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## PM rejects unilateral declaration of independence

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — In one of his toughest statements to date on separation, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said Quebec won't be allowed to leave Canada without agreement from the rest of the country.

Chrétien defended his government's decision to intervene in a court case in Quebec initia-

ted by a lawyer who wants to prevent Quebec from declaring independence unilaterally.

"We are saying that the laws of Canada must be respected," Chrétien said in the Commons. "There will be no unilateral declaration of independence and international law will also be respected."

In Quebec, Deputy Premier

Bernard Landry denounced Chrétien's statement as a deep affront to Quebecers and their democratic rights. Landry said Chrétien has poisoned any hope for co-operation from Quebec.

"What he (Chrétien) is saying is 'You're prisoners and it's over. We never will never recognize Quebecers democra-

tic will,'" Landry said.

"It's behaving more authoritatively, more maliciously and more closed than the former Communist and totalitarian governments. That's not glorious for Canada."

Reform Leader Preston Manning gave Chrétien credit for finally taking a hard line on a unilateral declaration of

independence.

"We asked questions almost two years ago. He's finally come around to that," said Manning.

Bloc Québécois Leader Michel Gauthier told the Commons the federal government is provoking Quebecers and creating a constitutional crisis.

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## Legislature rules suspended PQ motion causes emergency debate

By Jack Branswell

QUEBEC (CP) — Fallout from a court case challenging Quebec's referendum law spilled over into a raucous debate in the legislature Tuesday.

The Parti Québécois government suspended the rules of the house and started debating an emergency motion reaffirming Quebecers' right to decide their own political future.

The government spent the day blasting Ottawa for getting involved in Guy Bertrand's court case, which is aimed at preventing Quebec from unilaterally declaring its independence after a future referendum.

There was also verbal sparring in the Commons between Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and the Bloc Québécois when Chrétien said flatly that Quebec will never be allowed to leave Canada unilaterally.

Back in Quebec City, the PQ found itself on the hot seat for

calling the federal government undemocratic after the PQ suspended the rules of the legislature to ram through its motion.

"Sometimes you have to put aside the accessories to save the essential and the essential is Quebecers' right to self-determination," said Bernard Landry, Quebec's deputy premier.

But the Opposition Liberals were not impressed.

"That's a pathetic excuse," said Thomas Mulcair, a Liberal member of the legislature.

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## The clash of the titans?



Alexander Galt High School students edged out their most able colleagues from Massey-Vanier on Tuesday to win the 1996 Intellectual Olympic championships. Galt squeaked past Massey-Vanier with a final score of 8-to-6, in a brain-testing quizfest at home that covered topics from literature to computer science. Five English high schools in the regions participated in this year's Olympics.

## Judge to rule on Airbus delay

MONTREAL (CP) — Justice André Rochon says he'll rule next Wednesday on a request by federal lawyers for a delay in filing their defence statement against former prime minister Brian Mulroney's \$50-million libel suit.

Rochon heard the federal lawyers argue Tuesday they can't meet this week's deadline. They warned against disclosing names and facts that could compromise a criminal investigation into the Airbus affair.

The federal lawyers suggested the deadline be pushed back to next January, prompting Mulroney lawyer Gerald Tremblay to counter vehemently that Ottawa is only putting off the inevitable.

"They just want to put off as much as they can the day of reckoning when they'll have to file a statement of defence."

The damage suit, which Mulroney launched last November, is barely in a preliminary stage. The actual trial hasn't even begun yet and there's no clear indication of when it might get under way.

Mulroney, who underwent questioning at the pre-trial investigation last month, did not attend Tuesday as the lawyers wrangled for four

hours before Rochon, a Quebec Superior Court justice.

In his suit, Mulroney says the RCMP and the Justice Department defamed him by suggesting in internal documents that he was part of a 1988 kickback scheme involving Air Canada's purchase of 34 Airbus jets. The former prime minister has denied any wrongdoing in the affair.

## Hanging stunt goes wrong

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — An actor pretending to be a hanged man in the dungeon of a medieval castle instead gave his audience the performance of a lifetime.

The man accidentally hanged himself, officials said Tuesday. Visitors pushed the body around in fun as it dangled from the rope, then realized what had happened.

Visitors at Slovenska Lupca in central Slovakia had been touring the castle in small groups for a "night of terror" last Saturday.

To enhance the spooky effect, the 33-year-old actor portrayed a hanged man in the dungeon near the castle well. He was reported to have tested his stunt several times without trouble.



Tip of the hat: Gladys Mooney and a group of fellow Lennoxville residents were among several anglophone groups who got a warm thank-you recently for raising over \$10,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. For more on how they did it bigger and better, please see Page 5.

## Somalia soldiers still getting ahead in the army

# Rules followed in promotions of beating witnesses

By Dianne Rinehart

OTTAWA (CP) — The military says proper procedure was followed in the promotion of five soldiers who watched the torture and beating death of a Somali teenager three years ago.

"They witnessed something, but the fact is they were not charged, so what can you do?" Maj. Jacques Tremblay of Land Forces Command in Montreal said in an interview Tuesday.

"They are still in the Forces, they are subject to all the rules and regulations, including the privileges and promotions of the Forces."

Defence Minister David Collette said some promotions have been delayed because of legal proceedings facing soldiers from the humanitarian mission to Somalia, which ended in disgrace for the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

In the Commons, Bloc Que-

becois MP Jean-Marc Jacob accused Collette of hiding behind military regulations by not preventing the promotions.

"This is an extraordinary event," he said. "What type of message does he think this is giving the Canadian public?"

Collette said he simply followed the law, which makes the promotion of lower rank officers the responsibility of the military, not the minister.

"You don't have ministers

sticking their nose into promotions throughout and therefore politicizing the process," he said earlier outside a cabinet meeting.

Court documents show the five men watched but did nothing to stop the torture of Shidane Arone. The soldiers were members of the Airborne Regiment, which has been disbanded.

Each stopped by a bunker where the beating occurred and witnessed different stages of the torture.

Robert Glass was promoted from private to corporal; John Dowe from private to corporal; Lee Bibby from corporal to master corporal; Brady MacDonald from corporal to master corporal; and David Pusch from corporal to master corporal.

The Court Martial Appeal Court ruled in April that soldiers are not required by military regulations to protect prisoners who are not in their custody.

## Rumors of right-wing merger resurface in wake of remarks

By Janice Tibbetts

EDMONTON (CP) — Cracks in the Reform party have given a boost to talk of uniting Canada's political right, say organizers of a conference aimed at forming one right-wing party.

"The need to do something is more urgent than ever," said David Frum, organizer of the Winds of Change conference, a by-invitation-only affair to be held in Calgary May 24-26.

"I think the bad week the Conservatives had four weeks ago and the bad week the Reform party had last week

confirm how important it is for people who want to see a right-of-wing government pull together into a more disciplined organization."

Frum's comments follow the expulsion of MPs Bob Rigma and Dave Chatters from the Reform caucus last week for making controversial comments about gays during debate over adding protection for homosexuals to federal human rights law.

Reform Leader Preston Manning and Conservative Leader Jean Charest have scof-

fed at the idea of merging.

Both declined invitations to the conference.

But some 70 others — including Calgary MP Jan Brown who quit Reform last week to sit as an independent — will be there.

Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, a longtime Charest supporter, has also declined an invitation to the conference.

But he is among political heavyweights who say a union between Reform and the Conservatives is needed for the right-wing to beat the Liberals in the next election.

## MOTION:

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The motion said: "The national assembly reaffirms that the people of Quebec are free to take charge of their own destiny, to determine without hindrance their own political status and to assure their economic, social and cultural development."

The Liberals proposed their own motion which would have reaffirmed Quebecers' right to self-determination. It would also have asked the government to accept the results of

last fall's referendum as well as urging Ottawa to start making serious changes to federalism.

But Ottawa didn't escape a salvo from Liberal Leader Daniel Johnson.

"People are sick and tired of procedural fighting. People want action."

While the Bertrand case has created brush-fires in Ottawa and Quebec recently, court proceedings have been dry and technical.

On Tuesday, Réal Forest, a

Quebec government lawyer, called Bertrand's motion "frivolous" and said it would embarrass the court.

Federal government lawyers are expected to present their position Thursday or Friday.

Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow, who was in Montreal on Tuesday, said Ottawa had to jump into the case because Quebec first intervened by "essentially alleging that the Canadian Constitution and the courts of Canada are not applicable in Quebec."

## Scam artists pose as census employees

HAMILTON (CP) — Statistics Canada is warning that telephone scam artists are posing as census takers, asking Canadians for social insurance, health and other personal information numbers.

"They're asking for numbers that Statistics Canada doesn't ask for," said agency spokeswoman Liz Lovis. "People should contact police if they are

approached."

"If you get a call, ask for identification, ask for the supervisor's name and get the telephone number," she said. "Tell them you don't feel comfortable talking over the phone and set up an appointment for them to come to your door."

Anyone with questions can call the census help line at 1-800-670-3838.

## US tycoon to unravel Lusitania's secrets

DUBLIN (Reuter) — A U.S. millionaire won ownership of the wreck of the Lusitania in Ireland's High Court on Tuesday and says he plans a diving expedition to unravel the mysteries surrounding the doomed wartime liner.

The ruling allows 67-year-old financier Gregg Bemis to investigate murky rumors of illicit weapons and sunken art treasures on the liner.

The rumors have circulated ever since a German torpedo sent the Lusitania plunging to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean more than 80 years ago.

"I'm going to get to work right away and see how long it takes to mount an expedition which could answer these questions once and for all," Bemis said.

But a legal battle over ownership of the Lusitania's cargo continues to rage. Bemis faces further litigation in U.S. courts over ownership of the cargo, and Ireland says it will go to court to assert its ownership of treasures found in the wreck.

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## WEATHER

Sunny with cloudy periods today and increasing cloudiness late in the day, with a chance of some late-day showers. High near 17. Thursday will bring increasing cloudiness in the morning, with a 60 per cent chance of showers by late day. A low near 2 and a high near 15.

## REJECTS:

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Chrétien rejected suggestions that Ottawa wants to deny Quebecers their right to vote for separation in a referendum. He told the Commons that it is the separatists who won't recognize democracy.

"There were two referendums in which the people of Quebec decided to stay in Canada. This is what we are asking for — that democracy be respected," said Chrétien.

"This is not like a hockey

game," he said. "We are not talking about three out of four or five out of seven. You have to respect the popular will."

He said what Quebec really wants is to renew the Canadian federation.

Chrétien said his government will offer concrete, non-constitutional changes that will give the provinces more powers at a June 20-21 meeting of first ministers in Ottawa.

"Rather than only have spee-

ches and conferences like we had over the last 10 years, there are going to be actions in June."

Chrétien has already promised to stop setting up national programs in areas of provincial jurisdiction, unless provinces approve. Those areas include labor training, mining, forestry and other areas of shared jurisdiction.

In return, Ottawa wants a stronger national economic system.

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Bishop's students will have to show proof: Pierre-F. Côté

# Notion of 'domicile' key to fraud allegations

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Bishop's University students accused of electoral fraud will have to prove to a judge they were domiciled in Quebec if they want to win their case, Quebec's chief returning officer Pierre F. Côté says.

Côté, who's charged with upholding Quebec's electoral laws, announced Monday that 40 Bishop's students will be accused of voting illegally in last fall's referendum.

Another 10 students are to be charged with being listed on the voter's list unlawfully, even though they didn't cast ballots.

"Fundamentally, the question is, Are they domiciled in Quebec or not?" Côté said.

In an interview with the *Record*, Côté denied there was any confusion over the notion of domicile. But St. François riding MNA Monique Gagnon Tremblay, in whose riding the alleged voting fraud occurred,

disagreed.

The Liberal MNA and co-president of the local No forces during the fall referendum, said even the experts disagree on the notion of domicile, which has been at the centre of two complex court cases in Quebec recently.

### CONFUSING

"Don't try and tell me this is a notion that is easy to understand," she said, adding that lawsuits in the provincial riding of Bertrand and the Town of Outremont have proven otherwise.

The issue of domicile will be central to the student's court cases because they are being accused of voting or appearing on the electoral list without being domiciled in Quebec.

When they went door to door, enumerators asked if students and others had been domiciled in Quebec for the past six months. Many who had been living here for more than six months said yes, and their names appeared on the permanent voters list.

"But it's not a question of residence, it's a question of domicile," Côté said, explaining that while people may have many residences, they can have only one domicile or permanent address.

In the weeks leading up to the referendum, the ambiguous issue of domicile was the centre of a hot political debate as dozens of students were struck from the voters list because they could not prove they were domiciled in Quebec.

At the time, students were told they had to prove not only that they had been living in Quebec for the past six months,



Monique Gagnon-Tremblay... Notion of domicile is confusing.

but also that they intended to remain.

### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

The chief returning officer was even compelled to visit the Townships to try to dispel the confusion among students, election officials, political organizers and the local media.

After the referendum, local Parti Québécois organizers lodged formal complaints against many students whose names remained on the electoral list. They also pointed a finger at the 101 students whose names were struck during the revision process, but whom they suspect were in breach of the Election Act for being on the voters list at all.

Last month, Côté sent two investigators to Lennoxville to interrogate more than 150 students who were alleged to have either voted illegally, or to have been illegally placed on the list of electors for the St. François district.

Two thirds of those were cleared after a little more than 100 students were interviewed. Côté said those who weren't interviewed won't be charged.

### NOT FAR ENOUGH

Despite the charges, local PQ organizers said Côté has not gone far enough.

University of Sherbrooke law professor René Turcotte, a longtime PQ organizer and former candidate in the St. François riding, argued Tuesday that Côté has proof that many students were illegally entered on the list, but is refusing to act because their names were struck from the list by the electoral revision board — a quasi-judicial body whose decisions are legally binding.

Turcotte said Côté was supplanting the role of a judge by deciding for himself some students should not be prosecuted.

"It's dangerous in a democracy when the people charged with upholding the laws don't do it," Turcotte said. "That sends the wrong message to the population."

But Côté said that after a thorough investigation, there was only enough evidence to accuse 50 students of election fraud. He said if the students disagree, they will get their day in court.

According to the Chief Returning Officer, students will receive a summons noting the infraction they are accused of. As in the case of a traffic violation, the students will have the option of pleading guilty by paying the fine, or ignoring the notice and awaiting their day in court.

Côté said each of the students will receive the mini-

mum \$500 fine. The maximum fine for each infraction is \$2,000. If found guilty, they will also lose the right to vote in Quebec for a period of five years.

The fines, which ranged from \$100 to \$1,000 a year ago, were increased by the Parti Québécois government in June 1995 "to ensure people took electoral laws seriously," Côté said. He added that fines may be increased again following parliamentary hearings into Quebec's electoral law, underway in Quebec City.

Ironically, Bishop's students were scheduled to appear before that parliamentary commission on Tuesday to present a brief, but their appearance was postponed until May 25.

Prepared after dozens of students were refused the right to vote in the referendum, the brief addresses the ambiguous notion of domicile and the uneven way the law was applied in Lennoxville and elsewhere.



René Turcotte... Sending the wrong message.



Pierre F. Côté... Are they domiciled in Quebec?

## Brome Lake officer acquitted and exonerated, so far

# Ruling near in appeal of police ethics case

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Quebec Court Judge Jean Dion is expected to rule soon on an appeal of a police ethics committee decision exonerating Brome Lake police Cst. Richard Burcombe for his role in a high-speed car chase five years ago.

The ethics committee ruled Burcombe did nothing wrong when he pursued 18-year old Adam Neil at high speed for several kilometres before turning on the cruiser's flashing top lights.

Burcombe was behind the wheel of the police cruiser when he and Brome Lake Cst. Denis Brazeau began tailing Neil's car around Gilman's corner in West Brome late on July 31, 1991.

The officers followed Neil

several kilometres although he was maintaining the speed limit and showing no signs of impaired driving. Neil testified in municipal court he believed he was being followed by unknown persons and accelerated to get away. When the teenager turned onto Brome Road to escape the car, the police car followed him. Both cars reached speeds of 170 kilometres per hour before the officers turned on the flashing lights.

Neil testified he stopped immediately when he realized the car in pursuit was a police vehicle. The Ange-Gardien teen was issued a \$550 speeding fine which his father Walter Neil contested in municipal court.

Municipal court Judge Michel Brun acquitted Neil on

the speeding charge and chastised the officers for failing to use the cruiser's top lights. Brome Lake town council appealed the municipal court decision and lost.

Neil then lodged a complaint with Quebec's police ethics committee claiming his son's life had been endangered by Burcombe's actions. The committee exonerated Burcombe of

any wrongdoing and said he had acted within his authority as a police officer.

Last week, Crown lawyer Anne Boivin contested the police committee decision on Neil's behalf in Quebec Court in Montreal.

Boivin argued the ethics committee failed to analyze the events of the evening that led to the high-speed chase.

"They made a decision based on details without analyzing why Adam was speeding in the first place," she said.

Neil has spent close to \$10,000 in legal fees to fight the \$550 ticket.

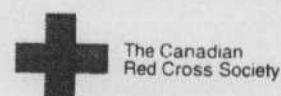
"It's a matter of principle for me now," Neil said. "My son could have been killed that night and we never would have found out what happened."

## Your next fishing trip could become an endless summer

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## Members proud of their safety record

# Rifle Club turns 50, bids farewell to gun exhibit

By Kathy Mercier  
Special to the Record

LENNOXVILLE — The Lennoxville Rifle Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, but at least one of the club's traditional open-house activities has fallen prey to restrictive gun laws.

The Rifle Club was once well-known for its annual firearms exhibitions, which attracted gun collectors and firearms enthusiasts from all over the Townships. But club president Malcolm McLeod says Canada's tough new fed-

eral gun legislation, which compels exhibitors to obtain special new permits for the firearms display, has proven too costly.

The government is "going about it the wrong way," said McLeod. "They should work on the fact that there are too much drugs and alcohol involved with the shooters who are irresponsible." Coupled with the rising cost of ammunition and declining interest in recreational shooting in general, one might think this would be the last anniversary the Lennoxville Rifle Club

celebrates.

Not so. The two-storey clubhouse at 22 Beattie Street is much more than a hangout for gun lovers; it's a social club, a venue for dancing, chatting, and a place to play board games.

### LEGACY

And as it enters its second half-century of existence, Lennoxville Rifle Club members proudly point to their legacy of gun safety and marksmanship, especially their involvement with youngsters.

Young sharpshooters and

hunters can join the Lennoxville Rifle Club as early as twelve years of age. This is when gun safety is highly stressed, said McLeod. By the time they've reached the age of 16, knowledge of weapons and marksmanship is assured. In fact, in the 50-year-history of the rifle club, the club's junior members have never been blamed for a hunting accident, McLeod said.

The rifle club was formed by the fusion of the Lennoxville Ladies Rifle Club and the Sherbrooke Industrial Miniature Rifle League in 1946. At first members met in the basement of W.A. Bown's Old Box Shop on Little Forks Street, but the club built its own building on land donated by one of its founding members, James (Jimmy) Beattie in 1962.

The basement floor consists of the six-lane shooting range, with a dance hall on the upper floor.

Excellent marksmanship is another skill that is very important to members of the club, and junior members have gone on to win the Quebec Sporting Rifle Team Championships 15 times. Junior members have a lot of experience to draw upon, as there are members today who have been part of the club since its inception: people like Edson Warner, who competed in many world-class competitions, including the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki and again in 1960 in Rome.

These days, however, the bimonthly Saturday dances are a major source of club revenue. "Without the dances," says Secretary Richard Goodhue, "there wouldn't be enough money for the club."

This Friday, May 17, the club is holding a celebratory 50th anniversary dance, to which the public is cordially invited.



Junior gun club members learn practical safety lessons from marksman Edson Warner. Pictured are Warner, chief range officer, in back row next to instructor Richard Goodhue, Peter Sarrasin, 20, Stanley Hopps, 19, and Kevin McVety, 18. In front kneeling are Israel Letemplier, 16, and Richard Hopkins, 17.



Since safety is the major concern of the Rifle Club, these target shooters posed with unloaded weapons in the shooting range.

## O.J. Simpson decries racial injustice while on tour in UK

OXFORD, England (AP) — O. J. Simpson launched offensives against racial injustice and for Christian spirituality Tuesday night, telling Oxford students he has discovered a new religious faith since being acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend.

Expectations were high that the Oxford Union debating society, training ground of princes and prime ministers, would put Simpson under the toughest questioning he's faced since his acquittal last October. The students lived up to the advance billing.

Simpson had to cope with cheers, jeers and hard-hitting questions from students who packed the overflowing hall.

Declaring a newfound readi-

ness to expose "the inequity of the justice system against people of color," Simpson said that while as many whites as blacks were arrested in America, whites tended to go free while blacks faced prosecution.

"I call it selective prosecution. You guys (the U.S. justice system) don't spend as much money prosecuting whites as you do Latinos and blacks," he said.

Simpson said he'd also developed a newfound faith.

"In jail, what got me through my experience was the Bible," he said. "I must have read the book of Job five or 10 times."

He said other prisoners at the Los Angeles County jail, who were instructed not to communicate with him, would

shout out biblical verses for him to read.

At that point, a woman in the student audience shouted, "Shut up!"

Simpson winced and said, "They're not interested in religion."

Fiona Mazel, a student from the Brentwood area of Los Angeles, where the murders took place, was ejected for heckling.

"It's a travesty that they invited him," said Mazel, a 21-year-old English literature student. "He isn't funny, he's a symptom of everything that's wrong with domestic abuse in the United States."

Simpson was convicted in 1989 of assaulting his wife.

## Canada sending help to South African firms

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The Canadian International Development Agency will provide \$3.5 million to South African information companies, Canada's Minister for International Co-operation said Tuesday.

Pierre Pettigrew was speaking to reporters at the Information Society and Development conference in Midrand, just outside Johannesburg.

The money will be provided over the next three years, the South African Press Association reported.

Two other Canadian initiatives were also announced at the conference.

The Canadian International Development Research Centre and CIDA will help South Africa manage telecommunica-

tions in a way that balances business requirements with the needs of the community.

In addition, SchoolNet, an electronic information network which links schools across Canada, is pursuing an agreement with South Africa to connect South African schools to the Internet.

This would allow for a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas, Pettigrew said.

He said the potential of information technologies would remain untapped unless there was universal access.

"Canada believed in providing balanced development of infrastructure and content in the fast-growing global information society. Now we have to put our words into action," he said.

English-speaking volunteers raise \$10,000

# Cancer Society has friends in Townships anglos

SHERBROOKE — When it comes to raising money for cancer research, Eastern Townships anglophones are going above and beyond the call of duty, turning in results that are second to none.

Canadian Cancer Society spokeswoman Diane Chartrand recently credited a handful of anglophone women from Townships communities with raising fully one-third of the total amount of charitable funds raised during the Cancer Society's recent Daffodil Day campaign.

Of the total \$39,000 raised March 29 by volunteers associated with the Townships chapter of the Cancer Society, \$10,659 was generated by the English-speaking community.

Chartrand said she was particularly pleased with their success, noting that the English-speaking population proved to be exceptionally generous.

Among the hundred or so volunteers, Chartrand credited Mrs. Irving Lord, Roxann Walker, Gladys Mooney, Shirley Barter and Mabel Mackay for their efforts.

In a telephone interview

Tuesday, Mackay deflected the praise, pointing out that it was the Sawyerville Women's Institute that did most of the work.

"Our members go around door-to-door selling the daffo-

dils," she said. "And we also have a French lady that always takes 50 bundles."

Mackay said the nine-member Sawyerville Women's Institute raised \$633.

Though Mackay couldn't say how long the Women's Institute has been taking part in Daffodil Day, she said it has become a regular feature of their activities for many years.

Mrs. Irving Lord also gave most of the credit to the Ayer's Cliff branch of the Women's Institute.

"We could have sold more, but didn't take enough of them," she said. "We only raised \$983 this year, and we're usually over \$1,000."

Lord said that because the flowers were bunched differently this year, they misjudged the number of flowers they had to sell off. Like Sawyerville, the Ayer's Cliff branch of the Women's Institute has been at it for a number of years, trying to do better every time.

Chartrand has been spending some of her time meeting with the volunteers and thanking them for their efforts. She has already met with the Ayer's Cliff Women's Institute, and the committee formed at the former Sherbrooke Hospital to sell the flowers.

She also had warm praise for the biggest annual contributor, the Lennoxville Daffodil Day committee, which raised \$8,190 this year, \$922 more than last year.

"It was a remarkable effort," Chartrand said.



Mrs. Irving Lord and the Ayer's Cliff Women's Institute could have raised more money, but ran out of flowers to sell.

## Bent, waterlogged flight recorder recovered

# ValuJet might have exploded before crash

From AP-Reuters

MIAMI (CP) — Investigators are looking into the possibility that a ValuJet plane may have had a fire in the cabin and might have even exploded before it plunged into the Florida Everglades.

"There could have been an explosion," Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Tuesday.

Investigators have learned that the plane was carrying 50 to 60 oxygen generators in its cargo hold destined for Atlanta, he said.

Francis said that while there was no proof of an explosion, some evidence suggests part of the cabin was on fire.

"We have found several parts with apparent soot damage," Francis said.

He said that the soot dama-

ged parts were believed to have come from the front part of the aircraft. That coincides with the pilot's report of smoke in the cockpit.

Francis said the generators are of the type normally used on airplanes to provide passengers with oxygen in pull-down masks when cabin pressure drops.

He said they were past their shelf life and were being flown back to Atlanta as cargo. The generators produce oxygen through a chemical reaction.

Francis said the investigation was focusing on the generators as well as the plane's electrical system.

Francis said an apparent loss of power caused the plane's flight data recorder to be missing 50 seconds worth of information.

Earlier, he said there was "

good data" on the bent and waterlogged recorder.

Officials at the safety board's headquarters in Washington began analysing the recorder's contents late Monday, hours after a police diver

stumbled onto the 14-kilogram device.

The search continued for the other the two so-called "black boxes," which records cockpit conversations.

The Atlanta-bound jet cras-

hed Saturday into the Everglades shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all 109 people on board. The pilot had been trying to make an emergency return to Miami after smoke was reported in the cockpit.

# Chechen rebels aim to slay Yeltsin if he visits republic

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A Chechen rebel commander warned Tuesday that rebels will try to kill President Boris Yeltsin if he ever visits their separatist republic.

The Russian president has promised to visit this month as part of his re-election campaign ahead of Russia's June 16 presidential election. It would be his first trip to Chechnya since he sent troops there in December 1994.

"Yeltsin's visit is the height of insolence," rebel commander Shamil Basayev said in an interview with Russian independent NTV television. "It's a spit in the face of our people, using our pain, our blood for advertising purposes."

He said rebel forces would take "appropriate measures" against Yeltsin.

"We will try to meet him well, so that he never leaves this place," Basayev said from an undisclosed location in Chechnya's mountains.

Details of Yeltsin's trip have been kept secret. He is expected to visit a Russian military base and meet with Russian troops in Grozny, the Chechen capital.

Fighting in Chechnya has intensified ahead of the planned visit. Four rebels were killed overnight in Grozny when Russian Interior Ministry troops stopped them to check their identity documents, military officials said.

It was not clear how well Russian troops could protect Yeltsin.

A senior army official, who declined to be named, said Russian strength in Grozny would have to be doubled to seal off the city from rebels during Yeltsin's visit, but told the Interfax news agency that was unrealistic.

Contacts between the Russian government and the Chechen rebels are expected to begin later this month to try to clear the way for full peace talks, according to a report Tuesday.

The 17-month war has killed more than 30,000 people, mostly civilians, and Yeltsin is under heavy pressure to start talks.

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# Liberals are ducking the issue at hand

For a party whose commitment to Canadian unity is by turns doubtful and flaccid, Liberal opposition members of the National Assembly struck a remarkably federalist pose Tuesday, rejecting Premier Bouchard's proposal of a motion recognizing Quebec's right to decide its own future.

Opposition Liberal Leader Daniel Johnson is dead on the money when he suggests the motion is simply another clever trick of the present government to promote sovereignty. It was. But if Johnson and his party truly wanted to impress Canadians, they would get behind the federal government and support Quebec lawyer Guy Bertrand in his attempt to prevent the separatist government from ever declaring unilateral independence.

The fact that the Liberals are instead proposing their own version of a similar motion comes as less of a surprise. Johnson says he is wants to re-affirm Quebec's right to self-determination in a motion before the Legislature, but seeks the improbable approval of the PQ government for a motion calling on Quebecers and Canadians to recognize the results of last fall's referendum and to strive jointly toward renewed federalism.

Why must the Liberals always duck the issue at hand?

Bertrand and the federal government are rightly arguing that the country of Canada, its laws and the Constitution should all have some influence over the terms of Quebec sovereignty, should it ever come to pass. This is a purely technical matter, one which should be crystal clear in the minds all federalists. Surely the Liberals agree that the public interest both within and without Quebec is served if, at the end of the Bertrand case, the country has a clearer picture of the mechanics of secession?

Separatist leaders resent the legal challenge to their self-assigned monopoly on Quebec's future, for obvious reasons. Less obvious is the reason behind the Liberal party's reluctance to support this challenge.

Whatever the outcome of the case, the Bertrand exercise may be intrinsically useful, since it implies indirectly that Quebec sovereignty is not the cut-and-dry affair that the premier and his disciples have been promising. A year ago, Daniel Johnson might have told Quebecers the same thing.

DWANE WILKIN



## Letters to the Editor

### Slur of hunters elicits challenge

Dear Editor,

On May 10, 1996, Ms. Mastine wrote "No one should be allowed guns. Period." I respect her right to hold this opinion and realize that nothing anyone could say would cause her to revise it.

I understand that she would not like hunters even if they drank Perrier and ate Brie rather than beer and chips. Though I am not myself a hunter I do know some, and for many with small cash incomes a deer in the freezer for the winter makes a difference in family nutrition.

More deer are killed on my road each year by cars than by hunters (roughly 40 per cent of reported accidents in the Eastern Townships are collisions with deer). As she feels that hunting for deer-population control is "balderdash," I invite her to drive up and down my road in the evening to

control the population with her car. I have the phone numbers for the ambulance, the tow-truck and the animal pick-up service posted by my front door, as about six people a year ring my bell to tell me they have killed a deer.

I will be glad to help her out as I do all the others, but I will not thank her for putting the deer into the dumpster rather than a poor family's freezer.

What I do not understand is her reference to "trigger happy, inexperienced hunters." Presumably she feels that she knows about such things and is in a position to judge others. I doubt this, and issue the following challenge:

I challenge Susan C. Mastine to take the written Canadian Firearms Safety Course test, which every single new hunter in Quebec must pass (not the practical test because it involves touching guns). If she passes the test

(80 per cent) I will donate \$50.00 to the charity of her choice. If she equals or betters the score of the teenagers who took the test on May 11th (86 per cent) I will donate \$100.00 to the charity of her choice. If she equals or betters the score of the score of the adults who took the test (94 per cent) I will donate \$200.00 to the charity of her choice.

I ask only that, on her honour, she take the test with the knowledge she had when she wrote the article (i.e. no special preparation). If she passes the test I will make the appropriate donation. If she fails it, or refuses to take it, I would hope she would publicly acknowledge that the slurs she wrote were based on her values rather than her knowledge.

Sincerely,  
DR. A. TAYLOR BUCKNER  
Brigham

Dear Mr. Bury:

On behalf of the Transportation Committee of the Eastern Townships School Board, I would to express my sincere thanks to all those who supported us in our campaign to keep the eight-light system on our buses.

On Wednesday, May 8, I attended a meeting in Quebec City where it was decided that the eight-lights could stay on the buses while a working committee studies the issue more closely. This committee will endeavour to find any scientific studies that

may exist (and possibly to conduct a study) to resolve the issue. It was also suggested that the Eastern Townships School Board bus fleet be used as a "pilot study".

I believe that all the letters, faxes, petitions and phone calls from ordinary citizens made a difference and affected the government's position on this issue. It shows that our voices are sometimes heard, and that for me in times when we may have little faith in government is encouraging.

I would also like to thank the

media (both English and French) in this area for doing their part in our efforts to improve bus safety. If we have alerted our community to the ever-present dangers on the highways for our children then hopefully people will be more conscious of the need to be vigilant.

Yours sincerely,  
MARGARET FAULKS,  
Commissioner Chair,  
Transportation Committee  
Eastern Townships School  
Board

## Not really, according to analysts Executive salaries keep rising: Is there a line?

By John Valorzi

TORONTO (CP) — How much is enough?

In a world of multimillion-dollar salaries for baseball players and rock stars, is a corporate executive worth \$5 million a year? Or \$10 million?

Many workers and shareholders of Canadian companies don't think so. But there's not much they can do to rein in high CEO salaries in Canada, says a compensation expert.

Bosses' pay is ruled by the market and the system now in place in Canada is not likely to change, says Randy Dutka, a partner in the compensation consulting group for KPMG Peat Marwick, the international accounting firm.

Dutka says top-quality chief executives are in high demand in Canada and the United States and can virtually name

their price.

### US INFLUENCE

"American executives are paid a lot of money and that has a strong influence on how Canadian companies pay their people," says Dutka. "Everybody is pretty aware that if you have a top-notch CEO who can make a difference, one of his or her alternatives is to go to the U.S."

"Canadian companies have to pay or risk losing their top people, especially corporate leaders who can make the tough decisions needed to save a company."

Concern over rising chief executive salaries has been increasing in Canada and the United States for some time but it's come to a head in recent months as rising profits and executive bonuses slam hard against massive job cuts at

many companies.

Earlier this year, officers of U.S. telecommunications giant AT and T were grilled over the \$16 million compensation package paid to chairman Robert Allen at the same time he planned to chop up to 40,000 jobs.

Last week, Canadian Tire president Stephen Bachand took it on the chin at the retailer's annual meeting in Toronto for his \$2 million salary.

### PERFORMANCE TIES

On Tuesday, disgruntled shareholders of Air Canada and Derland Industries blistered their companies' chief executives over pay and bonuses they say don't reflect lacklustre corporate performance.

"This company's compensation practices are an affront to the intelligence of its shareholders," complained Derland

investor Michael Smith at the annual meeting of the troubled aerospace and industrial products firm.

In the United States, where chief executive salaries and bonuses rose three times faster than workers wages last year, President Bill Clinton is holding a high-level conference Thursday on corporate responsibility.

At the top of the agenda will be a discussion on companies' social responsibilities and the widening salary gap between U.S. chief executives and their front-line workers.

In Canada, Dutka said executive salaries have been rising since the Ontario government passed a law in the early 1990s forcing publicly traded companies to reveal the salaries of their five top-paid executives.

### MEDIAN RISING

"Anybody in a company that's doing reasonably well is quick to point out that they're

underpaid so the median salary for all Canadian executives has risen," he said.

As well, recruiting executive talent in the United States means Canadian companies must compensate for higher Canadian taxes with even fatter pay and bonus packages.

In 1995, the highest compensated Canadian chief executive was Gerald Pencer, chairman of pop producer Cott Corp., who made \$13 million in salary and stock options.

Other high rollers ranging from \$5.7 million to \$10.8 million included John Doddridge, former chief executive of auto parts maker Magna International, Bre-X Minerals president David Walsh and Power Corp.'s Paul Desmarais.

The highest-paid bank president was Richard Thomson of Toronto-Dominion, who took home nearly \$3.4 million, including \$2.4 million in bonuses.

## Thanks to stock sale this year

# Air Canada expects windfall

By Sandra Rubin

TORONTO (CP) — Air Canada could land a profit 50-per-cent higher than expected in 1996 thanks to a one-time gain on its sale of stock in Continental Airlines, chairman Hollis Harris said Tuesday.

"I think it's feasible that Air Canada could make \$150 million this year," Harris said after the company's annual meeting.

The airline netted \$128 million on the sale of 2.2 million of its five million Continental Class B shares.

It plans to sell the remaining 2.8 million shares next year to help prop up 1997 profits.

Harris had originally been projecting a profit this year of \$100 million. The airline made \$52 million in 1995, far less than expected.

The higher 1996 projection comes despite a shaky start to the year.

Air Canada reported a \$96-million loss in the traditionally difficult first quarter, up

from an \$88-million loss in the same period in 1995.

"The first quarter is always bad," he said. "So if we have a great third quarter and with the gain on the Continental stock we ought to be up to a net profit level that should boost share price."

Shareholders would welcome any upward move.

The stock, issued for \$12 in 1988-89, traded at a 52-week high of \$6.38. It lost five cents on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Tuesday to close at \$5.10.

Just how much it will rise thanks to the Continental windfall is tough to predict.

The higher profit works out to 90 cents a share, which could add about \$8.00 on to Air Canada shares at current multiples for airline stocks of about nine times earnings.

But one airline analyst said it's tough to calculate a dollar impact.

"Because the Continental thing is a one-time deal you don't really count that as earnings," said the analyst, who

asked not to be identified. "Theoretically, you would ignore that and value the company on the basis of its ongoing earnings — its earnings from operations."

"I think the big question is the airlines have been in a five-year slump. If the market was convinced they were out of that slump, they might start to attribute a higher value to the companies."

Incoming president Lamar Durrett told shareholders the airline must do something about reducing its debt if it expects the share price to move.

"Air Canada carries too much debt," he said in his speech. "The cost of servicing that debt remains an unacceptable drag on bottom-line earnings."

Harris said the airline is raising \$250 million through a Deutschmark Eurobond to be issued later this year. The money will be used to meet or refinance debt repayments of \$710 million in 1996.

## Clothing chain grows in Quebec

By Allan Swift

MONTREAL (CP) — Menswear retailer Mark's Work Warehouse of Calgary defied the shrinking retail market and political uncertainty Tuesday to open its 18th store in Quebec.

Chief executive Garth Mitchell said he's not concerned about a poor business climate in Quebec, and he expects to double the number of stores here within five years.

"I don't have any political opinions," said Mitchell, shortly after a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the city's north end.

"We're simple merchants trying to do our best, and we see a market opportunity."

The publicly traded company has 143 stores spread across Canada, but Mitchell said it is under-represented in Quebec.

The large-surface store costing \$1 million will be the firm's largest in Quebec, and similar to others it's building across the country to replace smaller outlets.

Analysts say the retail business is in the doldrums, and several women's clothing chains have gone under, including Dalmys Canada and Penningtons, while Dylex Ltd., owner of Fairweather and Tip Top Tailors, is restructuring under bankruptcy protection.

With sales of \$263 million for the year ended Jan. 31, up six per cent, Mitchell is calling for another 12-per-cent growth in revenue this year.

The company's products fit well with a trend to more casual clothes in the workplace.

## My Eyes



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# Argyll Pavilion walk-in clinic coming in September

*Keeping in Touch* is a weekly column presented by Townshippers' Association.

## WALK-IN CLINIC

Townshippers' Association's Health and Social Services Committee recently met with Daniel Bergeron, Director General of the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute. Discussion centred on services in English and ongoing changes as to where all and any services will be offered. Good news came when Mr. Bergeron announced that a walk-in clinic at the Argyll Pavilion (Sherbrooke Hospital) would open to the public next September.

Laboratory services will once again be available, as well as palliative care, ophthalmology, and others, yet to be confirmed.

## YOUTH NEWS

The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society presents the "Salute to Youth" variety show. This annual

event, celebrating the talents of young Townshippers, will be held at Bishop's University's Centennial Theatre on Saturday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. A diverse range of entertainers will be on hand, including: Thomas Badger — juggler, Mansonville Citizen Advocacy Youth Group, The Rockets — skipping demonstration, Alexander Galt's band, Refuge '96 — Youth for Christ drama, cloggers, Lennoxville Elementary singers and the Ayer's Cliff, Hatley, North Hatley, Magog combined choirs.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth and are available at Tri-Us in Lennoxville and at Centennial Theatre box office. Let's get out there and support Townships' youth!

## JOB LINKS PROJECT

Do you want up-to-the-minute information about starting a small business? Try surfing the Internet! Industry Canada (<http://www.info.ic.ca>),

Quebecs Ministry of commerce, Science and Technology (M I C S T) (<http://www.micst.gouv.qc.ca>), the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) (<http://www.bdc.ca>) have Internet addresses. There are also a

## Keeping In Touch

By Townshippers' Association

few others of interest — If you'd like a list of these Internet addresses or information about starting your own business, please call Tracie at 819-566-5717 or Edwina at 514-263-4422.

## PHILIPSBURG SPRING DANCE

This is the last call for tickets to attend Townshippers' Association and the 150th Committee in Philipsburg's

joint Spring Dance at the Royal Canadian Legion in Philipsburg Saturday, May 25th, 1996. Tickets available for the 150th anniversary celebration of the Royal Proclamation of Philipsburg are limited so reserve now by calling Townshippers' office in Cowansville at (514) 263-4422. See you there!

## PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Communication-Quebec, your provincial and federal information centre, advises people who have been working since 1966 to look into their

statement of earnings for which they have made contributions to the Pension Plan, to make sure that all is in order.

The statement of participation, available on request, states the estimated amount of benefits payable in terms of a retirement pension, disability pension, surviving spouse's pension and death benefits.

For more information call Communication-Quebec at (819) 820-3000. A personal statement of participation is available free of charge at any Communication-Quebec or Regie des rentes offices.

## 'Nuns of steel'

# Sisters are doin' it for themselves

By Jaya Menon

MADRAS, India (AP) — More than prayers are wafting over the walls of St. Anne's convent these days.

There's also the thwack of toughened hands smashing brick tiles as the Roman Catholic convent trains nuns to do God's work with hands of steel.

A 45-day karate class was introduced for neophyte sisters a year ago after several nuns were threatened or harassed doing social work in nearby villages.

The instructor, Shihan Husaini, said he was surprised by how good the nuns are, even in comparison to soldiers he has trained.

The sisters' ability to concentrate and their intense self-discipline make them "much better than any normal strong person, even a commando," he said.

Training is rigorous. The nuns learn to counter knife-wielding assailants and to throw jabs at an attacker's throat or groin. Lined up prone on the ground, they allow a jeep to roll over their outstretched hands to toughen them.

"At the end of it, I'm sure no hooligan in a lonely street will be able to harass them," Husaini said.

Women travelling alone in India often feel vulnerable. But nuns have an additional worry because of suspicions about Christian missionaries harbored by many people in this Hindu-dominated country, where only about two per cent of the 920 million people are Christians.

Since the early days of European colonization in the 17th century, Christian missionaries have sought to convert India's lowest castes, who are condemned to a life of poverty and oppression within the rigid social and religious hierarchy of Hindu culture.

Their work was resented as an intrusion and a threat by the upper castes.

One nun was murdered in the southern state of Kerala last year, and another was raped in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Several convents have been targets of break-ins and robberies during which nuns were beaten.

## Celebrates 90th birthday

EAST ANGUS — On April 30, Marjory Rowland celebrated her 90th birthday.

In the morning Mrs. Peter Matheson and Karen MacLeod visited. Her afternoon guests were Mrs. V. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Morrison of Bury and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rowland. In the evening, her sister Kay Labonte, Karen MacLeod, Rodger, Meryle, Randi, Morris and Derek Heatherington, Diane Grenier, Peggy Rowland and daughters Jessica and Ann. Birthday cake and tea were served by her daughter Margaret assisted by Randi, Meryle and Karen.

She also received many lovely flowers and telephone calls from Arizona, New Hampshire and Florida.

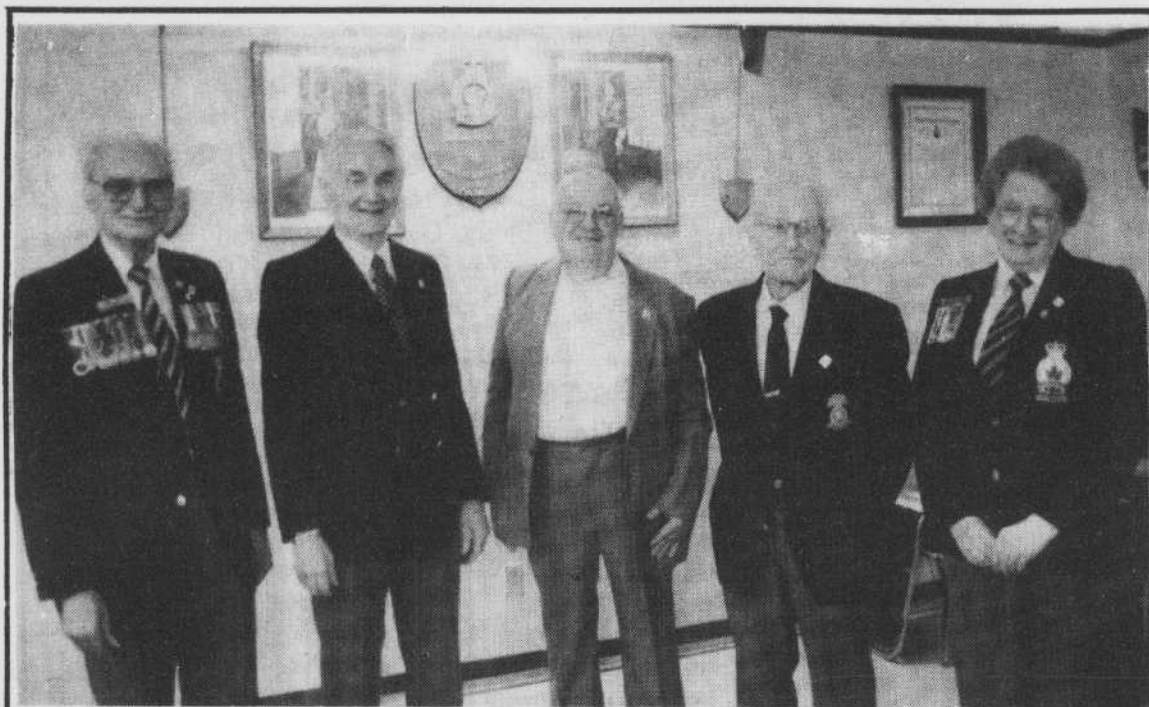
On April 29, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Gregory of St. Lambert were luncheon guests of Mrs. Rowland and Margaret.

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Mrs. Eleanor Taylor of Birchton spent a few days as guest of Kay Labonte and Karen MacLeod, recuperating after having cataract surgery.

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Meryle Heatherington visited Mrs. Elaine Hatcher at the Grace Christian Home.



**Membership has its priveleges:** The Sherbrooke branch of the Royal Canadian Legion recently recognized three of its members for their fifty years of membership. Legion president Roger Morin (left) and membership chairwoman Margaret Kerr (right), handed out the pins to Sidney Raycroft, Ernest Ledoux and Charles McLachan. Congradulations!

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## Carrefour du Partage appoints a new D-G

SHERBROOKE — A local charity has chosen a new director general.

In a press release this week Carrefour du Partage, a volunteer centre, announced that Jean-Denis Vallée has taken over the position of director general.

Vallée has spent many years doing community-related work, and is well acquainted with the volunteer service and its needs.

The volunteer centre is located at 60 Saint Patrick Street East in Magog. For more information about Carrefour du partage, call (819)-843-8138.



Jean-Denis Vallée.

# Riot, Stillborn Lover capture Chalmers Awards

TORONTO (CP) — Sixteen winners shared \$205,000 Monday as the prestigious 1996 Chalmers Awards were announced from the stage of a packed Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Since their inception in 1972, Chalmers awards honoring excellence in the arts have benefited more than 700 artists to the tune of more than \$5 million.

Toronto's Andrew Moodie walked away Monday with \$10,000 for his first professional play, *Riot*, as he captured one of the four Floyd S. Chalmers Canadian Play awards.

*Riot*, produced by Factory Theatre and directed by Layne Coleman, focuses on the lives of six young Torontonians sharing a house in the days of leading up to the verdict on L.A. police officers who beat Rodney King. Praised by the awards jury as possessing "crackling energy and a vivid and robust sense of pace," the play won acclaim during last month's World Stage Festival.

Other recipients of \$10,000 in the Canadian play category are established authors.

They are Timothy Findley, whose *The Stillborn Lover*, produced by Theatre Passe

Muraille and directed by Banuta Rubess, is the story of a Canadian diplomat recalled under a cloud from Moscow.

Edmonton's Brad Fraser won for *Poor Super Man*, co-produced by Canadian Stage and Manitoba Theatre Centre and directed by Derek Goldby. It explores issues such as gender, AIDS, loneliness and sexuality.

Calgary's John Murrell won for *The Faraway Nearby*, co-produced by Tarragon Theatre and the Belfry Theatre and directed by Joanna McIntyre. A portrait of the later years of

American painter Georgia O'Keefe, the play was praised for "using the creativity of an artist to define how to live life on one's own terms."

Entering the 17th season as an artistic director of the Shaw Festival, Christopher Newton won the award for artistic direction, plus \$10,000.

Other winners (from Toronto except where noted):

— Canadian plays for Young Audiences: Rex Deverell for *Belonging* and Anne Chislett for *Flippin' In*.

— National Music Award: Flutist Robert Aitken.

— Musical Composition: Chan Ka Nin, composer category, and David Jaeger, presenter category.

— Distinction in choreography: Jean-Pierre Perrault, Montreal.

— Choreography: Sylvain Emard, Montreal.

— Visual Arts: David Askevold, Halifax.

— Arts Administration: Andis Celms of Ottawa's National Arts Centre.

— Film and Video: Richard Brouillette for *Trop C'est Assez*, Montreal.

— Crafts: Ruth Scheuing, Vancouver.

## Bass in your Chillin'

By Gerard Dee

MONTREAL — When you listen to the Bass Is Base song "I Cry", what first hits you is lead singer Chin's velvety alto. On the second single from the Toronto band's latest album, *Memories Of The Soul Shack Survivors*, the man sings like his whole world's at peace.

"In the past, people have said that I sounded like Stevie Wonder, Micheal Jackson, George Micheal, to me all that's a compliment," he said. "But you know, I don't hear it in my voice, I don't think I'm anywhere in that league, but I'm part of all those influences."

In fact, influences rule the whole Bass Is Base concept: Musical influences — "experimental, hip hop, a lot of Beatles, pop-rock"; cultural influences — Chin is East Indian, rapper Mystic is Trinidadian and vocalist Ivana has French Canadian-Italian roots; and spiritual influences.

"We believe in faith, we believe that there's a supreme being that guides us and we gotta follow," Chin said. "We're in touch with our hearts and each other."

Pretty heavy philosophy for a band which just got together to have some fun and ended up winning a Juno, honoring the best in Canadian music, for best R & B/Soul performance in 1994.

While the award was an honor, Chin seemed a little amused by the category the group won in.

"It's so funny the way people categorize things. I mean, if you're colored and you do rock, all of a sudden you're called urban alternative. Everything's a category. I don't know why it has to be that way."

In fact, when the members try to define their own sound, they use a very different yardstick.

"We say pop-soul because to us, soul is anything from your



East Indian singer Chin, Trinidadian rapper Mystic and French Canadian-Italian vocalist Ivana... Bass Is Base.

heart that's sincere, and pop music, because that's just what it is," said Chin.

Currently, Bass Is Base is hoping remixes of the new American single "Funkmobile" will make some noise on U.S. airwaves.

With a spot on this summer's alternative black music tour featuring such innovators as D'Angelo and Cypress Hill, Chin and company are smiling pretty, although he's careful to keep the attitude level in check.

"For us, we've already been a success, because we did this just for fun, it wasn't to get a record deal," he said. "Now our goal isn't to get rich or

anything, it's more to become better songwriters, and just leave a legacy."

Sounds almost *too* modest, but don't expect this guy to come off like some pseudo intellectual-angst ridden-misunderstood artist, because he's just the opposite.

"We don't try to preach to people, but we try to affect people in the way we live and the way we are as people," he said. "Like when you see us on stage, you see that we're enjoying ourselves and we love what we're doing. You'll get something positive out of that. That's what we're about."

Maybe the man really *is* at peace.

## Short Cuts

### Marty Stuart launches program

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marty Stuart has a date with 100 Nashville high school kids next week, to launch the Hard Rock Cafe Grammy Careers program.

Stuart and MCA-Nashville label president Tony Brown will lead an interactive symposium at Nashville's Hard Rock Cafe.

The May 23 event will let high school students ask professionals detailed questions about the music industry. The program will eventually let students participate in monthly seminars, from nine Hard Rock locations.

### McCready gets many breaks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mindy McCready may be leading a charmed life.

She moved to Nashville at 18, and at 20 her first single is roaring up the charts. She says as "struggling to make it" stories go, she doesn't have much of one because she met a mentor on her first day in town, and never had to play honky tonks or fight her parents for support or approval.

How did she get so lucky?

"I must really have 10,000 angels watching over me."

Her current single is "Ten Thousand Angels".

### Chesnutt is a big fan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mark Chesnutt is moving one more dream from the "wanna" column to the "did it" category.

He's a big fan, practically a historian, of country music, and his spokeswoman says he was thrilled to share the historic Ryman auditorium stage with Ray Price.

## WEDNESDAY'S POP CHART

### Music

The Top 10 pop albums in Canada for the week beginning May 3 based on sales, compiled by the national music trade source The Record. The hit parade is a list of the most played songs on Canadian radio according to The Record's reporting stations. Bracketed figures indicate position the previous week.

#### ALBUMS

- 1 (1) **Jagged Little Pill** — Alanis Morissette
- 2 (—) **To the Faithful Departed** — The Cranberries
- 3 (2) **Falling Into You** — Celine Dion
- 4 (3) **(What's the Story) Morning Glory** — Oasis
- 5 (5) **Fairweather Johnson** — Hootie and the Blowfish
- 6 (8) **The Score** — The Fugees
- 7 (7) **Sixteen Stone** — Bush X
- 8 (4) **Evil Empire** — Rage Against the Machine
- 9 (6) **Tiny Music . . . Songs from the Vatican Gift Shop** — Stone Temple Pilots
- 10 (10) **Now!** — Various Artists

#### HIT PARADE

- 1 (1) **Old Man and Me** — Hootie and the Blowfish
- 2 (3) **Always Be My Baby** — Mariah Carey
- 3 (4) **Because You Loved Me** — Celine Dion
- 4 (5) **Ahead by a Century** — The Tragically Hip
- 5 (2) **Follow You Down** — Gin Blossoms
- 6 (9) **Everything Falls Apart** — Dog's Eye View
- 7 (8) **Closer to Free** — Bodeans
- 8 (11) **Dreamer's Dream** — Tom Cochrane
- 9 (7) **Nobody Knows** — Tony Rich Project
- 10 (10) **Common Disaster** — Cowboy Junkies

## The ins and outs of life on Parliament Hill

# World of politics at Forum for Young Canadians

On April 13th, 187 students arrived in Ottawa to attend the third session of the Forum for Young Canadians 1996. These students came from all over Canada to learn more about the governmental process that takes place in our society.

The first main activity for us was to elect a Canadian representative to the fictitious world parliament. The requirements for the candidates were that the person be eighteen years of age or over, he or she had to be a famous Canadian, and could either be living or dead.

Therefore the most prominent names in the campaign were pillars of society: i.e. William Shatner (also known as Captain Kirk from Star Trek),

## Stanstead College News

By Ianitt Yoo

Emily Carr, Mr. Dressup and Dick Assman of David Letterman fame. I am pleased to announce that Dick Assman of Regina, Saskatchewan won the election by a landslide.

However, throughout the week I did learn many lessons that opened my eyes more clearly to the world of politics. By listening to speakers such as the head of Elections Canada, Jean-Pierre Kingsley, the minister of Environment Ser-

gio Marchi and the French Ambassador to Canada Jean-François Valette, all of the students learned more about the responsibilities of the positions of government.

As students, we became experts at spotting the politician dodging tricky questions but we also learned that most importantly, not all politicians are crooks.

There are many men and women working on Parliament Hill who have sacrificed their job, their marriages, etc. to defend the opinions of their constituents. I met representatives who were thrown off committees and even out of their parties because they chose to take a stand.

I also saw strong party mem-

bers of the Bloc Québécois and the Reform Party sitting beside each other in comraderie, spending their afternoon enjoyably by instructing us about their duties as members of the federal government.

Yes, the question of Canadian unity came up during the week. Coming from Quebec, I was bombarded with questions of separation. Yet the one thing I was impressed with was that no matter how strong opinions were, everyone listened to what each other had to say.

By meeting people from every corner of Canada, everyone took this opportunity to share the concerns and viewpoints of our region. Promotion of the French language, the reinstitu-

tion of the Wheat Board, education in B.C., fisheries and native self-government were only some of the issues that were debated over by the students during our own free time.

No matter that, you always learned a genuine sense of how large Canada is, a factor that directly contributes to the differences in opinions in our nation. Yet there is no doubt that I left this conference with a stronger sense of hope, although each of us came to the conference with strong beliefs, we left it with a deeper understanding and compassion for Canadians as a whole. Each of us left Forum with the knowledge that we had already made a difference for the future.

## 'Everybody speaks in a dialect'

# Teacher's class promotes pride in dialects

By Martha Waggoner

HARKERS ISLAND, N.C. (AP) — Dialects can seem incomprehensible to outsiders.

Consider this example: "Hit hain't normal that he weren't a-feeshing at the saynd today."

That's how a native of this Outer Banks island in southeastern North Carolina might say: "It isn't normal that he wasn't fishing at the sound today."

To Walt Wolfram, a linguistic expert from North Carolina State University, such phrasings are perfectly normal.

"The whole education system has taught students and instructors that dialects are simply unworthy appropriations of standard English," says Wolfram, who is trying to dispel the notion that local dialects mark speakers as uneducated or stupid.

"Nothing could be further from the truth."

Everybody speaks in a dialect, he tells pupils at Harkers Island elementary school.

During a week-long class, Wolfram and a graduate student taught eighth-graders

how their dialects are structured "and why they're really neat."

For example, the a-prefix on some verbs is a carry-over from English settlers.

"Because of isolation and so forth, it was simply retained here," Wolfram says.

Wolfram begins by playing a video featuring different speakers: southerners, a woman from Brooklyn, black people and a woman with a Dutch accent. The students were asked to pick the ones they liked best and least, and to confront stereotypes by explaining their decision.

Many of the youngsters were aware their speech is different.

For example, Randa Willis, a native of Harkers Island, said that when she went away to camp "they made fun of the way I talk."

Chris Gillikin didn't have to go that far.

"I get made fun of at Beaufort," only a 30-minute ride away, he said.

The Outer Banks brogue is like the dialect of southwestern England, Wolfram says. A language expert from Britain once made tapes of Outer Banks natives speaking and played them for his class in England.

"Everyone identified the Outer Banks speakers as being from England," he said.

Wolfram has received grants

from the U.S. National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities to help him spread the word that dialects should be a source of pride, not shame.

"Historically, the attitude is if you speak differently from other folks, you speak wrong," he says. "In a sense, it's the same as saying if you don't look like other people, you don't look right, or if you don't dress like other people, you don't dress right."

"Our society tolerates considerably more discrimination and prejudice related to language differences than it does to other types of differences."

# Can you tell a grit from a looneater?

By The Associated Press

A sampling of words often used in coastal North Carolina or elsewhere in the U.S. South, compiled by Walt Wolfram, English professor at North Carolina State University, and Kevyn Creech, a graduate student:

CALL — verb, to announce. "Did they call the mail yet?"

CATAWOWLING — verb, to go out actively searching for a girlfriend or boyfriend. "The boys went catawowing at the Beaufort boardwalk last night."

COMMON — adjective, refers to someone's character or actions as immoral or no good. "That was right common of her to talk like that about her friend."

DINGBATTER — noun, a non-native of the Outer Banks. Sometimes used negatively to refer to someone ignorant of island life. "The dingbatter kept getting his fishing line caught up in mine."

DIT-DOT — noun, usually a negative reference to a non-native islander. Dit-dot most often refers to tourists and outsiders who either visit or move to the island. In a commonly quoted phrase on Harkers Island, a "dit-dotter is someone who stays on the island, while a dingbatter goes home."

GRIT — noun, someone who is stuck-up or snobbish. Often one who is from Beaufort. Used by younger speakers. "I didn't stay because the grits on the Boardwalk were making me ill."

LOONEATERS — noun, Carteret County nickname for Harker Islanders. Loons are tough birds that are hard to shoot. You can always tell a looneater from a grit.

# University battling with an unwelcome discount bookseller

WINNIPEG (CP) — There's a David-and-Goliath battle heating over textbooks at the University of Manitoba.

Fledgling entrepreneur Keith Penhall says he's only trying to give cash-strapped students a break by selling them new textbooks at discount prices.

But the university bookstore is warning faculty members and students not to buy books from Penhall's new one-man discount textbook service, Flex-Text.

Penhall is selling a psychology textbook and study guide, for example, for \$71. They normally go for \$101 at the campus bookstore.

Bookstore manager Patricia Reid said the warning was

issued because university officials are concerned that faculty and students may not be able to get refunds or exchanges from Penhall.

Reid noted that Penhall sells his books out of the trunk of his car and through a phone-order service set up in his Winnipeg home.

But Penhall says he's in

business for the long haul and that the bookstore's real motive for opposing him is that it wants to protect its monopoly on textbook sales.

He noted that one or two days after he began peddling his books to students, the bookstore lowered its price for the psychology textbook and study guide to match his price.

# Women's Institute Bursaries

Missisquoi County Women's Institutes are offering bursaries to two students in memory of Elizabeth Anne Beach and Ella Beach Brown. These students must be residents of Missisquoi County in good academic standing who are pursuing higher education. Application forms are available by calling 298-5401.

Completed forms must be returned by August 15, 1996 to Mrs. June Lamey, 72 Principale St., Frelighsburg, Quebec J0J 1C0.

**Card of Thanks**

MANTLE, Martha — I would like to thank the management and staff of the Wales Home in Richmond for the excellent care that my mother received during her 3½ years there. Our family especially appreciates the kindness and dedication of Dr. Robert Fortier and the very caring nurses of Central.  
GLENYS GROVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

North 05-15-96			
♠ K 7 5 4			
♥ J 7			
♦ Q 6 5 4			
♣ A K 9			
West	East		
♠ 6 2	♠ A Q J 8		
♥ K Q	♥ 6 3 2		
♦ A K 10 8 7 2	♦ 9 3		
♣ J 8 2	♣ 10 6 4 3		
South			
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♦ J			
♣ Q 7 5			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ A			

**If this, then that**

By Phillip Alder

The French novelist and playwright Jules Renard wrote, "To think is not enough; you must think of something."

Some bridge deals involve thinking — or analysis, if you prefer — known as second-degree assumption. If something is true, then something else must also be true.

The French international Philippe Cronier used this type of thinking to land his two-heart contract in this deal. It occurred during the Cap Volmac pair event in the Netherlands last January.

How should South play in two hearts after West begins with the diamond ace and switches to a low club?

North was the *enfant terrible* of French bridge, Paul Chemla. Note his disciplined pass over two hearts. He knew his partner hadn't opened with a weak two-bid or overcalled on the second round. South had to be bidding now on the expectation of a good hand opposite.

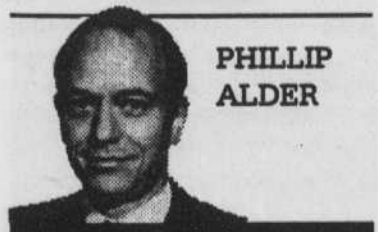
Cronier won the second trick with dummy's club king and ran the heart jack to West's queen. Another club was then played to dummy's ace.

Now came the second-degree assumption. Cronier decided that his contract was in danger only if East had all three missing spade honors. Yet if that were the position, West would have to hold the heart king for his opening bid.

So, Cronier played a heart to his ace. He probably treated the appearance of the king as nothing more than his just deserts. And Cronier was probably even happier when he discovered that East did have the ace-queen-jack of spades.

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**BRIDGE**



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**In Memoriam**

BLOOMFIELD — In loving memory of A.P. Bloomfield who passed away May 15, 1985.

The gates of memory will never close, I miss you more than anyone knows.

Your wife,  
MARGARET

HUMPHREY, Ralph — In loving memory of a dear uncle who passed away May 15, 1994.

His favorite chair is empty now His pipe and slippers laid aside Since our dear uncle's gone to heaven

There with God in peace to bide.

Gone but not forgotten by  
ROBERT and FAMILY

**In Memoriam**

WHITEHEAD — In loving memory of a husband, father and father-in-law who died May 15, 1989.

Your memory will remain with us always.

VONETA (wife)  
LEA ANN (daughter)  
BERNARD (son-in-law)

WHITEHEAD — In memory of my pappy who died May 15, 1989.

The memory of you will always have a special place in my heart.

EMILY  
(granddaughter)

*From the Pulpit*

RONALD HOLDEN  
Massawippi



**To be right or to be politically correct**

Today it is more acceptable to be politically correct than to be morally right. At every level of society individuals are being pressured to be part of the team, even though it may be against the individual's conscience even to play the game. In fact, in many games, a player loses his position for opposing the captain, including politics.

There is no question that there are times when society needs to ban together to confront prevailing evils, unfair taxes, unjust treatment of minorities and insane acts of aggression. Strength exists in numbers, courage is fostered by co-operative action, and the weak are strengthened by the boldness of activism. A course of deliberate action is often suggested by the visionary, discussed, modified and improved by the few, and eventually acted upon by many. This is democracy in action; this is how change is wrought.

There may be, however, a negative connotation here. Some conceived ideas, such as a sovereignty, special rights for homosexuals, and the concept that on more and more issues an individual politician must vote according to the party dictates, are forced upon an individual, taking away freedom of action and the right to function according to the dictates of conscience. An individual may believe that he is right, but must vote and act with the majority. In other words, he must be politically correct, not necessarily morally right.

Too many wrongs are being tolerated. Sheila Copps lies and laughs, and walks away to lie and laugh again on another issue, in another circumstance. Homosexuals want to gain legal acceptability, yet we all know that the family is in crisis and needs not another abnormality to add to the confusion. In actuality, gay couples want the same financial government benefits as heterosexual couples, and having come out of the closet, they wish to occupy center stage. Rather than express what is right on such issues, most people are seeking political correctness, afraid of being retaliated against or misunderstood... Society is slowly turning so that the right have to be on the defensive, and the wrong are becoming the victors because they remain part of the team.

It is unwise to put all our confidence in the so-called "Intelligentsia" of our day. Since the intellectual has no direct contact with life in the raw but encounters it in its easiest synthetic form — the written page, he theorizes from second-hand information, not first-hand experience. To understand what is happening, what people feel and want, the intellectual has to be among the people, sitting where they sit, feeling what they feel.

The new politician, in and amongst a new breed with a collective program, often loses his campaigning vision and his touch with reality as a result of the pressure of the group to conform. The solo voice soon is defamed, denigrated and demoralized.

The right of freedom is being lost. Fear and greed are common sources of bondage. We are afraid, beset by anxiety. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. We seem so helpless against the forces that move on without apparent thought for men.

On the other hand there is great hope. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free". The truth, of course, is Himself, for He said, "I am the truth". And with the knowledge of that truth comes peace. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NOR LET IT BE FEARFUL."

**Cards of Thanks**

BILLING — Thank you members of the Brompton Road W.I. for the pretty and delicious cake, cookies and tea you served especially for me on my 92nd birthday. Also for the beautiful cards and gifts received.  
Sincerely,  
GRETA

McCLAY — The family of the late Jean Thornton McClay would like to extend their sincere thanks to relatives and many friends for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy, the visits, phone calls, food, cards and donations in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Edith Kathan Home in West Brome. Special thanks to Rev. Wilmur Davidson for his comforting service, the organist Isabella Beattie, also for the lovely Rebekah service put on by the Rebekahs of Cowansville, also for the delicious lunch put on in the Hall of Trinity Church by the Rebekahs, Eastern Star and Friendly Society of which Jean was a member. Please accept this as our personal thank you.

DOUGLAS McCLAY  
LARRY & CHERYL McCLAY  
AND FAMILY  
LYNNE RITCHIE  
and DANNY GABEL  
(daughter)  
AND FAMILY  
GRANT & MARGARET  
THORNTON  
(brother)  
AND FAMILY  
JEANNIE & HERBIE RITI  
(niece)  
AND FAMILY

**Death**



FAUCHER, Richard (Taoui) — In St-Denis de Brompton on Sunday, May 12, 1996. Richard (Taoui) Faucher, in his 43rd year, beloved husband of Linda Lemay. Dear father of Jonathan and Nicholas. Loving son of Jean-Thomas Faucher (Dolores Lemire) and son-in-law of Vera McLeod-Armstrong (Gerry Armstrong). Brother of Jean-Louis Faucher (Suzanne Talbot), Diane Faucher, Madeline Faucher (Rodney Pelletier), Lise Faucher, Rita Faucher (Pierre Drapeau) and Claire Faucher (Reynald Benoit). Brother-in-law of Danny Lemay. Also left to mourn are many nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que. tel: 565-1155, fax: 820-8872. Funeral service on Wednesday, May 15, 1996 in St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville, at 2 p.m. Rev. Keith Dickerson and Rev. Heather Thomson officiating. Visitation Tuesday, May 14 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m. Please note: There will be no visitation on day of the funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations to the St-Denis de Brompton Fire Department, in appreciation of their dedicated work, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

**Sawyerville**

Alice Wilson  
889-2932

Harrison and Beverly Evans of Manchester, N.H. spent the weekend with their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lancaster and son Jeffrey of Richmond were Sunday supper guests of Alice Wilson.

Donald and Lillian Laroche attended a sugaring-off at Tracy Chute's in Bulwer when many family members from near and far were present and all enjoyed reminiscing.

Lavina French, Bonnie Fowler, Lillian Laroche and

Marguerite Gaulin attended the Milby W.I. 65th anniversary at Ives Hill and enjoyed the afternoon and lovely lunch.

The Happy Gang Seniors met for an afternoon of games when 500, Canasta and Tuck were played. Winners in 500 were Evelyn Thomas and Gordon French. Receiving gifts for marked serviettes were Irma Buck, Myrtle Lancaster and Betty Laroche. A card was signed by all for a member Jessie Hume who is in hospital.

**Bury**

Nina Rowell

Muriel and Gerald Benjamin of So. Woodbury, Vt., were overnight guests of Muriel's brother and sister-in-law, Stuart and Audrey Dougherty and visited other friends and relatives in the area.

Mrs. Winnie Buchanan accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Robert MacDonald of Lennoxville to St. Johnsbury, Vt., where they attended the 90th birthday celebration for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Ben-

nett Groom at the St. Johnsbury Rehabilitation Center.

The turkey supper for the benefit of St. Paul's Church was well patronized. The winner of the box of groceries was Jessie Herring.

Robert Harper has returned from a trip to Nova Scotia, where he visited Howard and Ethel Smyth. En route, he visited a former war buddy, in Saint John, N.B., who had been with him in Normandy.

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Giant Garage Sale, Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville. Benefit of A.G.R.H.S. Student trips. 21370

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## Card parties

**WATERVILLE** — On Friday, May 3, 500 was played at seven tables in the St. John's Church Hall.

Prizes for the highest scores went to Archie Nelson 6980, G. Hetherington 6240, Esther Cote 6000 and Mabel Cornish 5540. Gertie Raymond took the consolation prize with 3000. Gertrude Watson had two successful nine no trump bids without the joker. Mr. M. Knowlton received a prize for his secret score.

Door prizes: Paul Maheux, T. Chute, Dot McCourt, Isabel Nelson, Sam Lake, Brenda MacDonald, Alison Watson, Gertrude Watson, Eunice Donachie, Sue Nichols and Dorothy Vachon.

Sheila Unsworth held the marked plate. Bud Wing won the first drawing, Brenda MacDonald, the second.

Doreen thanked everyone for attending especially a few new

comers and for all donations of prizes.

Hope to see you all back in two weeks May 17.  
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**EUSTIS** — A very successful card party was held at Eustis Parish Hall April 28 with sixteen tables playing 500.

Prize winners: Ladies 1st, Ruby Simpson 7120, 2nd, Ellen Ride, 6840, consolation, Irene Young 2580. Gent's 1st, G. Philbrick 7240, 2nd, Ron Minor 6800, consolation, Elwood Marlin 2620.

Prizes for 9 hearts - Bud Wing (3 times), 9 no trump without joker, Dot McCourt (4 times).

Thirty two lucky people won door prizes.

The Ladies Guild wishes to express their thanks to all for their support, for donations of door prizes and to Len and Gerry Swallow for looking after the scores.

## P.R.R.P. Abercorn holds successful Open House

By Pat Lahue

April 20th the P.R.R.P. Abercorn held a very successful Open House at their Craft Shop. Once again friends and strangers alike came to see and buy one of a kind items. A beautiful quilt, an original design by Jocelyne was displayed. It had been quilted by the "girls" and will be a wedding gift for a lucky couple in France. Gramma's Corner had two old antique quilt tops on display plus a 1940 wedding gown and veil, a black straw hat grannie Clappet style, and a Quaker style undergarment. Many old lace doilies etc. found new homes.

One room was filled with household items such as tablecloths, mats, ironing board covers, pot holders, etc. Also baby items, coverlets, bibs and sun dresses.

The front room held the larger items like quilts, afghans, rugs, dried flower wreaths and bouquets, or special jean aprons B.B.Q. aprons and assortments of handbags.

The Friperie Room was full of

bargains in nearly new clothes, jewelry and misc. items.

The front porch known as the Trash and Treasure room was a place of interest for the young and old alike. The new shelves made a great improvement for displaying our dishes.

The kitchen also was a popular place, coffee and snacks compliments of the girls plus the toe tapping music by our local musicians.

Workers and family plus friends enjoyed a pot luck dinner in the workshop upstairs. Many thanks to the gentlemen for doing the dishes.

The day ended with the raffle draw, the big winner being Real Beaulac receiving the hand-knit bulky wool sweater. Many thanks to all our supporters.

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## South Bolton

Jane Willey  
292-5785

Mrs. Muriel Cameron White who is still a resident at the Cote Nursing Home Inc., celebrated her 83rd birthday there on April 28.

She greatly appreciated her many visitors, gifts and cards and the kindness of the proprietor and staff there.

# Nuclear welding inspector going for a record

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a 36-year-old nuclear welding inspector and just finished reading the letter from the woman whose granddaughter was into tattoos and body piercing. I have only two tattoos, but I have 63 earrings in

my ears, one in my tongue, one in my hand (in the webbing between my thumb and index finger), three in each nipple and one "down south," as you put it.

I have been interviewed on the radio about body piercing, and

wherever I go, people want to know why I do this. My goal is to establish the world's record for the number of ear piercings and maybe body piercings.

As far as family members are concerned, they understand that I always have marched to a different drummer. My father gets upset about it, but my mother is cool. When I go home to visit, I usually take most of the rings out to avoid a hassle.

I noticed one statement you made that I don't agree with. You said the girl would "end up with several holes in unwanted places." It's a fact that when you remove the rings or studs, the holes close up. It might take some time and leave scar tissue, but eventually, healing would take place. — SAWYER, MICH.

**DEAR SAWYER:** Thanks for your comments. I received more from an authority on the subject. I hope you and others who are into big-time piercing will take it seriously. He writes:

**Dear Ann Landers:** Piercing tissues of the mouth and oral cavity with rings, small metal barbells or other objects can cause permanent damage to the mouth. Objects close to the teeth can cause fractures to the teeth and damage cheek tissue. Permanent numbness and loss of taste or movement may result if a nerve is accidentally pierced. Persistent bleeding or an immovable clot in the blood vessel could develop. Damage to the salivary gland duct may also occur from



**Ann Landers**

Help with tasks such as shoveling snow, yardwork or shopping can mean a lot to older people who want to remain in their homes.

Fortunately, most communities have programs or individual good Samaritans ready and willing to help their neighbors. Older people may need to take the first step and let their neighbors know they have a special need.

AARP is piloting a new program, AARP Connections for Independent Living, designed to link potential volunteers with those needing assistance in their communities through appropriate local agencies. AARP also has information on how people can remain independent as they age. Write to: Staying in Charge (D15937), AARP, P.O. Box 22796, Long Beach, Calif. 90801-5796. — BERNICE B. SHEPARD, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DEAR BERNICE:** Although it probably will have stopped snowing in Billings when this letter appears, the address of AARP and the information are well worth noting. Thanks for the information.

Gem of the Day: A laugh a day may not keep the doctor away, but it makes the wait in the reception room a little more bearable.

excessive drooling caused by inflamed and enlarged lips after piercing.

I would advise anyone who is thinking about piercing to look beyond the immediate fad and to the future. Is it really worth losing your taste buds risking permanent damage to your mouth? — HOWARD S. GLAZER, DDS, FAGD, PRESIDENT, ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY, CHICAGO

**Dear Ann Landers:** A recent letter really struck a chord with us at AARP. A 70-plus widow in Billings, Mont., said her neighbors' teen-ager shoveled his walk but didn't think to do hers as well.

*Please support your local newspaper!*

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Rewards could be in store soon if you stay on your present course. In the year ahead, do not make unnecessary changes that could delay what is getting closer to fulfillment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This will be one of those days in which you could defeat yourself by making unnecessary changes in something that is running well. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you aren't totally attentive today, you might hear only what you want to hear when discussing a sensitive issue with an associate.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Proceed one step at a time today when developing your latest project. If you try to make major changes, you could mess up the assembly line.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** In order for a partnership arrangement to work successfully today, both parties must agree completely. Even a small amount of discord could lead to defeat.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to be tolerant today if co-workers don't grasp ideas as quickly as you do. It won't hurt you to repeat the facts for the slow learners.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you are short financially today, don't borrow money from friends to subsidize a folly. Your wallet may be a little light at pay-back time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** When shopping today, if you're undecided about buying something for your house, walk away from it and come back later, especially if the need is not critical.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your work habits might be erratic today and there's a chance you'll try to squeeze by with a lick and a promise.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An opportunity with profitable potential might slip through your fingers today if you have an easy-come, easy-go attitude.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Prospects who want to buy what you have to offer today might wiggle off the hook if you're not careful. Write up the order as soon as you get it approved.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Try to see things for what they are today and do not fall prey to your fears. Negative thinking is not constructive and will be self-defeating.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Today, it will behoove you to steer clear of shops that offer unique or novel merchandise. The ambiance might compel you to buy gadgets which you do not need.

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## Crossword

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- 1 Snapshot subject
  - 6 Boast
  - 10 Regina's prov.
  - 14 Far from ornate
  - 15 Occupation
  - 16 — homo!
  - 17 Bridal path
  - 18 Auto pioneer
  - 19 Resembling wings
  - 20 "Rob —"
  - 21 Fiscal fuel?
  - 24 Got a glimpse
  - 26 Native American
  - 27 Rapid speech
  - 29 Procession
  - 33 Polonius' hiding place
  - 34 Walk-on part
  - 35 Ring official, briefly
  - 37 Eras
  - 38 Fountain supplies
  - 39 Remove the rind
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  - 41 Contested heights
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- 48 A fortune in the fridge?
- 53 Sleep phenomenon
- 56 Olympic event
- 57 Agreement
- 58 Raccoon kin
- 60 Maple genus
- 61 Wickedness
- 62 Like sheep
- 63 Part of milk
- 64 Disposes of
- 65 Grandmothers

- 41 Feather weight, perhaps
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- 44 Queen of detectives
- 45 Money player
- 47 Money drawers
- 48 Talon
- 49 That hurts!
- 50 Molding
- 51 Son of Jacob
- 52 Prepared a table
- 54 Lab burner
- 55 Architect — Van Der Rohe
- 59 Eggs

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- 6 Fair-haired
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- 8 Warhol or Rooney
- 9 Shrugs, e.g.
- 10 Shipborne builder
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**Tuesday's Puzzle solved:**

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
by Luis Campos

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I have very little excuse to feel sorry for myself. There's so much I can do now." — Christopher Reeve.  
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**BEATTIE BLVD.** by Bruce Beattie



"It's calling you, Harry! 'Take me home! There's a ball game on this afternoon!"

**KIT 'N' CARLYLE** by Larry Wright



**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Graue and Jack Bender



**ARLO & JANIS** by Jimmy Johnson



**BIG NATE** by Lincoln Peirce



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## Magic retires from NBA again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson, saying he was really "ready to give it up" this time, retired from the NBA again. At age 36, chances are he won't change his mind.

Johnson, whose comeback began in triumph and ended in controversy, issued a statement Tuesday announcing his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, saying it was time to return to his business interests.

"I was satisfied with my return to the NBA, although I would have hoped we would have gone further into the playoffs," he said in a statement issued by his agent, Lon Rosen. "But now, I am ready to give it up. It's time to move on."

"I am going out on my terms, something I couldn't say when I aborted a comeback in 1992."

Johnson, who turns 37 in August and would have been a free agent on July 1, first retired just before the start of the 1991-92 season after learning he had tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

The three-time league MVP decided to make a comeback before the 1992-93 season but quit again shortly before the season began when several players expressed concerns about playing with him.

After considering a comeback on several occasions since then, Johnson finally returned to the Lakers on Jan. 29, helping fuel a 20-12 surge that got the team into the playoffs as the Western Conference's fourth seed.

However, the Lakers were eliminated by the Houston Rockets, the two-time defending NBA champions, 3-1 in a best-of-five first-round playoff series.

Rosen said Johnson's decision to retire again "has nothing to do with his health."

The announcement by the player who led the Lakers to five NBA championships surprised the team, which was given no advance warning of the move.

"From the time he came to this team almost 17 years ago, Earvin Johnson has been a very special part of our lives," Lakers executive vice-president of basketball operations Jerry West said in a statement.

"While this is a sad day, it's one that we always knew would come, and I would rather look at it remembering all the great moments he brought to this team."

## Search for coach is over

# Mongrain moves in with Faucons

By Robert Matheson

SHERBROOKE — The Sherbrooke Faucons' search for a new head coach is over. The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team announced Tuesday that Robert Mongrain has been hired to fill the void left after Jacques Grégoire's resignation last month.

Mongrain, 37, becomes the third head coach in the team's history. Tuesday's announcement was surprising because Mongrain expressed his interest in remaining with the Hull Olympiques.

"This (Hull) is my team. I've worked very hard to have a lot of success here," Mongrain told reporters April 26, just one day after Grégoire stepped down.



But he began changing his tune recently.

"I haven't spoken to (Sherbrooke GM) Normand Dubé recently, but my contract expires May 13," Mongrain said early this month. "So I'm in a bad position to discuss it."

Meanwhile, Dubé continued to search for a replacement before obviously convincing Mongrain to take the job Tuesday, just one day after his

## News and notes from the Memorial Cup

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — The Memorial Cup round robin resumed Tuesday night with a game between the Peterborough Petes and the Brandon Wheat Kings.

The Granby Prédateurs and the Guelph Storm were idle. Granby (1-1) plays its final round robin game Wednesday night against Brandon.

In other news and notes from the Memorial Cup:

The long wait is over for Brandon Wheat Kings coach Bob Lowes and family.

No, he hasn't claimed the Memorial Cup junior hockey championship.

Lowes' wife, Shelley, gave birth to a nine pound 83/4-ounce baby boy late Monday in Brandon, Man.

Lowes, meanwhile, was in Peterborough being honored as the Canadian Hockey League's coach of the year. He's also here to lead his Western Hockey League champions toward the Memorial Cup title.

Details, details.

The Canadian Hockey League

contract with Hull expired.

"I think that Bob Mongrain has what it takes to mold a team in his image," said Dubé. "I think that Bob Mongrain is the ideal person to lead this team and lead it to the next level."

"I'm looking forward to the new challenge," Mongrain said.

The move re-unites Dubé with Mongrain, the latter played for the former while both were in Switzerland. Mongrain returned to Quebec in 1994 and led the Olympiques to a berth in the Memorial Cup in 1995. The team made it to the league semi-finals this year.

"With Normand Dubé and Robert Mongrain, the Sher-

brooke Faucons are convinced that they have the best duo of hockey minds in the league," team vice-president Martin Bureau said in a press release.

Mongrain, a native of Amos, played three years for the Trois-Rivières Draveurs before joining the Buffalo Sabres organization. He never made it to the NHL after spending five years playing minor league hockey in Rochester. After a year in the L.A. Kings farm system, Mongrain went to Europe where he played for nine seasons and coached for another.

Details of the contract were not released, but Mongrain has signed on for three years.

brooke has introduced a new trophy that will be awarded to the leading scorer each year at the Memorial Cup tournament.

The Ed Chynoweth Trophy also recognizes the efforts of the longtime CHL president for whom it is named.

Chynoweth is stepping down this summer — 21 years after helping form the CHL — to become president of the Edmonton Ice, an expansion team next season in the Western Hockey League.

The Peterborough host com-

mittee has confirmed that all games at the Memorial Centre are sold out.

Through the first three games, paid attendance was 13,287. Scalpers are reportedly asking as much as \$100 for a ticket with a face value in the \$20s, but it's not clear whether they're actually selling any.

This will mark only the second time in Memorial Cup history — and the second straight year — in which the event was a complete sell-out.

Kamloops turned the trick last year as well.

## Local notes

STANSTEAD — Alexander Galt Regional High School's track team won the first full meet of the year on Saturday.

Galt won the team high aggregate at the Stanstead Invitational, beating four other schools. Richmond Regional finished second and Bishop's College School was third.

Galt's Adrienne Lucia won the senior girls' aggregate title while setting two meet records on Saturday. The Lennoxville resident won the high jump with a record setting 1-metre-46 jump. She also set a record with a 4m61 in the long jump.

Lucia also placed first in the 100 and 400 metres.

Joel Barter, also of Galt, won the senior boys' aggregate. He finished first in three events: the high jump, the triple jump and the 200m. Barter also finished second in the long jump and third in the javelin.

Galt's Julie Stronach was the top junior girl at the meet. Stronach finished first in all three throwing events: the javelin, discus and shot put.

Richmond student Ricky Dwyer won the junior boys' aggregate. He finished first in the high jump and triple jump. Dwyer also took seconds in the

long jump and discus.

There were no bantam level competitions at the meet, which was the first one to include both track and field events this spring. Most of the schools will be competing today at the annual Galt Relays. The races start at 1 p.m.

### Windsor Papetiers

WINDSOR — The Windsor Papetiers, of the provincial semi-pro league, signed André (Jos) Leduc as their head coach last week.

Leduc played defence for the Sherbrooke Castors of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in the 1970s. He becomes the first head coach in the team's history.

The Papetiers also announced that Steve Godbout and Jacques Lachance will serve as Leduc's assistants. Godbout, 26, is a former member of the Champlain Cougars hockey team. Lachance was head coach of the University of Sherbrooke team from 1972-76.

### Drummondville Triathlon

DRUMMONDVILLE — The International Triathlon Union announced this week that news from the World Cup circuit will be included on the Gillette World Sports program which is televised in 120 countries.

Drummondville will be hosting the fourth stage of the world circuit on June 23. The results of the Drummondville race and all of the others World Cup triathlons will be included on the show that is televised weekly on RDS and TSN.

ITU president Les McDonald said it was an important development in the sport's global recognition. He said it will help increase awareness about triathlon before it becomes an Olympic sport in 2000.

Australian Emma Carney, who won last year's race in Drummondville, started the new season with a victory in the first ITU World Cup race in Ishigaki, Japan.

Carney finished the May 12 race in 2:01.00. Sharon Donnelly was the top Canadian, finishing seventh in 2:06.21.

Australia's Miles Stewart won the men's race in 1:50.29.

### Bromont Cyclist

TORONTO — Bromont's Annie Garipey finished second overall in the Ravenna Road Race on the national cycling circuit.

Garipey, who races for the VanWood International Team, finished behind teammate Kim Langton, of Ancaster, Ont. in the road race.

Langton and Garipey broke away from the pack early in the 80-kilometre race. Garipey challenged Langton for the lead until the final sprint when Garipey couldn't maintain Langton's pace. It was Langton's second straight win.

**Nancy Gravel**  
SHERBROOKE — St-Elie swimmer Nancy Gravel is the recipient of the 1996 Prix Sportif Eugene-Lalonde.

Gravel will be presented the award on Monday, June 24 during the annual public dinner of the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Sherbrooke*.

Gravel, a student at the University of Sherbrooke, was recently selected as the best female athlete in Estrie for 1995. Gravel got her first taste of international swimming success last year, but has failed in her bid to earn a spot on the Canadian Olympic team.

### Golf tourneys

SHERBROOKE — The fourth edition of the Centre-Ville Sherbrooke and Sidac King-Wellington golf tournament will be held June 5 at the Sherbrooke Country Club.

The first 100 golfers can participate in the Vegas style tournament. For more information call 822-6081.

# Gaiters basketball teams to face more foes

## Bishop's now in an 11-team league

By Robert Matheson

LENNXOVILLE — After a five-year hiatus the Quebec-based university basketball teams will play an inter-locking schedule with teams in eastern Ontario next season.

The result is a 20-game regular season schedule for Bishop's with home-and-away games against Laval, Concordia, McGill, Queen's, Carleton, Ottawa, Ryerson, Toronto, York and Laurentian universities.

"It's a win-win-win situation," said Bishop's men's coach Eddie Pomykala. "It's a win for our basketball program, it's a win for our fans and our community and I think it's a great win for CIAU basketball."

Women's head coach Rod Gilpin said the new schedule will also be a boon to his program's recruiting process.

"It's certainly more attractive," he said. "We played down the fact that we were only in a four-team league, now we can play up the fact that we're in an 11-team league."

The new inter-locking schedule is an obvious improvement on the old 12-game regular season schedule in the four-team Quebec league. It will add more variety for players, coaches and fans.

ches and fans.

"It means a lot," Pomykala said. "It gives us seven new opponents."

"We played a 26-game schedule last year and out of those 26 games, 12 of them were against McGill and Concordia," he added. "That's not good at all."

The Quebec league and the eastern Ontario teams played an inter-locking schedule through the 1990-91 season when the agreement fell through. The Quebec teams then tried a costly alternative, playing an inter-locking schedule with the four-team Manitoba league.

The last four seasons have been a repetitive schedule of playing McGill, Concordia and Laval with the exception of a few outside tournaments.

"When we were in a four-team league, there was nothing we could throw at Laval, McGill or Concordia that was going to surprise them after we'd already played three or four times," Gilpin said.

"When you get to know somebody inside out I think it really favors the more experienced teams," he added.

Gilpin is looking forward to the new schedule. He said there are teams like Ryerson

and Carleton that the Gaiters can beat on a regular basis. He also said Bishop's will have a better chance of upsetting a top team — like McGill or Laurentian — if they don't meet them so often.

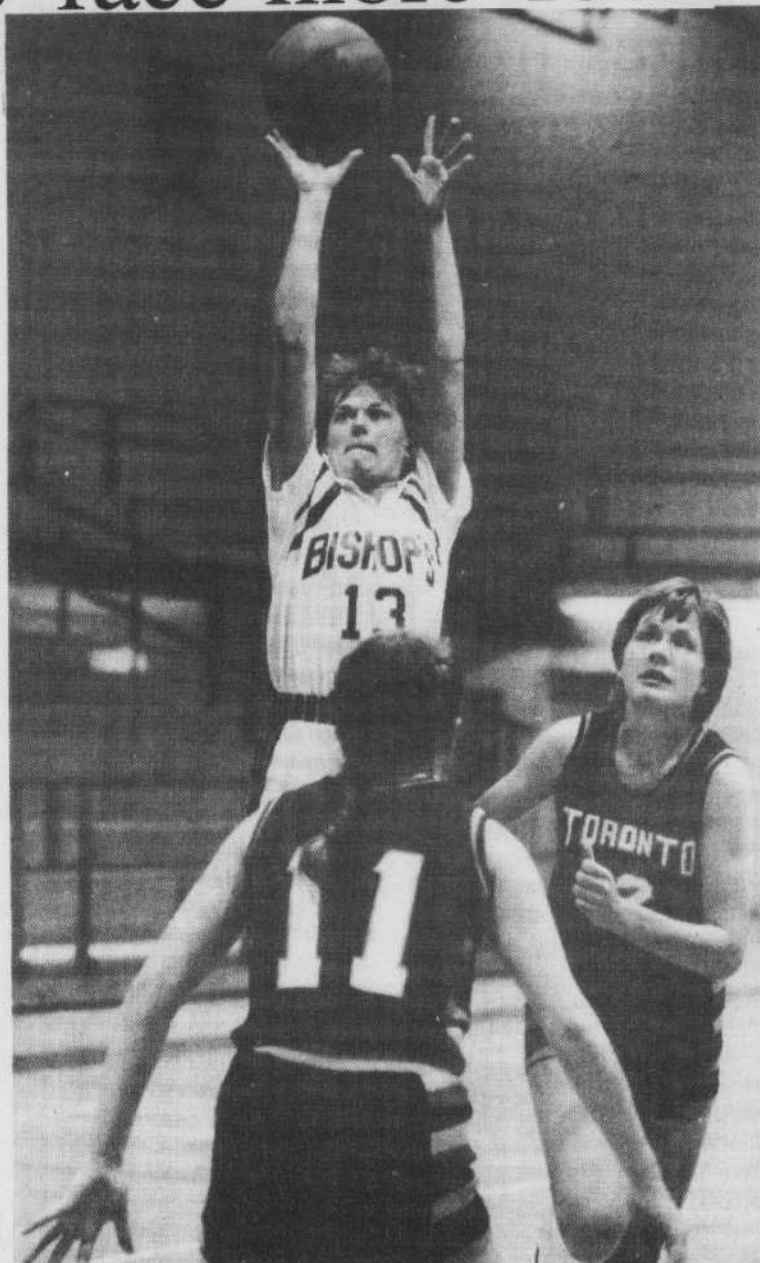
"It's going to be extremely competitive, but that's fine. It's not as if we were playing in a weak league when there were only four of us," Gilpin added.

Pomykala is also pleased about having a more competitive and varied schedule for his team.

"I know the players are very excited about that. They know that we have the potential to be a championship team and the fact that they're not going to be playing the same opponents over and over again is going to help their development," he said.

While they teams will play an inter-locking schedule, the playoffs will still have the look. The top three Quebec teams will advance, with the second and third-place teams playing off to decide who plays against the top team.

*Will playing teams like Toronto help the Bishop's women's team return to its glory years like in the 1980s?*



# Alcohol, caffeine detract from healthy lifestyle

Last week, I gave you some pretty interesting information on the effects of smoking and how it affects our bodies. I must apologize for using American statistics, but they are so readily available in various texts, and in fact, they do closely resemble similar patterns here in Canada.

This week, I'd like to give you some pertinent information on the effects of alcohol on the body as well as caffeine. Obviously, as was the case with cigarettes, they are readily and easily available to us, and they are actually considered a part of our everyday lifestyles, in many cases.

A large percentage of people start the day with a cup (or two) of coffee, and for some people, this is all they have. It is definitely not known as the "breakfast of champions".

As for alcohol, many individuals consume wine as a regular part of their lunch and/or supper. I am not saying that this is totally wrong, once again, moderation is the key to control.

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. As many of us know, the central nervous system is composed of the brain and the spinal cord. Any central nervous system depressant is a chemical that slows

reaction time, makes one less alert and negatively affects one's total body coordination. An individual also becomes more emotional, less inhibitive, and increases their desire to undertake high-risk activities.

How quickly alcohol is absorbed by the body depends largely upon five key factors: body weight, gender, speed of consumption, food intake, and beverage preference.

It is a fact that a man can drink the same amount of alcohol as a woman of the same body weight, yet have a lower blood alcohol concentration (less effect). Generally women do weigh less than men, so the same amount of alcohol is then concentrated in a smaller mass. At the same weight, women usually have a higher percentage of body fat, and less body water than men do. Since alcohol dissolves more easily in water than in fat, the difference in body composition means that alcohol in a woman's body will be more concentrated, and therefore has a more profound effect than the same amount of alcohol in a man's body.

A bottle of beer consumed over an hour is not absorbed into the bloodstream as fast as a beer that is "chugged" down quickly. Food in the stomach will also inhibit alcohol absorp-



## Body Talk

By Bob Laderoute

ption. If there is no food in the stomach then the stomach walls and the small intestine will allow rapid absorption of alcohol.

The alcohol content of liquor is higher than that of either wine or beer. If one drinks the same number of drinks as another, yet one person has whisky and the other beer, then the person drinking the whisky will most definitely feel the effects of the alcohol quicker than the beer drinker.

Alcohol history also has an effect on how quickly you will feel the effects of the drug. The

number of drinks it may take you to feel that "buzz" will increase as your tolerance level increases over the years.

Alcohol is known to wreck families and friendships. It has impaired health, wrecked careers, and has proven to fill jails, hospitals and morgues. Approximately 50 per cent of all traffic fatalities are alcohol related. It is linked to half of all homicides, a third of all suicides, and two-thirds of all assaults, which would include rape. The number one killer of teenagers is drinking and driving. That, ladies and gentlemen, is a very sobering fact! After years of heavy drinking, cirrhosis of the liver, leads to less blood flow through the liver, which in the end, will result in liver failure and death. Moderation is the key. You know your limitations best.

Caffeine is by far the most common drug utilized by adults and children today. It occurs in its natural state in coffee, tea, colas, cocoa and chocolate. Caffeine is a potent central nervous system stimulant.

In healthy, rested people, 100 milligrams (1 cup of coffee) will increase alertness, banishes drowsiness, quickens reaction time, enhances intellectual and muscular effort,

increases heart rate and respiratory rates, and also increases urinary output.

Caffeine is also known to produce dehydration, and in some individuals, abnormalities in heart electrical function. Both hinder athletic performance.

Moderate amounts of caffeine is basically harmless for a healthy individual, yet overconsumption can produce many harmful side effects. These can include sleep disruption, nervousness, irritability, restlessness, muscle twitching, headaches, heart palpitations and gastric disturbances.

It is recommended to keep consumption to less than 200 milligrams per day (which is equivalent to about two cups of coffee).

Heh folks, they make some great de-caf coffees today that are naturally de-caffeinated, and they say there is no difference in the taste, if the coffee is of high quality!

Next week, I will write my last article. Its contents will be a surprise, yet will reflect how much I have enjoyed presenting many different bits of information to all of you over the last nine months. Until then, I'll pass on the after dinner liqueurs and instead I'll have a de-caf please!