesday December 1, 1999. Kelly Wheeler Buck, in her 14th year, beloved daughter of Mark Buck and Shirley Wheeler of Stoke. Loving goddaughter of Tom Buck, Ann Jetté and Phyllis Akers. Dear godmother to Jeffrey Buck. Also left to mourn are many uncles, aunts, cousins, other friends and relatives. Funeral service was held on Saturday, December 4, 1999 at the Précieux-Sang Church, followed by interment at the Elmwood Cemetery. The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses of the intensive care unit (5th floor) of the C.U.S.E. Fleurimont Pavillion for the kind and professional care given to Kelly. In lieu of flowers donations to the C.U.S.E. Foundation, 580 Bowen Street South, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1G 2E8, would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke, Québec tel: 565-1155, fax: 820-8872.

In Memoriam

BURNHAM, Mable - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away December 6, 1995.

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Landers turned pot smoker's life around

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing to let you know what an influence your column had on my life. Twenty years ago, when I was in my early 20s, you printed a column about marijuana. You expressed concern that marijuana may have "taken a generation of doers and turned them into a generation of dreamers." That single sentence was my wake-up call.

I used to smoke pot daily. I somehow managed to get through college (barely) and hold down a job, but I didn't feel connected to anything, and I wasn't getting anywhere. Every night, I would get high, and write down in a journal all

the things I planned to do. After reading your column, I realized I had been doing the same thing year after year, and was getting nowhere. I decided at that moment I had to quit smoking pot.

I can't begin to tell you how my life changed. I became bored with my party-animal boyfriend, and later married a wonderful man I wouldn't have looked at twice while I was hanging out with the doper crowd. I went back to school, earned a master's degree, and got an excellent position with a Fortune 500 company. Not only did my work life and love

Ann Landers

life improve drastically, but I also developed some badly needed self-esteem. It was your column on marijuana that helped me turn my life around, and I want to write a belated "thank you." — Margie in Tennessee

Dear Tennessee: I very much appreciate your generous letter. Please keep reading for one that should be of special interest to you:

Dear Ann Landers: Last fall, my teenage son began smoking marijuana and was soon totally out of control. I sent him away to a special program for a short period of time. He is much better now, but I was heartsick at the time, and could not understand how my son could have gotten into so much trouble.

Two weeks ago, the truth came out, and I am furious.

Last summer, I sent my two teenagers to visit their uncle and aunt across the country. I decided it would be a good way for my brother and his wife to get to know their niece and nephew. I also believed that my brother would be a good role model. I was mistaken. He and his wife smoked pot in front of my kids, offered it to them, and made them promise not to tell me.

My brother believes marijuana is not harmful, even though their oldest

daughter has been in trouble with the law because of cocaine. I remember reading in your column a while back that most cocaine addicts start with pot. My brother and his wife insist there is no connection between their casual use of pot and their child's current problems.

I now believe that my brother and his wife contributed to my son's problems, and am considering suing them for the cost of the special program I put my son in. My friends and family say I should forgive them because no long-term harm was done. I am so angry about this that I am considering a break with the entire family. Please advise. — A Canadian Mom

Dear Mom: A pox on your brother and his wife for introducing your son to marijuana. Be thankful the "special program" was a success, and forget about a lawsuit and becoming estranged from the entire family. Mass retaliation is never a good idea. It is rooted in the wish to get even, and could invite an on-going battle, which nobody wins.

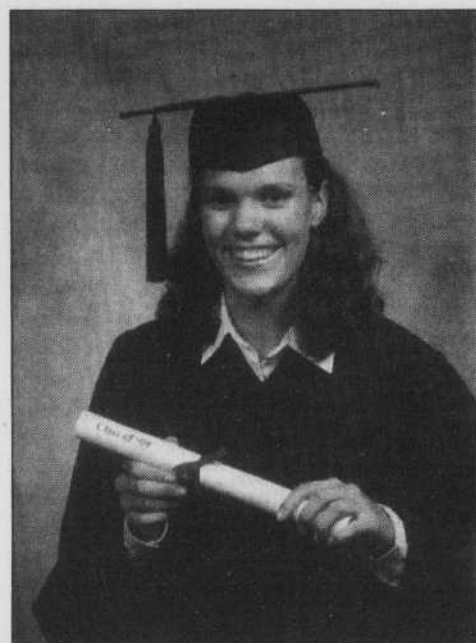
Next summer, see that your son has a local job, and keep your eye on the companions he hangs out with. This is the best insurance that he will not go down that disastrous road. Good luck.

Catholic Women's League awards bursaries

The Catholic Women's League of Sherbrooke has awarded bursaries to the following graduates of Alexander Galt High School: Tara Clowery, Tannia Cortes, Emily Haggerty and Michele Truong. Emily is presently attending

Dawson College, while the other three students are pursuing their studies at Champlain College. We take this opportunity to congratulate them and wish them success in their chosen careers.

Helen Fitzgerald



Tara Clowery



Tannia Cortes



Emily Haggerty



Michele Truong

Megantic County semi-annual meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Megantic County Women's Institute was held in the Inverness I.O.O.F. Hall, on Nov. 11th at 7:30 p.m. Seven Kinnear's Mills members and five Inverness members were in attendance.

The county president, Audrey Allan opened the meeting and all repeated the creed, salute to the flag and oath of citizenship in unison. Two minutes of silence was observed in keeping with Remembrance Day.

The county treasurer, Mildred Robinson then read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was decided to send a thank-you to Janet Maxwell for having conveyed the essays to Macdonald College.

It was moved by Catherine Maxwell and seconded by Huguette Blais that a book be given to Mrs. Aulis' class, as a token of appreciation of her work and support and that of her class, in the essay contest.

Jean, Catherine, Mildred and Pauline were called upon to report on convention. Audrey thanked everyone who had assisted her with the picture collection of former members. Helen Lowry, county treasurer, presented a satisfactory fi-

nancial report. Catherine, Margaret, Mildred and Lois listed some highlights of the Hatley Tea.

Thanks for work at convention was extended to those who had helped. Pictures taken at that time were circulated as was the essay prize book. It was agreed to continue the essay contest.

The president then gave a report of a board meeting which she had attended in Lennoxville.

A new handbook will be received free in May. Regret was expressed over Hazel Clarke's illness. May 15-18 will be the dates of the annual convention for the year 2000. A collection, consisting of fees and pennies for friendship, was taken up. The travelling parcel was won by Lois. Audrey read a poem, entitled, Funny.

Margaret Dempsey then auctioned numerous articles for a Bring and Buy Sale.

At the close of the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by the Inverness ladies, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

*Lois Marshall
County Publicity Convener*

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by Luis Campos

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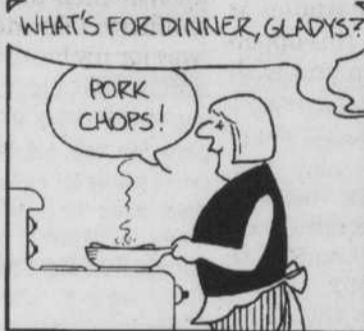
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St. Luke's holds special service

On Sunday, November 28, 1999, a special service was held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Magog to inform and bring up to date facts concerning the necessary repairs that had been done to the church and hall on a restoration grant from La Fondation du Patrimoine Religieux du Québec.

The usual eleven o'clock service was conducted by Rev. Lynn Ross with assistance from Rev. Cannon West who is retired and living in Lennoxville. Lay reader, Fred Richardson read the lessons and prayers. Beautiful and inspiring hymns were sung by the choir accompanied by organist, Winnie Kirby. Many attended the service, as well as out of town visitors, Peter and Debra Corbiere of Ottawa, Mrs. West of Lennoxville and Ivy Richardson of St. Elie d'Orford.

Details of the restoration and financial figures were given by Rev. Lynn Ross. Charles Catchpaugh and Catherine Richards, who are on the main body of the foundation gave additional information.

After the service a delicious luncheon, organized by President Evelyn Jackson and the Guild was served in the church hall. They were joined by Rev. Dean Ross and Rev. Alain Milot (North Hatley) with the former saying grave and prayers before the meal.

George and Glenna Corbiere were most helpful in all advents of the church and their efforts are greatly appreciated. They will be in Florida for the winter and were wished a safe trip and a pleasant vacation.

Sincere gratitude was extended to Hugh and Joyce Camber, Bernard Gendron and to those who painted the interior and exterior of the church and hall, and for the delicious meals prepared for those who worked tirelessly during the summer.

Many thanks to Lillian Whitehead for setting up the tables and cleaning the hall and church following the service and the luncheon. Thanks, Lillian!

The event was most informative and fellowship was enjoyed by one all.

Submitted by *Connie Girard
and Ted Holt*

NOTICE OF INVENTORY CLOSURE

**THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GLADYS
ESTELLE STIMSON.**

Conforming to the provisions of article 795 of the Quebec Civil Code, notice is given by these present of the following event:

Gladys Estelle STIMSON, residing in her lifetime at 506, Road 243 in the Township of Cleveland, Province of Quebec, JOB 2H0, died in the Township of Cleveland, Province of Quebec, on February 20, 1999.

An inventory of her possessions was done before the undersigned notary and can be consulted at his office at 92, Principale Street North in Richmond on November 08, 1999.

Mtre Denis Tanguay, Notary
Sollicitor for the Liquidator

NOTICE OF INVENTORY CLOSURE

**THE ESTATE OF THE LATE EVELYN
MAUDE STIMSON.**

Conforming to the provisions of article 795 of the Quebec Civil Code, notice is given by these present of the following event:

Evelyn Maude STIMSON, residing in her lifetime at 506, Road 243 in the Township of Cleveland, Province of Quebec, JOB 2H0, died in the Township of Cleveland, Province of Quebec, on November 27, 1998.

An inventory of her possessions was done before the undersigned notary and can be consulted at his office at 92, Principale Street North in Richmond on November 08, 1999.

Mtre Denis Tanguay, Notary
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Legion ladies meet

RICHMOND

Twenty-two members were present for the November meeting of Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15. The first item of business was the presentation of a Certificate of Merit to Ways and Means convenor Phyllis Bushey. Cde. Mildred Holliday was also a recipient of this citation, receiving hers at the Remembrance Banquet. Those receiving Service Pins were Sheila Bowen, 15 years, Mildred Holliday and Mary Robinson, 20 years, Pearl Armstrong, Norma Lester and May Pryce, 25 years.

President Donna Barufaldi thanked all who had worked for the Poppy Campaign and attended Remembrance Day celebrations. Special mention was made of our colour party in the parade, under the capable direction of Sgt. at Arms Bev Jones.

A thank-you note was read from Hazel Fleck who is recovering from knee surgery. A donation was sent to the Wales Home recently in memory of Douglas Gleason.

Donations will be sent to Richmond Christmas Basket Fund, The Wales Home and Salvation Army. Pat Henderson volunteered to purchase Christmas gifts for our shut-ins, these to be deliv-

ered December 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Cde. Pat Price presided over the Election of Officers for 1999-2000 and the new Executive is as follows: Sgt. at Arms, Bev Jones; 2nd Vice Pres. Lucie Whittingstall; 1st Vice Pres. Anne Nixon;

President, Loretta Irwin; Treasurer, Vivian Pollock; Secretary, Lois Grainger.

It was agreed to have our Christmas party on Thursday, December 9, with supper at Restaurant Chez Mike at 6 p.m., then returning to the hall for a brief meeting and gift exchange. Notice

was given of installation of officers night on December 7 at 8 p.m.

Lunch and a social hour followed the meeting. Norma Lester claimed this month's half and half.

Submitted by Norma Lester

Monday, Dec. 6, 1999

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1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	6 ♣	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ K			

Bridge on the printed page

By Phillip Alder

Bridge books continue to pour into the market. This week, in no particular order, let's look at the best. First, "Improve Your Bidding and Play" by Ron Klingner and Derek Rimington (Golancz). In each of the 60 problems, you are shown a hand and asked usually two, sometimes three, bidding questions as the auction progresses. Then, at the bottom of the right-hand page, you are faced with a declarer-play problem. You decide upon your line, then turn over to see the solution.

The deals are of intermediate and slightly higher difficulty. This is an easier one. How would you plan the play in six diamonds after West leads the heart king?

Normally, one bids four-card suits in ascending order at the one-level, but with such a strong hand, it is better for North not to make his first response in a weak suit. South's rebid shows about seven playing-tricks and some 16 points. North's four diamonds is forcing, suggesting a slam. South's four-heart cuebid indicating the ace is just what North wants to hear.

Six diamonds is laydown via a loser-on-loser play. After winning with the heart ace and drawing trumps, play off dummy's two top spades, then call for the spade jack. If East covers with the queen, ruff, play a club to dummy's ace, and throw a loser on the spade 10. Here, though, East plays low, so you discard the heart jack. West wins the trick, but your club loser evaporates on the established spade 10.

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- 1 Food for a pig out?
- 6 Bang-up time
- 11 Eng. channel
- 14 Earth
- 15 Writer Federico Garcia ___
- 16 Play about mech. men
- 17 Metallic instrument
- 19 Gold in Guadalajara
- 20 Copenhagen populace
- 21 Man's bathing suit
- 23 Seville tourist attraction
- 26 Aces
- 27 Boo
- 28 Singer Kazan
- 29 Gloomy Gus
- 30 Nothing ___!
- 31 Twice DIII

- 34 Small vipers
- 35 Antler tip
- 36 Parakeet staple
- 37 Barely passing grade
- 38 Water falls
- 39 Spanish priest
- 40 PeeWee and Della
- 42 Ben and Paul
- 43 Phases
- 45 Juliet's family name
- 46 Shout for attention
- 47 Heart connection
- 48 Alfonso's queen
- 49 Metallically cruel
- 54 Crowd fig.
- 55 Sri ___
- 56 Man in a scull
- 57 Anonymous John

Wizard of Oz"

- 13 Traverse
- 18 Bothersome insect
- 22 Gun from Israel
- 23 Sportscaster Rashad
- 24 Slack
- 25 Metallic handwriting
- 26 Old wagons
- 28 Ducklike birds
- 30 Helps with the dishes
- 32 French novelist
- 33 That is (to say)
- 35 Bucolic

- 36 Large cacti
- 38 Draws back
- 39 Toaster treat
- 41 Wiggly catch
- 42 Fabled loser
- 43 Leading
- 44 ___ Domingo
- 45 "Over There" composer
- 47 "My Way" lyricist
- 50 Lennon's love
- 51 H. Hughes' airline
- 52 Auction ending?
- 53 Hosp. personnel

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 58 "Six O'Clock" painter John
 - 59 Russian rulers, once
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 - 2 Tennis do-over
 - 3 Raw mineral
 - 4 Comes before Portuguese dic-
 - 5 tator
 - 6 More down?
 - 7 Lane of the "Daily Planet"
 - 8 Creative skill
 - 9 Vitriolic
 - 10 Roof or road work
 - 11 Metallic award
 - 12 Billie of "The

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Women's Institute members plan Christmas party

LENNOXVILLE

The November meeting of Lennoxville Women's Institute was held at Uplands, with Vice-President Irene Harrison presiding, and opening with the Collect and the Salute to the Flag.

The Motto for the month was "Education, knowledge and understanding pave the way for peace". The roll call, "Name the Prime Minister of Canada the year you were born" was answered by the nine members present, most naming Mackenzie King as P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A detailed report of our recent Luncheon and Bazaar was given by the Ways & Means convener, Gwen Parker, who expressed her appreciation to the members for their support and assistance at the Bazaar. The treasurer's report showed it was also a success financially.

The Nominating and program committees had no report at this time, but planned to meet during the current week to fill these commitments.

It was mentioned at this time that the Provincial President of Q.W.I. had presented the Abbie Pritchard throw to Dorothy Wallace, who had later written a letter of thanks to Sheila Needham in appreciation for the throw.

Gwen Parker mentioned she had received remuneration for billeting Q.W.I. members overnight and she pre-

sented it to the branch. It was moved by Jessie Pelchat, seconded by Marg. Williams that this money be donated to A.C.W.W., F.W.I.C., and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence read included a letter from Alexander Galt Regional High School, thanking us for our contribution to the bursary fund, and letters of appreciation for our share in entertaining the Provincial Board members at their meeting in Lennoxville.

Conveners' Reports: Agriculture - Thelma Picken spoke about the increase in quantity and quality of milk production in the area, according to local farmers due in part to the summer's good weather affecting the hay crops. Both protein and butter fat were high.

Canadian Industries: Irene Harrison spoke about the production and sale of Bullshead Gingerale, a renewed Townships tradition, being carried on by a family in the Richmond area.

Citizenship and Legislation: Gwen Parker spoke about the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre Board, made up of delegates from groups using the centre, which are Friends of Uplands, Lennoxville/Ascot Historical and Museum Society, Lennoxville Garden Club, Storytellers Group, Lennoxville Women's Institute, and Writers Group.

Committee Reports: Publicity, Phyllis

Worster had reported the last meeting to the County and the Record; our Bazaar had been advertised by local posters, radio, T.V. and the press.

Sunshine: Alice Planidin had sent a plant to Dorothy Wallace.

Handicrafts: Roberta Macmillan reported on the craft sales table at the bazaar, noting different items that had sold well and listing others that buyers had asked about but were not available at present.

Environment: Donna Davis spoke about the World March of Women 2000. More than 140 countries are represented in organizing this march. The global demands aim at improving the lives of women everywhere by eliminating poverty and violence against women.

New Business: Motions were made and carried that financial contribution be made to the Historical Society, to the Lennoxville Elementary School Lunch and Breakfast Fund, to Pennies for Friendship, Women Feed the World and the Quebec Extension Fund. A motion was also made that we renew our sub-

scription to Federated News and to A.C.W.W.

Plans for our Christmas party, when we entertain those who helped in so many ways at the time of our bazaar, were discussed and finalized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Gwen Parker, who introduced the County President, Evelyn Sutor. Evelyn gave a very interesting, detailed report of the Provincial Board meeting held in Lennoxville on October 19 and 20, outlining the many subjects discussed and finalized.

To bring the busy afternoon to a close, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Marjorie White and Phyllis Worster, assisted by Alice Plamondon.

Phyllis Worster

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 6, 1999

The things that are apt to bring you the greatest successes in the year ahead may be traceable to ideas you get from others. Start to place more emphasis on human relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you'll possess an abundance of natural charm and enchantment today, you should be able to get what you want without appearing aggressive or demanding. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't waste your efforts appealing to hard hearts if you are in need of a favor today. It'll be those with compassionate natures who'll come through for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Because you're a pragmatic visionary today, you can dare to be a bit of a dreamer if you wish. Those fanciful thoughts could have real possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let it disturb you if your behavior commands the attention of others today, because the impression you're making will generate some excellent publicity for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It may take someone you know well to muster up enough nerve to tell you about a problem she or he has, and this might be only the tip of the iceberg. Be compassionate and help if you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be grateful for the demands placed on you by others today, because you're the one who will profit in the long run. The service you have to offer has real value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although it might be that the control of situations in which you're involved may be more in the hands of others today, it'll turn out to be better for you that it is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A project that has

been left to collect dust might get a new burst of life from you today simply by applying a few changes and improvements. You'll turn it into something constructive.


LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being in the company of persons who know how to treat life lightly and philosophically will do wonders for your outlook today. Their enthusiasm will be contagious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't think your imagination is running amok today should you find yourself wildly creative and inventive. It's working on your behalf, so go ahead and experiment a little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll be able to get your points across so effectively today that people will remember your thoughts more than they do your actions. Remember, words are mightier than the sword at this time.


SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're perceptive enough today, you'll be able to recognize a camouflaged development that could possibly enable you to add to your resources. Be alert.

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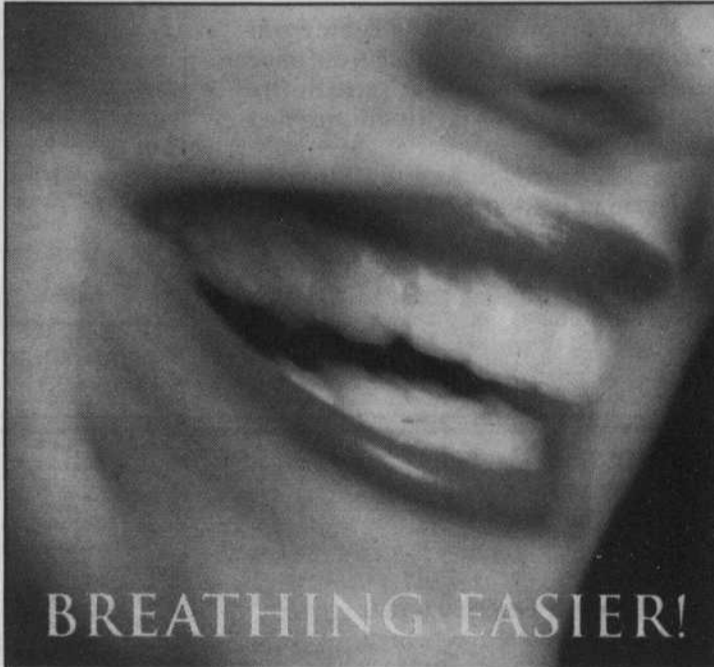


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