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Bloc, Alliance thrash it out in Ottawa

By Linda Drouin
 OTTAWA (CP) — No matter how much they're given, Quebec anglophones keep demanding more, Bloc Québécois MP Suzanne Tremblay said Tuesday.

Tremblay provoked a heated exchange with members of Alliance Quebec when she told a parliamentary committee the province's English minority has everything it needs to remain vibrant but keeps complaining about ill treatment.

"You have schools, theatres, cinemas, newspapers, TV," she said. "When you have everything

to express yourselves then I don't know how you can say this is not a vibrant community."

She challenged the English-rights group to back up its claim that there has been an exodus of anglophones, especially young people, from Quebec.

"Francophones are leaving too," she said. "The problem of jobs is generalized in Quebec. I have two nephews who had to go to Toronto for jobs."

Alliance Quebec president Michael Hamelin said he didn't have statistics but argued the loss of young people from a minority

community is more keenly felt than from the majority.

"You keep characterizing us by our theatres and cinemas and papers but you don't say that one-third of our schools have closed in 20 years," Hamelin said.

Earlier, Tremblay challenged Hamelin over a pamphlet his group distributes criticizing the Parti Québécois and Bloc for their stance on minority rights in Quebec.

The two separatist parties have promised to guarantee English rights in an independent Quebec "so how can Alliance Quebec continue to say these things instead of telling things as they really are?" Tremblay said.

Hamelin shot back: "Our pamphlet is the reality."

He said the PQ has promised to reintroduce restrictions on bilingual signs to the province's language law.

Tremblay suggested the group "should be talking to Quebecers instead of coming to Ottawa to whine."

"We always encourage dialogue but what concerns us is your position, which has never changed," Hamelin answered.

The lobby group was in Ottawa to present a brief to the Commons-Senate committee on

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Unity haunts House Chrétien threads needle on borders and Quebec

By Bob Cox
 OTTAWA (CP) — Quebecers should stay in Canada if they want to make sure the province's boundaries stay intact, says Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

Chrétien made the comment — which the separatist Bloc Québécois called a "veiled threat" — after being asked in the Commons on Tuesday if his Liberal government would respect Quebec's territorial integrity.

Irwin would not repeat his comments Tuesday. But he would not retract them either. "I'm not changing it," he said.

Bloc Québécois Leader Lucien Bouchard said natives have no right to opt out of Quebec.

"The natives in Quebec do not have the right of self-determination," said Bouchard. "It doesn't belong to them."

Reform Leader Preston Manning said if Quebec held a referendum on separation from Canada, natives could vote on separation from Quebec.

"I think Canada would be put in a position where, if it accepts the democratic right of one group, it would have to pay a lot of attention to the democratic right of the other," said Manning.

If Quebecers can hold a referendum on leaving Canada then maybe natives in the province can hold a referendum on staying, said Manning.

Any decision on Quebec's future should be "settled in a way that gets the concurrence of those that are affected by the decision," Manning told reporters.

Asked if that means a separate plebiscite for natives, he replied: "That's one mechanism. That's a democratic way of trying to settle those types of issues."

The Reform leader — who once suggested the public is tired of constitutional matters and MPs shouldn't spend so much time on them — has jumped into the unity debate with a vengeance in the last week.

The change in strategy follows trips by Bloc Québécois Leader Lucien Bouchard to Western Canada and Paris to sell Quebec independence and a suggestion by Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin that natives could break away from an independent Quebec.

In the Commons Manning said Chrétien is leaving a "national-unity vacuum."

The government must outline a renewed federalism — "something futuristic and visionary" — as an alternative to Quebec sovereignty, he said.

Chrétien is under growing pressure to outline his government's strategy for handling such issues raised by possible Quebec separation.

But he continued to insist Tuesday that any talk of Quebec separation is hypothetical — and something he does not want to

The Constitution guarantees that no one can change Quebec's borders without approval from the province, said Chrétien.

"That's the best protection Quebecers can have and they'll never get anything better."

Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin caused a furore in Quebec last week by saying natives could opt to keep their land in Canada should the province separate.

Hey, this is fun!



Mayor Paul Gervais grinned Tuesday as he did a few squats while limbering up at the opening of a city park re-vamped to make it easier for senior citizens to keep up on their exercise. For the full story please turn the page.

Quebec to blame for money woes?

By Clyde Graham
 OTTAWA (CP) — There isn't a lot more room for interest rates to fall this year, economists say.

But they are divided on how much to blame the upcoming Quebec election and debate on separation.

The Bank of Canada's key rate fell for the second week in a row Tuesday to 6.31 per cent from a peak of 6.61 per cent on May 10.

The modest relief — not enough to bring down rates for consumers — came after interest rates had risen by as much as two percentage points since early February.

Economists are divided on how much real impact the political circus over Quebec is having on investor confidence, the value of the dollar and interest rates.

Dominique Vachon at the National Bank in Montreal says Canada's massive government debts — among the biggest of major industrial countries — are a much bigger worry for investors than Quebec's future.

That alone will keep interest rates from falling much.

"We always put too much attention on the political side," said Vachon.

"I think for the international investor, the worst thing is our deficits. They don't care who spends and who taxes, they care about how much we spend and how much we tax."

But John Clinkard, senior economist at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, said the focus is shifting from debt problems to political problems now that the spring budget season is ending.

"With fiscal budgets out of the way, I think that political uncertainty will overshadow the other concerns until we see an election and a referendum,"

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Diary tells tale of Somalia Airborne major knew his goose was cooked

PETAWAWA, ONT. (CP) — A major accused of contributing to the beating death of a Somali teenager poured out his remorse in his diary, lamenting that his military career was "certainly finished."

The diary — a notebook and looseleaf pages — was introduced as evidence Tuesday in the court martial of Maj. Anthony Seward, 40. He voluntarily turned the handwritten pages over to military police last May.

"The past few days have been agonizing and filled with remorse," Seward wrote about a week after the death of 16-year-old Shidane Arone.

Arone was beaten to death March 16, 1993 by members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment during its peacekeeping mission in war-torn Somalia.

Seward, originally from Hamilton, is charged with

unlawfully causing bodily harm and negligent performance of duty for allegedly issuing an order permitting soldiers to abuse Somalis caught trying to infiltrate the base.

He wrote in his diary he would "openly and readily state that I did order Somali intruders to be abused during the conduct of apprehension and arrest."

"To what extent that order caused Master Cpl. Matchee and Trooper (Kyle) Brown to beat to death a Somali prisoner will be a matter for investigation. I may not be found criminally responsible but my military career is certainly finished."

Brown was convicted of manslaughter and torture and sentenced to five years in prison. He has filed an appeal.

Matchee has been identified as the instigator and main culprit in the beating but was recently

found unfit to stand trial because of brain damage suffered in an attempt to hang himself after his arrest last spring.

One other soldier has been found guilty in Arone's death, another acquitted and two more are yet to stand trial.

In his diary, Seward fretted that "recrimination will flow like water over Niagara Falls" and predicted his good work in Somalia would be overshadowed by Arone's death.

Months before they left for Somalia, Seward was warned to "tone down" the aggressiveness his soldiers were displaying, court was told.

All officers and soldiers were told the rules of war justified using reasonable force.

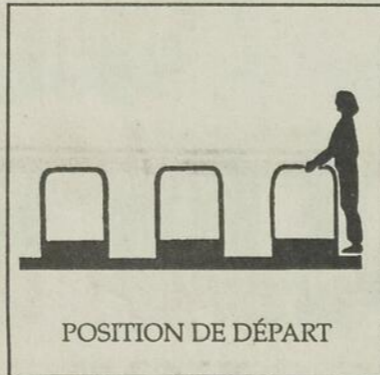
"It is a licence to kill when appropriate but not a licence to murder," said Lt.-Col. Kenneth Watkin, a legal officer.



On guard for thee: Lennoxville-Ascot Cst. Maurice Kingdon may sometimes feel like a Lone Ranger in the battle for safer streets and highways, but this week he's part of an army as Canada concentrates on road safety. For what you can do, please turn the page.

A special place in Sherbrooke

Sherbrooke now has a special place for senior citizens to get some healthy exercise in the outdoors. With the help of Sercovie and Kino-Quebec the city has modified Montour Park, at the corner of Murray and Chalifoux streets in the east end. The obstacle course contains various types of exercise apparatus designed to help stimulate tired muscles. Each exercise is explained in detail to the user and safety bars are set up to prevent injury to the user. All are welcome and there is no cost to use the course. It's definitely a must for those who need to get their blood pumping.



Cemetary dispute lingering

Mohawks reject federal mediator

MONTREAL (CP) — Kanesatake Mohawks have spurned an Ottawa-Quebec offer to mediate the simmering quarrel between natives and Oka town council over a disputed piece of land, a federal official said Tuesday.

"The Indian Affairs Department and the Quebec government asked for a meeting to see whether they could help come to a mutually acceptable agreement," said Louise Deschenes, an Indian Affairs Department spokeswoman.

Oka town council officials attended the meeting in a nearby hotel. Mohawks stayed away.

Mohawks and Oka town council claim to own the disputed land, which was at the centre of the 78-day Oka crisis in 1990.

The issue resurfaced last Thursday, when Mohawks using bulldozers and chainsaws started clearing the land to expand their adjacent burial ground. They continued the clearing Tuesday.

"We'll only talk to a duly appointed federal negotiator who has a mandate to negotiate from the prime minister," said Garry Carbone, a Kanesatake band councillor.

"We're not going to negotiate with Indian Affairs. We'll only talk nation-to-nation."

Carbone said the band council wrote to Prime Minister Jean Chretien last November asking that a new federal negotiator be appointed to replace the

one who was let go when the Liberals took power. A new one hasn't been named yet.

"They need to appoint a federal negotiator who will resume discussions about land claims issues, including the cemetery," Carbone said.

Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin will appoint a negotiator "at an appropriate time," she added, but said Irwin hasn't given any indication of when that might be.

Deschenes said that without Mohawk participation, little was solved at Tuesday's meeting.

"The town of Oka presented some options to settle the problem," she said. Deschenes said she didn't know the nature of those options.

Accept cuts or watch the shipyard sink

Shipyard workers face bitter pill

QUEBEC (CP) — Employees of the MIL-Davie shipyard face a do-or-die choice next Sunday, the head of the provincially owned company said Tuesday.

Sunday is when the remaining 1,500 workers at the troubled shipyard must vote on a management recovery plan: double productivity and accept a 15-per cent salary cut or watch the shipyard sink.

Unless employees agree to the plan, the shipyard has no future, company president Guy Veronneau warned Tuesday.

"It is only by accepting this management offer that the shipyard will be able to survive," Veronneau told a local chamber of commerce.

He said the shipyard, the lar-

gest private employer in the Quebec City region, had "suffered some agonizing times."

Last November, the company announced it would likely lay off 90 per cent of its workforce between then and Christmas 1994.

Employees are still working to complete construction of two destroyers and a frigate for the federal Defence Department before the end of the year.

"After that, the order sheet is empty," Veronneau said.

MIL-Davie is trying to refocus on international commerce.

The recovery plan — proposed by management in consultation with the provincial government and aimed at focusing on international commerce rather than

military contracts — has the support of the regional chamber of commerce and the Conseil du patronat, the province's largest employers group.

"It's a vain hope to imagine that governments can still save employees unless they also make a commitment," Veronneau said.

He said MIL-Davie faces ferocious competition from naval shipyards in Europe and Japan.

Strenuous efforts have failed to make the company more competitive and keep it afloat, he said.

Workers are to vote on the plan at a general meeting next Sunday.

The average hourly wage is now \$18; a 15-per cent cut would lower the rate to \$16.25.

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spend time on.

"My duty is to deal with the real problems of the nation," said Chrétien, adding job creation, economic growth and good government are the keys to keeping Quebec part of Canada.

"I'm convinced that Quebec will remain Canadian."

"I know clearly that the preoccupation of the people of Quebec is exactly the same preoccupation of all the Canadians. What they want is jobs, job creation, growth."

It also appeared Chrétien told cabinet ministers to focus on the government's economic agenda rather than the unity questions.

Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps said before a morning cabinet meeting that Bouchard, by travelling around the world to promote separation, "obviously" put the Constitution "squarely back on the agenda."

After the meeting, she said: "The Constitution has never been back on the agenda."

Copps said she was glad Manning has finally realized national unity is important.

But she called him hypocritical for demanding action after characterizing it in the past as a family feud between Quebecers.

"Mr. Manning is a hypocrite because only three weeks ago, when the issue was being discussed in the House, he referred to it as an in-house quarrel between two Quebecers," said Copps.

"He should make up his mind what side of the separation fence he's standing on, because one week he's in one direction telling us we should never answer questions in the House and now he's the great advocate of national unity."

"It's probably a reflection of the Canadian conundrum that we don't want to talk constitution, we're not going to talk constitution, and at the same time the whole issue of separation wrenches us."

Manning didn't take a position in the House on Irwin's claim that natives could opt out of an independent Quebec.

Pressed by reporters outside, he said the issue goes beyond narrow legal bounds.

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said Clinkard.

"The closer you get, the more concerns will come to the fore," said Clinkard.

CIBC expects only a modest decline in short-term interest rates as the Canadian dollar remains weak throughout the year — possibly dropping below 70 cents US.

The dollar closed trading Tuesday almost unchanged at 72.53 cents US, down 0.01 cent.

In the Commons Tuesday the debate over Quebec's future took centre stage.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien attacked Bloc Québécois Leader Lucien Bouchard for creating "uncertainty around the world" by promoting separatism on a trip to France last week.

"He is guilty," Chrétien shouted as he pointed across the Commons floor at Bouchard.

Some economists such as Leo de Bever at Nomura Canada, a Japanese-owned investment dealer, say uncertainty over Quebec has already pushed up interest rates as much as three-quarters of a point higher than necessary.

"If you were to take the lousy politics out of the equation, Canada would have substantially lower interest rates," said de Bever.

He said it's hard to tell how much of the higher rates are due to the half-trillion-dollar federal debt and the spreading red ink in the provinces.

But he said the Quebec debate only deepens concerns about the repayment of federal and provincial government debts.

"My guess would be that we are paying a substantial price for the privilege of keeping on debating this thing every year."

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official languages.

The brief asks the federal government to develop a policy for the minority in Quebec given its "increasing vulnerability in the present political landscape."

"This is a period of real insecurity for English-speaking Quebe-

cers. . . Minority-language rights are not being addressed by the major political parties in the run-up to the election call in Quebec," the brief says.

"Every measured step of all the political parties, federal and provincial, suggests that nothing will be done to allay fears of an impending crisis."

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Spring fever: Antonia Mitchell has spent the last ten years in New York, so the opportunity to dig and root around in a slightly overrun garden in Massawippi was irresistible. Meanwhile upstairs, John



Pratt's derring-do in balancing his double windows on the porch roof was quite exciting. Spring, around the corner for quite some time, is finally upon us.
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WEATHER Doonesbury

Rain becoming light by afternoon with a high of 18. On Thursday, sunny with cloudy periods and the chance of a shower or two. High of 14, low of 6.



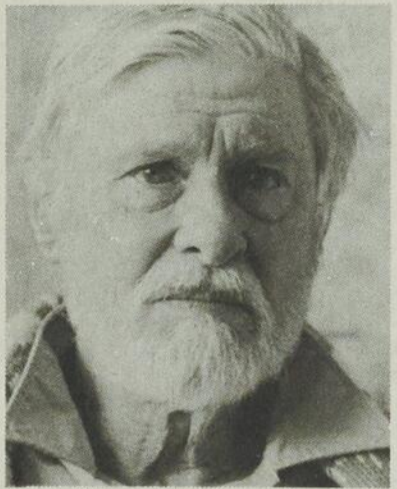
BY GARRY TRUDEAU

The Townships



Judge ponders fate of Georgeville bull

Mad Cow case: It's all over but the ruling



Kohl: 'We could not have been better prepared.'

By Maurice Crossfield
SHERBROOKE — The arguments have been completed and Georgeville farmer Gordon Kohl now must wait to see if the Federal Court will grant his beloved Highland bull a new lease on life. Last year Agriculture Canada ordered that all cattle imported from the United Kingdom after 1982 be destroyed to prevent the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or BSE. The disease is believed to have spread through the use of improperly treated cattle feed made from sheep carcasses infected with a similar disease.

Known as mad cow disease because of its effects, BSE eats holes in the brain of the infected animal, causing it to exhibit symptoms similar to rabies. In the last 10 years BSE has virtually destroyed the UK cattle export market. Over 115,000 animals have been destroyed in the UK as a result of the disease. One case of the disease occurred in Canada last November in Red Deer, Alberta. That animal was destroyed and its body incinerated to prevent spread of the disease. Kohl has taken the government to court to save his ani-

mal, and says he is pleased with the way the case was presented. "We could not have been better prepared," Kohl said in a telephone interview Tuesday. Kohl's bull, Gille Buidhe, is the last bull facing destruction. But Kohl is arguing that his case differs from those of hundreds of other cattle destroyed since the order was issued. He said the differences were explained in the last five days of arguments in Federal Court. Gille Buidhe was imported to Canada in January 1982, only four weeks after Ottawa imposed its ban on all cattle from the Bri-

tish Isles. Twelve years later at the ripe old age of 14, the bull has never shown any symptoms of the disease. Kohl's lawyer John Henderson told the court that the bull was born and raised in the time period before British cattle feed was infected with BSE. As well, he said the bull's age has proven that the incubation period, which is believed to be as long as 12 years, has passed. "I feel satisfied in the way that we presented the case," Henderson said. Kohl said Federal Court Justice Max M. Teitelbaum praised

the high level of preparedness of both Crown and defence, but said it would take time for him to reach a fair decision. His ruling on the fate of Gille Buidhe is expected some time in June.



Gille Buidhe waits for a decision.

Ontario vs. Quebec:

Asbestos Corp. stock battle back after six-year delay

By Susan Yellin
TORONTO (CP) — The Quebec government is subject to the same rules and laws as everyone else when it comes to the stock market, a lawyer for the Ontario Securities Commission said Tuesday. "It plays by the same rules as anyone," Joe Groia told a three-member commission panel.

The Quebec government has argued that the deal with General Dynamics was a "sovereign" move and not subject to provincial securities laws. Those laws state an offer made to one shareholder must be made to all shareholders for the same price. Minority shareholders disagree with Quebec. Warren Hurst, a spokesman for the 300-or-so shareholders, said outside the hearing Tuesday that the minority shares plus interest now amount to about \$170 million.

unsuccessfully to have the commission side with him on a request to get back an unsigned memo. Bresner said the memo suggested the Quebec government had "a moral obligation" to extend the General Dynamics offer to minority shareholders. The memo also indicated the Quebec government was only trying to wear down the shareholders with delay tactics. The note, which he said was written in January 1988, came on the heels of a meeting between

officials of the Quebec Securities Commission and the Quebec ministry of finance, then headed by Jacques Parizeau. Bresner said the memo indicated the Quebec government should extend the offer to minority shareholders and not try to "noyer le poisson," or drown the fish, a French expression meaning to wear someone down. Tuesday's hearing followed a six-year postponement in one of the first cases of its kind. Quebec challenged the commission's authority, saying it

was not bound by the laws of another province and the hearing was postponed in 1988 as the case wound its way through the court system. The Supreme Court of Canada finally ruled last year it would not hear an appeal of a lower court ruling giving the commission authority to conduct the hearing. If it rules in favor of minority shareholders, the commission hearing panel has the authority to suspend the Quebec government's right to trade securities,

including bonds, in Ontario's capital markets. The commission could also give staff authority to apply for a court order to force Quebec to reimburse minority shareholders for lost income and interest, estimated at \$187 million. "As far as we're concerned, the government of Quebec is no different from any other market participant," lawyer Groia of Heenan Blaikie, who is acting for the commission in prosecuting the case, said before proceedings resumed.

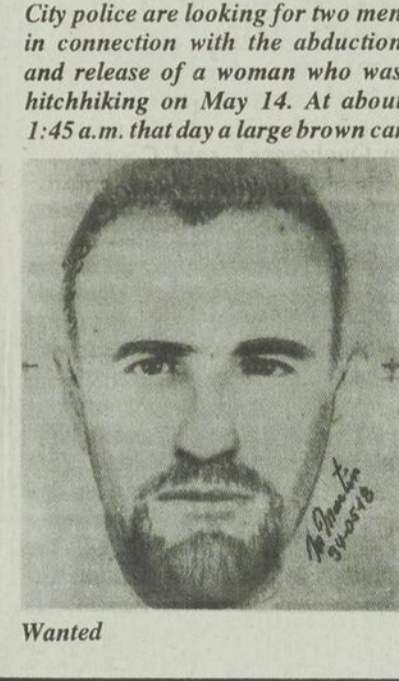
Youville fundraiser set for Centennial tonight

LENNOXVILLE — Staff of the Youville Hospital will present Quebec playwright Michel Tremblay's *Les Belles Soeurs* tonight and tomorrow night at Centennial Theatre. With this benefit evening sponsored by Lennoxville's Opti-

mists Club, the 15 actors and 15 stagehands from the hospital are trying to raise money for the hospital foundation. Tickets for the Wednesday show are sold out, but there are still some left for the Thursday show. Tickets are \$10, and are available by calling 829-7138.

Two more for city police rogues' gallery

City police are looking for a man in connection with a robbery of a gas station at 915 Galt east on May 5. The suspect asked for Players cigarettes and then pulled out a hammer and demanded for the contents of the cash register. He then told the clerk to not move until he had been gone for five minutes. The man is described as a white male, 5-foot 11-inches tall, with mid length brown hair and weighing about 150 pounds. He is believed to be about 25 years old and spoke French during the robbery. He was wearing dirty jeans with oil stains. Anyone with any information concerning this crime is asked to contact Sherbrooke police in confidence at 821-5555.



City police are looking for two men in connection with the abduction and release of a woman who was hitchhiking on May 14. At about 1:45 a.m. that day a large brown car with two men in it stopped at the traffic light near the Burger King on King St. west. The driver (shown here) asked the woman where she was going. They then pulled her into the car and the other suspect pushed her head down and tied her hands from behind while the driver covered her eyes. She was later released physically unharmed at the corner of Terrill St. and 13th Ave. The driver is described as a white male, 6-foot tall and weighing about 175 pounds. He has short brown hair and brown eyes and is about 22 years of age. At the time of the incident he was wearing a black sweater and blue jeans. Anyone with any information about this crime is asked to contact Sherbrooke police in confidence at 821-5555.

Young passengers need special seats

Road safety means taking it easy on the gas

By Maurice Crossfield
SHERBROOKE — Motor vehicle collisions are the number-one cause of accidental death for children under 10 years of age. They are also the target for National Road Safety Week,

taking place this week. In Canada in 1992 there were 239 deaths and 22,652 injuries among children under 14 years of age as a result of motor vehicle accidents. In 1993 in the Eastern Town-

ships alone, 206 people were killed in road accidents. Another 1,460 were severely injured and 9,309 suffered light injuries. In 1993 there were 3,720 traffic accidents in Sherbrooke alone, with nine people killed. This year one Sherbrooke resident has already been killed.

But the Canadian Safety Council maintains that those numbers could be greatly reduced if seatbelts and child restraints were properly used when kids are in the car. Across Canada about 88 per cent of car drivers use their seatbelts. Among young children 80 per cent ride in child safety seats, but only 50 per cent of those safety seats were used properly. The aim of Road Safety Week is to make people aware of the potential dangers of road vehicle operation. From speed to safety belts, safe habits are the best way to avoid disaster. Safe driving can mean saving money too. Like many police

departments, Sherbrooke and Lennoxville-Ascot municipal police are cracking down on fast drivers, and enforcement can easily cost hundreds of dollars. The theme of the city's anti-speeding campaign is "In Sherbrooke speeding has a high price." Not only does that mean in loss of life, but also in the heavy fines being given out to speeders. According to the Sherbrooke police speeding is the number one traffic problem in the city, followed by ignoring traffic lights, bad cycling habits, and pedestrians who don't follow the rules. Lennoxville-Ascot patrolman

Maurice Kingdon has long made traffic safety his priority. He's on the road every day but motorists can never be sure where he and his trusty radar gun will show up next. "The trick is not to stay too long in one place," Kingdon says. "I use the element of surprise." Don't say you weren't warned.



Lennoxville-Ascot police traffic-safety specialist Cst. Maurice Kingdon has a message: Slow down, be careful, stay safe and avoid fines.

Using child-safety seats

SHERBROOKE — (MC) The Canada Safety Council has some helpful hints for the proper use of child safety restraints in cars.

- A common problem with child safety seats is that they do not properly fit the child. The seat becomes too small as the child grows, or the child is restrained — dangerously — using a seatbelt when they are too small.
- Another common problem with child safety restraints involves proper installation. An improperly installed safety seat can be as dangerous as no seat at all.
- Whenever the safety seat is not being used, be sure it is held in place by a seatbelt to ensure that it doesn't fly into someone in the event of an accident or a sudden stop.
- The best place for a safety seat is in the centre of the rear seat. This is the safest location in any vehicle in the event of an accident.
- If travelling alone with a child the seat may be placed in the front passenger seat. Do not do this if your car is equipped with air bags.
- Be sure that safety seat straps are securely fastened and snug. If not the child may slip out of the seat in the event of an accident.
- Be sure that any safety seat you use is clearly marked CSA Approved.

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Burying JFK's ghost with Jackie

The decision to bury Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis next to her late husband closes the chapter on one of history's more tragic love affairs and no doubt prompted some to wonder why she would want to be there.

After all, if the rumors about John F. Kennedy's philandering ways are true, he must have been a lousy husband, right?

And he died a violent death in her arms for all the world to see, which must have been an incredibly difficult thing to forget.

Yet the news came that Jackie would be buried in Arlington National Cemetery next to JFK and his brother Bobby.

So maybe, just maybe, Jackie knew something about the late President we don't: maybe the rumors aren't true, and maybe the media stretches the truth occasionally in the interests of a good story.

It happens all the time. What gets left out is as important as what gets put in, but for some reason many people don't realize the media often only report part of the story, whether because of time or space considerations or the inability to find the other side.

In JFK's case, it was easy to assault his character once he was dead. The family wisely chose to ignore these accusations of infidelity, thinking the public would know better.

Instead, the stories can not be repeated matter-of-factly, when no one has ever really proven JFK, with his bad back or his kids playing in his room, had an affair with anyone, let alone Marilyn Monroe or anyone brought in by Secret Service agents.

And without wanting to give credence to any theory that JFK's assassination was a coup, isn't it strange that only JFK's character has been called into such question and only after the Warren Commission failed to dispel the doubts lingering in the public's mind after he was killed?

It really doesn't matter anymore. The only woman ever hurt by the rumors died last week in New York with her family by her side. The rumor is she reconciled herself with her first husband's memory over time, and found the strength to endure.

Her memory deserves a moment of our time as we think about the innocence the world lost that November day in Dallas 31 years ago.

STEPHEN HECKBERT

Richler at it again in the *New Yorker*

WASHINGTON (CP) — If the Parti Québécois wins a referendum on sovereignty, Canadians wouldn't trust Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to negotiate separation, Mordecai Richler speculates in the *New Yorker* magazine's current issue.

"If the separatists should prevail in a referendum next year, the rest of Canada would clearly not let a prime minister who was a Quebecer himself negotiate on their behalf with his native province," Richler writes in the May 30 edition.

"Most likely, Chrétien would call a snap election, and then Quebecers might have to contend with Prime Minister Preston Manning, a nice Christian fundamentalist in the prairie woodpile."

Richler, a Montreal novelist, angered Quebecers with a previous foray into the *New Yorker* last year.

In the 1993 article, he said Quebecers were subjected to "linguistic cleansing" after the French Language Charter — Law 101 — was passed in 1977. And he called Quebecers "arguably hypersensitive and clearly insecure."

This article pumps up the rhetoric. In it, Richler refers to the anglophone exodus from Quebec.

"Yet in this climate of subtle, nonviolent ethnic cleansing, Québécois style, it is the francophone nationalists who feel oppressed," Richler writes.

Today in History

Canadians went into action for the first time as a brigade in the Korean War 43 years ago today — in 1951. The war began when North Korea invaded South Korea in June 1950. In all, Canada sent 21,940 troops, 3,621 naval personnel and a few air force pilots to serve under the United Nations in support of South Korea. The conflict ended in June 1953.

Also on this day in:

1882 — The Royal Society of Canada, whose aim is to promote learning and research in the arts and sciences, was formed.

1907 — The University of Saskatchewan was founded at Saskatoon by Dominion charter.

Tiny purple people-eater

U.K. fears meat-munching microbe

By Stephen Ward

LONDON (CP) — British health officials tried to calm public fears Tuesday as a fast-acting bacteria that devours flesh killed its sixth victim.

The infection with its flu-like symptoms — dubbed Killer Bug by London tabloids — has affected at least 12 people this year, raising fears that it's spreading from a cluster of cases in Gloucestershire, southwest England.

Health officials said Tuesday that cases now range from Scotland to London and surrounding counties — Kent, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Bolton, and Stirling.

The latest victim is a 45-year-old woman from Chertsey, Surrey, who died Tuesday at Queen Mary's Hospital in London after giving birth to a child by caesarean section.

Christopher Bartlett, head of the Health Ministry's disease surveillance centre, said the outbreak was not an epidemic, and researchers have found no link between cases.

"On current information, cases now being reported, in addition to the Gloucester cluster, are still within expected annual figures," he said.

The fearful infection, a virulent streptococcus bacteria that can kill within hours, produces a condition called necrotising fasciitis. The bacteria eats living flesh, turning it gangrenous.

The disease is marked by severe nausea, high fever, sore limbs and a darkening of an area of the skin, with painful blistering or lesions.

Five people are known to have died of the infection so far this year, with three deaths in Gloucestershire and the others in Essex and London.

Three other people who caught the bug in Gloucestershire survived after life-saving surgery, while another victim in the county, a 45-year-old mother of two, is currently fighting for her life in hospital.

Christine Bowden of London, said Tuesday she wanted more data

so she could accept the death of her husband, Terry, 39. Her spouse died from the bacteria in January, 36 hours after being admitted to hospital for leg pains.

"It seems too unbelievable that it can hit people very quickly like this and they can die," she said.

Roseanne Miller, a nurse from Stirling, contracted the infection following a hysterectomy. Surgeons cut out part of her stomach and left the wound open for 10 days to make sure all lethal bacteria had been removed.

"It was the worst 10 days of my life and the only reason I got through it was because of the nursing team," said Miller.

Some scientists believe the infection is caused by a virus attacking a group of bacteria, including the relatively common streptococcal Type A.

According to this theory, the virus injects its genetic instructions into the bacteria, producing toxins that enter the victim's blood and eat fatty tissues.

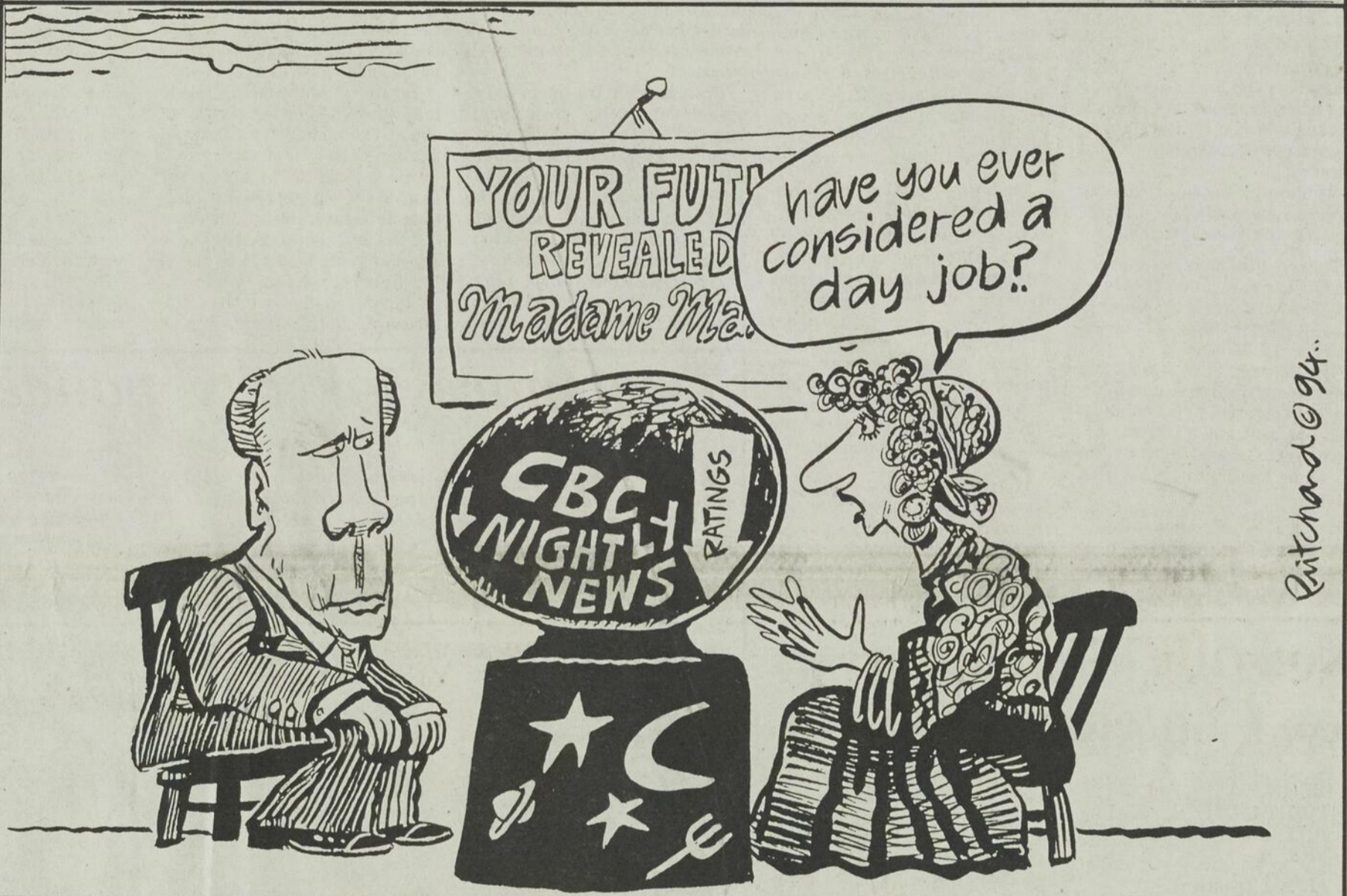
If caught early enough, the infection can be treated by penicillin. If not, surgery may be the only way to stop the bacteria from eating tissue below the skin.

Streptococcal Type A, treated with antibiotics, usually causes no more than a sore throat and kills two or three people a year in Britain.

In Norway, where the infection has killed several people in recent years, a doctor said it's unclear why the bacteria comes in epidemic waves but said one known characteristic of the bacteria is that it uses "a slime capsule" to evade the body's natural defences.

Dr. Jan Eng, who heads the bacteriology department at Norway's state institute for public health, said the bacteria had struck in Scandinavia in 1988 and again in the 1990s.

Vidar Lehmann, a professor of infectious diseases at Haukeland hospital in Bergen, said three people died from necrotising fasciitis at his hospital in the past three years.



Mecca death toll tops 1000

Dying pilgrims begged Allah for mercy

MECCA (AP) — Some Muslim pilgrims died when they were knocked off a crowded overpass.

Others were trampled to death. In the panic, some survived by tying their clothes into ropes and escaping to the ground below.

People "were yelling and screaming for mercy from Allah," Osman Taj, a pilgrim from Sudan, said Tuesday.

Hundreds of Muslims, going to take part in a symbolic stoning of the devil, died in a stampede Monday during the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Islam's holiest city. Officials said Tuesday 250 died but witnesses, doctors and a senior Asian diplomat put the death toll above 1,000.

Thousands of pilgrims, jammed together on the pedestrian overpass, were edging toward the sacred cavern where the ritual stoning takes place, when a new wave of people came surging through, Pakistani pilgrim Talaat Sharif said.

The people on the overpass had no time to make way for the newcomers, who pushed them over the railing "and trampled others on the ground," Sharif said.

Taj said the chaos was aggravated by crowds running in from the opposite direction.

"They collided with each other and those who fell were either dead or injured," he said.

"It was pandemonium."

Saudi traffic police and security guards set up barricades and sealed off the overpass. But that sent panicked crowds surging in two directions and more victims fell, Taj said.

Ambulances were unable to reach the scene quickly, contributing to the high death toll, other sources said.

When the tumult subsided, the ground around the overpass was covered with thousands of sandals and heaps of white robes.

Saudi authorities had spent the equivalent of millions of dollars to build tunnels and overpasses and to widen roads in the area after a stampede in 1990 killed 1,426 pilgrims.

Abbas Hamza Abbasi, deputy director of the Saudi Health Ministry, said people are trampled every year but the numbers may have been higher this year because the crowd was larger. Saudi authorities reported a record 2.5 million pilgrims this year in Mecca.

Muslims are supposed to make a pilgrimage, or *hajj*, to Mecca at least

once in their lives. The cavern, where the Prophet Mohammed is said to have thrown rocks at three stone pillars to symbolize stoning the devil, is in Mina, about five kilometres outside Mecca.

Security officials said 250 people died in the stampede. The state-run Saudi Press Agency said 829 people had died during the pilgrimage for a variety of reasons, including "old age, heart attacks, (and) deaths that resulted because of the heavy throngs throwing pebbles on Monday."

It gave no breakdown.

A senior Asian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he learned through doctors and other embassies the death toll was more than 1,000 from the stampede alone.

A doctor at Mina General hospital, also speaking on condition of

anonymity, said well over 1,000 people may have died during the pilgrimage and the stampede caused most of the deaths.

Doctors at the hospital, where some of the injured were taken, said the government figure of 829 deaths was too low. They said many pilgrims had died since the number was released early Tuesday.

The *hajj* rituals peaked Friday, the most sacred day of the Islamic calendar, when hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, all wearing white robes, prayed in unison atop Mount Arafat outside Mecca.

Although some pilgrims left after that ritual, many stayed on for other events such as stoning the devil.

Islam holds when Muslims die in Mecca, they automatically become martyrs and go straight to heaven.

Hajj pilgrimage plagued by disasters

The annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, known as the *hajj*, has been plagued by disaster in recent years. Thousands of people, most of them pilgrims involved in one of the world's greatest religious rituals, have perished in a chain of catastrophes linked to Islam's holiest shrines. Some of these were the result of political and religious disputes. Some of the worst disasters:

Nov. 20, 1979 — Some 1,200 Sunni Muslim extremists storm the Grand Mosque in Mecca in what Saudi officials later said was an attempt to kidnap King Khaled and force him to abdicate. But monarch had stomach-ache that day and did

not go to mosque as scheduled. Most of the attackers escaped during two-week siege finally broken when government forces, aided by French commandos, stormed mosque Dec. 4. Seventy-five zealots, including their leader, killed in battle around 15-hectare complex. Another 170 captured and many were beheaded. Scores of Saudi military personnel also slain.

July 31, 1987 — 402 people, mostly Iranian pilgrims, killed and 649 wounded in Mecca when security forces clash with Iranians staging illegal anti-U.S. demonstration. It was worst violence in city, birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed, since 1979 gun-battles. Saudis later severed relations with Tehran.

July 9, 1989 — Two bombs explode in Mecca, killing one pilgrim, wounding 16. Saudi authorities blame Iranian-inspired terrorists and later behead 16 Kuwaiti Shiite Muslims for bombings. Iran denied involvement.

July 2, 1990 — 1,426 pilgrims, many of them Malaysians, Indonesians and Pakistanis, killed in Mecca stampede in overcrowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites. It was worst *hajj* tragedy of modern times.

May 23, 1994 — Hundreds of pilgrims killed in stampede in Mecca as worshippers surge toward cavern for symbolic ritual of "stoning the devil."

— The Associated Press

Education



St. Antoine students offering tour around the world



The students of St. Antoine elementary school have been working all year to be able to give friends and visitors a tour around the world. Classes also divided up into teams and did extensive work on Uruguay and Holland, seen in the accompanying pictures, as well as Brazil, to be presented on Thursday.

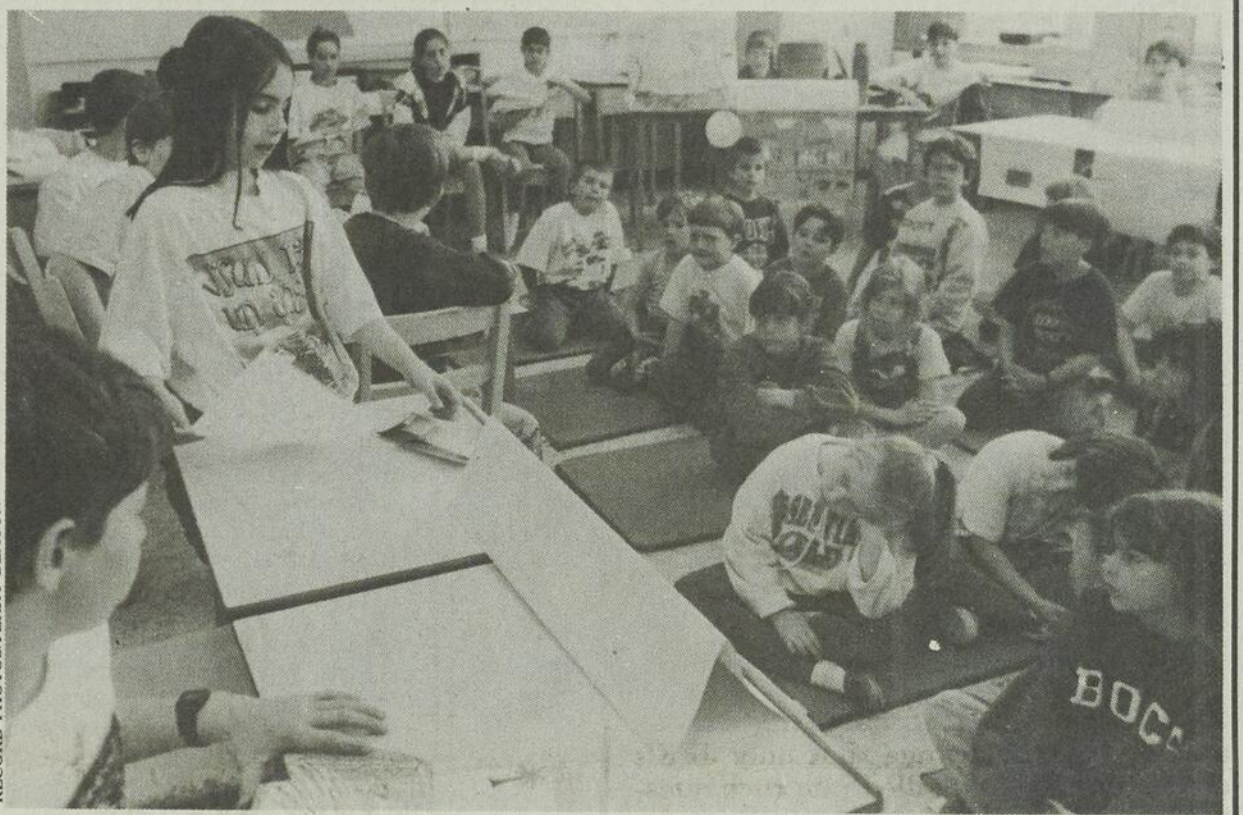
These presentations cover aspects of life including music, local objects, tasting of foods, and traditional costumes.

There are specific schedules for these activities, although arriving at 1 would ensure seeing at least some of these events.

Friday afternoon's activity and grand finale will feature grades 1 and 2 demonstrating Chinese dance and grade 4 will show off Greek dance. The school would be glad to answer any questions at 822-5692.



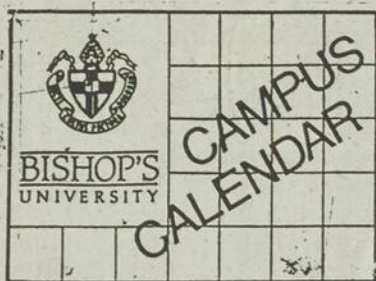
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New exhibition this week at artists' centre

● **BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY ARTISTS' CENTRE:** Exhibition, David Sorensen's ZONES. Drawings, paintings and sculptures, May 26 to July 15, 1994, Tuesday to Saturday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Opening of the exhibition is may 26 at 8 p.m.

● **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION — E.T. BRANCH:** In honor of Bishop's University 150th anniversary, the graduates of l'Université de Montréal cordially invite the Bishop's University Eastern Townships Alumni Branch (alumni, friends and family), to a B.B.Q. and Concert featuring Antoine Lefebvre, violinist and Louise Baril, pianist. Friday, June 10, 1994, B.B.Q. 5:30 p.m. in the Quad, Concert 8 p.m. at



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Living



150 Townshippers turned out for annual 'Spring Fling'

Keeping in Touch is a weekly column presented by Township's Association.

The annual "Spring Fling" dinner-dance provided ongoing entertainment and music for the approximately 150 people who attended last Saturday at Stansstead College.

This popular event was organized this year by the Spring Fling Committee, chaired by Andrew Retchless.

The Sunnyside School Children's Choir performed during the cocktail hour, followed by music by Pam Norman and David Grey, who entertained during the roast beef dinner.

Keeping in touch

By Townshippers' Association

The Eastern Townships band Trivia played dance music for all tastes, with big band DJ music filling in during intermission.

Door prizes were awarded to several lucky winners.

NAME CHANGE: Members of Townshippers' Association are invited to attend a special meeting tomorrow, May 26, at six

p.m. at the office in Ascot, 1945 Belvedere St. S., Room 204, Place Belmont to authorize changing the legal name of the Association from "English-speaking Townshippers' Association Inc./Association des anglophones de l'Estrie inc." to "Townshippers' Association Inc./Association des Townshippers Inc."

CHALLENGE '94 STUDENTS: Townshippers' fortunate to be able to hire two Challenge '94 students for eight weeks beginning this week. Annie Duriez will help prepare the directory of English profes-

sional and commercial services in the Eastern Townships, while Erin Haller will help organize Townshippers' Day, being held this year at Bishop's University on Sept. 17.

YOUTH NEWS: The Youth Project has been busy the past few weeks scheduling dates for the Team of Enthusiastic Townshippers to speak to students. Last Friday, several team members spoke to two classes of students at Alexander Galt Regional High School. A second team is preparing to go back to Alexander Galt on June 1st. This will be the fourth scheduled

event this year for the team. Team members are very interested in speaking to youth and are still willing to go into classes before the year end. During the summer, they hope to speak to young people at youth centres or other organizations.

If you would like a Team of Enthusiastic Townshippers to speak to your class or group, or would like more information on the team, contact Erin Mallory at (819) 566-5717 or Steve Kelly at (514) 263-4422.

MUSEUM OPENING: The Missisquoi Museum in Stanbridge East opens this Sunday and continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. until Oct. 9. Black hats, widow's weeds and hair work wreaths are just some of the unusual accessories on display. This exhibition is entitled "Transitions: 19th Century Family Life in Missisquoi County" and the theme is 'Mourning Customs' as they were practised by families in the last century.

Friendly guides will greet you at the museum door and introduce you to the charming collection of toys, costumes and period furnishings. Hodge's General Store and a collection of sleighs and carriages add to your visit. For more information, call (514) 248-3153.

A meddling mother and useless advice

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 43 and dating my ex-husband, who is 49 and lives at home. We have been divorced from each other twice. Both marriages lasted three years. We plan to remarry in a few months. Our divorces had nothing to do with our current problem -- his mother.

"George" and I usually spend weekends together at his mother's house. Once or twice during the week, he sleeps at my place. Last Wednesday, I fixed dinner, and we were having a wonderful time. The phone rang. It was his mother. She said, "George, I want you to come home. I might fall out of bed and need you." George turned to me and

said, "Sorry, I have to go," and left. I was steamed.

The woman's health is excellent. Ann. She is 74 (could pass for 60), drives herself wherever she needs to go and does her own shopping, cleaning, cooking and laundry. She has been totally independent for years and lived alone until two months ago when George moved in with her.

I realize that when adult children live with parents, they are expected to follow certain rules. But George is not sponging off his mother. He pays her phone and electric bills and does all the yardwork and repairs around the house.

I need an unbiased person to look

Ann Landers

at this situation and tell me if I have a right to be upset when his mother phones and orders him to come home. What's the solution? -- MADGE IN D.C.

DEAR D.C.: As long as George lives with his mother, he is going to be beholden to her. The solution is for him to move out, even if it means

renting a room over a bowling alley. Or -- how about moving up the wedding date?

Good luck to you. You're going to need it.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently experienced two miscarriages within a short period of time. After each one I received all kinds of advice from friends, family and co-workers. Most of it was useless.

On behalf of all women who have had miscarriages, I'd like to tell your readers what helps and what doesn't. Send flowers, a card, a hot meal or movie tickets -- anything to let us

know you are thinking of us. Phone and say, "I'm sorry." "I don't know what to say" is OK, too. Your honesty will be appreciated.

When you come to see us, be supportive and allow us to speak openly about our feelings.

Resist the urge to recite stories of your loss. We don't want to hear about it. This was *our* loss, and we want to experience it in our own way.

Suppress any temptation to say, "It was for the best." "It wasn't meant to be," "At least you can get pregnant," or "You're young, you can try again." And please don't say,

"There was probably something wrong with the baby. This is nature's way."

Refrain from attempting to diagnose why it happened or give advice about what to do next time. This makes us feel as though we were somehow at fault.

Keep in mind that a miscarriage is a tragedy. The grieving process is the same as when any loved one dies. We need sympathy and time to heal.

-- MIDWEST WOMAN
DEAR MIDWEST: You spoke for a great many couples today, and I thank you.

Jaundice is no cause for alarm

By Dr. Harris Burstin
For The Associated Press

Jaundice in the first few days of a newborn's life is common and generally harmless for full-term infants. And knowing when treatment is necessary can help reassure new parents and make for happier, healthier babies.

Jaundice is the medical term for the yellow skin coloring that often occurs in newborns as a result of increased levels of bilirubin, a natural chemical found in the bloodstream.

In most healthy adults and children, almost all bilirubin is filtered or metabolized by the liver. For example, the normal level of bilirubin in the blood for an adult or child is less than one milligram. But a newborn's liver

may not begin working for as many as four days after birth. So for an infant, a level of more than 10 times that amount is considered normal.

And while jaundice in newborns is generally considered benign, bilirubin levels in all newborns are usually monitored by a pediatrician, because in very high levels, the chemical can cause brain damage.

There are some other circumstances and conditions that can result in a higher incidence of jaundice.

Breast-fed babies may have a higher incidence of jaundice. Bilirubin is excreted through the stool, and since some newborns do not eat much in the first two days of life, their bilirubin levels

tend to rise. This condition usually corrects itself and is rarely a reason to switch to formula.

Careful monitoring of a newborn's bilirubin level is required if there was a blood type incompatibility between the mother and baby, a large collection of blood in the baby's scalp at birth or the baby is small and pre-term.

In infants, bilirubin builds up slowly, usually reaching its peak on the third day of life. Medical intervention usually begins if a newborn's bilirubin level continues to rise after the third day of life, or exceeds 15 milligrams.

In the past, infants were treated

by exchange transfusion, a procedure in which some of the baby's blood is replaced with blood bank blood. This procedure is only performed when bilirubin reaches a dangerous level.

Currently, jaundice is commonly treated through phototherapy, also known as white light therapy. During this procedure, the newborn is placed in a box with a white fluorescent light above it. The energy emitted by the light converts the bilirubin into a form that can be excreted in the baby's stool.

Dr. Harris Burstin is clinical associate professor of pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine.

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After guests of Byron Labonté, Gagnon Road, were Luena and Robin Haryward of Axminster, Devon, Delphine and Bill Street of Bridgeport, Dorset, England and Dorothy Colby of Sawyerville. Byron had been in Devon, Cumbria and Dorset in 1993, and had been on Hadrian's Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Simpson of Thornhill, Ont., accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Hodge of Bury, were evening visitors of the Wintles. Another evening the Simpsons were supper guests.

Arthur and Hazel Rogers' visitors for Mother's Day were their children, Bain and Darlene, and Gordon and Carole.

Congratulations Best wishes

Congratulations to Marion Gardner of 204 Owl's Head Rd., Mansonville, Que., JOE 1X0, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 26th. Love and best wishes from her family and friends.

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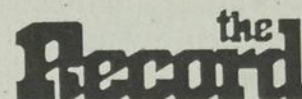
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NAFTA in uncertain position

MacLaren warns of chill

WASHINGTON (CP)—Trade Minister Roy MacLaren warned Tuesday of a chill in Canada-U.S. trade and investment if Washington does not ease up on attacking imports from Canada.

MacLaren cited the United States for the "absence of a clear and comprehensive commitment to free trade" in his first major American speech, a toughly worded and largely gloomy overview of trade relations.

The minister said the North American Free Trade Agreement is in "a somewhat uncertain position" and needs new members and clearer rules to "avoid slipping backward."

And he expressed concern about the prospect the United States will negotiate its own free trade deal with Chile rather than see that country link with NAFTA to become the agreement's fourth partner.

"Surely none of us has any interest in creating a maze of overlapping agreements when a single undertaking is possible," he said.

The minister said he wants to open NAFTA to "all countries prepared to abide by its rules and disciplines" rather than limiting membership to the hemisphere.

Speaking to the Canadian-American Business Council, MacLaren touched fleetingly and almost dismissively on the

description of Canada and the United States as the world's largest trading partners — with disputes souring only five per cent of their commerce.

"I suppose I could have dusted off that hoary speech," he said before going on to express frustration that trade disputes "don't go away."

He said the absence of common trade-remedy laws among Canada, the United States and Mexico is the "black hole" at the centre of NAFTA and the reason U.S. interests can repeatedly attack Canadian lumber, grain, pork, steel and other products with anti-dumping or anti-subsidy actions.

MacLaren asked rhetorically whether North America can afford such "narrow, interecine protectionism" in the face of European and Asian competition.

"It is precisely these and other questions that go unanswered in the United States' instinct to appease domestic lobbies or to seize a short-term advantage."

The growing disputes, "if allowed to escalate, risk creating a trade and investment chill between our countries," he said.

Chip Roh, deputy U.S. trade representative, came away from the speech unconvinced bilateral trade is facing unusual strains.

"I've watched U.S.-Canadian

relations a long time and I think we'll probably be able to avoid a chill," he said mildly.

MacLaren went on to meet U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and other U.S. officials on the first day of a two-day visit.

Canadian and U.S. negotiators are trying to work out common rules on subsidies and dumping, an effort Prime Minister Jean Chretien demanded as a condition for joining with Mexico and the United States in NAFTA.

But there is little support in the U.S. Congress for giving up the range of trade-remedy laws.

Tax investigators slapped

By Tom Blackwell

TORONTO (CP) — A judge has tossed out evidence he says was illegally obtained by Revenue Canada in a decision that could have a "profound" impact on investigations of suspected tax dodgers, a lawyer says.

Judge T.C. Whetung criticized the department for conducting a search without a warrant and ruled the seized material couldn't be used as evidence against a company from nearby Oshawa, Ont.

He later acquitted Norway Insulation Inc. of evading more than \$200,000 in taxes.

Revenue Canada has appealed Whetung's decision, quietly released earlier this year.

Although the judgment relates directly to only one case, the

department routinely carries out such "warrantless" searches and might have to change its methods, said John Olah, Norway Insulation's lawyer.

"If the appellate court upholds the judgment, it could have some profound implications," Olah said in an interview.

Whetung, of Ontario Court's provincial division, called the search at the offices of the company's accountant "oppressive to the rights of individuals."

Paul Evraire, a federal Justice Department lawyer, called it an important ruling but said Ottawa is appealing because it believes the judge erred in law.

In the meantime, Whetung's criticisms have been passed on to Revenue Canada so it can adjust its procedures if necessary, he

said. A spokesman for Revenue Canada said he couldn't comment on whether the department has changed any investigative procedures while the case is before the courts.

The Income Tax Act allows Revenue Canada employees to demand access to documents so they can do audits that could lead to adjustments in how much tax a person or corporation pays.

But in the Norway Insulation case, auditors searched the accountant's office in 1991 knowing that quasi-criminal charges were likely, said the judge.

"In matters of a quasi-criminal nature, unfettered state interference with . . . privacy is not permissible," the judge said.

Debt stifling potential

Interest rates rose in the U.S. after the Federal Reserve Bank bumped up its discount rate and the federal funds rate a half-point each to 3.5 per cent and 4.25 per cent respectively. The stock market, perhaps not surprisingly, closed higher on the day.

Higher interest rates were expected in the U.S. as its economy began to show signs of overheating. The question, as always, was how much higher. The stock market's response could be interpreted as relief that the increase wasn't greater.

It could also be interpreted as relief that the uncertainty about interest rates was ended, at least for the time being. Uncertainty is the one condition the stock market could abide for long, and the rate increase has been a long time coming.

Now that it has come, it's also an affirmation that the U.S. economy is continuing to strengthen at a rate which, if not slowed, could become dangerously inflationary. Inflation is already running there at 3 to 3.5 per cent.

The joker in the deck is what happened in Canada. When the Fed raises its rates, the Bank of Canada does too. Not this time, though. The Bank's rate was lowered 16 basis points to 6.45 per cent — not much to be sure, but far better than a further increase.

The bank could move its rate lower because, with the U.S. rate

increases confined to a half-point, it had the room to do so, room it might not have had if the U.S. rate increases had been greater. Another modest decline is now expected next week.

Business Sense

By John Meyer

The Canadian economy, meanwhile, is showing signs of renewed growth. Demand for housing is on the rise; so are factory shipments. The Statistics Canada composite leading index, a broad measure of future economic activity, was up again in April.

This in spite of the restraints on growth imposed by federal and provincial overspending and political uncertainty. Both are reflected primarily in the high interest rates needed to maintain the country's creditworthiness.

Our interest rates net of inflation, are, in fact, the highest in the industrialized world.

Consider then how much stronger our economy could be if, without the burden of having to survive a monumental national debt, we could have interest rates truly reflecting our inflation-free state. We might be pacing the U.S. economy instead of being dragged along by it.

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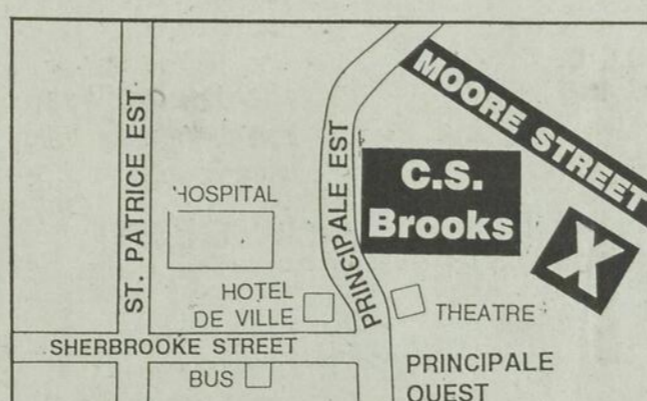
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70 Garage Sales

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The Lennoxville Firemen are again accepting donations for a garage sale to be held on May 28 (no clothing or tires please). Please call (819) 822-0297 to arrange for pick-up. 13687

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Stanstead County Women's Institute holds annual meeting in North Hatley

The County President, Dyanne Saanum welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Collect and Salute to the Flag.

The official welcome was by Mrs. Belec of Hatley Centre W.I. County Secretary, Aileen Lord read the minutes of the last County meeting and they were accepted as read. County Treasurer, Helen Johnston gave a detailed annual report.

Correspondence: A letter from the Sherbrooke Hospital asking for a donation, a thank-you letter from Stephen Hutchison for the Dr. Brown bursary.

County convenors report: Seeds were purchased by the W.I. and given to students in four schools. School Fair held in September with much interest shown from students, donations given to School Fair from U.P.A. and Q.F.A.

Many interesting clippings were read throughout the year. Some members attended the Convention

at Macdonald College, members entered in competition, J&P Coats, Q.W.L. and the Ayer's Cliff group exhibit.

Money given to local schools to help with hot lunches, U.N.I.C.E.F. supports, daffodils sold for Cancer Society. Participated in Armistice Day events. Card party to raise money, Pennies for Friendship collected.

Fruits and cookies were given to shut-ins of the prolonged unit of the Sherbrooke Hospital. Two chicken pie dinners were held during the year. Volunteers worked at library, members knit for the wool gathering, these articles were given to the needy at school.

The average of ten meetings held per branch each year with four county meetings held a year.

Branch histories are being brought up to date. Scholarships were awarded, one branch donated a pen and pencil set in memory of a deceased member.

Dyanne Saanum asked Lois Cooper to take the chair for the election of officers. Mildred Miller, chairman of the nominating committee presented the following officers: Past President, Lois Cooper; President, Dyanne Saanum; 1st Vice, Janet McLellan; 2nd Vice, Ida Little; Secretary, Aileen Lord; Treasurer, Helen Johnston.

County convenors: Agriculture, Olive Whitcomb; Doris Gibson and Debbie Smith; Canadian Industries, Mildred Roarke; Citizenship and Legislation, Mildred Miller; Education and Cultural Activities, Irene Ride and Dyanne Saanum; Home Economics and Health, Margaret Belec; Publicity, Ida Little; International Affairs, Aileen Lord; Environment, Dyanne Saanum; Safety, Ida Little.

Lois Cooper led the officers and members in the induction ceremony and escorted Dyanne back to the chair.

A discussion of a bus going to Macdonald at Convention time, many members would like to go, Dyanne would make arrangements.

A sum of money was voted to be sent to the Sherbrooke Hospital. Mrs. Laure-Yvette Viens judged the crafts. Christmas stocking, Olive Whitcomb; 2nd, Grace Moyle; 3rd, Doris Gibson. Christmas wreath, Mildred Roarke; Cushion cover, Ida Little. Laure-Yvette was thanked and presented with a monetary gift.

Lunch was served by the Hatley Centre ladies and thanked by Olive Whitcomb.

The guest speaker, Mike Rochette was introduced by Margaret Belec.

Mr. Rochette spoke about English speaking people being able to converse in their own language in most public places. Mr. Rochette is the coordinator for health and social services in English. He was thanked by Dyanne Saanum.

The next County meeting will be held in Stanstead, hosted by the Stanstead North W.I.

Ida Little
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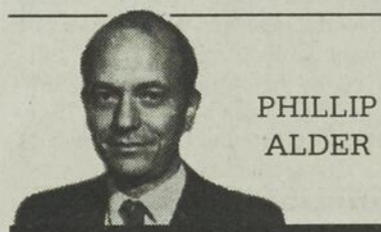
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Wednesday, May 25, 1994



Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 25, 1994

In the year ahead you might have to take on greater responsibility where your work or career is concerned. However, impressive rewards could be in the offing, provided you do a good job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In important developments today, especially where your career is concerned, try to rely upon yourself and not upon others. The support you're anticipating might not be forthcoming. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Negative thoughts of your own creation could contribute to uncertainties today and cause you anxiety where your work is concerned. Don't make a lot over nothing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you gamble today on situations with which you're not familiar you might wind up an "also ran" instead of a winner. The opposite could be true if you have a home field advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today if you resurrect a volatile issue upon which you and your mate disagree, you could be

asking for trouble. This is a very tender topic with a low kindling point.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Tedious mental tasks might not be your long suit today, so be sure to have someone double check your work. There's a possibility you could make errors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An ambitious salesperson might take advantage of you today if he/she thinks you are an impulsive buyer. Take time to truly study bargains before making a cash commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be careful today that you are not too stern of a disciplinarian where a child's behavior is concerned. Un-guarded, minor infractions might cause you to overreact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against inclinations today to size up situations from a negative perspective. Conditions might not be optimum, yet they're not likely to be as bad as you anticipate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In your social involvements today make it a point to pick up your end of the tab. Don't give pals cause to think of you as freeloader.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may have to be more thick skinned and able to cope with obstacles than usual today if you hope to achieve your objectives. Don't expect a milk run.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your credibility will be under close scrutiny today, so be very careful how you present your opinions on issues. If they cannot be substantiated by facts, it'll be readily discerned.

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Should we test new players?

By Phillip Alder

In the Netherlands, you are not allowed to play on an 18-hole golf course unless you have a Golf Ability Card. You must pass a fairly easy test of your driving, chipping and putting.

Should we do the same in bridge, giving players who are leaving beginners' classes a few simple bidding, declarer-play and defense problems?

If so, do you think today's deal would be slightly too difficult for the test, or just right? West leads the club queen against your four-heart contract. How do you plan the play?

There are three passes and South opens one heart. Would you pass, double or bid two clubs with that West hand?

Most inexperienced players bid two clubs. But I think it is the third-best choice. With such soft values opposite a partner who couldn't even open in third position, there is a good case for passing. However, especially in a pair event, you should strive to contest the part-score. And doubling gives you three chances to find a fit, whereas two clubs will probably lock you into that suit.

Playing in four hearts, declarer must not win the club lead with dummy's king and play a trump. With this layout, the contract can then be defeated, South losing one spade, two hearts and one diamond. It is right to win in hand with the club ace and immediately lead the diamond jack, ready to overtake in dummy if West plays low. If West wins with the ace and continues clubs, you discard two spade losers on dummy's K-Q of

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Obituaries

WILLIAM JOHN MURRAY
of Lennoxville, Quebec
1911 - 1994

The community was saddened on Tuesday, May 10, 1994, to learn of the sudden death of William "Bill" Murray, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. On May 8, Bill had been transferred from the University Hospital, Sherbrooke, for specialized treatment. Unfortunately, his heart has been weakened by several months of painful suffering and immediately following the treatment, Bill suffered a fatal heart arrest.

William John Murray was born in Marsboro, Quebec, on January 23, 1911, son of the late John Duncan Murray and his wife Katie MacLeod, descendants of early Scottish pioneers who had emigrated to Canada from the Isle of Lewis. His youth was spent in Marsboro which was in earlier times a very warm and active Scottish Community.

In 1929, the family moved to Scotstown, Quebec, where Bill found employment with Scotstown Granite Company, later the Stave Manufacturing Company, also shorten periods of time spent in Western Canada, and again in Scotstown with the Guelph Cask Company. When the Second World War broke out, Bill joined the forces, going Overseas for four years.

In 1945, following his release from Active Service, Bill was employed by the Union Screen Plate of Lennoxville. He gained a reputation there as an extremely industrious, versatile and efficient employee. Suddenly, in December 1958, Bill suffered a devastating cerebral hemorrhage, which left his left side paralyzed. He was a patient in the Neurological Hospital in Montreal for many weeks but little could be done for him. In February he returned to Lennoxville to his home with his mother and sister, Ferne. After many months with loving home care and due to his indomitable spirit and strong determination, he regained a fair measure of mobility, but never the use of his left arm. Gradually, insofar as his handicaps would allow, he took up his former interests, along with his very good friend, Gordon Cascadden, they became involved in car mechanics, doing repairs for the local community, as well as helping out many friends and neighbours with electrical installations. As a recreational outlet, they enjoyed boating, and in spite of his handicap, Bill and Gordie spent as much time as possible on Lake Massawippi.

Later, Bill was of great assistance to the management of the Wool Shop. He will be remembered by so many as a very familiar figure at 159 Queen Street, where he became famous for his beautiful display of flowers which graced the front of the Wool Shop. His petunias were his pride and joy and he had great expertise in the care and nurturing of these flowers. Countless other maintenance jobs for the Wool Shop were taken care of with great efficiency by him, and one found him always busy in some helpful way. In addition to these duties, he set up a Clock Repair Clinic on the second floor of the Wool Shop building. There, with infinite patience and painstaking skill, he repaired, restored and built clocks. Many citizens of the Eastern Townships depended on Bill for this service and he still maintained a special interest in Clock repair, until his eyesight failed.

In 1990, he retired to spend full time with his sister, Ferne, at 4 Speid Street, Lennoxville. Eventually, his health declined and he was confined to a wheelchair. However, he still delighted to visit with friends and family. His very active mind always interested in current events, world news and politics. Special mention should be made at this time of Dr. George MacDougall, who daily stimulated Bill in these discussions and each day they would have lively and interesting discussions as they analyzed the news of the day, with special emphasis on the political scene. George was most faithful in his visits and this support was so much appreciated by Bill and the Murray Family.

In October, 1993, Bill became very ill and endured intense suffering for the last 8 months of his life. In spite of the tender, loving care of his long time nurse and sister, Ferne, and medical care of local hospitals, he could get no relief, to the immense sorrow of his family and friends.

Bill Murray will long be remembered for his warm friendliness, his ready smile, his charm of personality and his quick wit and active brain. He was to all a great example of courage under severe affliction.

Bill was predeceased by his sisters, Pearl (George) and Geneva and his brothers, Dan Paul and Malcolm. Left to mourn his loss, he will be sadly missed by his sister, Ferne, his sister-in-law, Flora Murray, his niece, Carol (Perks) and nephews, Barry and Brian and their families.

The Funeral Service was held at Cass Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m., Friday, May 13, conducted by the Rev. Blake Walker of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, who paid tribute to the deceased and spoke words of comfort, based on the 23rd Psalm. Bill's good friend, Dr. George MacDougall rendered, very feelingly, the solo, "Beyond the Sunset". Mrs. Molly Fox presided at the organ and accompanied the soloist.

Bearers were Barry, Brian and Stuart Murray, Dr. George MacDougall, Wyatt Savage and Milton MacDonald.

The Committal Service took place in the family plot in the Lingwick Cemetery, Gould, Quebec. Following this, a reception was held at the home of Ferne Murray where many friends gathered to offer to the Murray family their sympathy and support.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.

ARMAND PERRAS
of Easthampton, Mass.
(formerly of Sawyerville, Que.)

Armand Perras passed away in Easthampton, Mass. on May 14 in his 59th year.

Formerly of Sawyerville, Quebec, he went to live in Easthampton, Mass. at the age of 21. He worked at Smith & Wesson in Springfield, Mass. as a gun smith for 30 years, before his retirement.

He was married to Kathleen Mott and of this union 3 children were born: Mark, Daniel and Paul.

Armand is the beloved son of the late Walter and Marie Anna Perras of Sawyerville, Que. and brother of Pauline, Madeleine, Lucille of Sherbrooke, Que., Yolande of Ajax, Ont. and Florian of Sawyerville, Que.

A Memorial Service will be held at Notre-Dame du Rosaire Catholic Church in Sawyerville, Quebec on August 7, 1994 at 11 a.m.

Abbotsford

Mrs. Dorothy Fisk was recently visiting her daughter Nancy Loadenthal and family in Dixville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Helynck have returned home from the winter spent in Florida.

Mrs. V. Vintinner entertained her family on Mother's Day.

Mrs. P. Rowell spent a recent weekend in Ontario visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bonner.

Mrs. H. Kunze of Ile Perrot visited her parents, Robt. and Marian Crossfield recently and attended the memorial service held in Abbotsford United Church for the late Esther Marshall, several family members from Ontario and other areas were also present for the funeral and partook of the refreshments

later served at the home of Mrs. Lucille Marshall while reminiscing about the good times shared with her during the many years that she lived here, always helping

others and opening her home for any special occasion, was very interested and concerned for the young people. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Knowlton
Edna Badger

Friends of Mr. Fred Partridge will be sorry to hear he is very ill again and has been moved back to the C.H.U. in Sherbrooke.

Mrs. Peggy Premont has returned home from a month's holiday in Calgary, Alta., where she was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ken Dorion and family.

The U.C.W. of Knowlton United Church entertained a large gathering of ladies from St. Paul's and St. Edouard's churches at a Friendship Tea on May 4. The

guest speaker was Rev. MacFarlane from Toronto, Ont., who spoke on the Leprosy Missions around the world, showing slides of same. Rev. MacFarlane's presentation was very well done and very informative. Lunch was served and a time of fellowship. Rev. MacFarlane received a gift and a cheque for his work in the T.L.M. The ladies of the U.C.W. were thanked for their hospitality by both groups for a very pleasant afternoon.

Gould

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Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Morrison accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rowland of East Angus, travelled to Montpelier, Vt. to attend funeral services for the late Roger Ball, and while there, were also visiting at the home of Miss Beverley Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beaton were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin MacAulay in Scotstown and were joined there by Louise Coleman and Donald MacAskill, accompanied by the latter's house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tounne St. Laurent of Brantford, Ont.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Morrison were Susan Slinger and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Parsons of Bury, Mrs. Lola MacDonald and Mrs. Bill Zaslowsky of Brossard.

Recent visitors at the home of Heather and Douglas Beaton on North Hill, were Mr. Bob Sanford, Donald MacAskill of Scotstown, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Aray of Huntingville and Mr. and Mrs. Tounne St. Laurent of Brantford, Ont.

Birchton

Muriel Prescott

Hazel Rogers, Rena Halsall and Muriel Prescott attended the birthday tea for Alice King at the Luce Home in Sawyerville on May 1st.

The Verlindens, Connie Little, Basil and Muriel Prescott visited the Cass Funeral Home in Lennoxville to offer condolences to the McElravy family in the death of their mother, Mrs. Ruby McElravy. Muriel also attended the funeral there the next day and was a supper guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Hugh Patton.

Basil and Muriel Prescott joined their family, Sid, Donna and Ian Prescott at Le Grec Restaurant in Cookshire for dinner on May 1st to celebrate Donna's birthday.

Hazel Rogers attended the spring Presbytery meeting of the United Church held in Granby.

Gus and Erma Perry of Calbot, Vt., visited the latter's aunt, Mrs. Luella Guy. Luella, Keith and Phyllis Allan were in Kinnear's Mills to attend a party for Lawrence Allan on his 65th birthday.

Nick Turchyn spent several days in Montreal with his father, and Heather joined him on the weekend for Ukrainian Easter. Mother's Day guests of the Turchyns were Heather's father and mother, Hugh and Gladys Patton of Lennoxville.

Brian, Trudy, Wayne and Odell Lassenba and Miles Winslow were supper guests of Brian's parents, Herbert and Rena Lassenba in Sawyerville on Brian's birthday.

Kevin Wintle is home from college in Belleville and Lesley and friend Jim Brock were here for a weekend with their parents, Gilbert and Serena Wintle. Shirley Billing of Lennoxville spent a day with the Wintles.

Mrs. Faye Coleman was in Bury for Mother's Day as guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Penny Coleman.

Crystal Gillam is home from McGill University and has done two weeks of practice teaching at Galt High School. She is now working at bishop's in swimming. Holly Gillam and friend Joe Miceli of Montreal were home for the weekend. The Gillams entertained Diana's parents, Osborne and Alma Quinn, brother Dale and Lennie for Mother's Day supper.

Alice Drake and Gary Picken's girl friend, Cheryl Cloutier, were Mother's Day guests of Vera Picken and family.

Sidney Prescott was a morning visitor of her parents on Mother's Day.

Faye, Tracy and Megan Dougherty were morning visitors of the Prescotts on May 7.

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Birth

PORTER — Kenny and Jean (nee Davidson) are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Lindsay Jean, on Thursday, May 19, 1994, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz., at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital. A little sister for Caitlin. Third grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. James Porter of Thetford Mines, Quebec, and seventh grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Allan Davidson of Lennoxville, Quebec.

Death

BOREHAM, William (Bill) — Died May 21, 1994 in British Columbia, age 61. He leaves to mourn his wife Ann, and children Howard (Nancy) Boreham, Caroline (Ray Day), Brian and Judy (Ron Reynold), seven grandchildren, his mother and father, Alden and Lillian Boreham, his sisters Betty of Igaluit, N.W.T., Margaret of Richmond, Que., Robert (Mavis) of Elliott Lake, Charles (Denise) of New Zealand, Roland (Jean) of Sudbury and Bernard (Helen) of Erickon, B.C.

Eleanor Taylor attended a Memorial service at Cookshire United Church for Bill Rowland, formerly of East Angus. The same evening she was a guest at a birthday dinner in East Angus for Mrs. Marjory Rowland.

Jack and Debbie Drummond of Havelock, Ont. spent the Mother's Day weekend with the latter's mother and brother, Helen and Dennis Taylor.

Eleanor Taylor enjoyed playing bridge and seeing the video of Mrs. Doubtfire with Helen Taylor and Jack and Debbie Drummond on May 7.

The Taylor family met for dinner at the Boite A Festin in Gould. The occasion was a celebration for Dean's birthday, Dennis finishing studies at Galt High School, and a Mother's Day celebration for Helen. Patty, Donna and Danny Nugent, Eleanor Taylor Gilbert and Serena Wintle were there also to help celebrate.

Eleanor Taylor was a guest of the Heatheringtons in East Angus for dinner on Mother's Day.

Cathy and Steven Harvey entertained Margaret and Bobby Wright for brunch on Mother's Day.

Connie Little was a guest of her brother, Kenneth McCrea in Milby. Other family members present were Dorothy Learmonth, Donna Jessop of Calgary, Helen and John Lowry, Waterville, Marion McCrea, Sherbrooke and Bob and Eva Leith, Lennoxville.

Karen, Alain and Emily Verlinden took Karen's mother, Connie Little to North Hatley for lunch on Mother's Day. Others present were Helen and John Lowry, Dorothy Learmonth, daughter Donna Jessop with friend Heidi from St. Catharines, Ont., Bob and Eva Leith with their daughter Betty Ann of Burlington, Vt.

Deaths

COLE, Verna (nee Lassemba) — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Friday, May 20, 1994. Verna Lassemba, age 82. Wife of the late Victor Cole of Sherbrooke. Survived by her brother-in-law, Bob Cole (Florence) and Clinton Bice, nieces and nephews, members of the Cole, Macpherson, Lassemba, Sayers, Rule, and Adist families. Also mourned by other relatives and friends. Rested at Coopérative Funéraire de l'Estrie, 526 Prospec St., Sherbrooke — 565-7646, Alain Leclerc, dir. gen. Visitation was on Sunday and Monday. Funeral service was held on Monday, May 23, 1994 at 2 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Interment of ashes at Elmwood Cemetery, Sherbrooke.

DUDLEY, Ada — At the Waterloo Hospital on May 23, 1994. Ada Dudley in her 99th year. Mother of Beatrice Benoit. Grandmother of Wesley (Bonnie Eldridge) of West Bolton, Constance (Luc Beauregard) of Waterloo, Audrey (Roy Everett) of Waterloo. Great-grandmother of Lise, Daniel, Scott, Gilles, Diane, Lyne and Yannick. No visitation. Interment of ashes at the Knowlton Cemetery on Saturday, June 4, 1994 at 1 p.m. The family wishes to thank the caring staff of the Waterloo Hospital. Funeral arrangements by Bessette & Sons Funeral Home Inc., 5043 Foster St., Waterloo.

TETREAULT, Clement — At the Oasis Home in Weedon on May 22, 1994 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Dear father of Robert, Gerard, Irene, Aline, Eliane, René, Estelle, and beloved grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday, May 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Sawyerville Catholic Church.

Memorial Service

BAIRD, Myrtle E. — A Memorial Service in memory of the late Myrtle E. Baird (Mickey) of North Hatley, Quebec will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1994 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Anglican Church, corner of Pine and St. Patrick Streets, Magog, Quebec. Respecting the last wishes of the deceased, there was no visitation and her ashes will be interred in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

DYER, Mary — Memorial Service for Mary Dyer, Eastman, at Grace Anglican Church, Sutton, Quebec on Saturday, May 28, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. Any memorial tributes to the charity of your choice.



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BLANCHETTE — "Lord, you have called me to your side, I've left alone those I love so much. Take my place next to them." We wish to express our gratitude to all our family and friends who showed their sympathy in any way at the time of the passing of J.L. Earl Blanchette on March 19, 1994. Please accept this testimony of our gratitude.

ROSE-EVA HENAIRE BLANCHETTE
(wife)

CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN
Please accept these thanks as personal.

MURRAY, William John — We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives and friends who supported us and expressed their sympathy to us in many helpful and tangible ways, at the time of the passing of our dearly beloved brother and uncle, William "Bill" Murray. We extend our grateful appreciation to those who came to be with us and for gifts of food, cards, phone calls and flowers as well as many In Memoriam donations. Gratefully, we would acknowledge the sympathetic services rendered us by our Minister, the Rev. Blake Walker, the organist, Mrs. Molly Fox, Dr. George MacDougall, soloist, and also our appreciation to the bearers and staff of the L.O. Cass Funeral Home. Our heartfelt thanks are also extended to the members of the Deacons Court of St. Andrew's Church who arranged for the family reception, following the funeral. We have been comforted and are most appreciative for the great kindness and sympathy shown us.

M. FERNE MURRAY
(sister)
AND MEMBERS OF THE MURRAY FAMILY

In Memoriam

WARCUP, Charlie — In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away May 25, 1989.

I have lost my soul's companion, A life linked with my own; And day by day I miss him more, As I walk through life alone.

Sadly missed by
DORIS (wife)
AND FAMILY

WARCUP, Charles — In memory of a dear brother who passed away May 25, 1989.

I often sit and think of you Of things you used to say and do, You are with me in memory still Not only today, but always will.
EDNA (sister)

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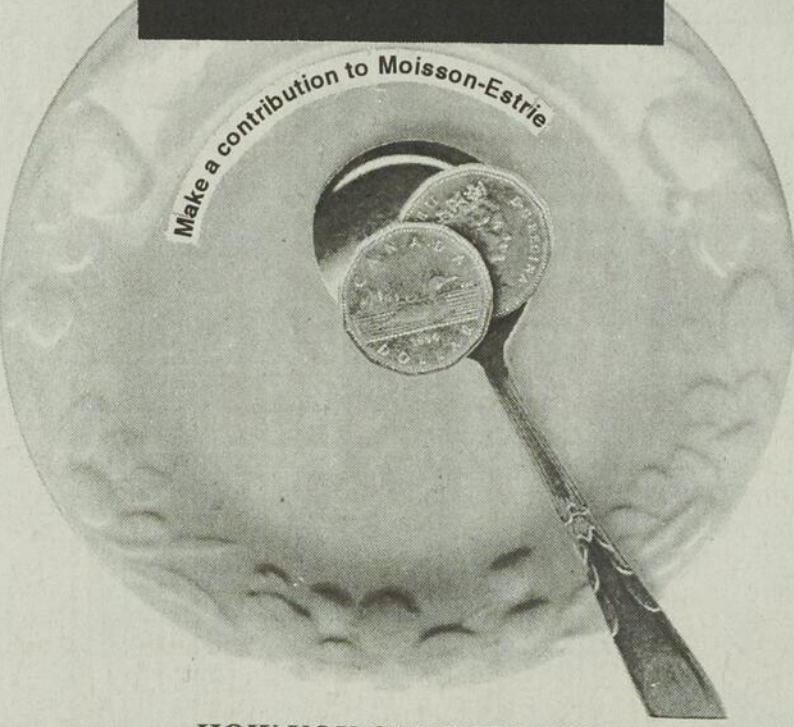
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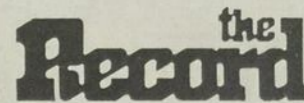
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Sports



Montreal Little League opens in Lennoxville mauls Yankees sneak off with close home opener Marlins

MIAMI (AP) — Darrin Fletcher drove in a career-high five runs and Butch Henry pitched 6 2-3 shutout innings, leading the Montreal Expos past the Florida Marlins 11-1 Tuesday night.

Montreal tied a National League record with four sacrifice flies, including two by Fletcher. He also hit a three-run double in the ninth.

Henry (2-0) allowed two hits, walked two and struck out two to win his second consecutive start. He began the year with Triple-A Ottawa and joined the Expos' rotation May 10.

The left-hander retired the first 10 batters before Dave Magadan doubled. That was Florida's lone hit until Jeff Conine reached on an infield single in the seventh. Reliever Mel Rojas finished the combined three-hitter.

Rookie Carl Everett hit his second homer of the season, in the eighth off Rojas. Montreal's Wil Cordero hit a two-run homer in the eighth, his second.

Astros 8	Braves 0
American League	
Yankees 6	Blue Jays 1
Angels 8	Tigers 5
Indians 5	Red Sox 3
White Sox 5	Twins 3



David Boudreau pitched a complete game victory to win Lennoxville's home opener. RECORD PHOTOS/GRANT SIMEON

LENNOXVILLE (RM) — The Lennoxville Yankees kicked off another season at Darcy Bennett Park with a dramatic victory on Tuesday night over the Sherbrooke Astros 6-5.

Jarrod Sharman singled to left-centre leading off the bottom of the sixth with the score tied 5-5. Patrick Coley followed with a single to right field, advancing the winning run to second base.

With one out both runners advanced a base on a wild pitch, then Jonathan Monty came through with an unorthodox squeeze bunt. Sharman scored after the Astros bobbled the ball and couldn't orchestrate the run-down properly.

The win improved the Lennoxville Yankees record to 2-1 and dropped the Astros to 1-2. Lennoxville plays host to the Sherbrooke Padres today at 5:45 p.m.

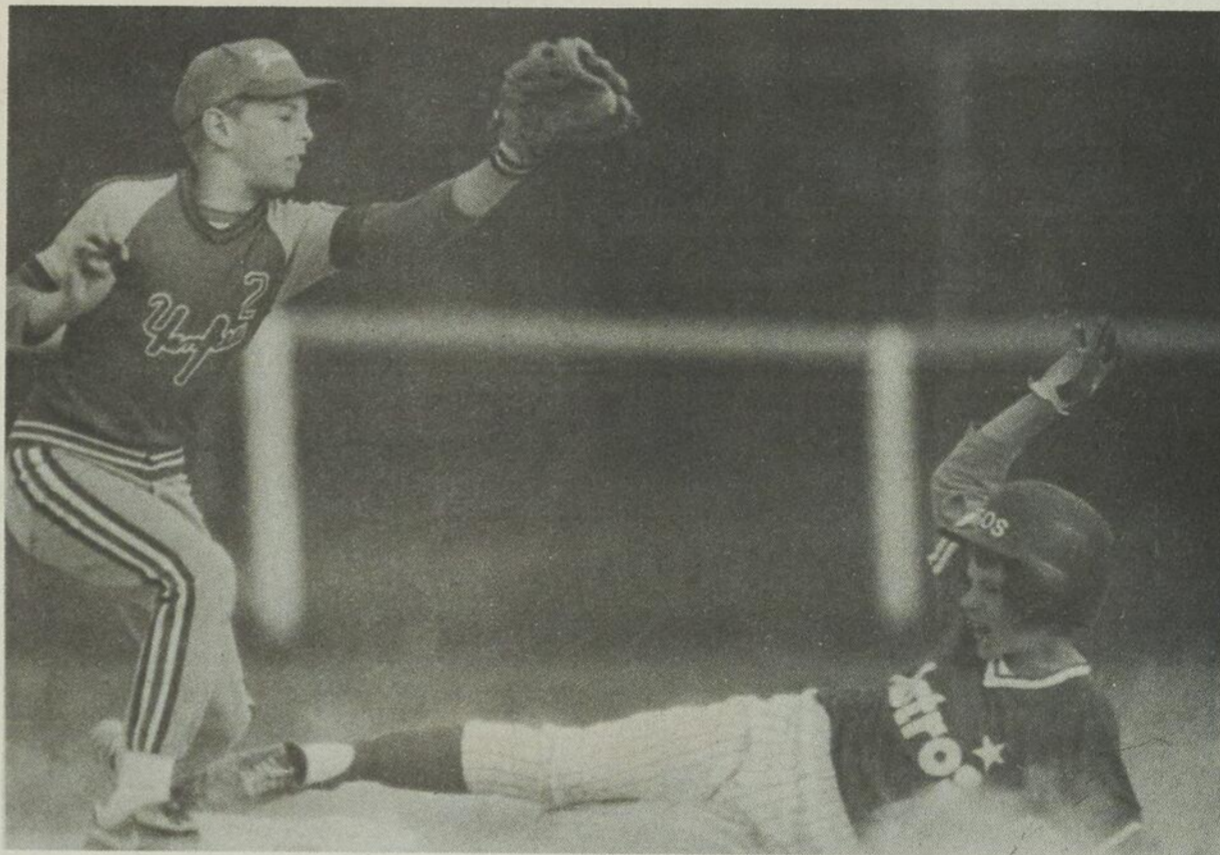
The Yankees struck first in the game with a run in the second inning. Sharman hit a triple and scored on Patrick Coley's single.

The Astros bounced back with three runs in the top of the third inning for a 3-1 lead. Losing pitcher François Gauthier tried to help out his cause by singling in two runs.

Lennoxville struck back for four runs in the bottom of the inning. Jason Coley scored the

first run on a Jason Warnholtz double. Winning pitcher David Boudreau knocked him in with an RBI double. Matthew McCrea singled in the third run and then Michael Prah stole home as McCrea stole second for a 5-3 Yankees lead.

The Astros tied the game with two runs in the fifth. Gauthier doubled in the team's fourth run and scored the tying run on a wild pitch. Before Gauthier scored the Yankees came up with a defensive gem to cut off a run at the plate. Jason Coley fired a strike to home where McCrea did his Johnny Bench imitation and blocked the Astros runner from the plate.



The Yankees had some problems in the third inning. Here Alexandre Lacroix steals second as the ball eludes Jason Warnholtz.

Nords fire Pagé, hire Lacroix

By Don Macdonald

QUEBEC (CP) — The hapless Quebec Nordiques dumped coach and general manager Pierre Pagé on Tuesday and handed the team to Pierre Lacroix, a hard-nosed player agent.

Lacroix's appointment as general manager came after a year of disappointment for Nordique fans and constant speculation about Pagé's future with the National Hockey League team.

"We need someone to put us back on the rails immediately," team president Marcel Aubut told a news conference. "It's obvious that we had to find a new structure to relaunch the team."

Aubut said the two came to an "amicable parting of the ways" after failing to agree on Pagé's future role with the team.

Pagé refused to relinquish his coaching duties to concentrate on managing the hockey club.

"We had a difference of opinion about the structure of the organization," Aubut said. "I invited Pierre to talk in good faith about separation and a financial package, which we did to the satisfaction of both sides."

Lacroix, who said he will move quickly to find a new coach, has been an agent for the past 20 years and has no experience as a general manager or coach and never played in the NHL.

His clients as an agent included goaltender Patrick Roy of the Montreal Canadiens, defenceman Steven Finn and goalie Jocelyn Thibault of the Nordiques.

"I've come to the stage in my

life where I needed a new challenge," said the stocky, 45-year-old Lacroix. "I have carte blanche for hockey operations from A to Z."

"The only thing I've been asked to do is win quickly."

Aubut said he chose Lacroix because he is a francophone, has a good knowledge of the NHL

and is "an exceptional negotiator" — a key asset for a small-market team in an era of multi-million-dollar contracts.

He added that Lacroix's negotiating expertise will allow him to concentrate on "saving the team" by continuing his crusade to have a new arena built and improve marketing.

Lacroix said he will try to draft more French-speaking players and will be looking for a French-speaking coach.

"The profile I'm looking for is someone with emotion," said Lacroix, adding he will be cutting all links with his player agency.

Lacroix said his friend, former Nordique coach Michel Bergeron will have the same chance as other candidates for the coaching job.

Pagé was named general manager of the team in May 1990 and took over as coach in November 1991.



Pagé... Out of work.

The Pierre Pagé years

By The Canadian Press

Pierre Pagé's coaching record with the Quebec Nordiques of the National Hockey League.

Overall regular season: 98-103-29. Playoffs: 2-4 (1992-93)

1991-92: 20-48-12 (Pagé assumed coaching duties Nov. 17, 1991)

1992-93: 47-27-10

1993-94: 34-42-08

HIGH POINT — Most improved NHL team in 1992-93.

LOW POINT — Losing to the rival Montreal Canadiens in first-round of 1992-93 playoffs, despite winning first two games of best-of-seven series.

Raptors name Isiah to lead team

By Doug Smith

TORONTO (CP) — Isiah Thomas proved himself to be one of the best little men to ever play in the NBA.

But becoming a great player in a big-man's league at just six-foot-one pales in comparison with his newest challenge — building an expansion team from scratch with no background in the world of player development or recruitment.

Thomas, who retired May 11 after 13 seasons with the Detroit Pistons, was introduced as the basketball vice-president of the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday and he brings a wealth of enthusiasm — but a dearth of experience — to his new position.

Undaunted, the 33-year-old Thomas — who also has an ownership stake in the fledgling franchise which begins play in the 1995-96 season — is ready to

hit the ground running.

"Since the time I was a high school basketball player, the time I was in college and all during my professional career, I've been under the gun to perform," said Thomas, whose first duty in his new job was to make an appearance on the David Letterman show Tuesday night. "I've had to perform and I've had to live with cynicism, criticism and accolades."

"My job is to get the job done and your job is to evaluate that," he told the media. "I've very confident that when all is said and done, you'll be pleased with the way the Raptor organization runs itself and how the players perform."

Bill Laimbeer, a teammate on the 1989 and 1990 NBA championship Pistons, said he expects his friendship to do well despite his inexperience.

"What's experience in professional athletics?" Laimbeer said. "Experience comes from being a highly competitive person dedicated to winning and perfection. He's a leader and that's what pro sports is all about — following leaders."

"He'll never back down from a challenge and this is an industry he knows well. If it was IBM or something, it would be different but this is basketball and it's what he knows."

Thomas, who retired after tearing his Achilles tendon during an April 19 game and who still walks with the aid of a cane, will be under intense scrutiny in his new job. He will be responsible for all facets of the Raptors basketball organization — hiring a coach, a director of player personnel and a scouting staff.

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