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Spicer reveals spending, commissioners still say no

By Portia Priegert

OTTAWA (CP) — Keith Spicer plans to release his expenses to a Commons committee by the end of the week but there is still no word whether other commissioners on the national unity forum he heads will follow suit.

"He promised he would and he will," Nicole Bourget, a spokesman for Spicer, said Tuesday. "I think it's going to be fairly routine."

But she said it's not yet clear whether the other 11 commissioners on the \$27.4-million Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future will

agree to release their daily billings.

Commissioners can charge up to \$600 a day plus expenses for their work on the forum, created Nov. 1. It must report by July 1.

Spicer told the consumer and corporate affairs committee two weeks ago he would ask his colleagues on the forum to follow his example.

One commissioner, Elsie Wayne, said Spicer has not yet contacted her, although she doesn't object to releasing the information.

"Do it any way they want, what-

ever is the proper way," said Wayne, the mayor of St. John, N.B. "Whatever is going to put the thing to bed so we can complete our work."

Spicer told the committee he had no right to release the other members' billings without their consent.

"He's done everything else unilaterally," Wayne said Tuesday with a hearty laugh.

SURPRISE REPORT

She complained that she had not seen an interim report before it was released unexpectedly the evening before Spicer testified be-

fore the committee.

Spending by commissioners became an issue last month after one commissioner, Robert Normand, publisher of the Quebec City newspaper Le Soleil charged that some of his colleagues were billing for too many days.

Normand says he is not yet ready to release his billings because he wants to show solidarity with other commissioners.

Another commissioner, Roger Tassé, a former constitutional adviser to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, refused to comment on the issue for the same reason.

David Broadbent, the forum's

executive director, suggested the 11 commissioners release their billings when the controversy first erupted.

They refused even though the information will eventually become public as part of the government's routine process of financial reporting.

Spicer is on a leave of absence from his job as head of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the federal broadcast regulator. He continues to receive his salary which was in the range of \$111,000 to \$135,000 in March 1989.

Dufour: 65 per cent needed in referendum

MONTREAL (CP) — One of the pro-Canada members of the province's constitutional commission said Tuesday that if Quebec wants to become sovereign after a referendum, close to two-thirds of voters should approve such a move.

A simple majority vote of 50 per cent plus one will not be enough to declare Quebec a sovereign country and put an end to the province's endless constitutional wrangling, Ghislain Dufour, head of Quebec's largest employers group said.

Dufour, president of the *Conseil du Patronat du Québec* and a member of the Bélanger Campeau Commission, said more than 65 per cent of Quebecers will have to opt for sovereignty in a referendum in order for the results to be binding.

"If you do not have this majority you will have trouble," he warned.

"In two years or five years you'll start the debate all over again."

If only 52 per cent of Quebecers vote for sovereignty, he said, the other 48 per cent will keep fighting to rejoin Canada.

Dufour pointed out that Quebec's last referendum on sovereignty association in 1980, in which Quebecers voted 60-40 per cent to stay in Canada, failed to resolve the issue. Once the referendum ended, nationalists refused to accept the results as conclusive and just kept fighting, he said.

A referendum on sovereignty is not like a union contract or an election where a simply majority vote is sufficient, he said. You can easily change the results in a couple of years.

But once Quebec votes for sovereignty it will be difficult if not impossible to reverse the change, he said.

A vote of only 51 per cent would be unconvincing and leave Quebec in a weak position to negotiate sovereignty association with the rest of Canada, he added.

If Quebec nationalists are right when they say 65-70 per cent of Quebecers support sovereignty then they should have no objection to the higher level, he added mischievously.

Dufour said the government should include the 65 per cent target when it introduces legislation to hold a referendum in 1992.

Parizeau: Quebec will respect U.S.-Canada deals

By Calvin Woodward

WASHINGTON (CP) — A sovereign Quebec would be a willing partner in Canada-U.S. free-trade and all other treaties between the two countries, Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau said Tuesday.

"Quebec has no hard bargaining to do" in seeking changes in the free-trade agreement, Parizeau told U.S. economists in a speech encouraging them to regard sovereignty as probable, unthreatening and uncomplicated.

Even the balance sheet of separation — figuring out what Quebec would owe as its share of federal debt charges and what it should get as its share of federal assets — can be done without endless wrangling, he told the National Economists Club.

"We can travel three-quarters of the way simply with accountants."

But he said Ottawa has not shown any inclination to work this out.

"I'm perfectly willing to let emotions run their course," said Parizeau, who joked of his surprise at learning "Anglo-Saxons can have emotions."

As far as Quebec is concerned: "If you don't want to talk with me about debts and assets, I can't send you a cheque."

With a hand often tucked in the vest pocket of his three-piece, pinstriped suit, the opposition leader spoke in crisp, deliberate tones with occasional flashes of humor as he sought to assure his audience an independent Quebec would not only be economically strong but easy to do business with.

FOCUS ON U.S.A.

If it becomes a new country — still using Canadian currency — Quebec's foreign affairs "will essentially be dominated by two countries — France and the United States," he said.

And Quebec would follow the dictates of existing bilateral arrangements such as the North American defence treaty and management of

the St. Lawrence Seaway.

"What will happen with respect to these treaties? I suspect nothing."

"We don't want to put all of this in jeopardy."

After his speech, Parizeau said he is confident on the basis of "a lot of talks" with U.S. interests that Washington would be open to including Quebec in matters now dealt with bilaterally with Canada.

"The alternative would be far too messy," he said.

Edward Cowan, president of the economists' group, said Parizeau is "probably right that the United States would not declare Quebec outside the (trade agreement)."

Quebec's entry as a country would pose problems for the dispute-settlement process, including the binational panels that rule on trade complaints but "that's a secondary matter," Cowan said.

Parizeau said Quebec would want to be represented on the panels.

SEES BREAK AHEAD

Speaking days after the release of the Belanger-Campeau commission report calling for a referendum on sovereignty next year, Parizeau said Quebec has never been closer to severing its ties as a province.

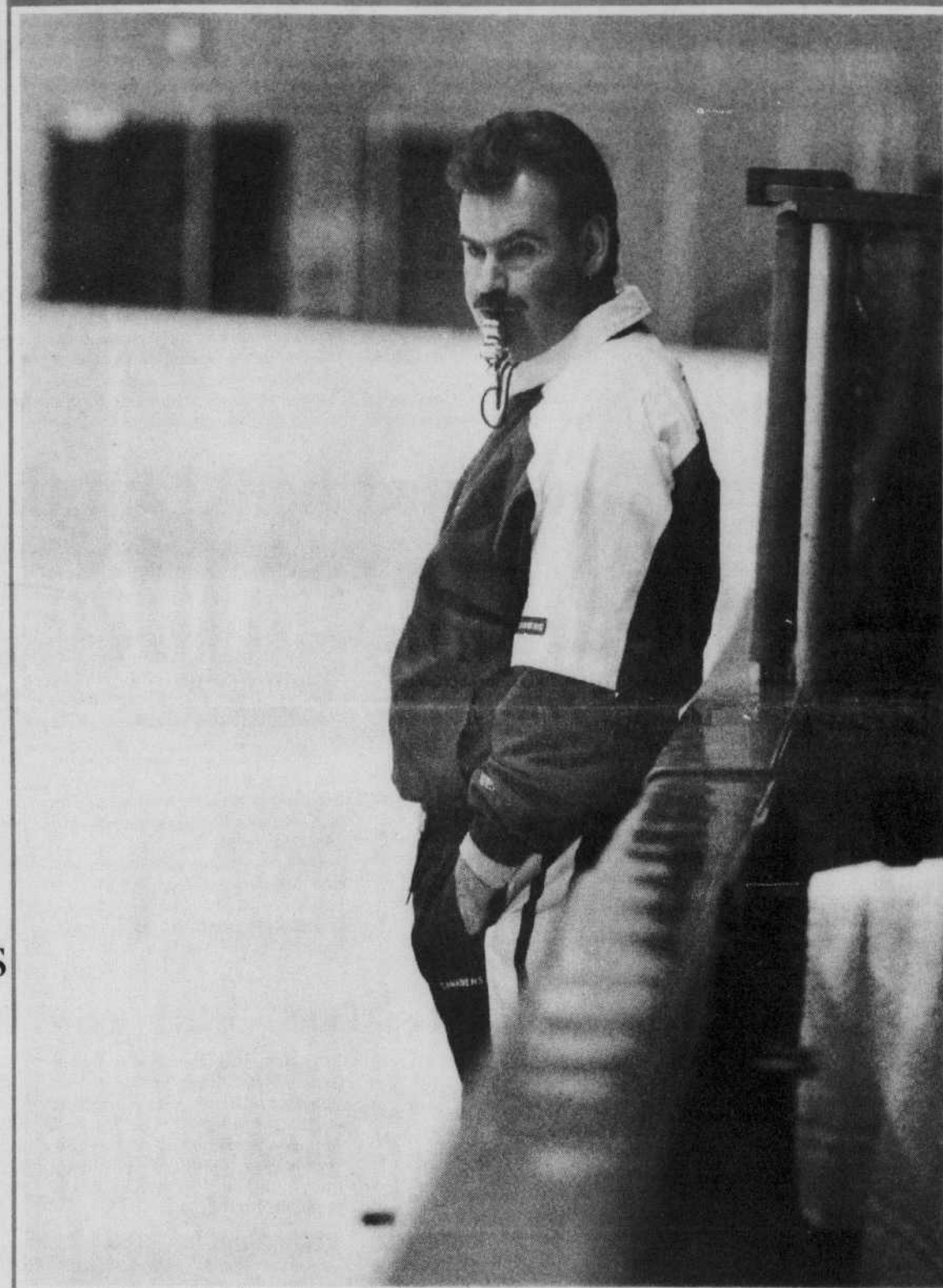
Even as Liberal Premier Robert Bourassa offers "one last chance" by inviting Canada to deliver an acceptable constitutional proposal, "everyone should agree now — the probability of sovereignty coming is very high."

A study prepared for the Belanger-Campeau commission as it examined Quebec's future suggested as a sovereign state, Quebec would assume 18.5 per cent of the Canadian federal debt and 25 per cent of the deficit.

Parizeau agreed "we have a moral obligation" to pay a share.

But he said most studies have shown Quebec's payments to Ottawa these days just about cancel out the money coming from Ottawa, meaning Quebec would start out as a new country in roughly the same budgetary shape.

Blowing the whistle



Ex-cop Pat Burns blew the whistle on the Montreal Canadiens yesterday as the Habs finished off two days of practice at Bromont's Sports Centre. Coach Burns' philosophy was that the guys would bond better as a team if they spent time away from the

city. The Canadiens begin the Adams Division semi-final against the Buffalo Sabres tonight in Montreal. For the full story, turn to page 11.

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Green Plan: Good for the environment or PCs?

By Dennis Bueckert

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government's \$3-billion green plan will likely be used as a war chest for the Progressive Conservative government's next election campaign, says a study published by the C.D. Howe Institute on Tuesday.

The green plan, a basis for future environmental programs released in December after long debate, gets a decidedly mixed review from the Toronto-based think-tank.

Many business groups privately believe the green plan is far too expensive given the state of the economy, says the study.

The business community so far has kept its criticism to a bare minimum but will likely go on the offensive during the plan's implementation phase and the money allocated to the plan will shrink, the study predicts.

"There is bound to be some attrition in the total resource commitment," says the analysis by Bruce Doern, the institute's scholar in residence.

The green plan sets out the broad

outlines for environmental programs over the next six years. It includes a commitment to review 44 potentially toxic substances and regulate them if they are deemed poisonous.

This commitment "will produce private sector costs that will dwarf the \$3-billion of public spending" without any guarantee of improved environmental results, says the study.

FAILS TO EXAMINE

Doern says the plan's most serious flaw is its failure to seriously examine market-based devices such as environmental taxes and tradeable pollution permits as an alternative to regulations.

Pollution permits allow firms to emit a given quantity of a noxious substance. These can be traded with other polluters.

Budget pressures created by the deficit, the Gulf war, support for farmers and other factors — will "gravitate to the green money pool," draining the green plan's resources.

However, the study says one big counter-pressure is likely to preserve most of the fund — bankrolling a host of election goodies in

advance of the next federal vote.

"In the runup to a 1992 election, the green fund is likely to be used as a war chest for the Progressive Conservative government's campaign plan."

"While this will not preclude some good and sensible environmental initiatives, some pork-barrel spending is inevitable."

This is particularly so because only 40 per cent of the green plan money is in the hands of the Environment Department. Other departments will likely find "ingenious ways to put the money to other uses."

Despite such concerns, Doern adds, the plan deserves support for committing the government to change its decision-making process, increase consultation in standards setting and strengthen environmental science.

Environmental lobbyists may be making a tactical mistake by being so critical of the plan, Doern adds.

"If the environmental lobby is unrealistically critical of the green plan, it will weaken its only beachhead within the confines of the federal government and bureaucracy."

By Gerard Young

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bill Vander Zalm, confronted with a scathing official report that he mixed private business with public office in the sale of his Fantasy Gardens theme park, resigned Tuesday.

Several hours later, Rita Johnston was sworn in as British Columbia's 29th premier and the first female premier of a Canadian province.

Johnston, who was deputy premier as well as minister of transportation and was considered a Vander Zalm loyalist, recently indicated she had no intention of seeking the leadership of the Social Credit party.

Vander Zalm said Tuesday afternoon he would step down immediately, rather than wait for a successor to be chosen.

B.C. conflict-of-interest commissioner Ted Hughes said in his report released Tuesday that the premier clearly violated his own conflict guidelines.

"From the very beginning of the negotiations through to date of closing, the premier mixed his public role as chief citizen of this province entrusted with the leadership of the government of British Columbia with his private business interest," the report said.

"I am prepared to resign now to ensure an orderly transition as quickly as possible," Vander Zalm said in a brief statement to reporters. He refused to answer questions.

A provincial election must be held this year.

PLAN UPSET

Vander Zalm had said on Good Friday that he planned to call a leadership convention and resign after a successor was chosen.

But Hughes reported Tuesday that the premier clearly breached conflict guidelines in the \$16-million sale of Fantasy Gardens to Taiwanese billionaire Tan Yu.

"The findings are not what I expected," Vander Zalm said, his voice gravelly from a cold. "In politics there is no court of appeal in these matters. I must live by the guidelines which I initiated."

His decision came amid growing unrest in the Social Credit caucus; several cabinet ministers had said Vander Zalm should step down immediately.

Hughes found Vander Zalm had a dominant role in the sale of his garden and biblical theme park in suburban Vancouver.

"The premier stated that charges of conflict arose only when the media became aware and publicized what was going on," the report said.

"With due respect to the premier it was what went on that was wrong, not the media's discovering and publicizing those events."

NICE TAN

The commissioner documented special treatment that Vander Zalm, as premier, gave Tan. He helped the Taiwanese magnate set up a B.C. trust company, and arranged meetings with government officials and a luncheon with the lieutenant-governor.

"By providing the red carpet treatment to Tan Yu who was also proposing to purchase the premier's property, the premier may appear to have been creating in Tan Yu the expectation that the red carpet treatment would only continue if Tan Yu purchased the premier's property."

Sacred godmother Grace McCarthy — seen as a likely successor to Vander Zalm — said British Columbians will have a new view of politicians in light of what has happened.

"I think it's sad for our province," said McCarthy, who quit cabinet in 1988 over differences with Vander Zalm.

"We are looked on by not just our own people in the province but across this nation and I've never seen anything quite like this before."

The Townships



Montjoye creditors soon saved by fairy godmother in trust?

SHERBROOKE (DH) — The Crown-appointed administrator of the Montjoye ski centre says its creditors have been given a money-saving offer.

Roland Chrétien, of the Montreal accounting firm Raymond, Chabot, Fafard, Gagnon Inc., says the deal will "essentially" pay creditors "a hundred cents on the dollar".

Last May Montjoye was seized as part of an international investigation into money laundering and drug trafficking. For the first time in Canada the Crown used a law which allows it to seize assets allegedly bought with money raised through crime.

To come up with \$2.2 million re-

quired to pay creditors, the ski centre and all its assets will be sold, Chrétien said in a telephone interview Tuesday. A call for tenders will likely be published this Saturday.

The Crown required approval for the sale from Forvest Trust, which Montjoye owes \$7.6 million, he said. The money raised will first pay all the ski centre's other creditors, with any remaining money going to the Forvest debt.

The Hatley Township ski hill is evaluated at \$4.6 million.

FORGET IT?

Forvest Trust will likely fall well short of recovering its money. The company is saying "forget about my \$7 million. It's OK to proceed (with the sale)," Chrétien said.

Why would Forvest Trust agree to give up its claim on so much money? "I could imagine all kinds of reasons but it would all be speculation," Chrétien said.

Creditors will be asked to vote on the proposal at a meeting at Sherbrooke courthouse on April 24.

Any offer to buy the ski centre must be satisfy a Superior Court judge "that this is the best offer," Chrétien said.

The deadline for paying creditors is Sept. 30. If no deal is made creditors will then be asked what they want to do with the relatively small resort.

Five inspectors appointed to protect the interests of creditors "fundamentally approve" of the proposed deal, Chrétien said.

Bishop's meets the Crown to bury hatchet on students

SHERBROOKE (DH) — A spat between Bishop's University and a Sherbrooke Crown prosecutor has been settled quietly over lunch.

Bruce Stevenson, Bishop's director of public relations, and Paul Crépeau, Crown attorney, met Tuesday to discuss the lawyer's critical comments about rowdy student behavior at the Lennoxville institution.

In February Crépeau told a Quebec Court judge that Bishop's students needed to be taught a lesson in civic responsibility. To do that the judge should sentence Patrick Sheils, a former Bishop's student, in such a way that a clear message would be sent to students.

Crépeau's was commenting during a hearing on Sheils's sentence after he was earlier convicted of dangerous driving leading to a death.

The early-morning accident occurred two years ago when Sheils attended Bishop's. He lost control of his car, killing passenger Heather Blair.

Sheils will be sentenced April 24. The comments angered Stevenson, who felt Bishop's was being unfairly criticized.

"We both came away fairly enlightened," Stevenson said of the luncheon, which also attended by Bishop's principal Dr. Hugh Scott and director of student services Bruce Coulter.

"He didn't apologize but he gave a very good explanation," Stevenson said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Both sides agreed that students need to be reminded not to drink and drive.

Stevenson reminded Crépeau that Bishop's students have been much better behaved this year than in the previous few years when havoc sometimes reigned in the streets of Lennoxville.

Crépeau said in an interview he was surprised by reports of the dispute in *La Presse* and *La Tribune*, calling them "a bit sensational".

"I understood Bishop's point of view," Crépeau said, adding that he realizes the university has had an image problem in the past.

But he said that fingering Bishop's students was justified. "That's what we call general deterrence."

Crépeau said he prefers to maintain a positive outlook on the confrontation.

"It's over," he said, "and we've established a line of communication."

Getty: Alberta premier will fight to keep Quebec in Canada

EDMONTON (CP) — Alberta Premier Don Getty sees himself as a key player in holding Quebec in Canada.

Getty said there will be "a heavy responsibility" on him as one of the longest-serving premiers with a background in constitutional matters to help Quebec find its place within Canada.

The premier said he plans to fly to Quebec in the next few weeks to try to fill widening cracks between Quebec and the rest of Canada.

Getty made his comments following the Belanger-Campeau commission's recommendation

for a referendum on Quebec sovereignty.

Ontario is "not there when it comes to being up to speed on this matter," Getty said.

"I've talked to (Premier) Bob Rae and he's said, 'Look, we didn't expect to get elected ... we're really scrambling here.'"

He said possible changes in the governments of two of the four western provinces make him the West's linchpin at any future constitutional talks.

STEPPING DOWN

British Columbia Premier Bill

Vander Zalm announced Friday he is stepping down as premier of that province when a leadership convention is called. And another Meech supporter, Saskatchewan's Grant Devine, will face an election within months.

Manitoba could not get unanimous legislative approval to support the final round of the Meech Lake accord which would have brought Quebec into the Canadian constitution by granting it special status.

But Peter Russell, a University of Toronto political scientist, said

Getty doesn't have the political image outside Alberta to be "the broker that keeps it all together. And image is so much."

Getty's background in the whole Meech process serves rather "as a continuing reminder that if we're going to have any more talks Senate reform cannot be put on the back burner," Russell said in a telephone interview Monday.

In his upcoming meeting with Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa, Getty said he will be "trying to get a bottom line kind of a sense ... seeing if there's going to be any room for meaningful constitution-

nal reform — the kind of package that Albertans tell us they want."

BEGINS HEARINGS

Those wishes will be sought out through an all-party select committee on the constitution, which begins hearings in late April.

Getty said Albertans are currently not prepared to give up anything to keep Quebec in Canada. But he said he's fully prepared to let opinions that come out of public hearings become government views.

Russell said the move shows

"Getty has got some street smarts and he watched what happened to his good friend David Peterson," referring to the defeat of the former Ontario premier, who was among the most outspoken proponents of Quebec's being given special status in Canada.

"(Getty) has to look at where his opposition is coming from. It's not coming from the people who want to placate Quebec. It's coming from the Reform party."

"He can't be seen down on his hands and knees trying to placate Quebec."

Hydro Quebec: Dominican Republic pullout was legal

MONTREAL (CP) — Hydro-Quebec International and its Montreal partner did nothing wrong when they withdrew funds meant as payment for an electrical re-vamping job in the Dominican Republic, company officials said Tuesday.

Michel Therrien, president of Hydro-Quebec International, insisted their contract permitted them to draw the funds from a New York bank even though their contract to revamp the country's electrical system is mired in dispute.

So did Claude Courtemanche, president of Groupe Sofati Inc., the utility's partner.

Both said they were fully within their legal rights when they withdrew the funds deposited as a penalty in the case of default.

They were responding to statements made Monday by Perez Martinez, head of the Dominican Electricity Commission, to Radio-Canada.

Martinez accused the Montreal-based firms of acting illegally.

He said the \$20-million sum on deposit was a guarantee payment for a contract to revamp and operate the electricity-distribution system of the Caribbean nation.

Work on the 15-year contract — signed last summer — has not begun.

NOT STARTED

Two weeks ago, Hydro-Quebec

said it was withdrawing its technical personnel and trying to pull out of the contract after encountering difficulties getting work permits for its staff.

Therrien said at that time he suspected the Dominicans of negotiating with third parties to get the work done.

On Tuesday he suggested the Dominican electricity commission was encountering internal problems.

Hydro-Quebec and Sofati officials said the two firms have already spent several million dollars on the project and efforts are continuing to get it going again.

They still have five administrative personnel in the area.

Under the contract, Hydro and Sofati were to revamp operations of the Dominican Electricity Commission and bring power to an additional 114,000 clients in Santo Domingo.

The \$20 million was a loan guarantee from the Dominican authorities for the project. The consortium was to find an additional \$65 million from private sources to finance the first four years of the project.

Then the consortium was to maintain and operate the electricity system for a fee, earning an estimated \$300 million in revenues over 11 years.

Blacklisted banks on the job in Saudi Arabia

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — Two Canadian banks reported to have been blacklisted by Saudi Arabia say they haven't been notified and are continuing to do business in the kingdom.

Several reports quoting Saudi banking sources say the Bank of Montreal and Royal Bank are on a list of foreign institutions which Saudi officials are trying to quietly drum out of the country.

Wire-service reports say the Saudis are discouraging domestic banks from dealing with foreign financial institutions which pulled out of the kingdom after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

But Graeme Harris, a spokesman for the Bank of Montreal, said his bank continued to provide banking services in Saudi Arabia throughout the Persian Gulf crisis.

"We have never been officially informed of any list," said Harris. "We continued normal banking operations there and continue to do so."

Denise Curran, a spokesman for the Royal Bank, said it also continued to do business in Saudi Arabia and the bank has seen no change in its status recently.

Both banks provide correspondent banking services, such as letters of credit and foreign-exchange transactions used in trade deals, through Saudi Arabian banks.

NOT CONFIRMED

Rodney Moore, an External Affairs Department spokesman, said the Canadian government has so far been unable to confirm the reports.

"I think we would be surprised if this applied to Canadian banks," said Moore.

"Anything beyond that is speculation."

Associated Press quoted unnamed sources as saying the blacklist was compiled and presented by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority, or central bank, at a meeting about a month ago with the kingdom's 12 commercial banks.

The list also apparently includes

the Tokai Bank and Sanwa Bank of Japan, the International Commercial Bank of China and Bank of Taiwan.

The Saudi central bank has denied there is a blacklist.

Officials with the Saudi embassy in Ottawa had yet to comment by Tuesday afternoon.

An AP-Dow Jones report said Saudi banks will now retaliate in kind, refusing to place deposits with the six named institutions or to act as counterparties in foreign-exchange transactions.

The report said that the Saudis were also to refuse to confirm letters of credit issued by the banks, limiting their ability to finance trade with Saudi Arabia.

Hussein: From bad guy to villanous world leader

By Warren Caragata

OTTAWA (CP) — Saddam Hussein, last month's bad guy, is this month's villanous — but essential "world leader," say experts on the Middle East.

The losers in this switch are the rebellious Kurds and Shia or Shiite Muslims in Iraq who took western wishes for revolt in Iraq at face value.

"A weak Saddam (who) is able to hold control of Iraq is better than an Iraq divided between the Kurds in the north, the Sunnis in the middle and the Shias in the south that gives Iran much greater influence," David Dewitt, director of the Centre for International and Strategic Studies at York University in Toronto, said Tuesday. He said this argument governs the approach to events in Iraq.

"If you want to really talk about cruel power politics, the power does not reside with the Kurds," Dewitt said.

Even though American officials publicly wished for Saddam Hussein's demise as they prosecuted the Gulf War, American troops

have turned a blind eye as troops loyal to the Iraqi president put down rebellions by the Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiite Muslims in the south. Members of the Shiite sect are in the majority in Iraq, but it has long been ruled by the Sunni minority.

URGED UPRISING

A senior Iranian official has accused the United States of making matters in Iraq worse by promoting a revolt and then allowing Saddam to suppress it.

And in Syria, Kurdish officials complained that they had been misled by the United States and its partners.

Shireen Hunter, deputy director of Mideast studies at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the U.S.-led coalition is now giving tacit support to Hussein, the man the world loved to hate for seven months.

"They have supported Saddam Hussein. I am afraid to say. They have stood by and let him slaughter everybody and they have made it clear that any other

form of government is unacceptable," she said.

During the war, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called Saddam a criminal, a "diabolical man," and said the civilized world would be better off without him.

But when it seemed that separate Kurdish and Shiite rebellions had Saddam on the ropes, Canada's stand was "disturbingly quiet," Dewitt said.

Canada should be using its influence in the United Nations and Washington to tie Saddam's hands more tightly to give the uprisings a better chance, he said. The Americans occupy part of southern Iraq and the ceasefire prohibits Iraq from flying fixed-wing aircraft, but not helicopters, over its own territory.

HANDS-OFF POLICY

Rodney Moore, a spokesman for the External Affairs department, said Canada has a hands-off policy.

It's up to the people of Iraq to press for changes or to have the government they want."

But Canada would not support

anything that would lead to the dismemberment of the country, he said. "We are for the integrity of Iraq."

Mark Heller, research coordinator at the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, said too many people are making facile comparisons between Lebanon and Iraq.

The Kurds, he said, want autonomy, not independence, and Iraq's Shiite majority has struggled against the Sunni leadership for decades, long before the Iranian revolution raised western fears of Muslim fundamentalism.

The problem for the Kurds and the Shia is that they have run up against political reality, experts say.

The Americans bowed to pressure from the Turks, who fear their own large Kurdish minority, and from Gulf states like Kuwait with a large Shiite population, Hunter said.

The new view, Heller said, is that while Saddam is bad, everyone else is even worse.

I think the reason is faulty and flawed."

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ON VALENTINE'S DAY?

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EASTER. WHAT'D YOU GET? CHRISTMAS COOKIES.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

The Townships

Woodlots: Quebec wants answers on management

By Dan Hawaleshka

SHERBROOKE — If you have an opinion on how Quebec's forests should be managed, now's the time to speak up.

Starting in May the *Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement* (BAPE) will hold province-wide public hearings on a proposed strategy on how to protect both private- and publicly-owned forests.

If you want to express yourself on the use of pesticides, clear cutting, or just about anything else which affects the forests of Quebec, this is your chance.

The BAPE hearings are being held on behalf of the province's For-

est Protection Commission. BAPE will file a report with the Environment Ministry based on what it hears by the end of September. The report will then go to the Liberal cabinet to decide on how to proceed.

André Delisle, president of the forest commission, was in the city Tuesday to rally interest in the coming Sherbrooke hearing, expected between May 20 and 25. The exact date has not been announced.

One purpose of the forest management proposal is to render Quebec's forests "less vulnerable to attack by their natural enemies,"

said Delisle, citing insects and competing vegetation as examples of possible threats to forest health.

ECOLOGICAL BALANCE
Does eliminating certain natural plant and insect species from forests pose a threat to the area's ecology?

"That's the kind of question we'll analyse," Delisle said.

To participate individuals or groups must submit briefs five days in advance of the hearing date. These should be sent to: 12, rue Sainte-Anne, Premier Etage, Qc., G1R 3X2.

Oral presentations will also be heard.

For more information contact the Communication Quebec offices in Sherbrooke at 820-3000.

A copy of *Aménager pour mieux protéger les forêts* (Managing the Forests for Better Protection), is available to read at the Eva-Sénécal municipal library on Marquette Street in Sherbrooke, along with background information on BAPE's role.

Delisle said he expects to hear from a wide range of people, including environmentalists, outdoor sports enthusiasts and members of the forest industry.

The hearings will take place in more than 20 cities and towns across the province and will examine the pros and cons of mechanical, biological and chemical methods of managing forests.

The commission's tour is divided in two phases. The first is to inform the public that their opinion is being sought and to answer general questions. The second leg will be to hear formal proposals.

To date some of the questions raised more frequently concern the use of pesticides, clear cutting, and employment possibilities in forest management.

Sherbrooke Hydro makes plans to deal better with emergencies

SHERBROOKE (SNM) — Hydro-Sherbrooke is putting the final touches on a new emergency plan for dealing with huge power failures like one which left thousands freezing in the dark last November, the city utility's manager told council Tuesday night.

The main culprit in the blackout was trees knocked down by wind onto the power lines, said Gilles Veilleux. Maintenance crews will pay more attention to keeping them away from the lines, he said, but only so much can be done.

"Some trees grow back four or

five feet in a year," Veilleux said. "To avoid all problems, we would have to trim 20 feet around all the lines."

He said a 20-foot limit is used around bigger lines, but not smaller ones which feed each neighborhood. The city will be warning property owners this spring what trees are best to plant and where they should and shouldn't go, he said.

The utility spent \$200,000 last year trimming trees, he added, while the cost of repairs after the blackout was about \$70,000.

For the emergency plan, the utility is concentrating on better communications — both internally and with the public. Hydro Sherbrooke will set up more telephone information lines to be able to answer many more calls from residents asking for details about power outages.

Better plans for relocating people to temporary shelters are also in the works, Veilleux said.

"We learned a lot of things during the failure," he added, "and it will all go into the emergency plan."



Looking for ways to make Quebec's forests 'less vulnerable to attack by their natural enemies,' is just one of the questions Forest Protection Commission presi-

dent André Delisle hopes to have answered at coming public hearings.

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Autoroute de l'Estrie? Petition moves ahead despite opposition

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE (RL) — The Société St-Jean Baptiste says the head of Quebec's toponymy commission misled them into believing it would be open to changing the name of the Eastern Townships Autoroute to *Autoroute de l'Estrie*.

In an interview yesterday, SSJB director Marcel Bureau said *Commission de toponymie* director

Rémy Mayrand stated in a speech in Sherbrooke in January that the commission, which is in charge of naming Quebec places, would be open to a name change for the autoroute if there was enough public support.

Those comments led the society to organize a petition to ask the commission to reconsider changing the name of the Autoroute from *Autoroute des Cantons de*

l'est to Autoroute de l'Estrie.

In an interview with *The Record* last month Mayrand denied the commission would consider the name change.

LOTS OF OPPOSITION

The anglophone community of the Eastern Townships and local historians are also opposed to the name change because they say it will obliterate part of the history of

the area settled by English loyalists.

Since the petition was launched in early March, the Town of Brome Lake passed a resolution demanding the name remain unchanged. The motion was presented by Richard Price, a Town of Brome Lake councillor who opposed the name change last month.

In the meantime, names are slowly trickling in on a petition

sponsored by the Townships' branch of the Société St-Jean Baptiste. The petition was supposed to be ready by the end of March, but the deadline was extended to the middle of April because of a slow start. SSJB director Marcel Bureau said.

Bureau said the SSJB is getting signatures from as far away as Brossard on Montreal's south shore. He said petitions with the

signatures of 300 to 400 people have already been sent back to the organization.

The SSJB is also escalating its campaign, said Bureau.

The organization is having 1,000 license plates made with the slogan: *l'Estrie passera par l'autoroute* (Estrie will start with the autoroute). Bureau said the license plates will be distributed free to those who support the cause.

Mental health: Sherbrooke area needs money to avoid crisis

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — One of every five people in the Eastern Townships will suffer from a mental illness during his or her lifetime — but right now there are few places they can turn to for help.

With the help of Quebec's Health and Social Affairs Minister Marc Yvan Côté, community groups and a regional mental health plan could change that.

The Regional Health Council has completed a plan which asks Côté for \$1 million right away to set up basic services and an additional \$8 million to expand and complete an adequate network for mental health care in the Sherbrooke area, said Jean Pierre Duplantie, head of the *Conseil Régional de la Santé et des Services Sociaux de l'Estrie* (CRSSE).

The Sherbrooke area has no mental hospital, says Duplantie. Most cases are treated at the Hôtel Dieu where the average stay is about 35 days, he said.

After that mental patients are released in the community to be cared for by their families and

community groups.

He said that in addition to the lack of an adequate mental health facility, the Sherbrooke area has never had enough resources to deal with mentally ill patients.

The first \$1 million will be spent on services at local community health clinics (CLSCs) and on community organizations whose volunteers offer a wide range of services to both victims of mental illness and their families, he added.

"These organizations need sufficient budgets to survive," Duplantie said at a press conference for the *Association des Parents et Amis des Malades Mentaux de l'Estrie* (APAMM).

Duplantie said the government promised two years ago to spend \$32 million on mental health care across the province. Since then it has only spent about \$10 million, he said.

"The government can come up with good policies, but if they want good policies to work and the population to get the services it needs, they must respect their promises,"

He said that if Estrie gets its "fair share" of the \$22 million still to come, it will get at least the \$1 million it needs to get its plan off the ground.

André Forest of the APAMM said if the government doesn't put its money where its mouth is, victims of mental illness in the region will suffer.

"A plan is just a plan unless the government gives the money to back it up," he said.

APAMM provides services to the mentally ill and their families, and tries to protect the rights of the mentally ill. The volunteer organization, which offers services in both languages, is seeking to increase its services to the local English population through meetings with Sherbrooke Hospital and Township's Association.

Forest said the government has increased the problems faced by people suffering from mental illness through its underfunding of mental health care services and through its program of de-institutionalization.

REAL CRISIS

And he said a real crisis will de-

velop within the next ten years if the government doesn't get its act together.

Forest said the government has de-institutionalized people without de-institutionalizing the funding for mental health care. He said that means there are more mental patients in the community but not enough resources to provide them with adequate care.

He said kicking people out of mental institutions and refusing to institutionalize some new cases has placed a huge burden on families and over-extended community groups.

Forest said that families have little or no help in caring for patients. Parents often care for their mentally handicapped children at great expense to their own budgets and their own health.

And while Quebec offers tax breaks to families caring for physically handicapped children, Forest said there are no such breaks for those caring for mentally ill relatives.

He said that when the parents of mental patients die or can no lon-

ger take care of them, there is often no one left to do it.

Other family members are not likely to take care of a mentally ill brother or sister, he said, and with no mental hospitals or institutions to turn to they will end up on the streets.

ON THE STREETS

That will increase the already large number of mental health patients who have been living on the streets since the government began cutting the number of spaces in mental institutions.

He also said that while community health clinics are slowly beginning to provide services for the mentally ill, there is a long way to go before services are adequate.

The APAMM is one of six community groups which help victims of mental health and their families. Others include La Corde, l'Autre Rive, Secours Amitié, Carrefour Intervention Suicide, and Fondation Jevi, which works mostly with schoolchildren.

Forest said that without these community groups mentally ill people in the Sherbrooke area would have almost no services.

Duplantie and Forest await a decision by Health Minister Marc Yvan Côté to see if they will finally be able to maintain adequate services to treat mentally ill patients in the Sherbrooke area.

If the response is negative, or if

the funds are inadequate, the mentally ill face long waiting lists for the services available here.

In the meantime the APAMM is holding its annual brunch next week to raise funds for its activities. In the hotseat for the brunch will be Senator Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, the former Quebec health minister who brought in the de-institutionalization plan.

The brunch will be held Sunday April 28 at the Delta Hotel at 11 a.m. For more information call the *Association des Parents et Amis des Malades Mentaux de l'Estrie* at 563-1363.



Jean Pierre Duplantie... Sherbrooke has never had the resources it needs.

Bumbled heist: No bail — for now

By Teresa Pomerleau

SHERBROOKE — Two of the four men arrested for an attempted robbery at the University of Sherbrooke last week were sent back to jail Tuesday for at least one more night.

Jacques Morin, 31, and Luc Bissonnette, 22, heard Det. Gilles Tanguay of Sherbrooke police tell Quebec Court how the police arrested them and two accomplices.

Last Thursday morning two men were spotted by three armored truck guards who were preparing to deliver money to the automatic tellers in the main building of the university.

Tanguay said one of the men, Claude Labrecque, had been spotted by the Secur guards several times in the last three weeks. He said the guards were also suspicious because of the way Labrecque was dressed — jogging pants and a tuque. The weather for last Thursday didn't call for a tuque.

LEFT MONEY BEHIND

Tanguay said the guards called their office and decided to enter the university — but without the money they were supposed to deliver.

Morin, a former Secur guard himself, was arrested as he was coming out of a bathroom, Tanguay said. He said Morin was carrying a tuque which concealed a 7.25 millimetre Walther PPK semi-automatic handgun, similar to the

one James Bond characters use in the movies.

Tanguay said police found a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun in the bathroom garbage bin.

Labrecque, who was arrested in a hallway, was carrying a Colt "Dirty Harry" .44 Magnum revolver in the belt of his pants, said the detective. Both the Walther and the Colt were registered in Morin's name, Tanguay said.

Defence lawyer Michel Dussault said Morin has no prior convictions, is father of two young children and has been unemployed for a year.

Morin's brother said the accused

worked for Secur for two years but was laid off when the company lost a big contract with a bank. He said his brother was devastated when he found out two months ago that their mother was dying of cancer.

Crown prosecutor André Campagna said Morin and Labrecque conspired to plan the robbery last Wednesday.

STOLEN CAR

Det. Tanguay said Morin, Labrecque and a third man stole a car in Sherbrooke and drove it to St-Catherine Road in North Hatley. When the alleged robbers went back to get the car it was stuck in the mud, he said, so they decided to

abandon it there and borrow a friend's car.

Tanguay said Bissonnette was arrested at his home shortly after the robbery attempt because he had driven the getaway car.

He said Bissonnette drove back home after he saw Morin and Labrecque being led away in handcuffs.

According to Tanguay the whole incident was very "amateur."

"I told them to get into a different line of work," Tanguay said.

Morin, Bissonnette and the other two suspects will be back in court this morning.

Boyfriend gets another break

SHERBROOKE (TP) — Although Judge Pierre Bachand told him on March 25 to avoid any contact with his girlfriend, Michel Jean was back in Quebec Court Tuesday charged with disobeying an injunction.

Jean, 39, is accused of threatening to kill both the girlfriend and their 3½-year-old son. Judge Bachand had told him and his girlfriend Nathalie Desjardins, 24, that no contact was permitted. But last Friday, Desjardins called Jean's house. She said she was not feeling well and wanted her

mother-in-law to come over and take care of the baby.

Jean, who was alone, volunteered to go over and help. While he was taking care of the baby a social worker from the Child Protection Agency dropped by to see the mother and child.

ARRESTED

Police arrested Jean two hours later.

Tuesday Desjardins told Judge Gerald Desmarais she didn't want a restraining order against Jean, who had been jailed for the weekend. "He is a good father and real-

ly loves his son," she said.

Crown prosecutor André Campagna asked Desjardins about earlier incidents of assault while she was pregnant. Desjardins admitted that Jean is not the same when he drinks.

Desjardins told Judge Desmarais she wanted to see Jean — on condition he be sober.

Judge Desmarais released Jean with the condition he can see his girlfriend and their son only when Desjardins feels she is not in danger.

Jean will be back in court to face charges of assault on Desjardins.

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New threat to the English community

A new threat to the English community in the Eastern Townships has appeared, and it doesn't come from the usual source. This time the culprit is the federal government.

Amendments to the Official Languages Act currently under review in Ottawa could seriously limit the availability of service in English in federal institutions like post offices and employment centres. Residents of the Townships should make clear to their MPs that such amendments are not acceptable.

Under the new rules federal offices would only be required to have someone on staff who speaks English where numbers warrant, which is reasonable enough. But the procedure for determining whether those numbers exist could undermine the availability of service in English in the Townships.

The numbers would be determined on the basis of the most recent census, which counts people according to which "census subdivision" they live in. Often these subdivisions don't include the surrounding rural communities, which are counted separately.

For example, there are only 140 English-speaking people in East Angus, but the employment centre there serves about 1500 English people from other municipalities. But because the census does not take into account those other municipalities, East Angus would no longer qualify for services in English. The Drummondville and Thetford areas could be similarly affected.

In Quebec's never-ending language saga, battle lines are usually drawn around questions of historical interpretation, symbolism and emotion. Those are battles English Quebecers will never win. So the front must be moved elsewhere, to areas in which victories can be achieved.

This is one of those. It is a real, tangible issue which could directly affect the lives of many English people. It is an opportunity for the English community to make clear that it has a place in Quebec which must be publicly recognized.

The Townshippers' Association has quite rightly taken up the issue. It will be asking its members to make their concerns known to their elected representatives. Everyone who is concerned about the future of English in the Townships should do so.

As long as Quebec remains a part of Canada the federal government has a responsibility to help ensure the survival of this province's English minority. One of the most useful and visible ways of doing that is to guarantee access to service in English. It is up to individual citizens to make sure the government is aware of that responsibility.

STEVE MEURICE

Meat-dress critics misguided — artist

By Kathryn Young

OTTAWA (CP) — Jana Sterbak is pleased that politicians have been "so strongly moved" by her meat dress hanging at the National Gallery.

However, their criticism that the art work is a waste of food — \$300 worth of raw salted flank steak — is misguided, she said in a statement Tuesday.

Despite food banks and people going hungry, Canada does not have a food shortage, the Montreal artist said. "What is lacking is not food but a political and social desire to distribute the necessary economic means for everybody to purchase it," she said in the statement, read by gallery curator Diana Nemiroff.

"Since waste implies a real shortage, making art with meat is no more wasteful than painting — arguably, the money expended for paint and canvas could have been better used to feed the hungry."

The work, entitled "Vanitas: Flesh Dress for an Albino Anorexic," is part of a Sterbak exhibit at the gallery. It has been displayed, without controversy, in Montreal, Toronto, Regina, Boston and Paris since 1987. But the dress, which gradually dries into a leathery substance and is replaced every six weeks, has offended several Ottawa politicians and organizations that feed the hungry.

Sterbak said the dress is part of an artistic tradition, which began in the late Middle Ages, of depicting fruit, flowers and other perishable goods in decay. "These depictions were intended to remind the viewer of the inconstancy of earthly possessions and worldly power," Sterbak explained.

MEATING OF MINDS

"Perhaps this is why some politicians, our formal representatives for determining the social distribution of possessions and power, have been so strongly moved by the piece. The strength of this reaction is pleasing and attests to the work's power."

She suggested that these politicians "redirect their efforts away from esthetic discourse, territory clearly unfamiliar to them, and instead direct it toward their own proclaimed field, the building of genuinely helpful social policies."

Nemiroff added that comments by Ottawa alderman Mark Maloney — who called in health inspectors and complained about the waste — were just cheap shots. "He is perfectly placed to address the problem as an alderman in this municipality," she said.

The Ottawa-Carleton health department said the 22 kilograms of raw beef poses no health threat as long as no one touches or eats it.

MP Sheila Finestone, the Liberal cultural-affairs critic, said Sterbak has "rendered a service to society even if it makes us all very uncomfortable," but added that the sculpture is untimely, given the number of food banks.

Said Finestone: "My offence is at the medium, not the message."

Letter

Cowansville courthouse sentenced to death, unless...

An open letter to
Quebec Justice Minister
Gil Remillard

Dear Mr. Remillard:

I would like to take a few minutes to write to you about a town situated in the Eastern Townships with a population of 12,500 which has been targeted by your ministry.

I am talking about Cowansville, but I am also talking about Sutton, Mansonville, Farnham, Noyan, Bedford and Brigham. In fact I am referring to our whole region.

A region finds its definition in its institutions, its justice and health services and by the presence of all other public government ministries, departments and offices, as well as by the dynamism of its population.

You are the minister of justice and it appears that you foresee the closing of our courthouse. I find it necessary to address this very issue.

No, no, no, you will reply, the courthouse will not close, well at least not right now. You have already stated this to the Regional Planning Committee when you met with them.

Unfortunately, your ministerial re-

ports defy you and let me be frank with you, we remember your unkept promises. The Cowansville courthouse is, without a doubt, sentenced to death (slow or immediate) unless it is converted into a functional institution.

It will die rapidly if you choose to close it immediately. You could lock the doors or maybe convert it into a bingo hall. Such a measure is not probable and much too delicate politically for someone like you, who aspires to the succession of his political party.

I can see that your sentence is a slow painful death in leaving things as they are. As it is now, our judges kill wasps (not the English kind) using court files as fly swatters, while court is in session, and the court employees have to use desks in the corner of the vault among the filing cabinets, for want of space.

In the same building lawyers and their clients are forced to discuss the outcome of child custody cases on the stairs, where the population is forced to stand for hours waiting for their case to be heard. For you, this slow torture is more expedient politically.

I am sure that you foresee that, in only a short time, there will be a demand to close the courthouse. Or maybe we would recommend a partial reduction of services. The transfer of one or two services to another courthouse would do the trick.

Of course, by doing this you could assure that the closing would be out of the question, it would only be a rationalization of services in the ministerial jargon. This is the same as if we rationalize a hospital by taking away its patients. After all, it is the patients that cost hospitals so much money. Take them away and your problem is solved.

I am a lawyer, Mr. Remillard, and I am sure that not many of my fellow citizens will shed a tear because of what might happen to me. When I was a student, you were a teacher, not where I went to school, but in Laval, if I recall correctly.

Now you are the justice minister and I am a simple lawyer. I have not known a meteoric career as you have as I practice in Cowansville, out of choice, in a special region, where the geography, its history and its popula-

tion appears to me to be unique.

It seems you have a house in Bromont. Have you ever been to Cowansville, Knowlton, Abercorn or St-Armand, to see in person, if these people identify themselves with the city of Cowansville, where you want to rationalize the services?

Don't you recognize that there is a certain flavor that has probably held together the co-existence, in peace and respect, the diverse cultures that populate the region: the French, English, German, Swiss, Polish, Ukrainians, and how many others?

Mr. Remillard, be assured that no one in the vast territory from Lake Champlain to Lake Memphremagog wishes a white elephant or an Olympic Stadium for a courthouse in Cowansville.

We only want a decent courthouse, an institution where the rapist and victim are not obliged to sit side by side waiting for their hearing before the judge; where parents can discuss the custody of their children elsewhere than on the stairs; where a judge can have his office with a secretary.

We are not talking of tearing down the building and replacing it with a cement tower. We are talking about refreshing a few court rooms, consultation rooms, and clerk's offices with a counter more than four feet long — nothing exaggerated.

I do not want to take up your precious time, Mr. Remillard, but I must insist in this point of closing. A population that no longer has access to a judicial system that reflects the individual is, in my opinion, a population in danger.

The social fabric of the region served by Cowansville courthouse is unique. It is no better, nor worse, than any other. It is only unique.

However it is a region like another in Quebec. Please, don't take my word for it, come and see for yourself. Allow your chauffeur to drive you through the towns and villages of the region and stop in Frelighsburg, Phillipsburg or perhaps East Bolton.

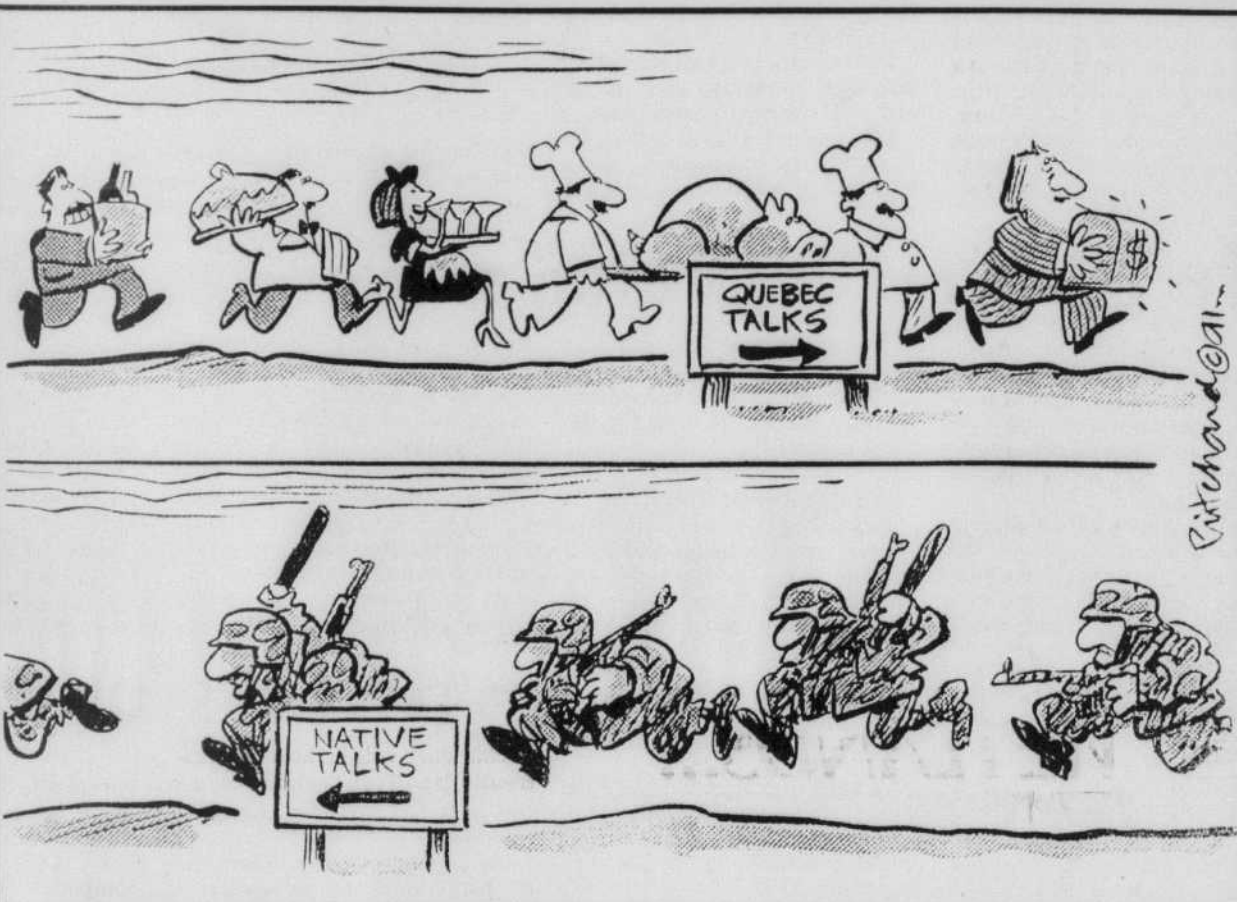
When you get there, talk to the people you meet. This region is not ready nor disposed to becoming a bedroom community, and we intend to defend our institutions to the end.

With the hope that you will see that justice will be accessible to all and consolidated in one place.

I remain,

Yours truly,

SERGE CHAMPOUX
Cowansville



Customs officials who seize books get half-day of training

OTTAWA (CP) — They're not judges, yet customs officials are accused of having sweeping powers equal to those of the courts.

Canada Customs officials can stop books from *American Psycho* to classical Greek poetry from entering the country.

"They get the same training to stop books that they do to stop rotten meat," says Nancy Fleming, executive director of the Book and Periodical Council.

"A customs officer shouldn't be the gatekeeper for our society — that's what we have the courts for."

But customs officials say they are enforcing the Criminal Code, the Canada Customs Act and the 59 other acts.

"Our primary function is keep out truly obscene material and hate propaganda... not literature," says department spokesman Diana Adams.

American Psycho was cleared after the department conducted a two-week review of the controversial novel about a serial killer.

But other publications, films and videotapes had more trouble. The list of items seized at the border includes a film on masturbation destined for the University of Alberta medical school. Last year, during Freedom to Read Week, customs detained *The Young In One Another's Arms* by acclaimed Canadian novelist Jane Rule.

The book had been available in Canada for 13 years. Customs officers also stopped Salman Rushdie's work *The Satanic Verses* to review it as possible hate literature. The book didn't fit the criteria and was released two days later.

But groups such as gay-rights organizations and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association argue the power to detain or ban books shouldn't be in the hands of public servants.

The Canadian Library Association maintains individuals can make their own choices on reading or viewing material.

NEED WARRANT
Canadian police must have a warrant to seize suspected obscene or hate material. They then decide if charges should be laid under the Criminal Code.

Customs is granted wider powers by Parliament and its 5,000 officers don't need a warrant.

Up to 4,500 publications and videotapes, mainly pornographic magazines, are reviewed at customs headquarters in Ottawa each year. Thousands more are refused entry into Canada at the border.

Customs officers receive a half-day of training in how to interpret the department's eight-page guideline on what constitutes obscene or hate material. If they are unsure, they can refer suspect material to specialty units within the department. Advice is also obtained from Justice Department lawyers. Sometimes, the final decision is made by the deputy minister in charge of customs.

Guidelines on what is prohibited are based on the Criminal Code and the Customs Act. Decisions can be appealed to the courts, says Adams.

Margaret Gillis, manager of the prohibited importations unit at Canada Customs in Ottawa, has said the guidelines are enforced with as much uniformity as possible.

But some decisions "might be a gut reaction of the customs inspector. You can't stop on the line and read a book, so you just pick them up and send them to someone who has the time."

Jeff Moore, chairman of the Canadian Committee against Customs Censorship, says seizures which can detain books for months should be based on more than a gut reaction.

The University of Alberta got its masturbation film back in 1983 after a county court judge ruled it was made for "commendable moral and educational" purposes and was not pornographic.

Japanese firms try to improve environmental image, but...

By Tetsuo Jimbo

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese companies have despoiled their beautiful islands for decades, gobbling up whole mountains to make gravel for concrete, poisoning the waters, not bothering to recycle.

Now many are trying to clean up their act with image-building environmental programs, but critics doubt a new era of corporate responsibility has dawned.

"Steps taken recently by Japanese companies are no more than public relations measures," said Koichi Yanagida, director of the Defence of Green Earth Fund. "I don't think companies are willing to make genuine sacrifices to assume greater social responsibility."

Even business leaders who have campaigned for environmentalism see little chance of great changes in the boardrooms.

NOT ON AGENDA

"Japanese corporate managers are still so heavily preoccupied with the same old pursuit of efficiency and profits that there is no room for them to worry about social responsibilities," said Ryuzaburo Kaku, chairman of Canon Inc.

As Japanese firms expanded over-

seas, so has the criticism. For example, Kawasaki Steel Co. came under fire last year because its Indonesian subsidiary was dumping toxic substances into the ocean.

In November, natives of Sarawak state in Malaysia came to Japan to demand reductions in logging, which they said was ruining their rain forest. Japanese trading companies buy half of Sarawak's annual output of more than 15 million cubic metres of logs.

"I don't think the criticism directed at us is sensible or well-grounded," said Kyosuke Mori, director of environmental affairs at Mitsubishi Corp., one of Japan's largest timber importers.

Still, major Japanese trading houses recently decided to reduce timber imports from Malaysia by 10-15 per cent.

NOT ENOUGH

Mitsubishi also plans an experimental reforestation project in Malaysia, but Mori acknowledged it probably would not reverse the rapid deterioration of the rain forests.

Business managers, analysts and environmentalists say reluctance to take bolder steps is largely caused by the structure of corporate Japan.

One of its most prominent features

is the "keiretsu" system, in which companies form strong bonds by holding each other's shares. Companies within each grouping receive preferential treatment from one another.

Japan's largest keiretsu group is Mitsubishi, with several dozen affiliated companies. Analysts say Mitsubishi Corp., the main trading unit, cannot halt timber imports because it will hurt other companies in the keiretsu.

"The group has a paper company, a shipping company, a logging company and other companies that would be affected," said Hiroyuki Yanai, an analyst for I.R. Japan, which advises firms on stockholder relations.

DEAF TO CRITICS
Yanai said Japanese corporations are geared solely to maximizing efficiency and improving quality. While tighter government regulations forced many companies to clean up during the 1970s, complaints from local residents and citizens' groups about pollution often have no place in the corporate equation.

"As a result, Japanese corporate managers cannot justify sacrifices arising from taking greater social responsibility," Yanai said.

He is among analysts who doubt Ja-

panese companies will become more socially responsible. But Masao Horiba, whose company makes machines to measure car emissions, believes increasing criticism will make it happen.

"I think the global importance of environmental issues will eventually force Japanese corporate culture to change," Horiba said.

SOME ACT NOW

Some Japanese companies are creating departments that specialize in environmental matters.

Suntory, a major brewer, is raising money to help protect endangered bird species. Fujita Travel is halting the use of pesticides at a golf course near Tokyo.

Other companies plan to eliminate the output of fluorocarbons, which add to global warming by damaging the Earth's ozone layer, and to step up recycling programs.

Environmental activists say the actions are too little and too slow.

"Japanese companies need to realize that there will be no business for them once they destroy the Earth completely," said Yanagida, of the Green Earth Fund.

"I sometimes wonder if they will literally destroy this planet or wake up before it's too late."

Education

Abuse of teachers by students rising Jazz: Contrevent appears at Centennial

By Marlene Habib
The Canadian Press

"There is a sense of helplessness invading our schools," says an Ontario teacher who was viciously assaulted by a student.

"Something has to be done."

It's a desperate plea from one of the hundreds of elementary and high school teachers across Canada who have suffered physical, verbal and emotional abuse at the hands of pupils.

Teacher abuse is growing, and educators blame an increase in violence in society and the entertainment world, high unemployment and family stress.

A study by an Ontario teachers' organization said the number of "minor" assaults—including punching, scratching, biting, pushing and serious verbal abuse—increased by 85 per cent in one year.

The assaults—in elementary and high schools represented by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association—jumped to 515 in 1989-1990 from 278 in '88-'89.

MANITOBA REPORT

A report in May 1990 by the Manitoba Teachers' Society indicated about 40 per cent of teachers in the province had been physically or emotionally abused by students. The abuse ranged from hitting, kicking, slapping and having things thrown at them, to insults, obscene gestures and harassing phone calls.

Some assaults are startlingly violent.

Randy Sasso, a high school teacher in Windsor, Ont., suffered a serious groin injury when he was beaten by a 15-year-old student.

"The boy just exploded," said Sasso, who later transferred to another school. "He punched me in the face and head as if I were a punching bag.... Then he grabbed me by my hair and groin and he pulled me to the ground. It took four male teachers to pull him off me."

DISTURBING LIST

Other incidents, cited in the study by the Ontario Catholic teachers association, include:

- A Grade 6 boy attacked a female teacher. It took five staffers, a police officer and three ambulance attendants to yank him off.
- An out-of-control student punched a teacher in the breast and threatened to kill her.
- A teacher was bitten and required hospital treatment after trying to intervene in a fight between two students.

— A student with a knife threatened a teacher. No charges were laid.

"The increase in violence in general is spilling over into the schools," says Patrick O'Neill, a researcher with the Catholic teachers association and author of the report.

"The widespread use of home VCRs is enabling kids to view violent shows that they wouldn't be able to see in a theatre," O'Neill said in an interview.

"The current economic climate is also having an effect. There's a good deal of frustration and anger coming from unemployed parents, and that's having a dramatic effect on students who bring those problems to school."

TEACHERS LIMITED

Because teachers face possible assault charges or dismissal if they fight back, "they are very concerned about what is going on, and asking us where is this going to take us and what they should be doing," says O'Neill.

"Some teachers have been pushed to the limit and have actually roughed up kids. In most cases, assault charges haven't been laid, but there are cases where teachers have been dismissed."

In Prince Edward Island, the Charlottetown-based teachers federation formed several committees in 1989 to study teacher abuse after a marked increase in the number of assaults by students. The committees are still working on their report.

The survey in Manitoba recommended that school boards and teacher associations work on programs that may prevent incidents of abuse. It also encouraged boards to develop policies on abuse and discipline, and ensure teachers are aware of the policies.

NO HARD FACTS

Teacher groups in Quebec and British Columbia say they have no formal figures indicating an increase in violence towards teachers, but are aware of some pro-

blems.

"I think the general North American trend is toward a good deal more violence, but ... we haven't noticed it here," says Alan Lombard, executive director of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers in Montreal.

But Michael Palumbo, president of the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers in Montreal, says: "The aggressive attitude of some students, of gangs and young people who are not students who enter school premises ... makes the situation of those teachers difficult."

O'Neill says the task of curbing teacher abuse doesn't just lie with the education systems.

"It also means taking a serious look at the increase in violence at large in society, and looking at ways to reduce it. What's also needed is more discussions among teachers about how to foresee problems occurring and ways to stop an assault before it happens."

Helping students with their problems is another key, adds Jim Blanchard, general secretary of the P.E.I. teachers federation.

"School programs should be teaching young people how to resolve conflicts—to control themselves and respond to problems without becoming violent and emotional," he says.

"And when it comes to discipline, students should be part of the process of deciding what should be reasonable punishment."

• Tuesday, 19 March. — Tuesday, 12 April. Bishop's/Champlain Art Gallery. Marjorie Donald House. Kay Kinsman presents her watercolour exhibition "Life on Campus". Revealed is her remarkable talent to be able to capture the likeness and personality of her subjects on the University's campus. Gallery hours are: 11 a.m. — 3 p.m. and Thursday evenings 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

• Wednesday, 3 April, 7 and 9 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. Godfather 3. Directed by Coppola; starring A. Pacino. Diane Keaton. A movie legacy like no other. Don Michael Corleone gets robbed. Then he gets even.

• Thursday, 4 April, 7:30 p.m.. John H. Price Sports Centre. Awards Night at Bishop's University.

• Thursday, 4 April, 7:30 p.m.. Mackinnon Room. Joanne Norman will deliver a lecture entitled: "Text and Image in Medieval Preaching". Please feel free to attend.

• Thursday, 4 April, 8:30 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. The Quebec Jazz quintet Contrevent. Since their release of two albums, these five musicians have played in major festivals including the Montreal Jazz Festival. Tickets available at Centennial Theatre Box Office 822-9692.

• Saturday, 6 April, 2 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. Mary Poppins. Live action and animation, 139 minutes. This triumphant musical fantasy about a very special nanny features unforgettable songs, exuberant dances, and a dazzling combination of live action and animated visual effects. Disney's triumphant musical

• Sunday, 7 April, 3 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. The season closes with a celebration of spring by the University Singers, Chamber Choir and student soloists.

• Tuesday, 9 April, 8 p.m.. Salle Maurice O'Bready. University of Sherbrooke. L'Esquisse (Dance). A modern dance routine from France.

• Wednesday, 10 April. — Saturday, 13 April, 8 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. A Champlain production will be presented by the students. Please be sure to not miss this special feature.

• Thursday, 11 April, 7 and 9:30 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. Bonfire of the Vanities, (film). Satiric comedy by Brian de Palma with Melanie Griffith and Bruce Willis. A philandering Park Avenue bond salesman meets his downfall when a mishap during an unplanned detour through the South Bronx leads to citywide racial turmoil. From the novel by Tom Wolfe.

• Saturday, 13 April, 2 p.m.. Centennial Theatre. Peter Pan, animation, 77 minutes. Walt Disney's animated version of James Barrie's classic story is a favourite with audiences of all ages. This timeless tale of Peter Pan, the irrefragable boy who refuses to grow up, has pirates, Indians, a crocodile and everyone's favourite pixie, Tinker Bell. It is a jubilant celebration of childhood, fun and adventure.

• Sunday, 14 April, 8 p.m.. Studio Theatre. A music recital will be performed. All are invited to attend.

E.T. students take part in mechanic Grand Slam

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Today's more sophisticated cars require better qualified mechanics, says CAA Quebec.

To focus attention on that need, the drivers' protection agency has launched the "Grand Slam", which pits graduating mechanics from high schools across the province

against one another in an "automotive trouble-shooting contest."

The Grand Slam has three main goals, according to the CAA:

- To highlight the importance of adequate training and upgrading of technical skills;
- To enhance the profession in the eyes of the public;

- And to encourage high school students to pursue careers as car mechanics.

The Grand Slam is open to students in the final year of the automotive DEP (Diplome d'Etudes Professionnelles) program. Twenty-eight of a possible 45 schools in 11 of Quebec's 16 administrative

regions have registered.

E.T. REPS

Taking part for the Eastern Townships will be students from Polyvalente J.H. Leclerc in Granby. Polyvalente La Ruche in Magog. Ecole des Metiers Thetford in Thetford Mines and Ecole La Frontalière in Coaticook.

Students must take a written exam worth 25 per cent of the overall score. School marks count for another 25 per cent, and speed and workmanship will determine the final 50 per cent in the practical part of the contest.

That part will be held at Montreal's Expo Tech Centre as teams of students diagnose and repair deliberately "bugged" cars. The final, which will pit the best 11 schools against each other, will be held May 18.



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Living

Cutting back on booze and enjoying it

By Helen Branswell

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadians are cutting back on booze, a federal government study suggests.

A Statistics Canada survey on drinking conducted in 1989 indicates fewer Canadians are drinking. And those who do are drinking less than they used to.

The survey, released Wednesday, was compiled from interviews with nearly 12,000 Canadians 15 years of age and older.

The survey suggests Canadians have moderated their drinking habits since the late 1970s.

In 1989, 78 per cent of the respondents said they were current drinkers. The survey defines current drinkers as people who have had at least one drink in the previous year. In 1978, that figure was 82 per cent.

The survey does not attempt to analyse why people are drinking less. But Ed Adlaf of the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto, said a key factor appears to be society's increased emphasis on a healthy lifestyle.

"We're finding reductions in smoking, we're finding increases in sports activities and exercise," Adlaf said.

"There's been a general increase on healthy behavior."

The study found many people had stopped drinking altogether. By 1989, 16 per cent of those surveyed said they had stopped drinking — four times the number who

had quit drinking in the 1978 survey.

And a growing proportion of those who hadn't quit were cutting back.

About one quarter of current drinkers in 1989 reported they had consumed alcohol fewer than 12 times in the previous year. In 1978, only 15 per cent reported that low a frequency of consumption.

The weekly average of drinks consumed among current drinkers was 3.7 in 1989, down from 5.1 in 1978.

Adlaf said that may be one of the

most heartening findings of the survey.

"I suppose what's probably one of the more important factors is ... that consumption levels have been declining."

Men of all ages were more likely to drink than women, the survey suggested. They drank more frequently and more heavily than women as well.

Highest consumption levels were among young adults, in the 20-to-34 age group. The proportion of current drinkers petered off somewhat in the mid-40s to mid-60s,

dropping even more among people over 65 years old.

Well-off Canadians were more likely to drink and drank more frequently than low-income earners. But the survey found that when people from the low-income group did drink, they tended to drink more at one sitting more than people from other income groups.

British Columbia and Alberta reported the highest levels of current drinkers in 1989.

The proportion of current drinkers appeared to decline from West to East, with Atlantic Canada boasting the lowest rates.

Canadians didn't like to drink alone, the survey found. Only six per cent of current drinkers reported they drank alone at least once a week while 77 per cent said they never drank alone.

Drinking alone was relatively common among heavy drinkers, however, with about 26 per cent of those who drank more than 15 drinks in the week preceding the survey reporting they drank alone at least once a week.

Not surprisingly, heavy drinkers reported a fair number of health and social problems. For example, 22 per cent of those who drank more than 15 drinks in the week before the survey had suffered health problems in the previous year.

And 17 per cent of heavy drinkers had experienced financial trouble in the previous 12 months.

Survey shows West drinks more than East

Here are some of the findings of the survey, conducted in 1989:

—The average number of drinks per week Canadians consumed in 1989 was 3.7, down from 5.1 in 1978.

—Sixteen per cent of the respondents said they'd stopped drinking, four times the number of people who reported they'd quit in a 1978 survey.

—Fifteen per cent of male drinkers reported they drank at least four times a week, a frequency rate matched by only six per cent of female drinkers.

—British Columbia had the highest rate of current drinkers, at 83 per cent. Prince Edward Island had the lowest at 64 per cent.

—The highest level of current drinkers were the 20-to-34 age group, about 87 per cent. Only 54 per cent of people over 65 were current drinkers.

Community

Farm safety - The Eastern Townships Women for the Survival of Agriculture are going to school the second and third week of April giving coloring books away.

The group produced a coloring book for kids which is designed to teach farm safety to children.

They will be not only give the coloring books to kindergarten and third grade kids, but will also have a half hour presentation to explain the different ways of keeping safe around the farm.

The book was sponsored by 25 people from agricultural busi-

nesses to private individuals.

The schools visited are Cookshire, Bury, Sawyerville, Lennoxville, Rock Island, Stanstead, Ayer's Cliff, Magog and North Hatley.

Daffodil Day - For the last 30 years, Quebec has dedicated the first Friday in April, Daffodil Day.

This year, with the help of 2000 volunteers, there will be 1,200,000 daffodils on sale across the province in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society. Daffodil Day is the event

which kicks off the Society's annual fund-raising campaign.

The flowers are sold either singly or in bouquets of five or ten. The cost is three dollars for five and five dollars for ten flowers.

Daffodil Day helps provide financial support to cancer research, educational programs and to services provided to cancer patients by the Society.

On Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5 daffodils will be sold at all shopping centres, hospitals, universities and CECEPs.

Getting old gracefully

Knowledge and Help for an Enlightened Old Age, S.E.V.E. is offering its first session in April.

A series of 10 two-hour meetings will begin on April 8 at 1:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held every Monday until June 10.

The meetings will talk about developing a good attitude towards getting old. The talks will center on different situations concerning the aged and how to develop abilities to cope with the situations.

S.E.V.E. is concerned with women's physical and emotional changes brought on by the aging process. They also deal with the social aspects of old age such as retirement and the slowing down of activities.

The themes of the meetings will be 1) health, 2) interaction with others, 3) personal growth. Each meeting will let the participants exchange and experiment by having them talk about their experiences.

For further information telephone Elixir at 562-5771. There is no cost to become a member.

Protect Yourself's last issue

The April issue of *Protect Yourself* will be the consumer magazine's last one.

A major budget cut by the Quebec government has forced the Quebec *Office de la protection du consommateur*, the province's consumer protection office and publisher of the magazine, to shut it down.

A letter to subscribers, included with the April issue, will offer readers the choice of being reimbursed for the issues they will not receive or receiving *Protégez-Vous*, the French version, for the remainder of their subscription.

For more information on the content of *Protégez-Vous*, please contact Pat Abbott at (514) 873-7771.

Income tax clinic

The Quebec association for the defence of the rights of retired and pre-retired people (AQDR) Membership section organized an income tax clinic from March 4 to 11.

They would like to thank all the volunteer who helped fill out more than 100 income tax forms. 50 families benefited from their help.

For more information on this association, call Vicki May Hamm at 843-2572.

Social notes

Birthday greetings

To Mrs. Mary Morson of Cowansville — belated greetings and good wishes from "K" in Calgary, to join those extended to her by family and friends on the occasion of her birthday March 30. We all hope the year ahead holds good health for you and that all you hope for comes true.

Warmest thoughts and good wishes to Miss Annette Fleury on the occasion of her birthday on April 2nd.

Townships' history in song and story

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

Townshippers' Association would like to remind everyone of the availability of the Social Studies Project, which consists of seven booklets about Eastern Townships history. The booklets are accompanied by several hundred slides and a cassette tape of songs about the Eastern Townships.

The project was made available to the public during 1989, the Association's anniversary year. It was extremely well received and is in use in many of the schools of the region to teach school children about their region's history.

The booklets and cassette tape are in each elementary and secondary school of the Eastern Townships and Bedford District school boards.

Teachers have use of the material to guide them in teaching local history. They also have access to 350 slides from the audio-visual departments at Alexander Galt Regional High School or the District of Bedford School Board.

The public also has access to the booklets at the Sherbrooke and Cowansville offices of Townshippers' Association and at several historical societies and libraries of the region. Here is a list: United Empire Loyalists Association, Sutton, Stanstead Historical Society, Sutton Heritage and Communication Museum, Richmond County Historical Museum, Compton County Museum, Eaton Corner, Brome County Historical Society, Knowlton, Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Museum Society, Missisquoi Historical Society and Museum, Stan-

bridge East, Sherbrooke Historical Society, Pettes Memorial Library, Knowlton, Waterloo Municipal Library, Bromont Municipal Library, Cowansville Municipal Library, Special Collections Library, Bishop's University, Haskell Free Library, Rhode Island, North Hatley Library, Bedford Municipal Library, Mansonville Library, Sutton Library, Magog Library, Ayer's Cliff Library, Farnham Library, Drummondville Library.

Keeping in touch

By Townshippers' Association

The booklets cover the following topics: Transportation in the Eastern Townships; Communications in the Eastern Townships; Farm Life in the Eastern Townships; Early Mills and Trades in the Eastern Townships; Indians of the Eastern Townships; Family History, All About Me; Heritage Songs from the Eastern Townships.

They have been prepared for teachers, who can then use the information to pass on to the children.

The cassette tape contains songs written by well-known Townships singers and songwriters Debbie Drummond and Keith Whittall. A song relates to each topic covered by the booklets. They are also for sale at a cost of \$5 from Townshippers' Association.

Anyone wanting more information should call the Association at (819) 566-5717 or (514) 263-4422.

Society's decency declining dangerously

Dear Ann Landers: A recent incident left me wondering what has happened to decency in our society.

For two days another man and I frantically tried to get someone to help us rescue a young cat that was stranded atop a power pole approximately 50 feet high.

Several utility companies, along with the local animal control and fire department were contacted. They all refused to help. The reasons they gave were mighty weak. One man said cats eventually come down on their own, which is not always true. Another said, "It's against regulations to risk a life to rescue an animal." A third man said, "This is not our responsibility."

I was sick with worry that the poor cat might die. If I had had access to a ladder that was long enough, I would have risked my own life to save that cat. After the second anxiety-filled day, I was able to locate an experienced tree climber who, for a sizable sum of money, agreed to rescue the cat.

Although I was elated that the cat was safe, I was furious that it took a big sum of money rather than genuine concern to save the animal's life. I realize there was danger involved in the rescue attempt, but with all the utility company's fancy equipment, I can't understand why not one person was willing to bend the rules a little. That little cat was lucky, but what about the other animals left to die because no one will put compassion ahead of the rules? -- SACRAMENTO

DEAR SACRAMENTO: I applaud your sensitivity but human life should take precedence if ever there is a question or a conflict. I have read too many tragic stories about children burning to death in fires when they ran back into the house to rescue a pet. Just recently an adult in Illinois drowned when she crawled out on a frozen lake to rescue her dog. I love

animals, too, but no person should give his or her life to save a pet. It's too big a price to pay. If you don't believe me, ask the surviving family members.

Here's another controversial letter about animals:

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I live in West Point, Ind., where a man walked out of his home with a gun and 16 shells and shot two dogs who happened to be in his backyard.

I was acquainted with both dogs. They were very gentle. My 17 nieces and nephews, ranging in age from 1 to 15 years, have played with those dogs for hours on end and not one child was ever hurt.

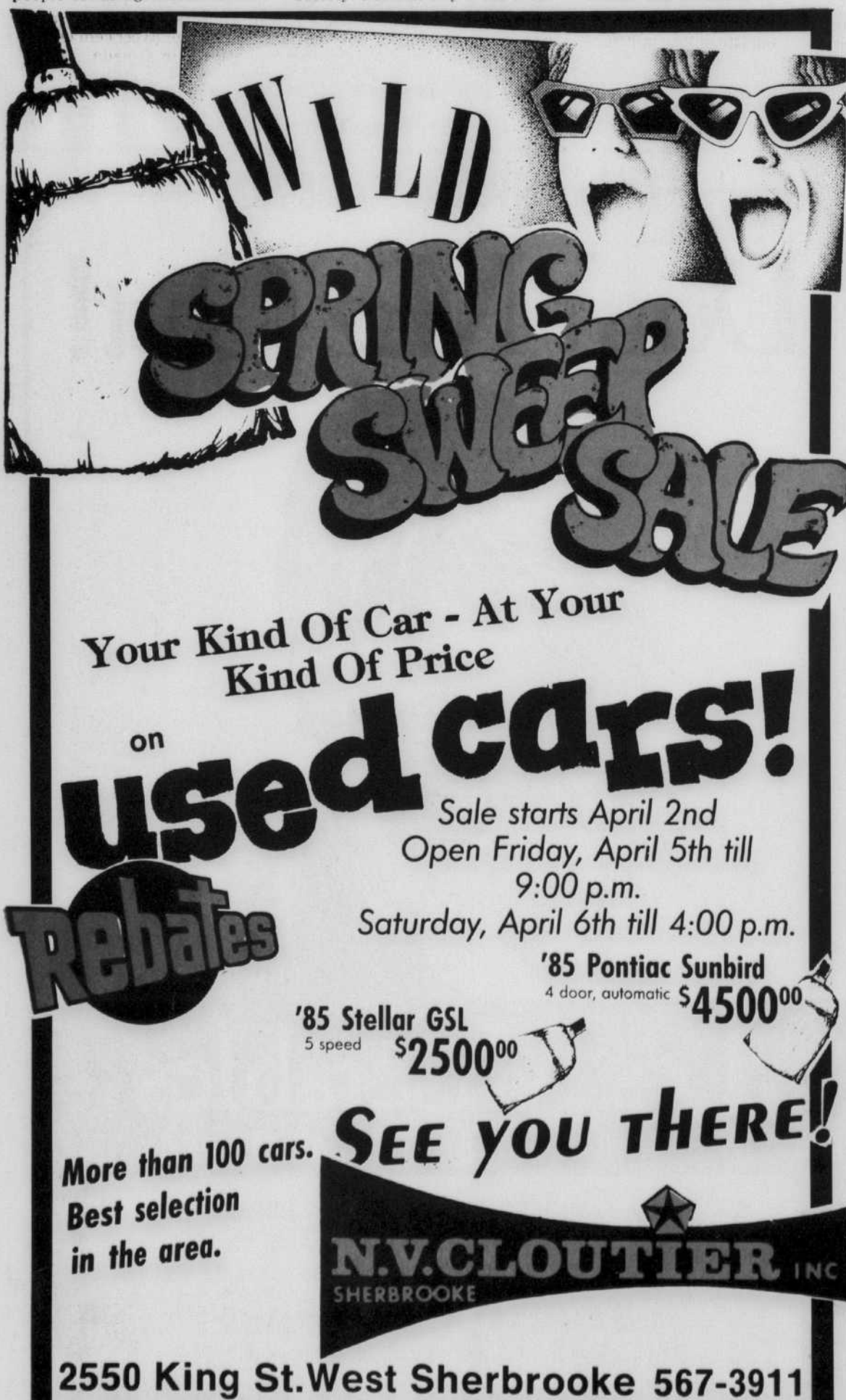
One Labrador named Alex is now dead. The other, a Great Dane named Sam, will live, but he is full of buckshot and has a broken hind leg. It will cost a great deal to fix him up and he will never be really healthy.

If those dogs were hurting someone I could see the justification in shooting them, but they just happened to be on the man's property. Did he have the right to shoot 16 rounds into these wonderful animals? If the law says he does, then the law needs to be changed. -- WEST POINT, IND.

DEAR INDIANA: If those dogs were just walking across the man's property, threatening no one, that man should be checked out. He could be dangerous. According to Gary Lawson at Northwestern University Law School, he almost surely had no legal right to shoot those dogs since they were not endangering people or property. The dogs' owner may be entitled to recover damages.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Little of Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, James Wayne to Joanne Carolyn Menard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Menard of Toronto, Ont. The wedding will take place on April 6, 1991, in Perth, Ontario.



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Western farmers face criticism, bleak future

By Sheila Robertson

Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

ESTON, Sask. (CP) — The fields are disturbingly bare of snow in this farming community southwest of Saskatoon.

Once again there are fears of drought, tempered with hope that rain will come, in abundance and at the right time.

Grain prices, government programs for farmers and the whims of nature preoccupy everyone here.

While economic problems have stressed many farm families to the limit, their difficulties touch the whole community.

That's something Carole-Ann Wilson has learned since she moved to Eston from Saskatoon, to work as a library technician at the high school.

"This is the friendliest community, but everyone's depressed now," said the single parent.

"Most of the farmers are having a tough time, and a lot of my friends have moved."

The population was 1,500 when Wilson came three years ago; it's 1,100 now. Her job ends in June, a casualty of dramatically declining enrolment at the school. She'll likely look for work in Alberta.

Couples who have bolstered foundering farms with jobs in town are finding those jobs disappearing now, she said, adding she didn't appreciate the interconnectedness of rural and urban sectors before.

"Now I totally support the farmers. I like to see them make it, because I know I won't if they don't."

Isabelle Ryde, who has a farm near Richlea, said lack of understanding about the crisis in agriculture has alienated her from some of her city friends.

TRYING HARD

"They think we're just waiting for government handouts. They don't realize how hard we're trying, and that the subsidy programs are the only little bit of hopeful news we've had in a long time."

Ryde works as a substitute driver on school bus routes and her husband has an off-farm business that occupies most weekends.

"I'm doing more field work now, because we can't afford to hire help," she said. "When I drive the truck — if there's enough grain to haul — I take my five-year-old daughter with me."

Farm women have had to take on extra responsibilities, but their willingness to discuss the situation gives them an advantage, Ryde said.

"The men will talk, but it's very negative. We'll go out and do aerobics together as a way of re-

leasing stress," said her friend, Beryl Hamilton, who farms near Madison.

"The men will go down to the Palace (the bar at an Eston motel), and when they leave, they're pretty depressed."

"It's devastating for the men," Ryde agreed. "They're proud, and when they start losing what they've worked all their lives for, it affects their whole self. The whole family suffers."

The results include alcohol abuse, violence, family breakdown and an increase in thefts in the area.

Hamilton, who was recently widowed, has 24 years' experience farming — she started out with her father when she was a teenager. Yet she can't wring a living from the land for herself and her three children.

SHOWS EVENTUALLY

"I haven't fertilized for four years, because it's not raining," she said. "And when you cut 'way back on inputs, it eventually shows up somewhere."

She's been working as a substitute teacher, but must finish her education degree to get a full-time job. She plans to attend university next year.

It angers her that people — the same people who take for granted low food prices — gripe about farm aid.

"We need a base wage until things turn around," she insisted. "People who can buy a pound of steak for \$4 instead of \$17 have no idea what's gone into it. They don't see me hauling feed at 4 a.m. because that's when the moisture content of the hay is right."

Hamilton and Ryde have seen their neighbors give up and move away, with big corporations taking over the land to lease out. It's a painful development for those who sought in farming not just a living but a way of life.

"We want our children to be proud of their heritage, but how do we give them opportunities here?" asked Hamilton.

Sandra Robertson, whose teaching job at the Eston high school supports her family, puts it more bluntly: "We've never encouraged our three children to farm, because there's no future in it."

"My husband is very discouraged. His father homesteaded here in 1912 and I don't think he ever had any plans to leave...but all the plans we had for expansion have changed drastically."

Farming is as risky as when they started out 16 years ago, "but it's become a lot more complicated, with all the ad hoc programs," she said.

"City people just don't understand. No; absolutely not."

By Allan Swift

MONTREAL (CP) — Canada is entering a new era of deflation with lower interest rates, but the unstable political situation in Quebec poses a great financial risk for the economy, says the respected Bank Credit Analyst.

The international version of the monthly trend publication, focusing on Canada and intended for foreign investors, warns that the political situation is a "major wild card."

The outlook for the Canadian economy in the medium term is brightening, says the March issue of the publication, but "investors must be prepared for market gyrations related to potential disappointment in the political situation in the next 12 to 18 months."

"The status of difficulties between Quebec and Canada remains unresolved. Financial markets do not seem to have allowed for the possibility that negotiations could easily turn sour."

The Bank Credit Analyst, published and produced in Montreal by a team of economists lead by Anthony Boeckh, adds that "the clock is ticking and time is running out for solutions" to the constitutional im-

passe.

Last December the Bank Credit Analyst issued a special report on Canada in which it predicted that "a referendum on sovereignty for Quebec looms next year and will

Banks cut interest rates

By Larry Welsh

OTTAWA (CP) — Major banks cut their prime rate Tuesday amid devastating economic news.

The Bank of Montreal started a round of interest rate cuts, the first in more than a month, after Statistics Canada reported the goods and services tax sent shockwaves through the economy in January.

The bank cut its prime rate, a benchmark for a wide range of loan and deposit rates, to 10.75 per cent from 11 per cent, effective today.

The Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto-Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce followed suit, cutting their prime rate to 10.75 per cent from 11.25 per cent.

succeed by a wide margin."

Since then, the governing Liberal Party has adopted a report calling for a referendum in 1992 unless Quebec and the rest of Canada can agree to a new structure giving

Quebec new powers.

The March issue of the Credit Analyst noted the report's earlier recommendations "were received coolly by much of the rest of Canada."

It added that the 1992 referendum "could shake the confidence of foreign investors."

The Quebec question aside, the Credit Analyst forecasts the Canadian economy could hit a trough as early as mid-year "but will remain weak for the foreseeable future."

Prices and inflation will continue to drop slowly. Interest rates will also decline slowly by one to two percentage points over 1991 and 1992 but will remain high enough to "pose a significant barrier to a strong economic recovery for the next year or two."

While the goods and service tax boosted inflation to 6.8 per cent in January, the GST will have only a limited effect, says the Credit Analyst. The weakness of the economy, with a national unemployment rate nearing 10 per cent, will discourage salary catchups in labor agreements.

Stocks are in the early stages of a recovery and they will outperform bonds during the next year but both markets should fare well.

Training course to help Canada compete

TORONTO (CP) — A management training system designed to stimulate productivity and help Canadian companies compete internationally was launched Tuesday by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The programs in the system, called Compete to Win, are aimed at virtually everyone in a company — from the president down to the rank and file, said Blake Gilmore, a Toronto-based consultant hired to develop the system.

"It's more than just a training program, it's an entire system for

rejuvenating an organization at every level of the firm," Gilmore told a news conference.

Gilmore said good corporate planning involves updating business plans and keeping abreast of new ideas and competition. For the most part, he said, Canadian businesses haven't kept pace.

Laurent Thibault, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said manuals, training courses and videos will promote leadership skills that increase productivity.

An advisory group composed of government and academic representatives as well as employees and company executives helped put the system together after discussions that began six years ago, he said.

\$1.8-MILLION GRANT

While the federal government provided a \$1.8-million grant for research and development, the programs are expected to sell on their own without any further government help, Thibault said.

The cost of the programs could range from a few hundred dollars

for a small business to several thousand for large companies, Gilmore said.

Arthur Kroeger, federal deputy minister of employment and immigration, said the rules of the trading game have changed over the years and the new system should help.

"It's recognition that the key to effectiveness in the world market and economic survival is not things like customs tariffs, but rather... the quality of this country's workforce."

Breweries win small battle with taxman

By Rob Carrick

TORONTO (CP) — Canada's brewing industry has won a small battle against one of its most implacable foes — the taxman.

Since Feb. 1, brewers have been allowed to make excise tax payments to the federal government once a month instead of each day.

The change won't result in lower prices for consumers but should provide some relief for the heavily taxed industry, said Sandy Morrison, president of the Brewers Association of Canada.

Morrison said brewers used to have to pay excise taxes daily, before they received any sales revenue. That created a cash-flow problem, particularly for smaller operations known as microbreweries.

He said the brewing industry has sought permission to pay its excise tax less often for years and redoubled its efforts when Ottawa announced it would boost the excise by 45 per cent in January.

The excise hike was used to make up for the revenue lost when the old 19 per cent federal sales tax

levied on beer at the wholesale level was replaced with the seven per cent goods and services tax at the retail level.

The increase will fatten the excise paid by brewers to \$562 million this year from \$400 million in 1990, the brewers association estimates.

Morrison said microbrewers faced the prospect of having to take out bank loans to pay the higher excise, while total borrowing costs for the entire brewing industry could have reached \$4 million.

A BIG BURDEN

"We went to Finance Minister Michael Wilson and said fair's fair, but this is really imposing a big burden," Morrison said. "Wilson acknowledged that was not the intent, and the adjustment was made."

Microbrewers were generally pleased about the move, saying they expect to have an easier time managing their finances. But they still had a battery of complaints about taxation.

Rob Mingay, president of Whistler Brewing Co. Ltd. in British Columbia, complained about the

confusion created by the introduction of the new GST and higher excise tax.

"At present, it's an administrative nightmare," he said. "We've added considerable bookkeeping costs."

Mingay was also angry over the government's decision not to let the price of beer fall with introduction of the GST.

"The whole game with excise tax is a real shemzzle," he said. "It's one of the big tax grabs of the past five years and nobody paid attention to it."

The brewers association says taxes account for 53 per cent of the price of beer in Canada, about three times the rate in the United States.

Business brief

SHERBROOKE — An Acton Vale factory that produces rubber products and skates will be able to modernize its equipment thanks to a \$3-million investment by the Solidarity Fund of the Quebec Federation of Labor.

The Fund bought \$3 million worth of stock in A. Lambert International Inc., which has its head office in Montreal but runs its main plant in Acton Vale.

André Archambault, the factory's director, said that at first the modernization will only require moving some employees around, but he said it could mean some new jobs soon. The plant now employs about 400 people.

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and shoes. Daoust skates, and other rubber products for industrial use.

TORONTO (CP) — The recession hasn't dampened the appetite for expansion of the Wendy's hamburger chain.

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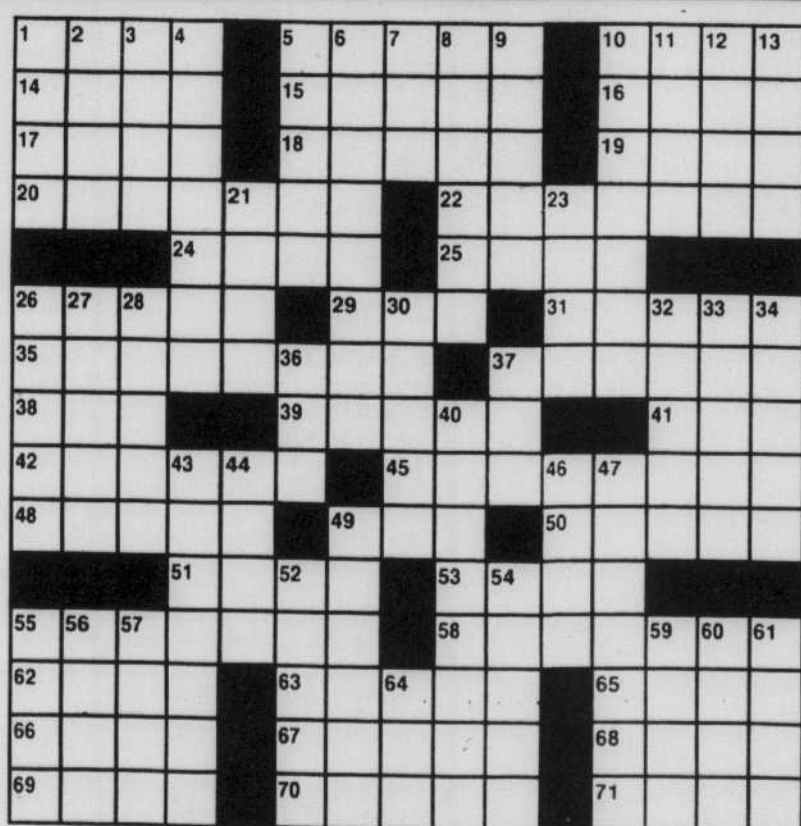
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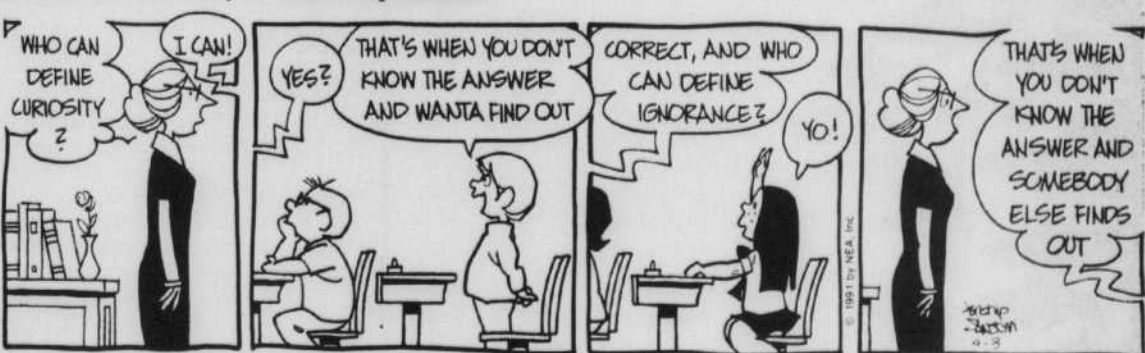
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Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial UCW executive hold spring meeting at Plymouth-Trinity

The members of the executive held their spring meeting in the parlour of Plymouth-Trinity United Church, Sherbrooke with nineteen members attending. President Bernice Beattie welcomed everyone and led in repeating the UCW Purpose. Thelma Westman led the Opening Worship with a Bible reading from Joel 2:12-19 and a devotional reading in keeping with Ash Wednesday. The agenda was circulated and accepted with two items added, and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as circulated.

Correspondence read included a letter from Nestlé denying the charge that they are "Dumping" infant formula in hospitals in the third world. They claim that the formula is supplied only on request. A letter was read from Sheila Firth-Warland, a candidate for the ministry, who requested financial aid in pursuing her studies. A third letter from Jean Webster tendered her resignation as Convenor for Supply and Welfare. She suggested this portfolio might better be undertaken by a UCW group or unit, as it involves a great deal of work; she will continue buying the string for knitted bandages as she has a very good supplier.

New business included going over the list of officers of the UCW groups to correct errors or omissions, and selecting members to represent us on the Presbytery Planning Committee. Names suggested for Spring Presbytery were Mildred Irvin and Betty Black who were to be asked if they would serve. Margie McBurney will represent us on the committee for the Fall Presbytery.

Treasurer Elaine Chamberlain presented the financial report for 1990 and moved its acceptance which was seconded by Jean Webster, and carried. A financial statement up to the present date showed that both of our accounts and the Bursary Fund show favourable balances. Elaine then presented a budget for 1991 prepared with the assistance of the Finance Committee. It was moved by Elaine, seconded by Marion Mayhew that this budget be presented at the annual meeting and carried. The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the travel allowance be raised to 15 cents per kilometer was also approved. It was moved by Ileana Burns, seconded by Margie McBurney and carried that we respond to the request of Sheila Firth-Warland by allotting \$200.00 to her from the Bursary Fund to help her purchase textbooks.

Thelma Fowler gave her report on Fall Presbytery and stated that as a first-time delegate she found it very interesting. Bernice Beattie

read the report on the two Enrichment Days prepared by Bethanne Monteith which stated that very interesting discussions took place on the topic "Gospel, Media and Culture".

At noon the group broke for lunch and enjoyed the homemade soup, muffins, tea and coffee provided by the Sherbrooke UCW to supplement our bag lunches.

The afternoon session began with a report by Bernice on the Conference UCW meeting at the Conference office in Montreal on January 16, when plans for the Summer Event at Kemptville on July 12, 13 and 14 were discussed. Thelma Westman and Ileana Burns will make enquiries as to the probable cost of chartering a bus if enough people are interested in attending the Event. A report will be given at the annual meeting. Hazel Rogers gave a Stewardship report in which she said that the Horn of Africa Appeal will be repeated as famine conditions are even worse than last year. It was moved by Thelma Fowler, seconded by Hilda Archer that the Presbyterial donate \$500.00 to the Horn of Africa Appeal. Carried. Hazel also mentioned that Presbytery has plans to hold an Ecology Workshop at Quebec Lodge on April 12 and 13. This will be led by David Hallman, author of "Creation in Crisis" and a dynamic speaker on a subject close to his heart.

Plans for the Presbyterial annual meeting were discussed and the date agreed on was April 11, with Magog UCW to be asked to host the Event and Vivienne Galanis to be invited as guest speaker. The theme chosen was "Reaching Out" and Mrs. Galanis would speak on that subject, drawing on her extensive work with refugees.

Hilda Archer, Helen McGovern and Ileana Burns will be delegates to the Conference UCW annual meeting to be held at St. Anicet on May 15 and 16. Other delegates and observers will be chosen at our annual meeting. The delegate to Spring Presbytery will be Thelma Fowler with Margie McBurney as alternate.

The next executive meeting will take place on June 6 and Hazel Rogers agreed to contact the Hatley UCW to see if they can host the meeting on that date.

A warm thank you was extended to the Sherbrooke UCW for their hospitality, for the coffee and muffins to greet us and the soup and beverage at noon. The meeting was closed by the Mizpah benediction.

Submitted by
Ileana Burns,
Secretary for Press
and Publicity
Quebec-Sherbrooke
Presbyterial U.C.W.

Birchton

Muriel Prescott

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin, Vernon, Vt., and Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Broadus, Montana, were overnight guests of Mrs. Eleanor Taylor on March 7 and 8th and Mrs. Helen Taylor was a supper guest during their visit.

On March 9 Mrs. Anita McKenna arrived from Nova Scotia to spend two weeks at the home of her sister, Eleanor Taylor. Eleanor entertained their cousins, Mrs. Ashley Hatcher, Moulton Hill and Mrs. Norma Winget, Lennoxville, for dinner on March 13. They were glad to have the opportunity to reminisce about the good old days with their cousin Anita. However, that same evening Mrs. McKenna became ill and Dr. Lowry was called. The next day he recommended that she be sent by ambulance to the Sherbrooke Hospital where she is now progressing favorably and hopes to shortly return to resume her visit in Birchton.

Dr. Donald Fraser and his wife, Dr. Anne McKenna, Saskatoon, Sask. and their children James and Sarah Fraser were dinner guests of Anne's aunt, Eleanor Taylor on March 9 and again on March 15. They were en route to and from a skiing vacation at Sugar Bush area in Northern Maine.

Mildred Judge and Hazel Rogers attended a bridal shower for Cindy Castonguay at the Community Center in Sawyerville.

Mrs. Hazel Rogers called on Mrs. Edith Bellam in Sawyerville one afternoon.

Bain, Darlene and Robert Rogers, Lennoxville, were Sunday dinner guests of Arthur and Hazel Rogers. Steve Rogers was a Saturday luncheon guest.

Card party

SAWYERVILLE — On March 9 a card party was held in the Community Center sponsored by the Sawyerville Women's Institute with 14 tables in play.

Prize winners: Ladies 1st, Sylvia Tyson, 2nd, Gertie Hetherington, Consolation, Jenny Spaulding, Gents 1st, Herbert Rowell, 2nd, Cecil Ross, Consolation, Eric Fisher, 9 hearts bid, Chester Hartwell; marked plate, Grant Taylor.

Door prizes: Wilda Robinson, Clinton Rand, Ruby Waldron, Abbie French, Grant Taylor, Mildred Judge, Cecile Savard, Verna Westgate, Audrey Dougherty, Ernestine Hodge, Ruth Nugent, Doreen Rand, Kathleen Mackay, Lillian Smith, Roy Betts, Meryl Nutbrown, Roland Warburton, Alton Fowler, Elva Glen.

Grocery box - Kathleen Mackay; 2nd, Ruth Nugent.

Refreshments were served by Lavina French, Bonnie Fowler and Lillian Laroche. Dorothy Loveland and Ruth Nugent gave out the prizes. We wish to thank everyone who attended or helped in any way.

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But sometimes I wonder
Will tourism ruin our region?
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Card of Thanks

ELDRIDGE — I wish to thank friends and relatives for the many cards and visits I have received since being a patient in the B.M.P. Hospital. A special thanks to my family and friends for the cards, gifts, flowers and special evening when I celebrated my 95th birthday. Your kindness will always be remembered. An extra special thanks to the nurses on the third floor and to Rev. Keith Schmidt and the Rev. Ryk Allen for their many visits.
HAZEL ELDRIDGE

Brieflet

SHERBROOKE

Mission Circle Easter Salad Supper, St. Patrick's Church Hall, Saturday, April 6, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Bake sale and variety table. Admission: \$6.00.

Obituary

MILDRED MOREY of Greenlay, Que.

The death of one of Greenlay's oldest and highly respected citizens occurred on January 31, 1991 at St. Philippe's Residence, Windsor, Que.

Mildred Morey, the eldest child of Arthur Destromp and his wife Winona Astbury, was born in Eustis, Quebec on January 19, 1905.

The family moved to the 12th range of Windsor about 1907 and lived in and around Windsor until 1921, when they settled permanently in Greenlay, Que.

Mildred attended the French school in the 12th range, then continued her education at the Convent and Academy in Windsor. She studied music and became the organist at St. George's Anglican and St. Andrew's United for over fifty years.

She was married to Reynolds Morey, also of Greenlay, he predeceased her in 1953.

Their son Garth was an active member of the Greenlay community until his death in 1979.

Until a little more than a year ago, Mildred maintained her home in Greenlay, which she had shared with her son.

She was interested in the community and collected a wealth of information of historical interest, not only of the locale but of its people as well.

She was fiercely proud of her home, an excellent housekeeper and cook, many people enjoyed her home-made bread, rolls and doughnuts.

Though never a robust person, she kept her fingers busy with crocheting, tatting, knitting, sewing and filet-lace making, until arthritis limited her ability to pursue these crafts.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a sister Louise Oliver of Mansonville, Que., a brother John Destromp of Greenlay, Que., nieces and nephews. A brother Kenneth predeceased her in 1977.

Her nephew Ronald Destromp and his wife Therese contributed immeasurably to her comfort and well-being by their devotion after her son's death.

Births

DUPUIS — John and Karen (Morey) announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Douglas, 9 lbs. 2 oz., at 6:40 a.m. on March 27, 1991 at Littleton Regional Hospital, Littleton, N.H. A brother for Jillian, Grandson to Mr. and Mrs. D. Morey and Mr. and Mrs. H. Dupuis.

NELSON-ANTINK — We, Trenholm and Pauline, are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Lee Ann, 8 lbs. 6 oz., on March 7, 1991. Granddaughter of Willie and Dini Antink of Hatley and William and Shirley Nelson of Kingsbury.

In Memoriam

GIFFORD, Hazel — In loving memory of my dear friend, April 3, 1985. A loved one lives forever In the hearts of those who cared.
HAZEL

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Deaths

CHRISTOFFERSEN, Gertrude (nee Woodley) — At the Côté Nursing Home in South Bolton, Que. on Monday, April 1, 1991 in her 87th year. Wife of the late Arne Christoffersen, formerly of Knowlton. Predeceased by her brother Woody. She leaves to mourn her godchild Birgit (Keith Belanger) and several nieces and nephews. Resting at Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home in Knowlton. Visitation 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1991 and from 12 noon on Friday. Funeral service from the Chapel on Friday at 2 p.m., the Rev. John Finlayson officiating. Cremation. Interment of Ashes at the Knowlton Protestant Cemetery at a later date.

CONWAY, David Michael Richard — Suddenly at his home in Ayer's Cliff, Que., April 1, 1991 in his 19th year. Survived by his father David Michael Andrew Conway and many friends. A memorial service will be held at St. Matthias Anglican Church, Fitch Bay, Que., on Wednesday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. In his memory contributions made to the St. Matthias Church In Memoriam Fund. Arrangements by Cass Funeral Home, Stanstead, Que.

HOLMES, Margaret (nee Corey)

— Peacefully at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, Cowansville, Que. on March 31, 1991 in her 64th year. Beloved wife of Bruce Holmes. Dearest mother of Freddie (Margaret Tracey), Eugene (Sylvia Sherrer), Michael, Kelly, Patrick (Christine Drouin), Katie (Daniel Bazin). Dear grandmother of Troy, Melinda, Wayne, Daniel, Amanda, Carol Ann., Patricia, Beau, Corey, Cole, Elise, Sarah, Alexa, Justin, Arreal, Vicki. Great-grandmother of Synders, Jason, Katilyn and Kurtis. Predeceased by her sister Mildred. Survived by her brothers Homer, Gerald, George and Jack, her brothers and sisters-in-law Rodger, Robert, Winston, Dennis, Heather, Carol and Brenda. Resting at Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home in Sutton. Visitation Tuesday, April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. on Wednesday. Funeral service at St. André Catholic Church in Sutton on Wednesday, April 3 at 11 a.m., Chanoine Tanguay officiating, the Rev. Keith Joyce assisting. Interment will follow at the St. André Cemetery in Sutton.

MILLER, Mary Ella — At the Griffith-McConnell Residence on April 1, 1990, age 93 years, wife of the late Lieut Raymond H. Miller, dear cousin of Margaret Lummis of Edmonton. Cremation. A memorial service will follow at a later date. Interment Mansonville Cemetery.

REDDEN, Edward M. — At the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on April 1, 1991 in his 93rd year, formerly of Rock Island, Que. Edward M. Redden beloved husband of the late Gladys M. Wasdell. Dear father of Edward R. and wife Lee. Survived by 3 granddaughters along with great-grandchildren. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 39 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead where friends may call to meet with the family 1 hour prior to service on Thursday April 4 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Deborah Laing officiating. Spring interment in the Crystal Lake Cemetery, Stanstead.

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Sports

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Galt, Massey-Vanier clash off-ice in Provincial tournament

By Mike Shahin

SHERBROOKE — Last weekend's QASA Provincial High School Hockey Championships in Greenfield Park had terrific on-ice action, with Galt making it to the semi-finals and Massey-Vanier winning the consolation final. But some of the off-ice discussion was not to everyone's taste.

After Galt's opening game against John Rennie, defenceman Sean Ride was declared ineligible to play by tournament director Steve Mitchell. Ride had a suspension which carried over from a spearing penalty he received in the

ETIAC playoffs against Massey-Vanier. The suspension was brought to Mitchell's attention by Massey-Vanier coach Kim Glover during Galt's game against John Rennie.

Ride sat out one game in the ETIAC finals, but Mitchell said league rules state that he should have been suspended for two or three games.

Two questions were raised at the Provincials. Why did Ride miss only one game? And why did Glover wait until the tournament was underway to bring the matter to Mitchell's attention?

Glover said he knew Ride was ineligible but he wasn't aware Galt would play the defenceman "until they started the game and I saw him on the ice."

FIRST YEAR

"I never went to see Steve (Mitchell) about lodging a protest," Glover said Monday. "It's my first year coaching and I didn't know how to approach this. I went to see him about what I should do about the situation."

Galt assistant coach Bob Halsall said ETIAC didn't make a ruling on Ride's case — which left Galt to interpret league rules and apply a

suspension.

"It was an honest mistake," Halsall said before Galt's semi-final game on Saturday. "We did not do it (give Ride only a one-game suspension) on intent."

Mitchell said Monday that he "believes them both" but "both sides are at fault."

"The perception was that (Galt coach Brian Heath) was playing around," Mitchell said. "Galt didn't know their rules well enough."

"And Kim (Glover) should have brought it up earlier — he should've spoken to Galt about it."

He had a right to do what he did, but the timing was off."

Glover said "the Galt coaches were saying I planned this all along. That was the furthest thing from my mind."

"I'm the one being made out to look like the bad guy when I just did the honest thing," he said.

EASE UP

Mitchell said Galt and Massey-Vanier have to "ease up on each other" so that they can continue to be included in high school competitions between leagues.

"Both of those schools put too

much emphasis on winning," he said.

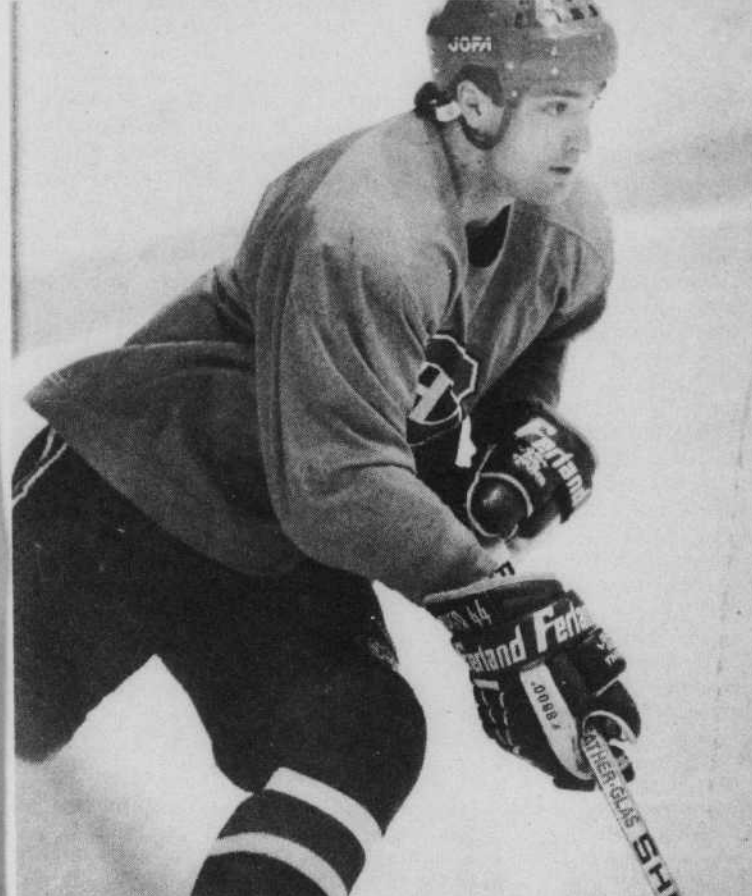
As for Glover, he says he's tired of confrontations with his fellow coaches.

"I'm frustrated — and that will affect whether I decide to coach again."

Glover, whose first year as a hockey coach came to a close at the provincials, said he is "keeping his options open" concerning coaching the Vikings next year.

He said the time he has to devote to hockey is getting in the way of his professional goals as a teacher.

Canadiens bond in Bromont to prep for playoff opener



Stéphane Richer had on his game-face during yesterday's workout in Bromont. Richer narrowly escaped a serious eye injury later in the practice.

By Mike Shahin

BROMONT — The Montreal Canadiens will go into tonight's opening playoff game against the Buffalo Sabres with fresh country air in their lungs and visions of snow-peaked mountains in their heads.

The Habs' two-day "road trip" to this small ski-resort in the Eastern Townships was meant to give the players a chance to focus on the task at hand — beating the Sabres — together as a team. It also gave them a chance to relax.

"I think the trip has served its purpose," Canadiens General Manager Serge Savard said during yesterday's practice at the Bromont Sports Centre.

"We had a heavy weekend to finish the season," Savard said. "Sunday's game in Quebec finished around midnight. We needed the break."

Russ Courtnall said he has no trouble focusing himself when it comes to big games, but he admitted such a trip can be good for the team as a whole.

"If as a group it'll bring us more together, then it's worth it," Courtnall said after a two-hour afternoon workout.

"Especially for the guys who

have kids — it's important for them to be able to sleep through the night. They were able to do that here."

So les Canadiens have slept well and bonded like a good hockey team should. But are they ready to beat the Sabres in their best-of-seven Adams Division semi-final matchup?

GM Savard says they are. He said he sees no big weaknesses on his team. He refers back to last year's playoffs when Buffalo finished third in league standings before losing to Montreal in six games in the first round.

"A lot of people are picking us to win this year," he said. "Nobody was doing that last year."

Montreal had four wins and two ties in eight games against Buffalo this year. Buffalo finished third in the Adams Division, eight points behind the second-place Canadiens.

"Besides," Savard added, "we have almost a full lineup. We're going into the playoffs healthier than we were two or three weeks ago."

One Canadian who won't start tonight's series is defenceman Alain Côté, who is in hospital with an eye injury suffered on the weekend

when he was hit by Quebec's Scott Pearson. Savard said Côté will probably skate by the end of this week.

KEANE UNCERTAIN

Mike Keane skated early in the practice, but was considered a "question mark" by Savard. Keane called his own status "uncertain" before going to see the team trainer about his bruised neck.

Denis Savard's bruised ankle didn't seem to hinder his movement in practice. Savard was flying. Lyle Odelein practised as well — skating like his bruised foot was back to normal.

Courtnall, this year's Molson Cup winner and the team's top point-getter with 26 goals and 50 assists, is not worried about the injuries.

"When we miss a couple of guys, we have the players who can fill the holes, good solid defensive-style players," he said. "The better we can play defensively, the better chance we have to win."

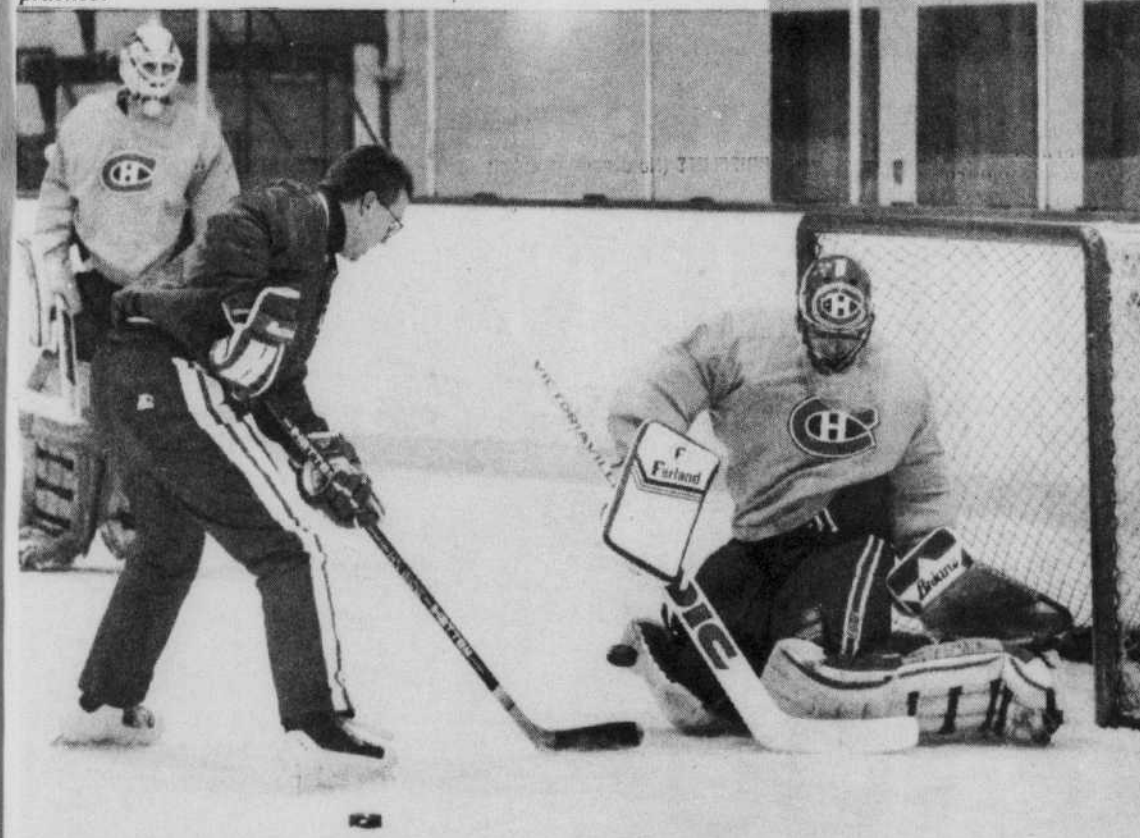
NOTES—Stéphane Richer almost joined the ranks of the injured during yesterday's workout. He was struck in the face by Lyle Odelein's stick during a drill. Fortunately, Richer said, the stick caught a piece of his helmet, deflecting the

blow.

Richer had a welt just beneath his left eye after practice.



Courtnall: "I stay focused no matter what."



Starting goaltender Patrick Roy didn't show any sign of an ankle injury that sidelined him earlier this season. Backup André Racicot looks on for pointers.

Expos blank Yanks with power

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The Montreal Expos had 15 hits and stole six bases in routing the New York Yankees 8-0 in exhibition baseball Tuesday.

Junior Noboa recorded three stolen bases to pace the Expos' running game against rookie catcher John Ramos. Delino DeShields swiped two bases, and was

on the scoring end of a successful double steal with Ivan Calderon in Montreal's three-run first inning.

Andres Galarraga provided the big hit in the Expos' first inning with a two-run home run off loser Chuck Cary. He added a run-scoring groundout in Montreal's

three-run seventh against Steve Howe.

Howard Farmer, Bill Long, Mel Rojas, Steve Frey and Tim Burke combined to six-hit the Yankees. Long, the second Montreal pitcher, highlighted the strong effort with 3 1-3 innings of hitless relief.

Coach Burns and his coaching staff set their sights on the Sabres.

Baseball roundup

By The Associated Press

Seven more players were let go Tuesday, the last possible day to place a player on waivers without guaranteeing his entire 1991 salary.

Pitchers Kevin Hickey and John Mitchell of Baltimore, infielder Edgar Diaz and outfielder Mike Felder of Milwaukee, infielder Nelson Liriano of Minnesota, pitcher Jose Guzman of Texas and pitcher Don Carman of Houston all were placed on unconditional release waivers.

That brought the total waived during spring training to 36. The three dozen, some of whom still may be claimed through Friday, will get a total of \$4,798,510 in termination pay instead of \$18,102,500 in salaries.

"I played good, so what can I do?" Liriano said, hinting that his \$507,500 salary was part of the decision. "I have a good feeling on my part because I felt I played well for them. They know why they released me."

Fernando Valenzuela, placed on waivers by the Los Angeles Dodgers last Thursday, cleared Tuesday and became a free agent.

FIND SPOTS

While some players were shuffling off, several found spots on major league rosters. The biggest name among them was 39-year-old pitcher Mike Flanagan, who agreed to a one-year, \$250,000 contract with the Baltimore

Orioles.

He pitched three solid innings Tuesday in Baltimore's 10-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves at West Palm Beach, Fla., has a 2.00 ERA in five games this spring, and will be the Orioles' left-handed middle reliever.

In exhibition games: Minnesota

beat St. Louis 6-3, Pittsburgh beat Detroit 5-2, Kansas City beat the New York Mets 9-0, Montreal beat the New York Yankees 8-0, Los Angeles beat Houston 2-0, Baltimore beat Atlanta 10-5, Oakland beat Cleveland 10-7, Milwaukee beat San Francisco 7-6, Seattle beat the Chicago Cubs 11-5 and California beat San Diego 10-4.

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Dealer: South			
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2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 9			

Variation on a theme

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday we looked at the basic surrounding play. A defender holding K-J-9 of hearts and seeing the 10-8-7 in the dummy on his right, led the jack. This collected three tricks when declarer held Q-5-4 and his partner A-6-3-2. Note that the defender must lead the jack, not the king or nine, to guarantee collecting three tricks. Today's deal is a variation on this theme.

West leads the nine of clubs, and East wins with the ace. Seeing no future in that suit, East looks around for something better. Naturally his eyes alight on spades, a logical choice since South's two-diamond response to Stayman means he holds no more than three spades.

If not knowledgeable about the surrounding play, East would switch to the seven of spades. But that gives declarer a chance. He plays low from hand and West has to put up the king. The jack of spades is safe from attack, and three no-trump will be made.

Now look what happens if East switches to the 10 of spades. Declarer

will probably win with dummy's ace and try the diamond finesse, but it loses and the defenders run the spade suit for two down.

Declarer does better to duck the first spade and win the second, because it puts pressure on West. But West should know that East has the queen of spades. When making a surrounding play, East guarantees holding a higher, non-touching honor. So, on the second round of spades, West must unblock his king. Once more declarer will be forced to take the diamond finesse for his contract, and he is doomed to defeat.

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**Your
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April 3, 1991

Conditions having an influence on your career may be subject to sudden changes in the year ahead. These alterations could produce unique opportunities of a fleeting nature.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not promise to do things under duress or for the sake of expediency today. If you do, it's likely you'll perform in an irresponsible manner and garner poor results. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your hunches could have a strong influence over your behavior today. Unfortunately, they might not be reliable, so think twice before yielding to these inclinations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your views aren't readily accepted today, don't try to impose them on your associates, especially if you're involved in a collective venture that's delicately balanced.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something in which you're presently involved needs the support of others in order to succeed. But, if you presume to have their backing without verification, the endeavor might fail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some of your ideas could be rather clever today, but they may be impossible to implement. Your co-workers won't be too happy if you mess things up by experimenting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to let your curiosity run away with you today and cause you to poke your nose into a matter that a friend is trying to keep confidential. Your probes won't be welcomed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The desire to do your own thing — refusing to go along with the advice of experienced others and leaping into the unknown — could create problems for you today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's not like you to lack a game plan before taking on an assignment, but this is a possibility today. Your efforts could prove ineffective, owing to an absence of method.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any small financial surplus you've accumulated lately might not be intact at the close of the day; your extravagant whims may override your prudent concerns and blow the whole wad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you have assigned a critical task to another, it's very important that you double-check final results today. This individual may claim that something is completed when, in fact, it's not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's best not to prematurely discuss your intentions with others today; you may have to contend with developments that will prevent you from doing what you had initially intended.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep your enthusiasm within reasonable bounds at this time, especially if you are suddenly intrigued by a new interest. There's a chance that its appeal may wane at an equally rapid rate.

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ASTRO-GRAPH



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St. Francis 50 Plus Club join in festivities

RICHMOND (SD) — On Sunday, March 17, the St. Francis 50 Plus Club participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade here in town. A car, representing the club, was entered bearing placards on each side and on the car hood. The occupants were the Club Registrar, Eleanor Aspinall with her grandson, Jamie Platt and the President, Ray Woods and his Chief Assistant, wife Elsie. It is personally estimated that approximately 3000 watched this parade on such a gloriously sunny and warm day.

Following the parade, refreshments were enjoyed at the Canadian Legion, Branch 15, with a delicious serving of sandwiches, a variety of cakes, cookies and coffee. Again, the Club wishes to thank the Richmond St. Patrick's Society for including them in their parade activity.

On Monday, March 18, at the regular weekly club meeting, a salad and casserole luncheon was enjoyed by nearly 46 members. As members entered, they were presented with pins in the commemoration of St. Patrick. Also, a pamphlet in which was included a story of St. Patrick about the Irish immigrants of 1847 — the typhus fever epidemic and the Irish settlers in Melbourne Municipality. "Just as the shamrock has three leaves and one stem" said Patrick "so there are three persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — in one God".

The afternoon entertainment included many Irish songs by Marion Sutherland of Danville accompanied by Audrey Millar at the piano. Bertha Grainger also provided us with unrehearsed piano music which we all enjoyed. Members of

the St. Patrick's Society arrived with Joe Burns providing the entertainment with a reading and some Irish jokes. The festivities concluded with Alice Melish and the junior cloggers which was tremendously enjoyed by all. We must not forget Hazel Carson with her jokes or Rachel Johnston commenting on local history.

The afternoon closed with the serving of a four-leaf shamrock cake — indicating the luck of the Irish. The cake was cut by Beatrice Rodgers, our eldest member. Marie Dietrick baked this decorative cake which was donated by Elsie Woods. The President introduced a new member, Marge Dobb, and finished by thanking all for their assistance in making St. Patrick's celebration a success. See you next week.

Ray Woods

Women's Institute meeting

BELVIDERE — The W.I. members met at Mickie Povey's, 40 B Park St., for their regular gathering in March at 2 p.m. Collect and Salute to the flag repeated. President Jessie Moore thanked the entertainer and members who assisted with refreshments.

Motto — Whatever your responsibility, do it cheerfully. Roll Call — answered by ten members and a guest was also welcomed. Program — Report of County meeting.

Secretary read the minutes and approved. Treasurer, Irene Paige gave a good bank balance, no bills.

Correspondence was a letter and donation from Mrs. C. Tarte in Ottawa, including helpful hints in the Communication Quebec papers.

Agriculture and Canadian Industries — Kathleen Reid read from the Record. Farm and Business. "Methods must change to protect soil." World Day of Prayer Service held at St. Peter's Church. Guest speaker was Miss Doris Pitman, former missionary to Angola, Africa "On the Journey Together" prepared by the women of Kenya.

Citizenship & Legislation — Margaret Kinkead mentioned the war is finished, but plenty to do yet. Read Differences by Marjorie Ferris. We were born to disagree. Long live our differences.

Education & Cultural Activities: Margaret Smart absent, no report. Likely next month.

Home Economics & Health — Hazel McGee sent in, "Facts on Colds", read by Mina Morrison,

also. "Forcing retirement seeks graves." Used stamps, Campbell soup labels, bread tags and many old cards given to Irene Paige for the convener.

International Affairs — Mary Campbell read from the Gazette. "Canadian group set to send medical supplies to Baghdad."

Publicity — Mickie sent write-up to the Record and intended to mention and congratulate, Irene Paige, Phyllis Hazard and Kathleen Reid on perfect attendance for last year.

Sunshine — Get-well cards were sent. Thanks extended to W.I. members for valentines from Mrs. Mona Macdonald, Mrs. Beryl Parker and Miss Hazel McGee, also from Mrs. Catherine Tarte for Christmas and birthday cards. A dear friend, Mrs. Vera Todd is in the Sherbrooke Hospital so we signed a card for her. "Best wishes to all."

Ways & Means — Phyllis Hazard received some raffle books, filled in and more later.

Our County delegate, Kathleen Reid gave a splendid report of the February meeting, twenty-six were present.

Milby W.I. will observe their 60th Anniversary in April and a celebration will be held.

Under new business — a beautiful Abbie Pritchard Throw was presented to our dear Mrs. Myrtle Pitman by Jessie Moore. An appropriate reading from Irene Paige "The Woman Behind The Smile" was read by our President also. The daughter, Mrs. Gwen

Parker deserves much credit also for bringing the gift from Macdonald College in February. Told all at the meeting her mother will be entering the Grace Christian Home on March 11. She is wished good health and happiness. Likely some will go to Huntingville and visit, as there are many dear friends there also.

Pennies for Friendship and tea money collected, winner was Margaret Kinkead.

Meeting adjourned until April 4 at Michie Povey's residence, Margaret Kinkead assisting hostess.

Refreshments were then served. Weather was bad when all left for their homes.

Kinnear's Mills

Birthday wishes to Mrs. Eva Melrose of Inverness and Mrs. Charles Hacker of Thetford Mines, both celebrated their special day recently.

Founder's Day was celebrated by Women's Institute members and families with a sleigh ride, after which all met at the Community Hall for cards and games. At the close of the evening lunch was served, bringing a social time to a close.

The IOOF members and friends enjoyed sugar-on-snow and socializing at the Community Hall. The syrup was supplied by Lawrence, Charlie and Jim Allan.

The World Day of Prayer service was held at Candlish United Church.

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