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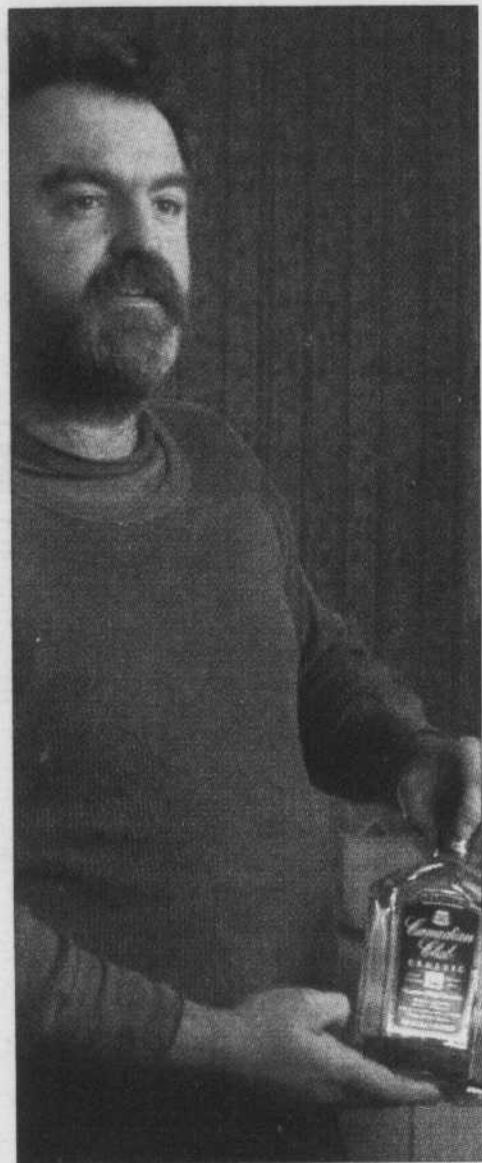
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Farmer is victim of theft, insurance companies



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Uwe Lowry has been repeatedly victimized by thieves and vandals. His only consolation is that the latest robbers forgot to steal his best bottle of whisky.

Insurance companies say Uwe Lowry's property is high risk

By Daniel Huot
 ST-ISIDORE-D'AUCKLAND

East Clifton Christmas tree farmer Uwe Lowry has suffered so much at the hands of bandits, his insurance company has cancelled his policy and a dozen other companies have refused to insure his property.

To make matters worse, the farmer and town councillor had to face an armed robber when he returned to his home from a business trip towards 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Upon his return, Lowry spotted a navy blue Firefly in his entrance, which quickly sped off, leaving an accomplice inside his house to steal his guns.

"I noticed the door was open and that it was all banged up," he said. "Once I stepped in, I met a guy with my handgun coming down the stairway."

Fortunately, the six-shot revolver was still in its holster. The robbers managed to get away with 11 other guns.

"I told him to sit on the stairs and calm his nerves. He was dancing around. My son came in and he (the robber) started to run to the door."

Lowry immediately grabbed the French-speaking intruder, aged 17 or 18, and tried to hold him down with one hand while he and his son dialed 9-1-1 for police assistance.

The robber managed to free himself from his jacket, and run out the door. Lowry followed the thief and jumped into his vehicle in pursuit.

"I saw the other vehicle come up, so I turned around," he said, adding he spotted the thief hiding

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Christmas Cheer at the Wales Home



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The annual Christmas program at the Wales Home instilled the spirit of the season in young and old as local dancers, choirs and children joined in the celebration. The evening was capped by the requisite visit of Santa Claus who thrilled the youngsters with promises of things to come. There was not a senior skeptic in the crowd as residents enjoyed watching the spirited youngsters sharing their wish list with Santa, dancing and singing. Christmas favourites such as God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen and Silent Night got everyone singing along with the choir.

The annual Christmas concert at the Wales Home is one anticipated for weeks by residents and planning involves a number of volunteers and staff members.

For more on the special evening, please see Page 9.

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The renaming game

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Renaming things is a favourite pastime of the ample ranks of Quebec officials. This is usually, though not always, a product of the schizophrenic history of the place, seeing as there are two distinct and competing languages groups; a declining one which sees, or at least used to see, a Three Rivers, and the ascendant one that sees Trois-Rivières.

Sometimes the changes raise nary a ripple, sometimes they raise a roar. Take the renaming of Dorchester Boulevard in Montreal in 1989. The city, then under the administration of Mayor Jean Doré, a former Parti Québécois political aide, decided to dedicate a thoroughfare to the recently departed ex-premier René Levesque.

To do so the city swept aside the unfortunate Lord Dorchester, a.k.a. Sir Guy Carleton, who, as an early British governor of Quebec (1768-78, 1785-95) resisted assimilation of his new subjects and arguably did as much for the preservation of French in North America as Levesque did, but never mind.

Now Montreal's main artery of business and power bears the name of the man who helped reclaim Quebec for French-speakers, displacing a name that, despite the reality of his deeds, smacked of anglo arrogance and dominance.

The soon-to-be former city of Westmount had pointedly resisted renaming its stretch of Dorchester back then. With anglo power now present at the all-island-Montreal city hall as it never was in the original, chances are there'll be scant pressure to polish off what's left of Lord D.

As it turns out, René Levesque's name is once again at the centre of a controversy, though one having nothing to do with the language issue in the province. This time it involves the naming of a riding, a vast expanse of rock, water, tundra and scattered pockets of population on Quebec's north shore.

The commission charged with redrawing Quebec's electoral map decided this week to rename two Quebec ridings

for dead premiers in one brilliant stroke.

The commission already had one request on the table to rename a riding for Jean Lesage, the premier from 1960-66 and the man whose government unleashed the modernizing Quiet Revolution on Quebec. The panel agreed to the request of the Liberal MNA for the riding of Limoilou, which takes in much of Quebec City's lower town.

Some people might whisper about whether the elegant Lesage would have felt as comfortable in the working class taverns of lower town as he did in the mahogany-paneled upper town bars and salons, but regardless, he did represent a Quebec City riding during his time, and he did live and work in the city.

The choice of a riding for Levesque is far less comfortable a fit. The commission figured the Saguenay riding was due for a new handle, since the vast district only has a toe-hold of a few kilometres along the east bank of the mighty fjord, before veering into the empty hinterland. The name Saguenay left the erroneous impression the riding actually belonged to the Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region.

The commission initially chose Manicouagan to replace Saguenay, since that would reflect the vast hydro-electric resources of the rivers on the north shore, most notably the mighty Manicouagan River. But there may have been some confusion with the federal riding of the same name, represented for several years by the Right Honorable Martin Brian Mulroney, Baie Comeau's favourite son.

Manicouagan didn't stick, so the riding map panel decided to get political and find René Levesque a riding for this electoral revision rather than take the chance of an indefinite delay under another administration. Saguenay, every so briefly Manicouagan, was thus anointed René Levesque riding - much to the restrained surprise of the locals.

The logic here is that it was René Levesque who, as a minister under Jean Lesage, took charge of the nationaliza-

tion of the anglo-controlled power companies, to create Hydro-Quebec, now and forever a major economic force in the province. The issue was such a critical one that Lesage called and won the 1962 election on it, using the slogan "maitre chez nous," masters in our own house.

Without Levesque, the reasoning goes, there would have been no Manicouagan River, critics reply, there would have been no Manic power and much lesser of a René Levesque.

Regardless of the aptness of the choice, the riding is now René's until some determined revisionist government of the future deems otherwise.

The question now is what will election officials do for Robert Bourassa, especially since there is already a Montreal riding named for his namesake Henri.

Election officials have another 10 years at least to figure that one out. If only there were a Dorchester riding.

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Sutton-Dunham Church Services

In Brome County News Dec. 19, it was stated that Sutton-Dunham United Church Christmas Eve, Traditional Lessons & Carol Service would be held at 7:30 p.m. in Sutton when in fact it will be at 7 p.m. Brome County News regrets the error.

SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED CHURCHES joyfully welcome one and all to the following Holiday Worship Services:

Dec. 21, A Blue Christmas Service for the sad, lonely and bereaved at 7:30 p.m., Dunham;

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Sunday, **Dec. 30**, No Sutton or Dunham Service.

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Today: Light snow. High near minus 3. Winds north-westerly 20 to 40 km/h.

Saturday: Clearing. Low near minus 10. High near minus 3.

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Monday: Snow. Low near minus 1. High near plus 2.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Accused drug trafficker to spend Christmas in jail

Lennoxville resident Ernest Pitt returned to Canada from Paris

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

After seven months cooling his heels in a prison in France, Lennoxville resident Ernest Pitt appeared in a Montreal courthouse Thursday to face a variety of charges related to the international trafficking of tonnes of hashish and the laundering millions in drug money.

But while he's back in the country, the 54-year-old won't be spending Christmas at home in the Townships with his family. He was remanded back into custody and will be back in court on Jan. 7 when a date will be set for further proceedings.

Pitt was apprehended at a Paris hotel on May 15 during an international round-up of almost two dozen men on three continents. Police say he was the mastermind behind a hashish trafficking and drug-money laundering ring which imported at least 5.5 tonnes of

hash and laundered some \$1.5 million in dirty money between 1999 and his arrest this past spring.

After a lengthy extradition process, during which he repeatedly called the Canadian embassy in an attempt to speed things up, Pitt was finally picked up in the French capital Wednesday by a pair of RCMP officers from Sherbrooke and Montreal.

The former hippy, who spent much of his time traveling in Europe and Asia, was notorious in the Lennoxville area where people whispered about his links to organized crime.

Despite that, he lived in a modest rented duplex on Belvidere Hill in Lennoxville where his wife Suzanne Renaud, 47, was arrested and his apartment virtually emptied of his possessions during the raids in mid-May. Items seized under proceeds of crime legislation included a luxurious late model BMW and a Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Renaud was released on bail a week later and is also due back in court on Jan. 7.

After two decades of trying to nab him, police finally got the goods on him

during the investigation of one of his relatives and a friend who were caught at the Rock Island border crossing in 1999 with thousands in unexplained cash taped to their bodies.

Two year later, Pitt was arrested in a huge international drug bust that included raids in Montreal and Laval, as well as Belgium, the Netherlands, India, South Africa and Jamaica. During the raids police raked in hundreds of thousands of kilos of hashish and \$245,000 in cash. In all 22 people were arrested.

According to reports by reporter André Cédilot of Montreal's La Presse, half of the accused have confessed, including Pitt's supposed right hand man Nicolas Brizzi, who was sentenced in November to seven years in a minimum security penitentiary for pleading guilty to importing some 4,390 kilos of hashish for Pitt's network.

Cédilot, who has been following the case at the Montreal courthouse, reported that Brizzi, who was facing his first run-in with the law, also lost his car and some \$244,920 confiscated by police at his home in Lorraine, a well to do town north of Montreal. The courts also

seized his stocks portfolio estimated at more than \$50,000.

Behind bars with Brizzi are Montrealer Barrie Schwartz, 50, and Sutton resident Louis Nagy, 42. Evidence showed the two men were among Pitt's biggest clients.

Also serving three years in the pen is Muhammad Anwar Hussein, 46, a Pakistan immigrant living in Toronto who pleaded guilty to laundering \$1 million for Pitt's organization.

Hussein apparently sent the money to India and the United Arab Emirate to Abdul Majid Sulaymankil, another accused co-conspirator of Pitt who may have used his profits to finance extremist Islamic groups in Afghanistan, Cédilot reported in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Sulaymankil, 47, who is still awaiting extradition, is reputed to be one of the largest narcotics traffickers in the world. The Muslim, who was born in a small mountain village in the former soviet republic of Tadjikistan, north of Afghanistan, apparently met with Pitt in Bangkok says an RCMP investigation report.

Chateau Vin Maison



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Sûreté du Québec officers arrested a 58-year-old Rock Forest man suspected of selling homemade wine yesterday. The suspected bootlegger won't be finding the Christmas season jolly if he is convicted. An initial \$1,300 fine would be applied and an additional \$25 fine would be applied per bottle. In this case, the resident faces a total of \$3,500 in fines for his 75-litre vin maison selection.

"Making homemade wine is one thing," noted SQ spokesman Serge Dubord, "Selling it is another. Consumers should always make sure their bottles have been properly purchased from an SAQ branch."

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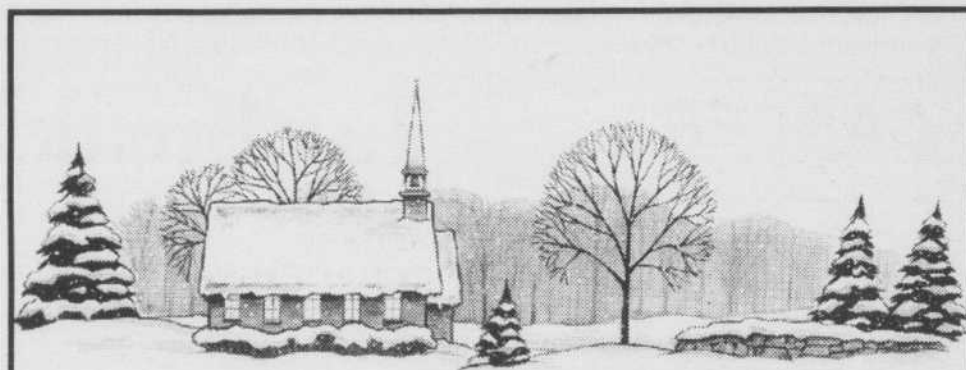
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Lennoxville firefighters come to Deauville's aid

And vice versa

By Daniel Huot
DEAUVILLE

Lennoxville's firefighters met their Deauville colleagues Wednesday night to donate a \$20,000 set of jaws of life, including a compressor, a spreader, a cutter and various attachments.

The move is the first in what could develop into a long-term relationship between the two stations, whose firefighters have gone from being volunteers to part-time staff in the wake of the Jan. 1, 2002 Sherbrooke merger.

The president of Lennoxville's Firefighters' Association, Gerry McNab, noted Deauville's firefighters needed the equipment to fulfill their duties. The Deauville station was not slated to get extrication equipment from the new city of Sherbrooke any time soon.

McNab said Lennoxville still has two sets that are being used and a spare set in storage.

The heavy piece of donated equipment had been lying at the station for years in case the need for spare parts ever arose. That hasn't happened yet.

"These guys are called to accidents because they are first respondents," McNab said. "Now they'll be able to see the victims and free them."



DANIEL HUOT

François Lafleur, Gerry McNab, Jacques Grégoire and Lt. René Marchand toy around with the jaws of life.

Deauville firefighters will learn the ropes of breaking through metal scrap with Lennoxville's firefighters. They will participate with the firefighters in future

hydraulic shear competitions, which are aimed at enhancing training among the best in the profession.

Jacques Grégoire, Deauville's chief,

said he's grateful for the donation.

"It just takes one incident," he said. "When somebody is stuck in a car, you have to act quickly."

He praised Lennoxville firefighters' for their shark-like ability in manipulating the jaws.

"Everybody in the region knows they're the pros in hydraulic shear manipulation," he said. "They're better than everybody else in the region."

Grégoire added Deauville will eventually train Lennoxville's and Bromptonville's firefighters to help them become first respondents.

"We'll share our first response experience with them just as much as they share their jaws of life experience with us," Grégoire explained.

Deauville, Bromptonville and Lennoxville will ultimately have to respond to fires in their neighbouring boroughs. The three stations which have part-time firefighters will definitely be building a stronger work relationship, the firefighters said Wednesday night.

"On the third alert, we have to go to Lennoxville and Bromptonville," Grégoire said.

And vice versa.

McNab said Lennoxville firefighters used the jaws approximately 15 times this year, including twice last week.

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Tax break is good incentive: C of C

By Daniel Huot
SHERBROOKE

The presidents of the Fleurimont and Sherbrooke chambers of commerce are welcoming the 5-year property tax break for companies that wish to settle or expand their facilities in Fleurimont's biomedical park. Companies would no longer have to pay taxes during their first three years of operation. They would receive an 80 per cent exemption the fourth year and a 60 per cent exemption the fifth year.

"The region will be able to benefit from programs that already exist elsewhere," noted Fleurimont's Marie-Claude Lapointe. "It's great if it can help us attract more companies."

Sherbrooke's Louis-André Neault shared her opinion.

"We must use every advantage we can," he said.

Neault added he's pleased that a research and development centre will be constructed in 2002 in the biomedical park located at the CHUS.

"We must ensure scientists are able to benefit from infrastructures," he noted. "If we can develop sufficiently, large companies will follow."

Lapointe noted the biomedical park will create high-paying jobs in Fleurimont and the greater Sherbrooke area which will boost the local economy. Peo-

ple who decide to work in the region might eventually decide to settle here.

The universities' contributions are also important, she noted.

"University research creates lots of employment in the region. We should emphasize that point," she said.

Neault credited Mario Deslongchamps, the business development director for Biomed Développement, for his efforts to expand the biomedical park and attract businesses. Deslongchamps' non-profit organization's business purpose is to do just that.

The business director said he spends much of his time travelling between Montreal and Quebec City. Sometimes, he drives off from his Fleurimont office in the clinical research centre to attend morning meetings in the metropolis at 7 a.m.

"I don't have a fixed schedule," Deslongchamps noted. "I just work when I have to."

Over the past few weeks, he has had to deal with six companies who have been prospecting the future R&D centre. Three more are expected in January, he added.

"My laboratory experience helps me understand what researchers are doing," Deslongchamps explained.

Now in his 40s, he worked for many years at the Institut de Recherche Clin-



FILE PHOTO

Use every advantage: Louis-André Neault

ique de Montréal before moving to the Sherbrooke region three years ago.

While working in the lab, he took night courses and completed a bachelor's degree in commerce at McGill University and later an MBA at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). He said he loves science, but also wanted to face a new challenge.

"I really like to see the complex expand day by day," he said.

Scientists turn household waste into energy

Project could lead to large-scale operation

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

In a tiny plant a stone's throw from downtown, scientists from the University of Sherbrooke are transforming household garbage into energy.

A spinoff of Groupe Kemestrie specializing in bioenergy, Enerkem has just built a demonstration facility where scientists are transforming household waste into synthetic gas with properties similar to natural gas.

The aim of the prototype plant, located in the heating facility of the former Beloit factory on Courcellette Street, is to study the feasibility of turning domestic waste into gas, diminishing the volume of garbage in landfill sites and producing synthetic gas with little or no effect on the environment.

"As well as producing energy, the technology we have perfected also provides an ecological solution to the problems caused by burying waste by applying the principles of reduction, recycling, reuse and finding enhanced value for residual matters," said Enerkem president Esteban Chornet, adding that if the project is conclusive, a large-scale \$12 million plant to turn waste into energy could be built in Sherbrooke.

Synthetic gas, commonly known as syngas, is produced through the partial-oxidation of sorted solid domestic waste.

Once recyclables and compostables are removed from household garbage, the 50 per cent of remaining waste, which contains carbon and hydrogen, is transformed into gas which is conditioned and used as an alternative fuel that can be used in power plants, explained chemical engineer Nicolas Abatzoglou.

The process begins at a sorting center in Victoriaville where organic waste and recyclables such as metal and glass are separated from the rest of the garbage. That leaves about half of the total - such items as non-recyclable plastics, paper, packaging, wood and textiles - which are shredded into particles between 2 and 5 centimeters in diameter.

The process then moves to Sherbrooke where the particles are pressed into odorless pellets and, those containing more than 20 per cent humidity, are put through a dryer.

The pellets are then fed into a reactor which uses gas and limited amounts of oxygen to burn quickly and efficiently at temperatures of about 800 degrees Celsius.

"Basically we do in ten seconds what it takes nature years to do," said Abatzoglou, who's in charge of technology and research for Enerkem.

Abatzoglou said the process is twice as efficient as combustion and much



Enerkem president Esteban Chornet holds a handful of garbage pellets that are transformed into gas using technology developed by University of Sherbrooke scientists.

less harmful to the environment.

Because the technology speeds up the decomposition of waste there are few emissions, scientists charged with the project explain.

At the end of the process, there is synthetic gas and left-over solids - which are equivalent to about five per cent of the original volume of waste, Chornet said, adding that scientists are looking at ways to stabilize the ashes into aggregates used in making cement, concrete or other products.

The synthetic gas created after the

from the federal and provincial government including research and development grants from Natural Resources Canada, the Canadian Center for Materials and Energy Technology, the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and

oxidation process is then filtered and conditioned using processes also developed by University of Sherbrooke scientists.

The syngas produced at the Sherbrooke plant is currently burned to create electricity. In the meantime, scientists are measuring emissions - which they say are equivalent to those produced by a car engine or natural gas furnace - and determining the environmental impact and economic feasibility of the process.

The \$1.2 million prototype plant has already received some \$450,000 in government help

the Centre Québécois de valorisation de la biomasse.

While the gas is currently being used to produce power, the ultimate goal of the chemical and mechanical engineers is to also use the versatile gas like petrochemicals to make plastics and other industrial products - "so your garbage ends up back in your home as usable products," Chornet said.

The patented technology developed here in Sherbrooke has already been sold to a Spanish company that has built a \$17 million premier plant which transforms 25,000 tonnes of non-recyclable plastics a year into 7 megawatts of electricity a day - enough to heat about 2000 homes in winter conditions.

Over the next few months, Enerkem hopes to announce the creation of a series of European plants creating between 5 and 10 megawatts of electricity.

Chornet explained that in Europe, legislation severely restricts the dumping of waste. He said that by turning it into energy, the process not only creates power but also eliminates waste.

Chornet said that producing electricity with syngas here in Quebec is not financially viable because of the low cost of electricity. But he said that the process provides the additional benefit of eliminating solid waste.

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Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christmas is still painful

DEAR EDITOR,

A year ago I wrote you and asked to have an article I wrote, "Understanding Mental Illness" and sent a poem I composed about our son passing away. I sincerely appreciated you printing it, as many acknowledged seeing and reading it. I'm writing to ask if you'll consider once again to answer my need to contact your readers, to thank them all for their kind and supportive ways they've shown us during this past year.

It's been a hard and still somewhat, disbelieving year for us, - and so true when folk have told us, "it will take a year and maybe longer to grieve."

Losing a loved one, especially a child, is a devastating and painful experience. You know in your hearts, as others will tell you, "Life has to go on" and it does...you try and brace up, continuing doing things as before, attempt a smile and go on - then comes the anniversary of that loved one's death, and a tear replaces the smile, whether you want it to or not.

And now, it's Christmas - cards to be written and sent out, wanting in my heart to spread joy, peace and love to all who have been so kind and considerate this whole past year. Cards are beginning to line our mail box with special added notes of remembering us as we lead up to Christmas. Hidden and added messages that our friends too, are remembering last year, when our hearts were saddened Dec. 21st. when the Merry was taken out of the wish "Merry Christmas," for us.

It is Dec. 17, 2001, and to date, I have not been able to address or write out a Christmas card, or a newsletter which I've done for years, but I want people to know we care about them, therefore I'm requesting you might allow me space to acknowledge our apprecia-

tion through the Record. All those who have and are sending us Christmas cards, left phone messages, gives us warm hugs - just giving us the feeling of really being cared about.

Our wish for all of you and your families is to have the very best of Holiday Seasons.

May God grant you peace in your hearts (& peace in our world), hope for the future; joy of living each day to the fullest; and love - which everyone needs in their life. None of these can survive without the other.

May 2002 be a happy and healthy one.

Sincerely,

BARBARA E. HARVEY
Dunham

Editor's Note: One of our faithful readers sent in the following poem to comfort those who are missing a loved one this Christmas.

My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below

With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,

For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear

But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,

For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,

But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones. You

know I hold you dear

And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my Heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the story Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to you,

For I can't count the blessings for love he has for you.

So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

- Author Unknown

No time line for justice

DEAR EDITOR:

Henry Keyserlingk's article of December 5, 2001 concerning the wrongful conviction in certain murder cases involving Marshall, Morin and Milgaard etc. prompted me to write this letter.

It's about the questionable hanging of Wilbert Coffin for the murder of three Pennsylvania hunters in the Quebec-Gaspe region.

All evidence points to political expediency as pressure for a hasty conviction was exerted by the family, friends and the hunting association in the slain hunter's home state. Also in Quebec it was thought that the tourist industry might be adversely affected.

Here in Quebec, Premier Duplessis, although a democratically elected official under our system, exerted somewhat dictatorial powers. The provincial police hopped to his dictates and federal authorities were adverse to interfere with his decisions. So he pressured the provincial police for a conviction at all costs.

Such notable personages and writers as Jacques Hubert, John Edward Belliveau and Alton Price in their books point out glaring faults and abuse of power.

Also around the time of Prime Minister Trudeau, capital punishment was abolished. I would say that the wrongful sentence imposed on Wilbert Coffin brought about this change in the law.

This is somewhat different from those in Henry Keyserlingk's article as it might be termed justice after the fact. The details of this case greatly belie my superficial assessment but I maintain that justice present or later is still justice required or denied.

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Richmond holds line on mill rate

Taxes increase on garbage, water

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

Richmond homeowners will see little or no increase on their property taxes, but will pay more for their water and garbage taxes in 2002, according to figures released earlier this week.

Richmond residents living east of the St. Francis river will see the 2001 mill rate of \$1.31 remain in place for next year.

The freeze is due to the elimination of a six cent tax that helped finance the town's economic development office. Its elimination next year offsets a six-cent general mill rate hike for 2002.

Residents of Richmond's borough of Melbourne, on the west side of the river, did not pay the economic development tax this year, and will not see it on their tax bills next year. But they will see their general mill rate increase by about one cent. Those Melbourne residents with water and sewage services will see their rate go from \$1.07 to \$1.08, those without the services will see the rate go from \$1.03 to \$1.04.

Director General Guy-Lin Beaudoin said the increases were due to revenue lost this year when much of the Trudo factory was destroyed by fire this fall. The town estimated the lost revenue at just under \$13,000.

Melbourne businesses will also see their business tax rise from two to three per cent in 2002. Beaudoin said the business tax will increase one per cent per year until it matches the six per cent business tax charged to business across the river.

Where increases will hit both sides of the river are with the garbage and water charges.

Homeowners who paid \$73.50 this year for garbage and recycling pickup will see that charge increased to \$149.60 in 2002. Businesses that paid \$75 for the same service this year will have to fork

out \$91.13 next year.

Beaudoin said the hikes are due to increased costs at the MRC dump and a new recycling pickup contract.

As for water and sewage services, a similar hike is in store. A single unit home will see their water tax go from \$137 this year to \$149.60 next year. The sewage tax goes from \$142 this year to \$159.60 next year.

Landlords will pay \$129.95 for water and \$131.50 for sewage for each apartment they own.

Beaudoin said these hikes are due to increased spending by the town to upgrade water and sewer lines in 2002.

The town will save \$253,745 next year with its decision to disband its police force and hand the job over to the provincial police.

But Beaudoin said most of that savings will be put into infrastructure projects such as street repaving.

The total budget for 2002 is \$3,137,323, up from \$3,051,650 this year.

Other towns that held or dropped their mill rate charges this week were:

DRUMMONDVILLE

In Drummondville, most residents will see their mill rate drop from \$1.29 to \$1.21 cents next year. For the borough of Grantham, the mill rate of \$1.03 will remain in place.

Businesses and industries in most of Drummondville will see their rates go from \$2.14 to \$2.10 next year. But those in Grantham will see the rates rise from \$1.88 to \$1.92. The increased rates for Grantham are largely due to a debt service charge increase of three cents and a two cent special expropriation tax.

Drummondville mayor Francine Ruest-Jutras said the tax reductions for most residents is due to a shrinking long term debt the city acquired before its merger with Grantham.

Water and sewage taxes for all of Drummondville remain unchanged for the new year at \$75 and \$90 respectively. So do the metering charges for water and sewage at 80 cents and 90 cents respectively.

But residents will see their garbage

and recycling pickup charges rise from \$66.50 to \$72.80 for a single household. The mayor said the increased charges are due to a new contract with their garbage and recycling contractor.

The \$12 charge for black fly spraying will not go up next year.

The city plans to spend \$8.5 million next year on infrastructure projects next year. The total budget for 2002 will be \$45.5 million, up slightly from this year's budget of \$44.9 million.

KINGSBURY

Kingsbury homeowners will see a mill rate freeze but a small increase in their garbage taxes in 2002. The rate of 94 cents will remain in place, but the garbage tax will increase from \$76.50 this year to \$85 next year.

Water and sewage charges will remain at \$85 per household.

The town forecasts revenues of \$207,966 and expenses of \$207,366.

ST. FELIX DE KINGSEY

St. Felix de Kingsey residents will see no mill rate increases, but can expect slightly higher charges for garbage and sewage charges.

The mill rate of 89.5 cents remains unchanged for 2002. Garbage and recy-

cling services go from \$94.20 per permanent resident this year to \$96.69 next year. Seasonal residents will see their garbage charge go from \$64.86 to \$65.75 in 2002.

Sewage treatment charges will go from \$148.97 this year to \$157.83 next year.

The biggest change in charges will be for snow removal in two town sectors. In the Descontaux sector, the charge will be \$16.09 per household next year, down from \$21.23 this year.

But in the Francoeur sector, the charge will increase from \$20.76 this year to \$138.26 next year.

Town secretary Susan Mastine said the large increase is due to a difficulty this year in getting a contractor who could meet the 2001 cost for the Francoeur sector.

"We had to tender the contract twice, and the second time, the cost was too high," she said.

"So when the bidder came back with a slightly lower price, the residents of the Francoeur sector agreed to it."

The town hopes to invest \$44,300 in road repairs next year.

The town's total budget is \$968,506, up from \$923,181 in 2001.

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Quebec culture minister questions media concentration

Southam News

Quebec Culture Minister Diane Lemieux said this week that she plans to introduce legislation to ensure "a plurality of opinion and a plurality of sources of information" in the face of concentration of media ownership.

Her comments come in the wake of the decision by CanWest Global Communications Corp. to publish a weekly national editorial in its Southam chain of 12 major newspapers across Canada.

The national editorials are expected to rise to three per week.

Lemieux said she would consult with her officials before she acts, admitting that there are not many examples in the world of legislation dealing with media concentration.

"I need a couple of weeks," she told reporters. "It's a very complicated issue. We don't have a lot of examples."

A committee of the Quebec National Assembly reported last month after hearings on media concentration, fo-

cus primarily on the acquisition by Quebecor Inc. of the French-language TVA television network and acquisition by Power Corp. of Canada's Gesca Inc., which already owned Montreal's La Presse and three other Quebec dailies, including Le Soleil in Quebec City.

The committee also considered CanWest's addition of the Southam dailies and the National Post to its Global television network and BCE Inc.'s ownership of the CTV network and The Globe and Mail.

In its recommendations, the committee proposed that media owners should publish their principles and commitments regarding the quality of information and suggested they name ombudsmen to answer public complaints.

It also suggested the creation of watchdog committees by media conglomerates to ensure that ethical practices are observed among different media outlets held by the same owner.

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Cdn. dairy farmers welcome trade truce

By James Baxter
SOUTHAM NEWS

Canadian dairy farmers can expect about 10 months peace after the three countries involved in a four-year-old trade dispute agreed this week to have the World Trade Organization re-examine its earlier rulings.

Canada, New Zealand and the United States decided to return the case to a dispute resolution panel after a WTO appellate body judged earlier this month that a previous ruling that Canada's dairy subsidies violated trade laws was in error.

The appellate body said that ruling had been made on insufficient grounds but did not exonerate Canada's practices.

Canadian officials originally claimed that the appellate body's decision was a "decisive victory" that would force the U.S. and New Zealand to re-start their challenge from the very beginning.

"My reaction would have been to tell them (New Zealand and the U.S.) to go play in traffic," said Ottawa-based trade consultant Peter Clark, who has been advising Canadian dairy producers.

He said Canadian dairy farmers are experiencing something akin to double jeopardy in this dispute. "Usually, when a court finds that there is insufficient evidence in a case, that's it."

"(New Zealand and the U.S.) argued that Canada's dairy system was not found to be either in compliance or not in compliance because not enough evi-

dence was presented. Well, my response is: whose fault is that?"

The case involves "commercial milk", which is not sold directly to consumers and falls outside Canada's supply-management system.

The U.S. and New Zealand argue that Canada's subsidies contribute to depressed world prices for such products as butter, cheese and yogurt, and hurt their producers.

New Zealand was claiming \$35 million US in damages from Canada, while the U.S. claimed \$25 million US.

A New Zealand official said that sending the case back for review is a fair outcome and that a clear ruling, one way or another, is needed to establish precedence for a great many countries with similar subsidized dairy systems.

The case will be taken up by the WTO panel Feb. 18, with a ruling expected 90 days later. Regardless of the outcome, an appeal is likely to follow within 30 days of the ruling, which would then be followed by 60- to 90-day period before a final ruling would be issued, unlikely before mid-September.

Canadian trade officials said the decision not to contest the review process stems from the fact that the case has been handled professionally by all sides and that the levels of antipathy and disagreement are relatively low.

"Besides, we believe we will win," an official said, reiterating claims that Canada's system now fully conforms to all WTO rules.

Amnesty extended on Saturday night specials

Southam News

Justice Minister Anne McLellan has extended a three-year-old amnesty allowing gun owners to keep small-calibre "Saturday night special" handguns that are illegal under the Firearms Act.

The cabinet decision made last week and announced Wednesday prompted an angry denunciation of the federal firearms law by Canadian Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz.

The amnesty affects 32,000 short-bar-

reled .25 and .32 calibre pistols and revolvers, as well as other types of restricted firearms still unregistered by their owners, that would otherwise have to be turned in to police under the 1995 law.

A bill now going through Parliament would amend the Firearms Act to "grandfather" 24,000 of the handguns that are now in store inventories, which would allow the stores to sell the guns to individuals who were legal owners of the same type of firearms before they were prohibited.

A Wales Home Christmas concert



*Photos by Perry Beaton
Special to The Record*

Give the gift of a lifetime

Christmas is just around the corner. As the season for gift-giving gets underway, it's a good time to think about what makes a good gift. It's also a good time to consider the many gifts in our lives that we take for granted.

One of the greatest gifts in my life came to me when I was very little.

It was a gift from my family and my school - a gift to last me a lifetime. The ability to read and write.

The fact that you are reading this means that you received the same gift. Try to imagine if you hadn't. Try to imagine how different your world would be if you couldn't read labels, street signs, prescriptions, letters, instructions, recipes... Try to imagine hiding that fact from everyone you know, including your own kids. It happens more often than we think. In Quebec alone over 50 per cent of the population has less than a Grade 9 reading level, with 28 per cent at a Grade 6 level or less!

Last April, the community of Richmond began a concerted effort to change all that. Born out of a partnership between New Horizons Adult Education Centre and the St. Francis Literacy Council, and thanks to the Town of Richmond, which contributed office space and furniture, the new Richmond Literacy Centre opened its doors. In less than a year the Centre is now a going concern, matching up volunteer tutors with adult learners in a dynamic community initiative that is making a real difference in the lives of those involved. As one tutor put it, "We have such a great time! You wouldn't believe how much I enjoy this. Right now, we're reading recipes and cooking together. I think it's important to have fun when you're learning. And we really do. This has changed my life."

And that's the tutor talking! The learners she teaches are now reading, writing and cooking things they never read, wrote or cooked before.

The Centre's office space in the Richmond Town Hall has become a meeting



RICK FOSS/CORRESPONDENT

Thanks to Honda Canada, a three-year family literacy program is in the works at the Richmond Literacy Centre. Here, artist and Family Literacy Animator Patricia Barrowman reads one of her own children's stories to youngsters at St. Francis Elementary School.

place and resource centre. Thanks to a grant from Townshippers' Foundation and contributions from local individuals and a business, the Centre has purchased materials that are readily available to the tutors and learners. The office is staffed one morning per week by volunteers

working on rotation, and two afternoons per week by a coordinator from New Horizons.

Instead of producing glossy promotional material, voluminous reports and tomes of dire statistics, this literacy initiative is pure grassroots.

It is community-based in every sense of the word. It re-

cruits and trains tutors, matches them with learners, provides resources, coordination and encouragement. It is tired of all the talk about literacy and considers itself a true "action group."

As such, it has been a busy summer and fall for the fledgling Centre. A summer student (shared with the St. Francis Literacy Council) worked tirelessly throughout July and August, attending local fairs, family days, craft shows and

businesses to establish community liaisons.

October training sessions were held for volunteer tutors. In November, a Family Literacy Animator was hired, thanks to Honda Canada, the St. Francis Literacy Council, and a grant from the Conseil régional de développement de l'Estrie (CRD).

This project matches an animator with young children and their families. In collaboration with the local elementary school, the animator goes into the home to encourage reading as a fun activity and provide a model of creative communication skills for parents. The program also encourages the donation of children's books for families who don't have access to them. The Honda Canada contribution to this project is assisting the Centre in planning a three-year family literacy program.

As in all literacy endeavors, the hardest part is getting the adults who need help to ask for it. They are embarrassed, sometimes fearful and ashamed, because they have not received the gift so many of us take for granted. It takes many things to activate the learning of literacy skills, including a nurturing family, a secure environment, good health,

good teachers... You are born with the potential, not the ability. Not everyone is lucky enough to have the right ingredients when they are young. And no matter how talented and capable you are in other ways, nothing compensates for not being able to read your kids a story, sign your own cheques, write a letter or e-mail someone you love.

The greatest gift you might give this Christmas is to urge a friend or relative to make the move to upgrade his or her skills, then provide the moral support necessary for the new learner to do so. It won't cost you anything, could reward you in ways you can't imagine, and will certainly be the gift of a lifetime to the person you choose to encourage. You might even receive a handwritten Christmas card of thanks next year.

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Montjoye's season kicks off

By Daniel Huot

Safety is the key word this year as the ski and snowboard season kicked off at the Montjoye recreo-touristic centre this week. The intermunicipal board responsible for the trails invested heavily this year to make the hill a place where safety comes first.

Director Brigitte Marchand said they have invested about \$25,000 to clear the woods around the trails, put up signs indicating the level of difficulty of the trails (i.e. - beginner, expert, suicidal), and putting safety cushions across the hill.

Ski classes will help transmit safety awareness.

"Children will be taught how to read the signs on the hills through games," she said. "It will help them understand which trails are suitable for them."

Marchand said children and beginners should look for signs a green circle which indicates the trail is easy. Double black diamonds indicate expert trails.

McGill University will also be conducting a study on helmet security at Montjoye. A doctoral student is conducting the study.

More than 100 skiers hit the trails



Director Brigitte Marchand said emphasis is on safety

Wednesday and many more were practicing the winter sport yesterday.

Intermunicipal board president and Hatley Township Mayor Pierre Levac announced net profits of \$145,000 for the

previous season. Thirty per cent of that amount went to the Société de développement multidisciplinaire (SODEM), and the remaining 70 per cent went to the board.

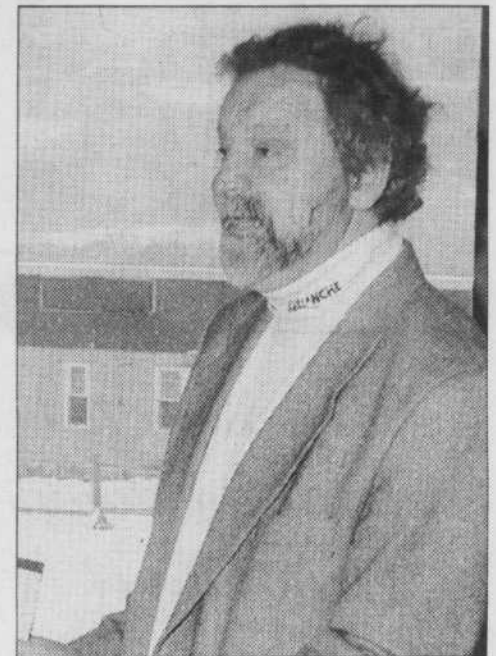
A portion of the money was used to pay off the debt, some will remain as a surplus and the rest was used to upgrade the hill, Levac noted.

"All the commercial aspects of the park must be self-sufficient," said Levac. "Citizens shouldn't have to pay for this service."

He said Montjoye has a regional vocation, with more than 70 per cent of its clientele coming from the Sherbrooke area. The new city will have three votes at the board level - those that belonged to Lennoxville, Fleurimont and Ascot, said Levac.

That brings the city's stake to 37.5 per cent. Other Montjoye shareholders include Waterville, Hatley Township, Magog Township, Stukely and South Stukely.

Meanwhile the demand for season tickets is on the rise. Season pass sales are up 40 per cent and enrollments for ski and snowboard lessons have skyrocketed by 30 per cent.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Hatley Township Mayor Pierre Levac announced net profits of \$145,000.

More rental equipment has been purchased. Montjoye also has a new Web site - www.montjoye.qc.ca, which contains information about skiing conditions.

FARMER:

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in a patch of dead goldenrod. Also missing were six whiskey bottles from Lowry's liquor cabinet.

"They left the good stuff here," noting the thieves left the best whiskey bottle in his cabinet. "The best bottle they took was the Jameson Irish Whiskey."

Lowry said he's upset with the way the Sûreté du Québec responded to his call.

"The cops drove straight by here," he said. "The Key-stone Cops would have been more adequate."

He complained SQ officers asked few questions.

Lowry, a former army corporal, informed police that the thieves got away with army ammunition that could pierce their bullet-proof jackets.

He described the robber as a teen with short brown hair. Both the intruder and his driver accomplice are still at large.

Lowry said it isn't the first time he's been disappointed with police. During the fall hunting season, he called police to say he discovered some 300 cannabis plants growing on his property. They didn't respond to his call then either.

"They didn't come. I then called the RCMP, but they said they were strung out pretty thin because of the Sept. 11 thing."

Exasperated, Lowry took matters into his own hands.

"I phoned (the SQ) again and said it was in my truck."

That time, they showed up and took the plants away.

Four other vandalism and theft incidents have plagued Lowry's assets over the past year, and twice the year before.

"The first time, somebody put water into my tractor's fuel tank," he said, adding that it caused severe damage to the hydraulic pump.

"The second time I was in Germany for three weeks," he said. "Somebody took my skidder for a ride in the woods and blew the motor."

That cost Lowry a whopping \$5,018 bill and was not covered by insurance.

After that, his camp at Lake Drolet was targeted by

thieves who completed their work by trashing his site.

"They took all the equipment - knives, poles, tree trimmers, food. They took everything worth 5 cents and then threw garbage on the floor," Lowry said. "They even took the salt and pepper shakers. I found two nicely laid bottles of wine on the table. The insurance company paid me \$585."

Finally, robbers struck for the fourth time, stealing two chainsaws worth approximately \$1,050. With a deductible of \$1,000, Lowry did not make a claim on his insurance.

Then his insurance company, Le Groupe Estrie-Richelieu, informed him he was too high a risk and could no longer be covered. Items he was protected for included theft, liability, fire - all that's required to operate a farm and a tree business.

Lowry called more than a dozen insurance companies. They all turned him down.

"I even called companies in the U.S., but they don't cover Canada. Then I called some in Ontario, but they don't do Quebec. They will issue for New Brunswick on."

With no insurance and the bad guys winning, Lowry quipped he's ready to do anything to get coverage.

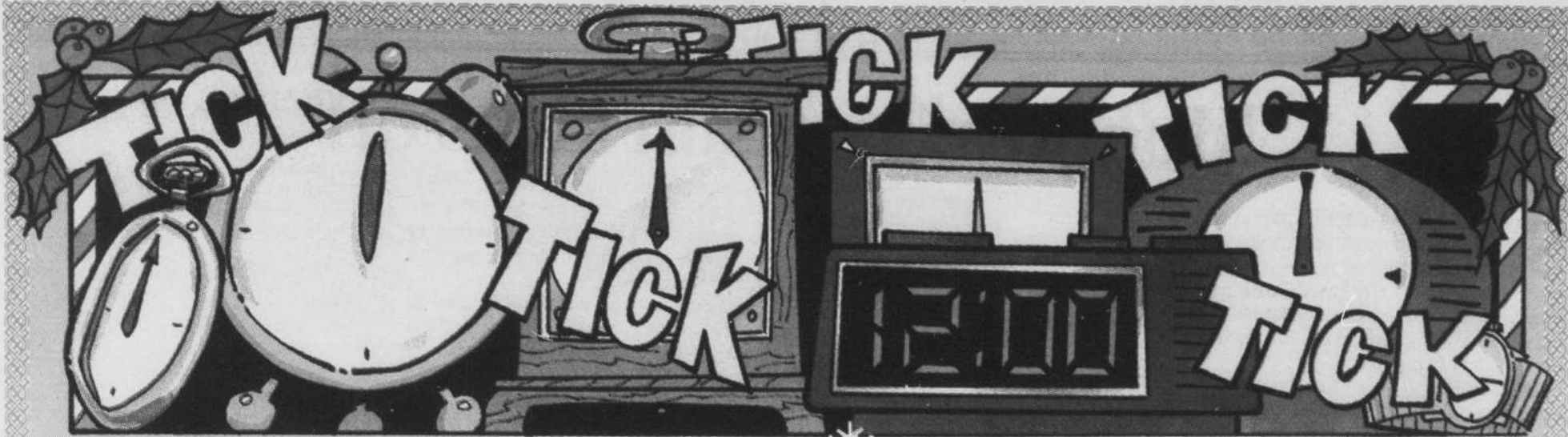
"If I get a dog and it bites my men, I will lose just as much. I have lights here, but it just helps the robbers find things better. We have a direct line with the SQ, but they can't find the place."

"If the Hells Angels sold insurance, I'd go through them, he said. "I've been told I should start my own insurance company."

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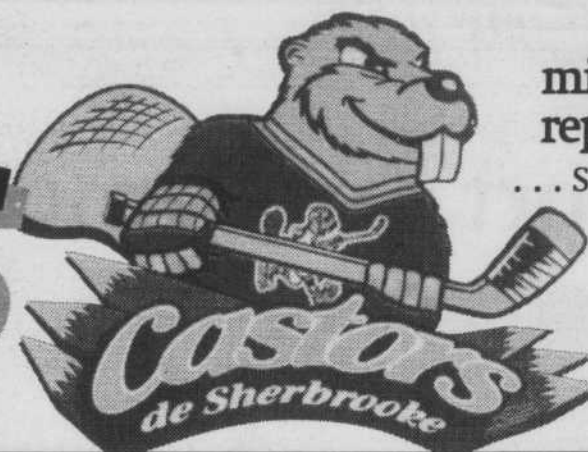
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University basketball investigates interlock play

*Quebec and Ontario
could be playing
each other in
2003-04 season*

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Now that the Quebec University Football Conference has agreed to a two-year interlocking schedule with the Atlantic University Athletic Association it is time to shift our attention to the problems facing men and women's university basketball in the province of Quebec.

While football is adding two teams, the University of Montreal and the University of Sherbrooke in the next

two seasons, both basketball leagues are comprised of four teams each and with no new teams planned in the foreseeable future.

The Quebec schools are in the first year of a format that sees each of the four schools playing each other five times with the top three teams advancing to the playoffs.

On the men's side, the final playoff series is a best-of-three affair which means that two teams could face each other eight times in one year.

While Quebec continues to press Ontario for a return to the home and home series (not likely to occur until the 2003-04 season at the earliest), there is at least one coach in Quebec who feels this schedule is a blessing in disguise.

"We are a young team and only playing once a week helps us," Gaiter women's head coach Rod Gilpin said Wednesday. "We will play Laval five times, hopefully six times counting the playoffs, and they are arguably the best team in the country."

"With the schedule the way it is we get to practice more and that is important to a young team."

Gilpin makes no illusions however that a more extensive schedule is needed down the road.

"I will gladly welcome the interlock and if it comes back in two years we will be ready for it," Gilpin insisted. "Right now the present set-up is not that bad. In a few years as the team matures we are going to need more diversity in our schedule."

Men's head coach Eddie Pomykala also sees some positive in the present situation.

"Sure we would like to play more games against Ontario schools but there is plenty to benefit from this

year's schedule," Pomykala said in his office yesterday. "I look a (rookie) Jeff Szita and he has a chance to go against an outstanding player like Marc-Antoine Horth five times this year and that is great for his development."

"I am sure that our fans would like to see us play schools like Laurentian and Ryerson but they will see very good, intense basketball in the second half of the year."

The Ontario schools are presently locked into a two-year agreement and there is a strong indication that the issue of an interlock schedule will be addressed within the next two years.

"It may not be a home and away schedule like last year but I believe we will be playing each other in the fu-

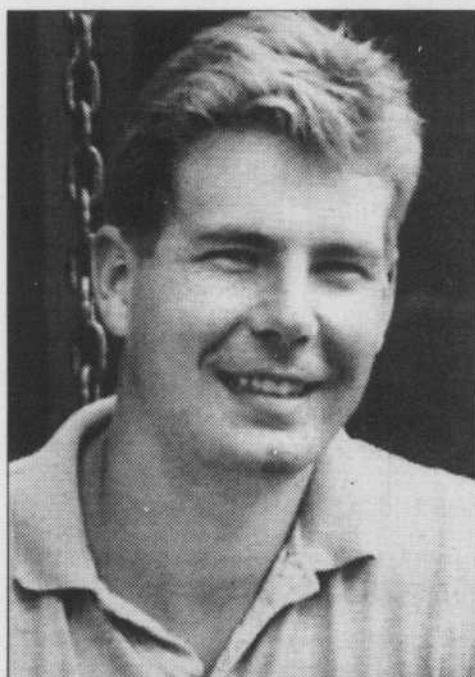
ture," Pomykala said.

Of course bringing back Ontario is just a part of the solution.

Thirty years ago, Quebec had a nine-team league that included Sherbrooke and the University of Quebec at Montreal. While some of those schools no longer exist there is a need for French Universities to run competitive programs.

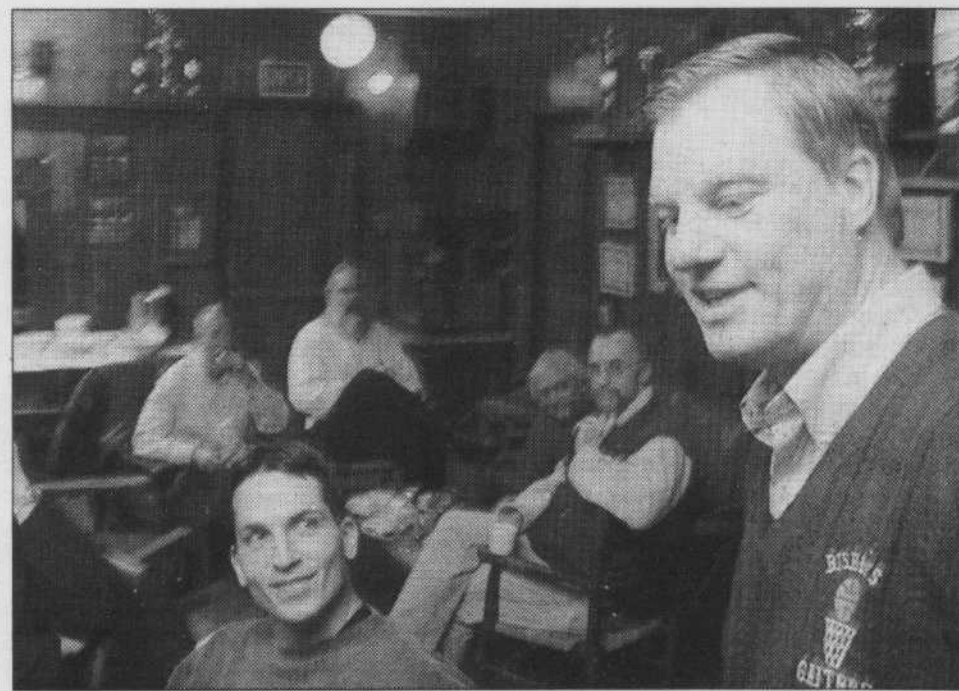
It is strange that both Sherbrooke and the University of Montreal have started football programs and not basketball when one considers the rise of basketball in the province over the last 25 years.

There are eight CEGEP AAA teams and over 25 AA teams while 11 other CEGEPs play football.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Rod Gilpin believes his young team will be better.



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Men's basketball coach Eddie Pomykala

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Report card time for Sherbrooke Castors



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Coach Jean Pronovost believes that the Castors' recent winning streak is a sign that his team is finally on the right track.

Recent winning streak pulls up mid-season grade

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

It is not often that a team that is 18 games below .500 gets a passing grade but the Sherbrooke Castors have been receiving extra tutoring under new professor Jean Pronovost and the team's recent test scores - four straight wins heading into tonight's contest against the Drummondville Voltigeurs - has enabled the team to avoid any Fs on their mid-season report card.

But Pronovost himself is quick to point out that there is a long way for improvement.

"We have to remember we are still a last place team,"

Pronovost said in an interview Wednesday. "We are playing much better and with a lot more confidence but we still have a long way to go."

Two weeks ago, several of the veteran players expressed a desire to be traded to a contending team but to date the Castors have stayed put and the disgruntled players are having second thoughts after winning four in a row.

So here are the mid-term grades with commentary from the coach.

DEFENCE -D+ "It has improved a lot in the last two weeks and we are getting good performances from some of our younger players but we need more from Gosselin because he is a veteran and is capable of playing better."

FORWARDS -D "Nicolas Corbeil has been our best offensive player, a natural goal scorer. (Dany) Roussin is going to be a great player but he needs to get bigger, but he is only 16. (Maxime) Boisclair is another one who is going to be very good once he improves his skating ability."

Another rookie who Pronovost had high praise for was Cedric Duhamel who joined the team two weeks ago from Lachine Junior AAA. "He has been a breath of fresh air," Pronovost said. "He scored 31 goals in a good league so he comes here with a lot of confidence and that really helped this team."

GOALTENDERS -B "They (Drew MacIntyre and Louis-Philippe Lemay) have done everything we have asked for," Pronovost stated. "When you evaluate their play you can't look at goals-against-average or save percentage."

SPECIALTY TEAMS -C "We have done a decent job killing penalties and now the power play has been pretty good in the last four games," Pronovost said.

It is not a coincidence that the Castors winning streak started at the same time the power play caught fire. The team has scored 10 power play goals in the last four games after suffering a 0-28 drought with the man advantage.

COACHING -B+ Pronovost inherited a bad situation where the team had lost confidence in itself and the organization. The losing ways continued after his arrival but the veteran coach didn't panic or despair, but rather kept preaching the Gospel according to Jean.

"I talked about making good decisions on the ice and that good things would happen if we continue to work hard and believe in ourselves," Pronovost said. "I never met anyone who could properly define what confidence is but I know it is powerful. We are playing with confidence right now and we go out and believe that we are going to win."

Goaltending coach Stephan Waite continues to be the league's top position coach and his calm, analytical approach to the game has helped the MacIntyre-Lemay duo play well through some hard times.

The Castors are backing in action tonight in Drummondville and play their final home game before Christmas tomorrow night against the Halifax Moosehead.

MASSAWIPPI DART LEAGUE STANDINGS

Raftmen	20	Double Deuce	6
A.N.A.F.	14	Forces	6
Drifters	14	Little Devils	4
Dragons	12	Wanderers	4

(Results as of Dec. 7, 2001)

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

IOC names replacement for Pound

After six months of estrangement, the divorce between Jacques Rogge and Dick Pound is final. Pound, the Montreal lawyer who helped turn the Olympics from a near-bankrupt organization into a multibillion-dollar sports giant, was replaced Thursday as the International Olympic Committee's marketing chief.

The position, one of the most powerful in international sports, now belongs to Norway's Gerhard Heiberg, the chief organizer of the highly successful 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer.

The move was announced by Rogge, who has been reshaping the IOC since his election as president in July, succeeding Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Pound's role in the IOC had been uncertain since his third-place finish in the presidential vote. He immediately resigned as chairman of the marketing commission and as the organization's television rights negotiator, saying it was up to Rogge to choose his own team.

On TV

FRIDAY

BOXING: 9 p.m., Friday Night Fights, Antwun Echols vs Lawrence Chapman, TSN.

SATURDAY

NFL: 1:30 p.m., Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots, CBS. 5 p.m., Philadelphia Eagles at S.F. 49ers, FOX.

NHL: 7 p.m., Los Angeles Kings at Montreal Canadiens, Radio-Canada. 7 p.m., Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs, CBC. 10 p.m., Minnesota Wild at Vancouver Canucks, CBC.

SUNDAY

NFL: 1 p.m., Cincinnati Bengals at Baltimore Ravens, NBC. 4 p.m., Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Packers, CBS. 8:30 p.m., N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis Colts, TSN.

NBA: 3 p.m., Miami Heat at Toronto Raptors, CFCF.

Around Town

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FRIDAY

ETIAC BASKETBALL: 4 p.m., Galt Junior girls at Pipers.

ETIAC HOCKEY: 7 p.m., Greely High at Galt Senior hockey.

SATURDAY

ETIAC HOCKEY: 2 p.m., Greely High at Galt Senior hockey, BCS Arena.

SUNDAY

MIDGET AAA HOCKEY: 7 p.m., C.A. Girouard at Magog, Magog Arena.

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In Memoriam

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COTNOIR, Yves - At the C.H.U.S. Hotel Dieu, Sherbrooke, Que., on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. Yves Cotnoir, in his 42nd year. Loving son of Carmelle Fleury (the late Simon Cotnoir) and beloved husband of Lyne Courchesne of Fleurimont. Cherished father of Steve, Stéphanie (Paul Sanschagrin), Jean-Francois, Catherine. Dear brother of Chantal (Tim Fearon), Richard (Kim Lessard), Pierre (Lisa Jetté), Sylvie (Guy Langlois), Michelle (Glenn Williams). Son-in-law of Louise Fiset (Claude Oullette). Brother-in-law of Sylvie (Jules), Robert (Louise Fillion), Diane (Martin Scott), Guy-laine Oullette. Dear uncle of Jessica, Nicolas, Kelly, Richard, Daniel, Vicky, Laurie, Mélanie, Mélissa, Anthony, Tanya, Stéphanie, Michael, Alexandre, Audrey and Josée. Also survived by many other friends and relatives. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel.: (819) 565-1155, fax: (819) 820-8872. Visitation on Thursday, December 20, 2001 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m., - 10:00 p.m. On Friday, December 21, 2001 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on the day of the funeral from 9:00 a.m., - 10:15 a.m. Service will be held at the Notre-Dame-de-Protection Church, Sherbrooke, on Saturday, December 22, 2001 at 10:30 a.m., followed by interment at the St-Michael's Cemetery. As a memorial tribute, donations to the Maison Aube-Lumiere, 220 Kennedy St., North, Sherbrooke, Que., J1E 2E8, would be appreciated.

JAMESON, Murray - At the Lakeshore General Hospital on December 16, 2001. Murray Jameson, RCE Veteran WWII, beloved husband of Enid Stewart, dear father of Linda (Trevor) and Andrew, grandfather of Evan and Angela, beloved brother of Carol (Earle) Hobbs, sister-in-law Margaret Sheperd, many nieces and nephews. At the request of Murray, no viewing. Burial Field of Honour Pointe Claire at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lakeshore General Hospital, Pointe Claire, (514) 630-2081.

Card of Thanks

McLAUCHLAN - To my relatives and friends: Please accept my sincere thanks for the numerous birthday cards and messages that I received for my 85th birthday. Christmas greetings to you all, with love.
DORIS McLAUCHLAN
currently of Orangeville, formerly of Magog

QUINE, Earl G. - At Glen Garry Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, Ontario, on November 19, 2001, Earl Quine died at the age of 92, spouse of the late Evelyn Hastings, son of the late Thomas Quine and Annetta Grace Derick, brother of late Reggie, Harold, Lloyd, Bud and Cecil Quine. At the request of the deceased, there will be no funeral service, and will be cremated. The ashes will be buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Sherbrooke at a later date. Mr. Quine leaves behind his nephews Robert (Monique Vanier), Richard (Jacqueline Rivard), a niece Madeleine (Savoie Sharpe) and many grand-nephews, nieces and friends.

YOUNG, Karley Benjamin James - Suddenly on December 19, 2001 in his 8th year. Loving son of Jeff and Judy Young of Dawson Creek, B.C. Dear grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Art Annetts of Alida, Saskatchewan and of Mrs. May Young, Mansonville, Que. Survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends.

In Memoriam

BURNHAM, Irvin (Hap) - In loving memory of my dear father, grandfather of four and great-grandfather of six who passed away four years ago today, December 22, 1997.

Sadly missed by your daughter,
CAROLYN

BURNHAM, Irvin (Hap) - In loving memory of Hap who died December 22, 1997. Always remembered.

AGNES

CHILDERHOUSE, Robert - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 22, 2000.

Sadly missed and always remembered in our own special way.

ROSEMARY (wife)
STEVEN & FAMILY
WAYNE & FAMILY
KAREN & FAMILY
(children)

GRANDPA W and BABY A-F.

There are so many I love you's left unsaid,

There are so many tears left unshed,
And while there's a heart in me,
You'll always be a part of me.

CHILDERHOUSE - In memory of my dad, Robert Childerhouse.

It was one year ago today, December 22, 2001,

That you left me life,
Only to leave me with memories
And good times together.
I know now your suffering
And pain is over,
For me the pain of my loss
Is very real.

I'm thankful for our time together
And will cherish it always.
You'll be forever in my heart
And in my thoughts.

Love always, your daughter
KAREN

HARVEY, Kevin.

A year has passed since our beloved Kevin

Decided to meet his Maker in Heaven;
Tho' his presence is gone from within
our home

Our memories and love for him, will always remain.

We look at his pictures and see his smile

Remembering again - and it hurts for awhile.

But we know how he struggled to stay
with us on earth,

We'll miss him forever, and pray he's
now at Peace.

JUNIOR & BARBARA
(parents)
MARK (brother)

SCHINCK - Margaret Schinck, December 23, 1995 - December 23, 2001. Sheila Schinck, September 25, 1976 - September 25, 2001. In loving memory of a dear mother and sister.

May cherished memories of family gatherings at Christmas remain with us always.

Deeply missed by
BEVERLEY, DENIS,
JEREMY, and VANCE

Card of Thanks

WILSON - My husband and I would like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt thank you to family, friends and neighbours who shared expressions of best wishes with phone calls, cards, food and personal visits in the hospital at the time of my husband's open heart surgery. Acknowledgments of appreciation and gratitude are extended to, Dr. Christine Nolze, Waterloo; Dr. Jean-Pierre Lavallee, Cowansville; Dr. Jean-Francois Morin, nurses and staff at the Montreal General Hospital, and to the C.L.S.C. for providing excellent care. To Mr. and Mrs. Leon McGovern who generously donated their time by providing daily transportation to and from the hospital and to Leon and Aylmer McGovern who provided Russell with a comfortable ride home the day of his release. Your generosity and compassion which included words of encouragement and emotional support is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

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Monday, December 24th
10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass Celebration

Anglican Church of Canada

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH LENOXVILLE

84 Queen St., 819-346-5564
Rector: Rev. Keith Dickerson

Sunday, December 23
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. All in the Family Christmas Service
Sunday School + Nursery
Contemporary Worship (Hall)
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Service
9:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Presbyterian Church in Canada

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(819) 346-5840
Services held at St. George's Church
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Organist: Anthony Davidson

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Monday, December 24
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
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Organist:
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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Sunday School & Nursery
Monday, December 24
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight & Communion Service

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Hatley Women's Institute

The Hatley W.I. met at the home of Irene Humphrey at noon on December 7th. A delicious dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was set out buffet style and everyone helped themselves and found a place at the nicely decorated dining table. Tea or coffee, fruit cocktail, angel cake and fruit cake were also served buffet style. The hostesses for the meal were Irene, Genevieve Shepherd, Scottie Miller and Mildred Roarke. A Christmas Quiz followed.

We held our meeting next. It was opened in the usual manner by repeating the Collect, Salute to the Flag, and Lord's prayer in unison led by Olive Whitcomb. Motto: The World has enough for everyone's needs but not enough for everyone's greed.

Roll Call: Hints on travelling or leaving your home. There were ten members present and one guest. Minutes of previous meeting were read by Scottie. These were approved and signed by Olive.

Correspondence: Thank you notes read by Scottie.

Convenors reports: Shop for Disabled has been going for 40 years. Genevieve.

Education and Cultural Activities: Citrus fruit sale ended at Galt and Christmas Baskets next. Debbie Smith.

International Affairs: New Government for Afghanistan. Scottie.

Publicity: Reports sent in regularly. Winnie Wright.

Safety: Be careful when sliding down hill. Phyllis Knapp.

New business:

Slate of Officers stays the same as is for another year.

This was moved by Debbie and seconded by Irene.

Meet at Scottie's January 9, 2002 at noon.

Round Robin was won by Madelene.

Winnie was Santa for the exchange of gifts. See you next year.

Winnie Wright

Adult Activity Day in Coaticook

Christmas music was playing as we gathered at the Elie Carrier Center in Coaticook on Dec. 11 for our Christmas get-together. We had been asked to bring a poem, a thought, or cards to be exchanged for this gathering. Some of the members had brought cards which were exchanged while we visited. Later on, several people read poems, clippings from papers, and one read from a favourite book.

Shirley led us in a few of our exercises to limber us up before the turkey dinner which we knew was coming. It was delicious as usual.

Lydia and Shirley had wrapped packages which we were asked to guess what was in each. It wasn't too long until someone had guessed what each package contained. Two games were played which gave us a lot of laughs and then it was time to eat.

We lined up to get our dinner and Shirley gave the blessing. While we were eating she announced that Frances Mayhew would be celebrating her 89th birthday later on this month. She will be going to her son's in Ontario for Christmas and then on to Calgary to her daughter's for most of the winter. We

will miss you Frances. All joined in singing the birthday song to her.

Patrick Morin had come from the Centre d'action bénévole in Coaticook to pick up the non perishable foods that each one had brought in which was to be given out to needy families in the area. He will be returning at a later date to tell us of his travels connected with his work in the different countries he has visited. We invited him to stay and enjoy dinner with us.

A special get-well card as well as a Christmas card were passed around for all to sign, for Beryl Cutler who is presently at the Residence Boiscastel in Coaticook. Lydia delivered these cards which Beryl was very pleased to receive. We all wish her well.

Shirley has spoken to several people who are going to come to talk to us in the coming year. We have always enjoyed the speakers and we look forward to hearing what they have to say.

The chairs were arranged for a sing-along with Pat Hurley at the piano. Then it was time to head for home with our next get-together to be held on January 15, 2002.

Isabelle Echenberg

Ascot Women's Institute meeting

At 3:00 p.m. on December 6th members of Ascot W.I. met at the conference room of La Paysanne in Lennoxville. President Marion Annesley welcomed all remarking on the unusually mild weather. The Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship were repeated. Marion read 'The Christmas Season,' by Joan Leonard. The Roll Call was answered by six members who gave a Christmas reading. Each member brought in homemade cookies for the Cheer Baskets.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. The treasurer's report showed a good balance on hand.

Correspondence included Christmas Greetings from Jennie Pearson with a donation for the Christmas baskets, also a Christmas card from the Lennoxville W.I. and a thank you note from Jamie Coles, the recipient of our bursary. Linda Hoy had presented our bursary at Awards Night, had a picture of Jamie receiving the bursary. We also received a memorandum from the Q.W.I. office

and a request for a donation to the Lennoxville Elementary School Hot Lunch Program.

Margaret Hall gave an excellent report of the County meeting. Lennoxville Branch has studied the proposals for changes in convenorships and sent a report to Provincial office. Several motto pins have been handed in to be given to new members. The next County meeting will be held at Uplands on February 14th.

Our annual meeting will be held on

January 10th. A donation was voted to be sent to the Lennoxville Elementary School Hot Lunch Program.

We had packed the Cheer Baskets before the meeting. They will be delivered to shut-ins. To close the meeting Marion read 'An Extra Special Gift.' The meeting adjourned at 5:15. Linda joined us when she finished work. We exchanged gifts and at 6:00 p.m., we all had a nice meal together in the dining room and enjoyed a social hour.

Orma Kingsley

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♦ —			
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Friday, Dec. 21 2001

Safety is great when guaranteed

By Phillip Alder

In Jane Austen's "Emma," Frank Churchill says, "There is safety in reserve, but no attraction. One cannot love a reserved person."

Look only at the North-South hands. You cruise into six spades. West leads the diamond ace. What would be your line of play? Although you are reserved and loath to offer predictions, how likely are you to make the contract?

You should ruff the diamond ace, draw trumps, cash the heart king, and continue with a low heart. If West follows low, finesse dummy's 10 and claim, conceding only one heart trick.

If West plays a heart honor, you win with the ace and again are safe. (If East discards, you return to hand and lead toward dummy's heart 10.) Here, though, West discards.

You win with dummy's heart ace, cash the king-queen of clubs, and continue with the club four.

If East plays the jack, you win and claim, discarding one of dummy's hearts on the club 10.

If East discards, you win with the club ace and continue with the club 10, discarding a heart from dummy. West will be forced to lead a diamond, allowing you to discard dummy's remaining heart loser while you ruff in hand. Here, though, East follows low. Finesse your club 10!

If it wins, claim. But when it loses, West must give you a ruff-and-discard. One of dummy's hearts goes away now, and the second disappears on the club ace. So, the contract is guaranteed.

After hearing that observation by Churchill, Emma replied, "Not till the reserve ceases towards one's self; and then the attraction may be the greater." Touche.

The wise woman will give him the chance

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: "Disgusted in South Carolina" asks where all the gentlemen have gone. I am a 35-year-old divorced male. I have been dating regularly, but I never kiss on the first date. I prefer to keep my wits about me when making decisions about a woman I have just met.

Some females were offended when I offered a hug or a handshake at the end of the evening. I've been asked if I am gay, which I am not. Others have grabbed me and tried to take charge of the situation themselves.

I am not a prude, Ann, but I don't like being treated as a sexual object by women. If it's any consolation, tell "Disgusted" that for every lecherous man out there, there's an equally aggressive woman. — St. Louis Gentleman

Dear St. Louis: For a long time, women have been just as aggressive as men, if not more so. Also, if you look like Tom Cruise, that could be a factor.

When I was dating, back in the Stone Age, of course, aggressive women were considered "cheap." Although plenty has changed since then, males still want to be the aggressors. The wise woman

will give him the chance.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a problem with my in-laws. When their parents died, they inherited automobiles, houses, rental property and family heirlooms. My in-laws retired early and traveled a lot, bought expensive furniture and redecorated their home. I thought they were having a great time.

Recently, I had dinner at their home and discovered they are selling off everything in order to finance their retirement. I don't mind that they have gotten rid of the cars and rental property, but they are also selling off the family china, framed photographs and homemade quilts. I would have liked my children to inherit some of these heirlooms for sentimental reasons.

When I mentioned this to my in-laws, they said the stuff was "clutter" and they are doing their children and grandchildren a favor by getting rid of it. How can we protect the family legacy? I feel strongly about this. — Puzzled Out East

Dear Puzzled: Be specific about what you want and why. Let the in-laws know

you really do care about preserving the family heirlooms because they have great sentimental value. Speak up promptly. This should have

been done years ago.

Dear Ann Landers: I disagree with your response to "Chronic Late Bird in Richmond, Va." You said she was always late because she liked feeling special. Wrong!

Our intelligent, attractive daughter was always late. "June" would work into the wee hours of the night doing her homework, then forget to bring it to school. She daydreamed through her classes. We finally got her tested and discovered she had Attention Deficit Disorder. June was active in school sports and able to get through her school day, but she was incapable of taking exams without becoming restless and distracted. When she was finally put on medication, it made a huge difference.

June is now a junior in college. She carries a double major and does very well. Had we ignored her chronic lateness or told her she needed to "shape up," she probably would have dropped out of school. Attention Deficit Disorder is a disability that can be treated with medication and understanding. Please let your readers know it. — A Santa Barbara, Calif., Mother

Dear Mother: You did it for me, and I am grateful. Many readers pointed out that when ADD is left untreated, the problems can continue into adulthood. Chronic lateness and disorganization are common symptoms. If you see yourself in today's column, get tested. Your family doctor can guide you.

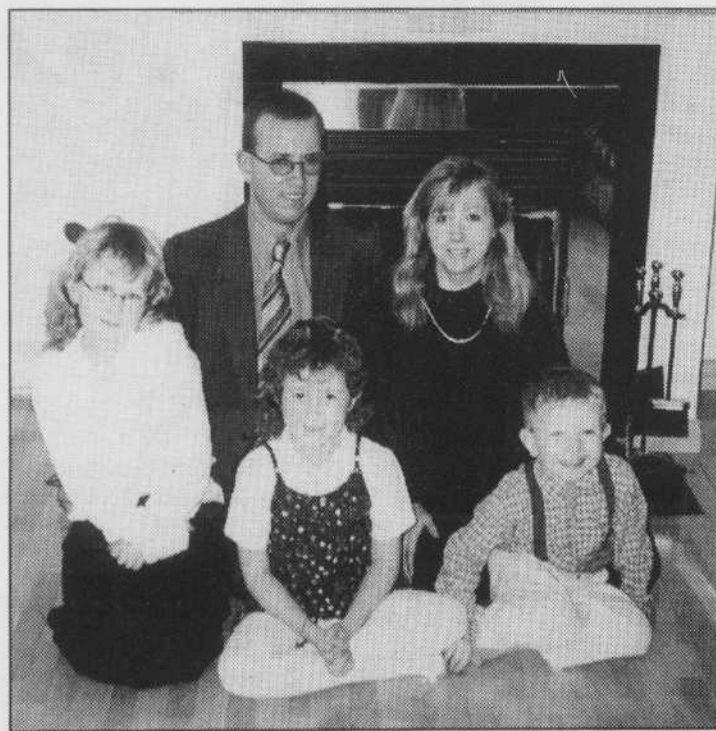
Happy Anniversary

55 years ago today Robert and Maureen Beauregard pledged their love for each other and those who know them can see that their love is still going strong. Thank you for being such a great example for us. This is to wish you at least 55 more and to tell you how much you are loved. Thanks Mom and Dad for being you.

Hugs & Kisses,

Marlene, Jean-Claude, Lucille and Carlos

Season's Greetings



We would like to wish all our friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

From Michael, Helen, Sarah, Catherine and Alexander Jones

Greetings

Wishing all my relatives and friends in the Townships a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mary Young

Christmas Greeting

Relatives, friends, neighbours:
Remember the virgin birth of the Saviour Jesus Christ, at Christmas. May He guide you throughout the New Year.
Best wishes for Health and Happiness.

William French.

Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings to all my friends and relatives.
A special thank you to all the clergy, musicians, the ladies that bring in the cookies and bingo. Thanks to the staff and Mr. and Mrs. Neron for the big Christmas party.
Merry Christmas to all.

Freda McLeod
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On Friday, December 14th, Susan Davidson of Toronto, Ontario passed away. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur, eight months. Susan is a former resident of Davidson Hill, Quebec. Sympathy is extended to members of the family.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

'ZYB ABKW WRTYI MPZWREPN
YBW EP YLDMRYFM, MPU MDD
ZYB RMCS WY UY EK JYFS
GMJL MPU RMTCSKW EW.' - IEDD

TYNSTK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I like your nickname, 'The Granite State.' It shows the strength of character..." - Gerald Ford on New Hampshire

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'ZGYDNRYGR GY OPW YNLK NU C
AHWCO VWNVKW ... UHNT PWH
CILRXCRDW YPW YWHSWY UNNX
ON OPW ZNHKX.' - UHWX K.
PNKTWY

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You just throw anything out in Oklahoma, and all you have to do is come back and harvest it." - Will Rogers

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THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF THE "VILLE DE RICHMOND"



CANADA PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC VILLE DE RICHMOND PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting January 7th, 2002, the monthly official public meetings of the Town of Richmond will be held in the former local police headquarters, 790 Hayes, Richmond, at 7 p.m. every first Monday of the month.

Given in Richmond, December 21st, 2001.
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- 2001 FORD FOCUS SE S/W, 4 cyl., auto., o/d, a/c, red: 12,000 km, financing possible at 0%.
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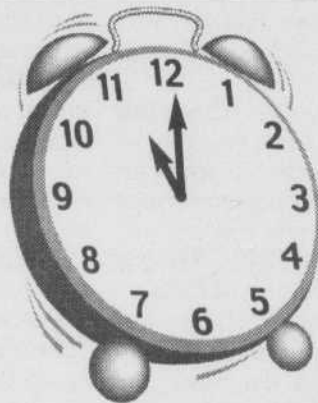
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even if you're called upon today to do much for others, be of good cheer. Before the day is over, everything will balance out with them doing a lot for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Events today could help strengthen bonds between you and the one closest to your heart. Each will be giving of him or herself and growing more appreciative of the other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try to gratify your urge to further your ambitious interests. Conditions look quite promising for you if you're willing to go after what you want.

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001

Exciting developments could be in the offing for you in the year ahead, because you'll have a greater eagerness to try new things and tread in fresh areas. You may

be in for a few surprises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The only way to lead today is to lead by example, and then when you do issue orders, make sure they are clear and explicit. Failing to do so will lead to desertion by followers. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a chance today you could talk so much about doing something that, in your mind, it becomes a fait accompli. Don't talk, do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Going to the wrong person today for financial advice could cost you a substantial amount of money. Better to be your own counsel than to follow someone else's ill-advised tip-off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be fair-minded today or else you could classify anyone who disagrees with your ideas or opinions as enemies. They're simply individuals who have other points of views.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your success or failure today will depend upon your attitude. If you see yourself as a loser, you'll find a way to prove that you are right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Just because someone is reluctant to discuss certain confidential matters with you today doesn't make him or her disloyal. This person's loyalty is to the classified information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — No one can plead your case better than you can, so don't depend upon another to speak on your behalf. Have the courage to be your own advocate if you want to win.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The only way you're going to get a important job accomplished today is to roll up your sleeves and get it done. Issuing orders to others to do so will fall on deaf ears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's impor-

tant today that you don't make any changes that involve a commercial endeavor without first consulting everyone concerned. Without full approval, sparks will fly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make certain you keep all disagreements between you and your mate strictly private today. Aired out in the open will only make you look extremely bad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's a strong chance today that you could make mountains out of molehills. Keep your passions and intensity under control so you see things for what they really are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you buy on impulse today, it could lead to two things: One, you may purchase inferior merchandise; and two, chances are you'll spend far more than you should.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001

At times in the year ahead, you may feel like tossing in the towel, but hang in there, because you'll be lucky in unusual ways. The cavalry will arrive in plenty of time to bail you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try not to do something that could inconvenience another all because what you want, you want now. Any selfishness could lead to disrupting the entire family. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you try to win someone over to your corner with excessive flattery, it could end up backfiring on you. This person may initially be flattered, but end up feeling manipulated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take care that you don't needlessly spend in an attempt to make a big impression on another today. Chances are that person could view you as foolish or reckless instead.

Mansonville Golden Age Club news

We met at "Resto 243" on Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Here we enjoyed a dinner of turkey and tortieres and all that goes with it. Twenty-five people took advantage of their club treat.

Tickets had been sold on an afghan, made and donated by Rita Mossa, 2nd prize was dinner for two, at the Soleil Rouge, given by Huguette Levoy. This added one hundred seventy dollars to club funds. Wendy George drew the winning ticket of Therese Guilbault and second prize went to Verlie Aiken.

Three dinners were sent out, to our treasurer, Louise Oliver, and George and Cecile Hamelin. We hope all will soon be feeling much better. P.S. George was our delivery man - he's not sick, but Cecile wasn't up to getting out yet.

Rita Marcoux presented our president, Rita Mossa with a card signed by all and a "Celebration" ticket. Rita scratched her ticket and wond a second ticket. If she should be lucky enough to win a vechile - look out folks on the highway! Rita thanked all for their generosity.

The president gave her co-workers at

the club an envelop containing - 6/49s nos. and Quebec 49 and another onw - two chances on the both above and hoped there might be several winners among the six people receiving them. These were George Hamelin, Louise Oliver, Huguette Levoy, Rita Marcoux, Clifton Jersey and myself.

JoAnn George presented the club with two beautiful baskets made by the cubs and scouts, and told me we could do whatever we wanted to with them. I chose to present one basket to Rita Marcoux, a life long Volunteer of the Community. This lady is where the action is, be it family, community, her church or her two Golden Age Clubs and whenever she goes for a drive or to something special her car is never empty. So I would thank the cubs and scouts for thinking of us and helping us to honor this lady! By the way the basket was full of bath products or maybe I should say beauty products. Now for the second basket - In the New Year we will sell tickets on it. And you can be sure a nice note will be sent to the cubs and scouts. This good

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When you participate in a betting activity today, don't let being a winner become unduly important to you. If things don't go well, you'll make yourself miserable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Being optimistic is extremely important, but only when coupled with realism. Be sure to see your problems for what they really are today in order to have a chance to overcome them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Leave your business cards at home today, and don't try to pitch a deal at a social gathering to someone who is only interested in enjoying him or herself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless both parties in a partnership arrangement have a single goal or purpose today, the union will be destined to fail. A split decision leads nowhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're inclined to be rather gullible today and believe everything you hear, someone else's exaggerations could cause you to feel a trifle inferior and spoil your good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Lady Luck is too fickle to depend upon today, so keep your gambling urges under control. Better yet, don't go near any gaming tables to begin with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Expecting more from others or situations than is reasonably possible will lead to severe disappointment today. Take life as it comes — no more, no less.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Live your life from your own comfort zone today and don't try to tailor your requirements to someone else's pattern of behavior. Your needs are unique unto yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — I hope you have your Christmas shopping done, because if you try to finish it today, it could lead to spending over your allotted budget. When in a panic, you could buy anything.

deed was much appreciated!

After dinner we returned to the hall for an afternoon of socializing.

"500" winners were Karl Steinbach and Therese Ducharme.

Door prizes were won by Karl Steinbach, Huguette Levoy, A. Vintinner, Lila McCoy, Verlie Aiken, Rita Marcoux, Juliette Laliberté, Richard Smith, Dorothy Woodard, Rita Mossa, Marian and Greg Gauvin, Carol George, Ida MacKay, Judy Lessard, Therese and Edmond Ducharme and Ken Ewens.

Game winners were A. Vintinner, R. Mossa, I. MacKay, H. Levoy, J. Jersey and D. Woodard, and H. Weiner.

Birthdays were celebrated today. The cake was served with our afternoon drink. Those celebrating were Rita Marcoux (13th) and Alfred Wintinner (30th).

We would wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! And to all at the Record your the best! Thanking you for keeping us in touch with our community and world events. We appreciate your efforts.

Rita Mossa

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Exchange
- 5 Floor pads
- 9 Less cluttered
- 14 Greet
- 15 Chills and fever
- 16 Alpaca cousin
- 17 Complexion woe
- 18 Withered
- 19 Column type
- 20 Clause in 37A, perhaps
- 23 Corn units
- 24 Record
- 25 Run smoothly?
- 28 Peaks
- 30 Baden-Baden or Bath
- 33 Sidestep

- 35 Cassowary relative
- 36 Bungle
- 37 Life or health benefits contract
- 41 Surprise attack
- 42 Mythical bird of prey
- 43 Smackers
- 44 NYSE watchdog
- 45 Acquire by trickery
- 48 Last letter of words?
- 49 Impertinence
- 50 Speak roughly
- 52 Clause in 37A, perhaps
- 59 Singer Mann
- 60 Jot
- 61 By mouth
- 62 Sully
- 63 Stop up

- 21 Kind of beam
- 22 Devour
- 25 Will's names
- 26 Arm bones
- 27 Melodies
- 29 Mohammed's birthplace
- 30 Section of a pizza
- 31 Hockey disks
- 32 Yawning gulf
- 34 Failure
- 36 Common viral infection
- 38 Get up
- 39 Like Teflon

- 40 Very overweight
- 45 Pretenders
- 46 Neighbor of New London
- 47 A washing
- 49 Move deceptively
- 51 Buttresses
- 52 Lively party
- 53 Ritzy wheels
- 54 Last word?
- 55 Soft drink
- 56 Number from an opera
- 57 Effrontery
- 58 Model Macpherson

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Herring's kin
- 2 City on the Brazos River
- 3 Indigenous people of Japan
- 4 USNA freshman
- 5 Capital of Lesotho
- 6 Elderly discrimination
- 7 Change direction
- 8 Planting occasion
- 9 Non-rigid airships
- 10 Unchallenged
- 11 Rajah's wife
- 12 Give off
- 13 Slightly blue

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By Stanley B. Whitten 12/21/01

ACROSS

- 1 Broadcasts to viewers
- 10 Asimov of science fiction
- 15 Basic
- 16 Marine ray
- 17 Brain gland
- 18 Green strokes
- 19 Words at the altar
- 20 Stool supporters
- 21 Pounds and dollars
- 22 Main part of a tooth
- 24 American philosopher Langer
- 25 Put a stop to
- 26 Wins by a narrow margin
- 27 Scrawny person
- 30 Double agents

- 31 Dyeing vessel
- 32 Amphitheater row
- 33 Fills to capacity
- 34 Fountain of Dixieland
- 35 Time to remember
- 36 Overcast and blue, e.g.
- 37 Post-Christmas events
- 38 Praises
- 40 __ Diego
- 41 Genetic deviants
- 42 Find new workers
- 46 African antelopes
- 47 Shades
- 48 Speller's test
- 49 Tango or twist
- 50 Touchy

- 21 Ponders
- 23 Rend
- 24 Cobbler's concerns
- 26 Music units
- 27 Fogged, like a windshield
- 28 Mingle
- 29 Affected chemical substances
- 30 Disfigures
- 33 Short comic performances
- 34 Breathe hard
- 36 Actor George

- 37 More inclined to be disrespectful
- 39 Tall, narrow window
- 40 Handles
- 42 Ancient alphabet characters
- 43 Put up with
- 44 Hot head?
- 45 Supplies with nourishment
- 47 That girl's
- 50 Rejuvenation retreat
- 51 Big bang letters?

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 1 Lukewarm
- 2 Slur over
- 3 Give the game away
- 4 Big bird Down Under
- 5 Sheer material
- 6 Mean
- 7 Enact
- 8 Glasses supporters
- 9 Crafty
- 10 Dictates
- 11 Finnish baths
- 12 Nontraditional fiction
- 13 Make slender
- 14 Tape holders

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By Bill Swain 12/22/01

SEARS*

Extended Hours!

At this time of year, playing Santa can get a little frantic. For your shopping convenience, we've extended our shopping hours.

Saturday, December 22
from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 23
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 24
from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

On behalf of all Sears associates,
Happy Holidays!

