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Protecting Yourself and Your Community



SYLVIA WARDEN

Sherbrooke Regional Police officer Jacques Gagnon said neighbourhood watch, yourself and the police are a team that must work together to fight crime and keep neighbourhoods safe. For the story, please turn to page 3.

Hydro worker injured in Sutton

Staff

A Hydro Quebec worker was taken to hospital Wednesday afternoon after receiving an electric shock while working on a power line in Sutton.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord said there were few details available before the Record's press time.

What was known is that

two Hydro workers were working on a line on Maple Street in Sutton. At about 1:15 p.m. one of the workers got an electric shock, and the authorities were contacted.

Dubord said the man was conscious when he was taken to the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital by ambulance. His condition, however, is not known.

Hash pipes seized at Granby CEGEP

Three vendors await charges

Staff

Three people have been arrested for selling hash pipes and knock-off designer shirts at the CEGEP de Granby.

The vendors, from the Montreal region, recently received permission from the college to set up a kiosk near the cafeteria to sell various items. Monday it was business as usual, and a passing

Granby Police officer happened to notice the drug paraphernalia. He contacted the Granby detachment of the RCMP with the news.

RCMP officers went over to check out the kiosk and arrested the three for selling the hash pipes. In all police seized 83 hash pipes and 10 counterfeit Nike, Fila and Tommy Hilfiger shirts.

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News of pending grandchild brightens day

It was one of those dreary days: raining, the temperature was mild and our recent long-awaited snowfall was slowly vanishing. The weekend of cross-country skiing we planned was being washed away.

A senior's golf tournament was on TV, but that only made me feel sorry for not being with them on the sun bathed golf course. The round-the-clock news channel told us about the hole in the new roof of the Olympic stadium,

Monica Lewinski's appearance before the senate committee, and three more snowmobile deaths. Who needs those stories on a day like today?

My companion and I decided to play a game of scrabble. As the game progressed it was evident that I was going to get trounced. My companion had inspiration for words like I never saw before. Then the telephone rang.

"Hurrah! Saved by the bell," I thought to myself.

"Hello!" said my companion to the caller. "What? Your not kidding me are you?" she said into the phone. "When are you expecting?" she asked.

I tried to get her attention and asked "Who's calling?" but she waved me down.

My companion was all excited as she passed me the phone. "It's our baby. She is going to have a baby!" she blurted out.

"Hello my little flea," I used the name I started to call her when she started school, "is it true?"

OUR MAN
THURSDAY

WILLIAM
COX

"Yes Daddy, it's true," she happily confirmed. "You will have your eighth

grandchild next September. A curly haired Beauceron just like his/her father. I love you! Bye. Bye."

Such news really made us forget the inclement weather and poured sunshine into our day. The game of scrabble ended then and there, Thank God. I got busy sending e-mails and calling friends and relatives.

My companion and I started to reminisce about the happy memories with our children and grandchildren. We talked about clothes, furniture, prams and the things that the new parents would be needing.

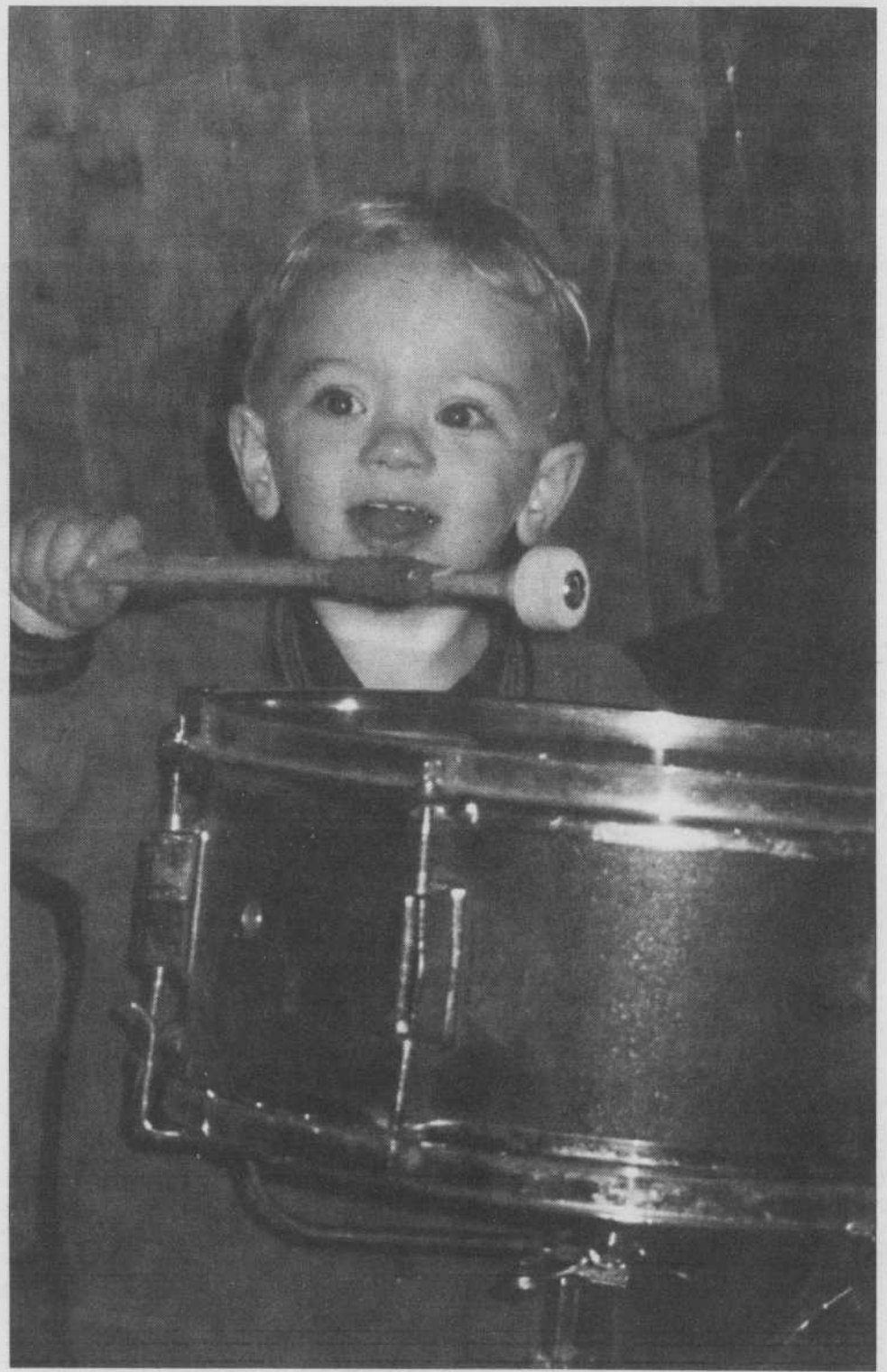
I took out my projector and our collection of old color slides. We spent hours watching the procession of growing young families and children on the screen, sometimes laughing and sometimes with tears in our eyes. My how fortunate we were to have our wonderful family to enjoy.

We talked about our daughter and the upcoming event right until bed time. Two happy grandparents laid their heads on the pillows that night.

"That's no big deal," you might say.

For us it is. Our "baby," the new mother to be, is 36-years-old and the only one of our four children who had not yet had a child. "Oh happy day!"

Sunshine Drummer Boy



William Alexander Merchant, son of Paul and Sharon Patton Merchant and grandson of Shirley and Bruce Patton has obviously inherited some musical potential.

Photo by Sharon Patton

Get your dose of sunshine every day in The Record.

Weather

THURSDAY: Cloudy with clear periods. Intermittent light snow in the afternoon. High near 2. Winds southerly 15 to 30 km/h.

FRIDAY: Clearing. Low near minus 10. High near minus 6.

SATURDAY: Intermittent light snow. Low near minus 13. High near minus 6.

SUNDAY: Cloudy with clear periods and chance of flurries. Low minus 9 to minus 12. High near minus 6.

BEN by Daniel Shelton



Some timely tips to ward off criminals

Getting one up on the bad guys

By Sylvia Warden
LENNOXVILLE

You're never too old to learn safety tips. Jacques Gagnon of the Sherbrooke Regional Police brought that message to Lennoxville Tuesday afternoon.

"Your eyes are your greatest protec-

tion," said Gagnon to a crowd of 40 members of the Golden Agers Club. Gagnon is familiar to Lennoxville residents having spent 15 years with the Lennoxville-Ascot Metropolitan Police before moving to Sherbrooke when police services were merged in January 1998.

"These are very simple steps to reduce crime. You probably know these tips but the question is: Do you practice them," asked Gagnon?

Like a teacher instructing his stu-

dents, Gagnon said installing a dead-bolt lock on the front and back doors of a house is a good tip. In addition, he told residents to leave their exterior lights on all night, even when occupants are home.

"Lights make it easier for a criminal to be seen. Your neighbour across the street can't identify someone standing in the dark."

None of the safety tips offered by the police, Gagnon said, are fool-proof but each one added together decreases the likelihood of being a victim of crime.

Other tips include making your house look occupied when you aren't home. That includes leaving lights on, a radio on and even leaving two place settings at the dinner table. When on vacation, cancel newspaper subscriptions and mail delivery. Tell only your close family and neighbours that you will be away and have someone check on your house.

Gagnon said the police will also check on your house when they do their patrols. After a snowfall, officers can enter your driveway or walk on your front path to make it look like someone is home. The police offer a security call system where they will telephone you each day to make sure everything is okay. A woman in the audience said she has the service and one morning she went out early and missed the police call. When she returned, two police officers were already there.

To receive this free service, call police at 523-5116.

Gagnon's visit was arranged after a handful of residents were approached two weeks ago by con men offering to do unnecessary repairs to their homes.



SYLVIA WARDEN

Sherbrooke Regional Police officer Jacques Gagnon... 'lights make it easier for a criminal to be seen.'



SYLVIA WARDEN

Lennoxville resident Marie Beaudoin practices her self-defence techniques on Jacques Gagnon of the Sherbrooke Regional Police. Gagnon told members of the Golden Agers crowd to not resist if approached by a criminal. Gagnon said the victim risks injury if he or she tries to fight back or resist handing over a purse or parcel.

Audrey Frost, president of the Golden Agers, was one senior who fought back. She called the town hall, the police and The Record to get the story out that con men were operating in Lennoxville. Gagnon said Frost's plan of attack was the right one.

Anyone doing door-to-door soliciting must have a permit from the town hall. The con men did not have a permit so Frost notified the police and a report was made.

While crimes against the elderly grab headlines, Gagnon said seniors are not the most victimized age group. "According to statistics, 18 to 25 year olds are the most frequent victims of crime."

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Prof takes engineering expertise to South Africa

Townshipper Clermont Roy will spend up to two years developing university programs

By Jean-François Tremblay
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
LENOXVILLE

This week is International Development Week, which is a fitting backdrop for one recently-retired local university teacher.

Clermont Roy, who retired in January 1997 after 22 years of teaching mechanical engineering at Sherbrooke University, is leaving for South Africa this Wednesday.

Roy, along with a couple from Ottawa, will help to lay the groundwork for an engineering program as part of a Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) project.

"We'll be going to the Eastern Cape province in the southeastern part of the

country, an area really hard-hit by poverty," Roy said.

They will assist Professor Seretla, dean of the Science faculty at Fort Hare University in Alice, to look into creating an engineering department at the university.

Before apartheid, blacks in Eastern Cape had no possibility of advancement, Roy said.

"Prof. Seretla himself wanted to become an engineer but could not because of lack of opportunities for blacks to develop beyond a certain level," Roy said.

Seretla, who became a scientist, focused his efforts on studying local automobile industries, utility companies as well as companies like Pratt and Whit-

ney, exploring avenues for potential black engineers.

Roy will be in South Africa for a period of six months to two years. He will visit local universities and even high schools, and could end up teaching there.

Roy has faith an engineering department will be set up, "but there are financial matters to be considered," he said.

After the feasibility study, they will have to report to the government and the university's administration.

"We were always interested in Africa," says Roy of himself and his wife Zita.

From 1990 to 1994, they were involved in humanitarian work in Rwanda. His

wife oversaw an arts program in elementary schools reaching some 2,000 children, while he was responsible for developing engineering courses and helping teachers at the University of Rwanda.

They had to leave the country when civil war erupted in 1994.

Voluntary Service Overseas is a British organization established in 1958. It is the world's largest volunteer sending agency. The VSO currently has more than 2,000 volunteers in 61 countries, helping in fields ranging from health and education to computer training. People who would like to contribute can reach VSO Canada at (613) 234-1364.

New collection truck for Coaticook recycling program



BRUCE PATTON/CORRESPONDENT

The Coaticook MRC launched its new recyclable materials collection vehicle into service on Monday morning. Pictured are vehicle operator Robin Lessard; Coaticook MRC Préfet Michel Belzil; Municipality of Compton mayor, Eugene Naylor and Guy Laperle, the owner of the property first served by the new vehicle.

By Bruce Patton
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
COMPTON

Residents of 13 municipalities in the Coaticook MRC will notice that a brand new truck is being used to collect their recyclable materials. The \$164,000 vehicle, purchased and operated by the Coaticook MRC, began servicing the area on Monday morning.

The Coaticook MRC started operating its own recycling program last June. Prior to that time, collection was awarded to private enterprise. A number of factors resulted in the decision to make

the change:

- The average monthly collection of recyclable materials had dropped from 37.8 metric tons in 1993 to 25.4 metric tons in 1998.
- There was increasing dissatisfaction on the part of the area residents with the service.
- The cost of the program tended to increase when contracts with private enterprises were renewed.

Since last June, the monthly average collection of recyclable materials has increased from 25.4 metric tons to 33.7 metric tons, an increase of nearly 33 per cent.

BRIEFS

Ambulance service technicians ponder future

Staff

Ambulance attendants say the health board's decision to increase their work schedule is going to put patients in jeopardy.

Yves Dumont, president of the Rassemblement des employés techniciens ambulanciers de l'Estrie, said on Feb. 24 a technician's shift will be 24 hours a day for seven days out of 14. That's up from the current 6 day, 24 hour schedule.

"When you work without sleep, it slows down your reaction time," said Dumont.

The Régie régionale de la santé says it's optimistic the dispute can be resolved.

Look for a full story in Thursday's The Record.

Wrong number for Brome-Missisquoi police

Staff

An error in the Cowansville, Frelighsburg and Dunham community phone book may have some people calling the wrong number for the provincial police.

The new local phone directory, delivered to homes last week, lists the Brome-Missisquoi detachment of the Quebec Police Force as being available at 263-2622. That number

has been changed for the last several years to 266-1122.

The number is for use in non-emergency situations only. For emergencies, the number to call is 911.

The QPF can also be reached at 1-800-361-2131 across the Townships, or at 310-4141. Both numbers are toll-free.

For cellular phone users the QPF can be contacted free at *4141.

New job search phone number in Brome-Missisquoi

Staff

Brome-Missisquoi residents looking for work can now look up job offers on the phone, 24-hours a day.

The Centre local d'emploi in Cowansville's job bank can be reached at 266-1418. For those living long distance from Cowansville, the number to call is 1-800-825-9535.

Internet users can look up the Brome-Missisquoi job listings at <http://jb-ge.drhc.gc.ca>. If you don't have a computer but are interested in using one to help in your job search, one is available at the Centre local d'emploi, at 112 John Street in Cowansville.

For employers wanting to post job offers, the number to call remains 263-4057, or 1-877-849-5930.

Starbuck sires top guns from beyond the grave

Frozen semen raffled to lucky breeders

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Although Starbuck went to bovine heaven last September, demand for his progeny is still high. And that's a huge load of bull, and dairy cows.

Semen from Canada's former top gun was so sought after that the last six dozen or so vials of it had to be disposed of by lottery by Quebec's artificial insemination centre in St-Hyacinthe.

Aside from a few test tubes of frozen Starbuck semen that have been saved for posterity and genetic preservation at the Centre d'insemination artificielle du Québec, there were about 80 doses still available to market. Another few lots turned up in a recent clean up of freezers at the centre, said Claire Bisson, who was charged with the sperm raffle.

Bisson said 59 farmers registered for the lottery which was limited to one double order per customer. Forty-three winners were selected at random, including three Eastern Townships breeders located in Wotton, Waterville and St-Ferdinand near Megantic.

The chance to win one of the final lots of semen was offered exclusively to Quebec breeders at a premium price of \$250 a dose. The standard cost before the clear-out sale was \$150 a dose, but the extra \$100 was handed over to the Holstein association which works for the development and recognition of the popular dairy breed, for which Starbuck's efforts brought much recog-

niton to Quebec.

Bisson said it was hard to estimate the interest in the semen sale, but it was clear demand would outweigh supply. She said many breeders have already introduced Starbuck's genes into their line of cattle, and that some were interested in gene pools that would offer different results.

In the end, only 59 breeders registered for the Starbuck's lottery. Forty-three winners walked away with straws containing the sire's own recipe for producing prize bulls and top dairy producers.

Starbuck's offspring can be found throughout the world, mainly in the United States, Europe and Australia, where farmers were interested in the top quality genetics offered by the Canadian bull who earned more than \$25 million during his year's of production, said Agathe Drolet, marketing director for the artificial insemination centre.

With a conception rate of about 67 per cent, Starbuck produced some 200,000 top milkers and an equal number of bulls in a 19-year career before he was permanently put out to pasture last fall.

And his contribution will have impacts for many more generations, Drolet said.

"There are a lot of Holsteins around with Starbuck's blood," she said, adding that a majority of Holstein's have Starbuck's name somewhere in their genealogy.

Drolet said Starbuck brought to the



PERRY BEATON/RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Agathe Drolet from Quebec's artificial insemination centre, hands over a cheque for \$8000 to officials from the Quebec branch of

the Holstein Association of Canada. The money raised in the recent clear-out sale of semen samples from top stud Starbuck's.

dairy breed what was needed at the right time.

Starbuck's main contribution to the gene pool was increased levels of protein in milk. Genes from other top sires achieve other results such as increased milk production, Bisson explained.

Bisson estimates that over and above the 43 lots that were raffled off this year, there may be about 100 other Starbuck semen doses in circulation.

Speculation in Starbuck semen may also be a small industry of its own in the future as farmers who have stock-

piled seed from the stud hang on to the valuable product for future wheeling and dealing.

One farmer at Wednesday's provincial Holstein Association meeting in Sherbrooke commented that Starbuck semen was like high quality wine or cognac - it gains value with age, as long as its well preserved.

In the meantime, Starbuck's grandson Rudolph is a rising star in the insemination world and well on his way to replacing his grandfather as top Canadian stud.

Hash pipes:

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The case has now been handed over to a crown prosecutor, who will then decide what the charges will be. In the meantime the kiosk operators, all members of the same family, remain free.

The management of the CEGEP is saying the school wasn't aware the three were selling the hash pipes. Dominique Paillé said the college will re-examine its policy and practices concerning salespeople wanting to set up on campus.

The bust caught many people, the vendors included, by surprise. Hash pipes, scales and other tools of drug use are easily found in poster shops, leather stores and other boutiques.

However, under section 462.2 of the Criminal Code of Canada, "Everyone who knowingly imports into Canada, exports from Canada, manufactures, promotes or sells instruments or literature for illicit drug use is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction."

The Criminal Code goes on to state a first offence can result in a fine of up to \$100,000, up to six months in jail, or both. A second offence can result in a fine of up to \$300,000 and a year in jail.

Dance to raise funds for fire victims

Helping the Tinklers get back on their feet

By Maurice Crossfield

Just over a month after a fire destroyed a large part of Ray and John Tinkler's farm, friends will be holding a dance to raise money for the beleaguered family.

January 19 around 4 a.m., the Tinklers were awakened by a fire in their barn on their Granby Township farm. The fire spread quickly, destroying the building, killing about 20 cows, three goats and a horse. About 20 cows were saved from the flames and are now housed elsewhere.

The blaze caused over \$200,000 in damages and was apparently caused by a damaged electrical wire their electrician had not yet fixed. The family didn't have fire insurance.

In response to the tragedy the community has helped to supply the Tinklers with food, money and labor to help them clean up and rebuild.

The English Catholic congregation of St-Patrick's Church in Granby and St. George's Anglican have both created funds for the family.

"There was a very generous response from people offering to come and work, to clean things up at the farm," said Maggie Neil, who is one of the organizers of the dance. She said a request line for food donations was also set up and

the response there was so generous that it is no longer seen as a need.

"There were also a number of random cash donations as well," she said. "There has been a wonderful response from communities all around."

But the Tinklers still have a long way to go before they're back on their feet. As a result friends will be holding a dance on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Salle Catudal, 1236 St-Charles South in Granby Township, right next to the overpass of the Eastern Townships Autoroute.

Music for the evening will be provided by the L.C. Band, who will perform a variety of country music, which Neil said will appeal to a wide age range.

For those who aren't into dancing and would prefer a game of cards, tables will be set up for the evening. Neil said some members of the Tinkler family are avid card players.

The band starts playing at 8:30 p.m., and a cash bar will be opened up. Children are also welcome at the dance. At the end of the evening the Tinklers will be presented with the proceeds of the evening.

Tickets for the fund-raiser are \$7.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 14.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Maggie Neil at (450) 534-2241, or Linda Brandrick at (450) 372-2990.

COMMUNITY FORUM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drummondville school planning millennium meet

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing to you because the Alumni of Riverview School, Drummondville High School, and Presentation High School - all of which were in Drummondville - is organizing a millennium reunion of students and teachers scheduled for the weekend of June 11, 12, and 13, 1999. This event coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of Drummondville High School.

The importance of this event is that it involves many students and teachers coming from all over Canada and the United States back to their roots - Quebec. Also, Drummondville High School was part of the RDA (Richmond, Drummondville, and Arthabaska School Board). For many years, teachers from the Eastern Townships were part of our school system and are, therefore, part of our heritage in Drummondville.

At the moment, we have a mailing list of about 500 names but, we cannot reach everyone and we would appreciate having some kind of media help

through The Record. We know that there are many parents, teachers, and students living in the Eastern Townships that we have not managed to reach so it would be a great help if The Record could give us some kind of exposure.

SHARON SHAW
Richmond

Good Samaritans!

Last Thursday evening, Jan. 28 my son had a sliding accident at Lennoxville school and was taken by ambulance to the CHUS. An extremely kind woman and her husband came to his rescue, and while they waited for the ambulance to arrive the women gave my son her coat and mitts so he would be warm.

I wish I could thank her in person and of course return the mitts. If anyone knows of this incident or whom these persons were, please contact me, 565-3817 Mrs. Sara Smith. I would also like to thank a Mr. John David who brought my two dogs home safely!

Thank you for being so kind and getting involved.

Truly grateful

SARA SMITH AND SEAN SMITH
Lennoxville

Voting patterns would change with proportional representation system

Jean Charest's recent comments about revisions to Quebec's election laws suggest that he's had about enough of a so-

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DON HEALY

called democratic electoral system that often delivers fundamentally undemocratic results. Our system is so flawed that a party can not only be shut out when it represents a sizable chunk of the electorate, but even get more votes than any other and still lose the election. Mr. Charest's shot across the bow has to be seen as a welcome one.

There are lots of examples of the shortcomings in our first-past-the-post system, both federally and provincially. Here's one. Everybody knows that in the last federal election, the PCs and the Reformers ran neck-and-neck in popular vote, yet the Reformers became the official opposition and the Conservatives remained dead last among five parties in the House of Commons.

And the time before that, a party that ran candidates in one province alone formed the official opposition. Obviously, something is truly screwy in a system that allows that and it should come as no surprise that Jean Charest is the only politician of note saying so. After all, he's been one of the chief victims three times in three contests - two federally and one provincially.

This injustice is anything but new in our country and it's equally true in our province. In the early days of the PQ, it was that party that took the abuse and that's why it adopted as policy a commitment to proportional representation. As it turns out, a commitment to principle can be set aside once the system's bias works in the winner's favour.

Will Jean Charest's resolve get tested? Might the Liberals win one of these times with a minority of votes? With Quebec's present demographics, it is highly unlikely. In fact, with the distribution of votes being what it is today, the Liberals can't expect to take power without outstripping the PQ by five or six percent at the polls. That means that the PQ has to really work at it to

get removed from power in a two-party assembly.

In any case, adoption of the essential elements of proportional representation

is long overdue both here and in Ottawa. And Jean Charest should be encouraged to lead the charge. He knows first-hand what our present system does to skew the results at election time and he knows chances are that it'll do it to him again. So who better? And what province would like more to lead Canada in a political initiative?

There has been some public discussion of the pros and cons of proportional representation since Mr. Charest brought it up and that's good. I've tried to follow the debate, if it can be called that yet, and what strikes me as surprising so far is the lack of mention that a proportional representation electoral system would not only change the output of elections, but the input as well. The voting pattern would be bound to change, perhaps quite dramatically.

Jean Charest has no doubt thought of this and I can understand that he might not want to say it too loudly, but some voters who dare not vote anything but Liberal in the present context might look at alternatives now and then. This would almost certainly benefit the small parties and while the Parti Action Democratique has been cited as a beneficiary, the Equality Party hasn't.

But let's think about it for a moment. In rural Quebec, the pattern probably wouldn't change much in the EP's favour, but in West Island Montreal, some voters who will accept any Liberal for fear of otherwise getting a pequiste might cast their votes for credible Equality candidates if they stood a chance of making it to Quebec City. If enough voters did that, the composition of the provincial assembly could change considerably - and better reflect the real Quebec. And isn't that what a legislature should reflect? Isn't representation what representative democracy is about?

Go for it, Jean.



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Remember, the guy's name is Bent, not twisted

'One foot had hold of the skunk's neck and the other clutched it tightly...'

By Charles Bury

Most nature observers in North America consider their spiritual leader to be Roger Tory Peterson. He was a highly skilled painter and bird-watcher who created a new type of book - the illustrated field guide. Published in 1934, the first Peterson Field Guide to the Birds of North America became the birdwatcher's bible. The little blue book was so popular Peterson turned it into a series, which today features more than two dozen best-selling titles on natural subjects ranging from reptiles to rocks.

Although the latter titles have often been authored and illustrated by hired guns, Peterson was definitely quite the wildlife expert. Of course he wasn't working in a vacuum and didn't gather all the information himself.

One of his main sources must have been an earlier natural scientist, one Arthur Cleveland Bent, whose works were first published in the 1920s and '30s by the United States National Museum. Bent was a pioneer field zoologist whose life consisted of snooping on birds.

Bent was more of a realist than Peterson. Although their subjects were often furred or feathered serial killers, Peterson was a bit of a softie.

Bent, on the other hand, didn't leave out the messy parts. He also had a sense of humour, something mainly missing from Peterson's works. How better than through his own words and those of his colleagues can we share some of Bent's observations, and those of his colleagues, on our current critter, the great horned owl? The following citations are from Bulletin 170 of the U.S. National Museum.

GREAT HORNED OWL

"The great horned owl's nest often smells strongly of skunk, and the birds themselves often retain this pungent odor long after they have been made into museum specimens. G. Norman Wilkinson (1913) relates the following:

One morning, late in the autumn, I was driving through the woods, when I heard a disturbance in the dry leaves at a little distance from the road.(...)"

"As I drew near, I saw clearly the cause of the disturbance. A few feet in front of me was a large Horned Owl in a sort of sitting posture. His back and head were against an old log. His feet were thrust forward, and firmly grasped a full-grown skunk. One foot had hold of the skunk's neck and the other clutched it tightly by the middle of the back. The animal seemed to be nearly dead, but still had strength



Great Horned Owl. Illustration from *A Guide to Nature in Winter*, Donald W. Stokes.

enough to leap occasionally into the air, in its endeavours to shake off its captor.

"During the struggle, the Owl's eyes would fairly blaze, and he would snap his beak with a noise like the clapping of your hands. Neither the bird nor his victim paid the slightest attention to me, though I stood quite close.

DEATH GRIP

How long since the Owl had secured the death grip I do not know, but there was no doubt about his having it. The skunk could no more free itself from the Owl's claws than it could have done from the jaws of a steel trap. Its struggles grew less and less frequent and at the end of about fifteen minutes they ceased altogether."

Though its historic habitat has been the wild woodlands of our continent, the great horned owl has extended its habitat to include city parks and suburban back yard. Consequently both rats and cats have become part of its daily menu.

CATS HARD TO CATCH

Cats are hard to catch, Bent reported.

"In one case, the owl found that it had 'caught a Tartar,' for the cat put up a stiff fight and had to be dropped. Oliver L. Austin, Jr. (1932), tells of a more successful attempt: 'I flushed a Great Horned Owl, which fluttered up in front of my car and flew laboriously down the road. The headlights showed it to be carrying something heavy, something which it could not lift two feet off the ground. I gave chase, and the bird dropped clumsily a hundred yards farther on, to crouch defensively atop the prey it seemed so loath to leave.'

DELIGHTFUL FIND

"I stopped the car twenty feet away and turned on my strong spotlight. The owl's attention was riveted by the dazzling beam, and while it stood motionless staring into the glare, I crept up cautiously on the dark side, threw my jacket over it, and pinioned it down. After wrapping the claws in my handkerchief to prevent accidents, and folding the bird safely in my jacket, I stooped to pick up its prey, which to my surprise (and delight) proved to be a half-grown house cat. The kill evidently

had just been made, for the limp body was still warm and quivering."

As for the rats, they are brain food for the owl, and mass destruction seems to be the theme. The Norway rat referred to below is also known as the common sewer rat.

"...To illustrate the value of the great horned owl as a ratter, H. A. Surface (1904) published part of a letter from O. E. Niles, from which I quote as follows: 'In the nest where he captured the young owls he noticed several full-grown Norway rats, with their skulls opened and the brains removed. On descending to the ground he also noticed the bodies of many rats around the tree, and out of curiosity counted them, and found the bodies of one hundred and thirteen rats, most of them full grown. They all appeared to simply have had their skulls opened and the brains removed; and from their undecayed appearance, must all have been captured within the previous week or ten days.'

The great horned owl sits at the top of a food chain - it eats other species but no other species eats it - at least until it's dead and smelly.

PLENTY OF ENEMIES

As Bent puts it: "Horned owls have plenty of enemies that cordially hate them, but none of them are dangerous, except man and occasionally one of their own species. Crows are their chief enemies, with blue jays a close second and all other small birds following. I have often been able to locate an owl by the clamour of a noisy and excited mob of crows.

"If an owl is discovered by a crow, the alarm is immediately given and all the crows within hearing respond to the call, gather about the owl, flying around or perching in the tree as near to the owl as they dare go, cawing loudly and making a great fuss. They seldom are bold enough to strike the owl, though I have seen them do so twice. The owl stands all this with dignified indifference, until his patience is exhausted, when he flies away with a string of crows trailing on behind; perhaps he has to move several times before he shakes off his tormentors or finds a secluded hiding place, where he can doze in peace.

"The owl seldom retaliates by striking one of the black rascals; in fact, I doubt if he ever does. But he gets even with them when they are in their roosts at night; I have heard of several crow roosts that were broken up by a great horned owl living in the vicinity; and many an owl has eaten crow."

That's all for now. But remember, the guy's name is Bent, not twisted.

You can reach Charles Bury by leaving a phone message or writing to the Record in Lennoxville or Knowlton. You can e-mail him at <charbury@netrevolution> or just let out a hoot.

Canada top destination for gay asylum seekers

By Andrew Duffy
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Canada is now one of the world's leading destinations for homosexual asylum seekers, but some lawyers are worried proposed changes to federal immigration laws will discourage claims from gay and lesbian refugees.

Over the past seven years, Canada has accepted hundreds of refugees persecuted in foreign countries because of their sexual orientation. Amnesty International calls Canada a world leader on the issue.

But lawyers specializing in gay, lesbian and transsexual immigration cases contend a new proposal requiring refugee claimants to file their applications within 30 days will act as a roadblock.

Immigration Minister Lucienne Robillard has said the time limit is required to speed the screening of refugee claimants. Currently, there is no time limit on making a claim.

Vancouver lawyer Robert Hughes, however, said sexual refugees tend to fear making an immediate claim.

"Gay and lesbian people coming from a country of persecution are used to living in the closet. They're very reluctant to come forward to a government official and admit they're homosexual."

In most cases, Hughes said, people

who claim refugee status based on their sexual orientation come forward only after becoming more comfortable in Canadian society.

Hughes represents about 40 homosexual clients a year who seek refugee status in Canada because of abuse suffered in other countries.

Hughes' latest case involves Juan Burgos-Rojas, a 24-year-old Chilean, who married a Canadian woman to escape persecution. Burgos-Rojas this week won a new hearing of his rejected claim when a court ruled the refugee board failed to consider all of the facts in the case, including his desperate gambit to leave Chile as a married man.

In 1993, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the right of homosexuals to apply for asylum based on their persecution as an identifiable social group.

Like other claimants, gays and lesbians must prove they face per-

secution and are not adequately protected by the state.

Many of today's claimants come from Muslim countries like Iran and Iraq where homosexuality remains punishable by death, and from Latin American countries like Mexico, Chile, Brazil where societies remain deeply intolerant of gays and lesbians.

Homosexuals from at least 30 countries have won refugee status in Canada.

"The refugee definition in Canada has been an innovative and an expansive one

- Canada stands out for that in the world," said Toronto immigration lawyer El-Farouk Khaki.

Since 1995, Khaki said, he has presented 80 cases to the refugee board from gay, lesbian, transsexual and HIV-positive claimants who have suffered abuse of various kinds in their home countries.

The board has rejected 12 claims. (The number of claims made based on sexual orientation is not tracked by the refugee board, nor are the decisions categorized.)

Senators ponder Hustler's bad taste

By Jack Aubry
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Coming to the defence of Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, Senate may call Hustler magazine officials before its privilege committee.

The red chamber wants to determine whether the magazine is in contempt of Parliament for a pornographic contest featuring the minister.

Senators debated putting the magazine on trial before the Senate before Speaker Gildas Molgat agreed to rule "as soon as I can" on whether there is enough evidence to send the question of privilege to committee.

Tory Senator Noel Kinsella said the contest is an attempt to influence and intimidate members of Parliament in both houses and a clear message should be sent that this is unacceptable in Canada.

"The message is clear, if we don't like your politics, we will single you out by making you the object of an obscene contest," Kinsella told Senate. He said it could have a chilling effect on MPs' work.

Referring to publisher Larry Flynt's recent attack on some members of the U.S. Congress, Kinsella later said he is simply seeking a statement from Parliament stating that the Hustler attack on Copps is not acceptable in Canada.

Once before the committee, however, the review could bring penalties against the magazine.

Senator Brenda Robertson said she was disappointed that a similar action was not taken against Frank magazine almost a decade ago when it published a similar contest featuring Brian Mulroney's daughter Caroline.

In a contest featuring Copp's photograph, Hustler readers are asked to submit a letter describing their sexual fantasies with the minister, with the best answer winning a one-year subscription.

Copps is spearheading a bill aimed at protecting the Canadian magazine industry from so-called split-run publications, mostly from the U.S.

Kinsella, who does not support the government's legislation on magazines, was disappointed the House of Commons didn't raise a point of privilege on Monday.

But Senator Joan Fraser, the former editor of the Montreal Gazette and unofficial media representative in the upper chamber, said while sharing her colleagues revulsion at the contest, she felt it would set a "terrible precedent" to pursue the matter because of the Constitution's protection on freedom of speech.

Qualifying the Hustler contest in the category of insult rather than obstruction, Fraser pointed out that Copps had handled the incident with "admirable dignity and forbearance."

Copps has said she was "disgusted" with the magazine but has not threatened any legal action.

Deputy Government Leader Sharon Carstairs also said the matter did not qualify to be sent to the privilege committee even though her heart told her different.

She said attacks like the Hustler contest are all too common for female politicians and recalled receiving a card after first being elected which asked on the cover: "What is, in eight letters, what you need?" When she opened the card, it read: "A good lay."

Belinda Riverin, publisher of Hustler's Canadian edition, has said that Bill C-55 had nothing to do with the contest. Riverin failed to return calls Tuesday.

When the speaker inquired where he might obtain a copy of the magazine before making his ruling, the senators informed him that the parliamentary library had a copy.

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Manitoba to review 'human missile' law

By Nadia Moharib
SUN MEDIA
WINNIPEG

In the eyes of Manitoba law it's no crime to toss five kids in the box of a pick-up truck for a Sunday drive.

But if you put Fido back there without tying him down, you run the risk of being charged with putting the pooch's life in peril.

Traffic Sgt. Gary Shewchuk applauds a planned review of

provincial legislation regarding passengers in the rear of pick-ups sparked by a collision in Winnipeg last weekend.

Saturday six children were pitched out the rear of a truck - and sustained minor injuries - when a collision with another car forced the tailgate open.

"Most of us wouldn't carry (passengers) in the rear of a pick-up. It makes them into human missiles," Shewchuk said, adding "we're really happy" the

legislation is being revisited.

Laws permit putting passengers in truck boxes but prohibits it when the rider is acting in an unsafe or dangerous manner, said Marlene Zyluk, Manitoba's assistant deputy minister of driver and vehicle licensing.

Fines are possible if the actions of the driver or passengers in the rear of the truck put the rear-riders at potential risk, said Zyluk.

Second-grade cancer patient stays in touch with classmates

By Mike D'Amour
SUN MEDIA
CALGARY

One of the toughest questions Gail Martin never had to answer came recently from her only child, seven-year-old son Tyson.

"He asked me, 'Why did God let this happen?'" recalled Martin, 40.

"But he answered it himself when he told me, 'Maybe God was just trying to make it rain and something else happened,'" Gail said from Ronald McDonald House where she and her boy are living.

It hasn't been a great last few months for Tyson. In November, the B.C. lad was diagnosed with neck cancer which later spread to his lungs.

He's been in Calgary since and has already endured three of several scheduled chemotherapy treatments.

But maybe worst of all for the frail, brown-eyed boy is the fact he's away from his friends and classmates in Fernie, about 300 km southwest of Calgary.

However, thanks to the efforts of several "angels" in Fernie and Calgary, Tyson was able to forget about his troubles for about an hour yesterday afternoon and realize a wish when he visited 17 of his classmates via a computer hookup.

Family friend Mary Jane Leppard got the meeting in motion when she and her husband Hart contacted Calgary-based Nova Corp. to see what could be done.

The local company was eager to help and quickly delivered a state-of-the-art computer and Internet camera to the Ronald McDonald House.

Shaw Communications Ltd. supplied the Internet access and yesterday, Tyson got to meet with his pals face-to-face on computer screens.

"I'm sort of nervous because I haven't seen them in a long time and there's lots of people waiting to talk," Tyson said.

The problem of an uncooperative audio system was circumvented with some not so new technology-telephones.

The students had lots of questions which only Tyson, bald under the autographed Calgary Flames cap he wore, could hear.

However, as his mom occasionally dabbed tears from her eyes, his answers gave no doubt as to what was on their minds.

"I hope I get to see you again, too - I miss you," Tyson told Blair, a female classmate.

"I am feeling better, very, very better but I'm still having chemo treatments," he told another friend as casually as he would about skinning his knee.

The last conversation was with his teacher, Cathy Bogarrd.

"I will, I will get better," he told her.

"I love you too, goodbye."

Tyson and his friends plan to have another tele-meeting in a couple of weeks, Gail said.

Good news for women with abnormal pap tests

By Sharon Lem
SUN MEDIA

Women diagnosed with pre-cancerous cells detected by pap smears are not likely to develop cervical cancer, a new study shows.

A Canadian study of 17,946 women who were diagnosed with mild, moderate or severe dysplasia (when abnormal pre-cancerous cervical cells show up on pap smears) between 1970 and 1980 found they were more likely to regress to normal than develop cancer.

Lead author Dr. Philippa Holowaty, an epidemiologist with the Durham Region health department who wrote her University of Toronto Ph.D. on this study, said she found the risk of progression from mild to severe dysplasia or worse was

only 1 per cent per year.

Holowaty said physicians should not necessarily send women for immediate treatment since detection of pre-cancerous cells does not mean cancer will develop.

"If pre-cancerous cells turn up on your pap smear, women don't have to be frantic or upset because in all 17,946 women in my study, there was a very small miniscule portion of women where it became cancer," she said.

"Most women don't need to be treated and could wait six months to a year for a second pap smear to be sure. I'm not saying don't get treated, but in most women it's going to cure itself."

Holowaty said women are normally treated immediately with surgical intervention, laser treatment or cryotherapy.

Do kids in uniform learn better?

By April Lindgren
SOUTHAM NEWS
TORONTO

Ontario government suggestions that students might behave better if they wore school uniforms and were governed by a code of conduct with tough penalties for teacher abuse are getting a lukewarm reception.

"Do school uniforms improve learning? I've never witnessed it," Marshall Jarvis, president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, said Tuesday. Jarvis was reacting to musings from Education Minister David Johnson who suggested earlier in the day that a proposed provincial code of conduct for students could include a dress code or even mandatory uniforms.

Johnson told reporters many Ontarians believe school uniforms create an atmosphere "that is more conducive to learning" and that students' sloppy dress habits "may pour over into their learning habits and make it difficult to conduct proper teaching within the school."

Premier Mike Harris announced earlier this week he wants "to restore the importance of respect and responsibility" among Ontario's children. A major tool, he suggested, will be a code of conduct that sets out provincewide standards for student behaviour and provincewide standards of punishing offenders.

"Something like: Swear at a teacher - get suspended. Hit a teacher - get expelled," Harris said.

The education minister said Tuesday that demands for a cleanup of violence and bad behaviour in the schools came from many quarters including teachers, students and parents.

But educators say there is little evidence that student attacks on the 144,000 provincial teachers has increased. Crime experts questioned the govern-

ment's assumption that school violence is a growing problem. And the head of the Ontario Public School Boards Association said most boards and schools already have codes of conduct in place.

Jarvis and other skeptics suggested the government's renewed interest in youth crime and violence in schools has more to do with hitting a "hot button" issue in this election year than any significant new problem behaviour.

Anthony Doob, an expert on youth crime at the University of Toronto, said there is little to indicate violence in schools is increasing. He said the incidence of minor assault charges among youths under 18 increased 21 per cent between 1991 and 1996 - to 473 per 100,000 youths from 392 per 100,000 - but that reflects a new policy of laying charges for even minor offences introduced back in the early 1990s.

"Minor things that used to be dealt with informally by the schools or by others are now going to court. We're responding differently to kids. They are probably behaving exactly as they always did.

"If you look at the serious stuff, the rates are what they have been for years" Doob said. Incidents of aggravated assault actually declined six per cent between 1991 and 1996, to 13.1 per 100,000 from 14.

Doob said expelling students is unlikely to help them and dealing with them through the court system is expensive. Neither measure likely reduces the incidence of bad behaviour or violence. He suggests more money for school mediation programs or special classes for difficult children would be more effective. "But these ideas are not sexy" and offer no quick fixes, he noted.

Johnson said Tuesday there were 2,500 physical assaults in Ontario schools in 1996-97 but he had no information on how serious they were or whether the trend was up or down.

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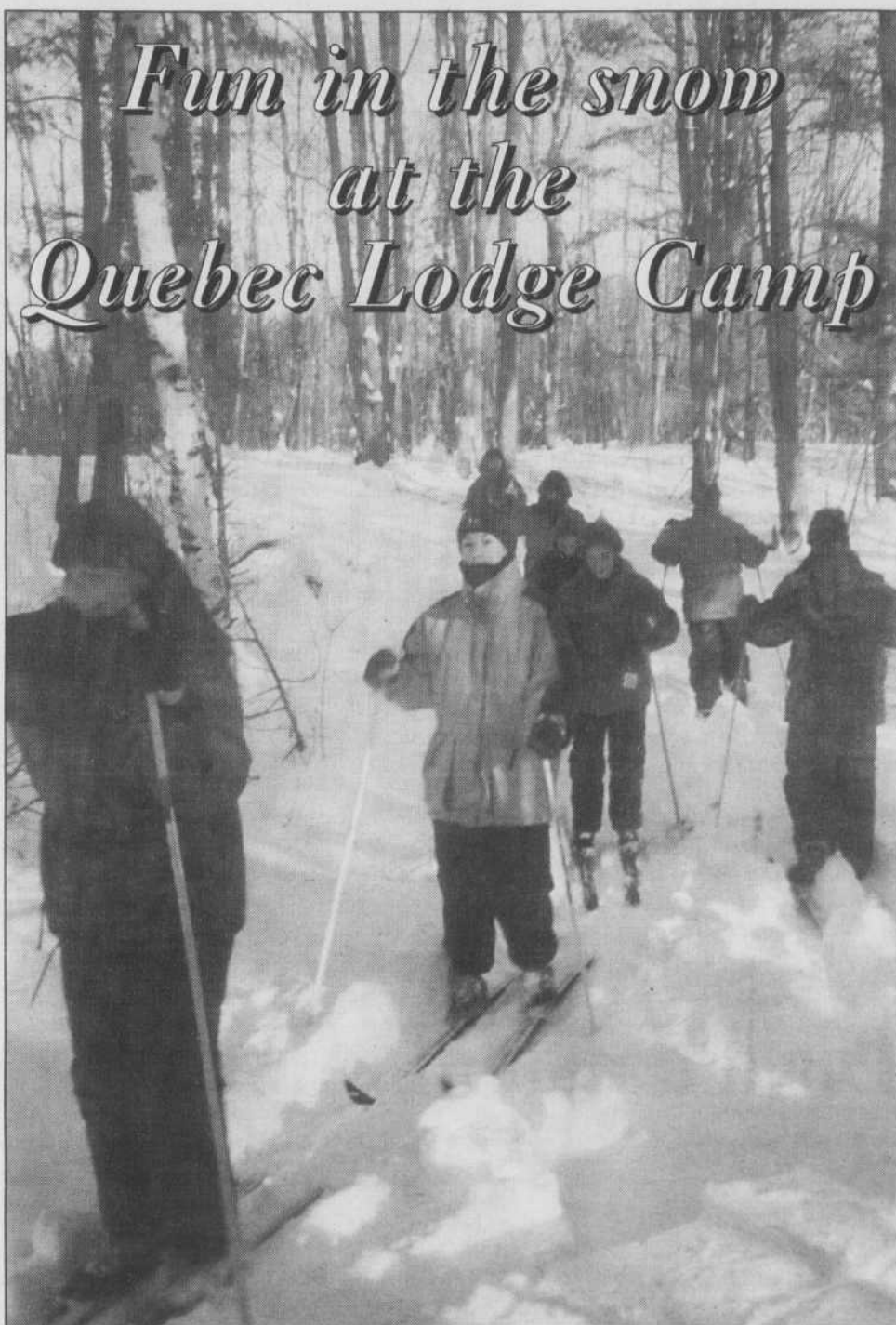
On January 1st, 1999, Steve (Stavros) Chronopoulos celebrated his first anniversary as co-owner of JERRY'S PIZZERIA at 106 Queen Street in Lennoxville. Together with Theo Panagopoulos, he ensures the continued success of a tradition that dates back to 1973. As former owner of Pizzaville and Pizza Dunant, Steve is not a newcomer to restaurants. His attention to serving quality meals made from delicious recipes combined with great prices are his secrets to keeping his customers satisfied and coming back. With renovations completed last Fall, Steve and Theo are ready to take JERRY'S PIZZERIA into the Millenium. Congratulations!



COURTESY SACRÉ-COEUR

On a hot trail!

On Jan. 11 and 12 the Intensive English class from Sacré-Coeur School in Coaticook went to the Quebec Lodge camp. This English camp is near Ayer's Cliff beside Lake Massawippi. You can go there in winter or in summer. There are lots of activities to do. We did cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, tobogganing and an exciting snow fight. It was boys versus girls. The boys put our faces in the snow and threw big snowballs at us. When it was time to go in everybody was wet and our hair was almost turned to ice. Nobody won in this fight. At the same time other people were doing crafts or skiing. We had free time too. In the lounge there was a TV, four couches and a ping-pong table. In the morning we had to wake up at 7:30. The breakfast was very good. The cook made some toast, eggs, bacon and put out cereal, too. You can go there in summer too. There are a lot of activities in summer. You can play badminton and basketball. You can do canoeing. You can swim and you can do lots of other things. That's a very good camp and it's very fun. - Caroline Madore, Karine Madore and Gabrielle Roy, Quebec Lodge Snow Campers.



COURTESY SACRÉ-COEUR

Trekking through the woods.



COURTESY SACRÉ-COEUR

The big snow fight!

'Joyful noise and other surprising talents'

Mansonville Optimists to hold annual talent show on Saturday

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
MANSONVILLE

Voco Loco, a non-profit community band which claims to make "lots of joyful noise," and "other surprising talents" will be performing this Saturday, Feb. 6, in the basement of St. Cajetan Church, as part of the Mansonville Optimist Carnival.

Once again, the optimistic group and other volunteers are going all out to bring the community its annual

variety show.

Billed as a "local talent night filled with enthusiasm," the evening is one of nine events taking place until Feb. 20 to benefit the club's many youth activities.

Participants include a cross-section of local talent of all ages and from both language groups.

Show time is 8 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$5 with tickets on sale at the door. For more information, phone Réjean Champagne at 292-3428.

Hugs are better than chocolates

Making Feb. 14
a day of
unconditional
love

As we age, our concept of life and what is important changes. With another birthday to celebrate in a few days, it amazes me that I have lived more than half a century and do not consider myself old.

Like every one who gets the chance to spend time on this planet, I've experienced my share of trials and tests. Many of the things that were important in my 20s and 30s now seem like childhood notions and things that there was never enough time for in earlier years have taken dominance.

One of the most valuable lessons I have learned is that one person has the power to make a difference in our life if we are open and ready to let them in. Thus, we also have the power to impact another's life for better or worse and it is our decision which it will be.

On a sunny November day, 13-and-a-half years ago, Heather Niderost stepped out of a car and into my life, changing it forever.

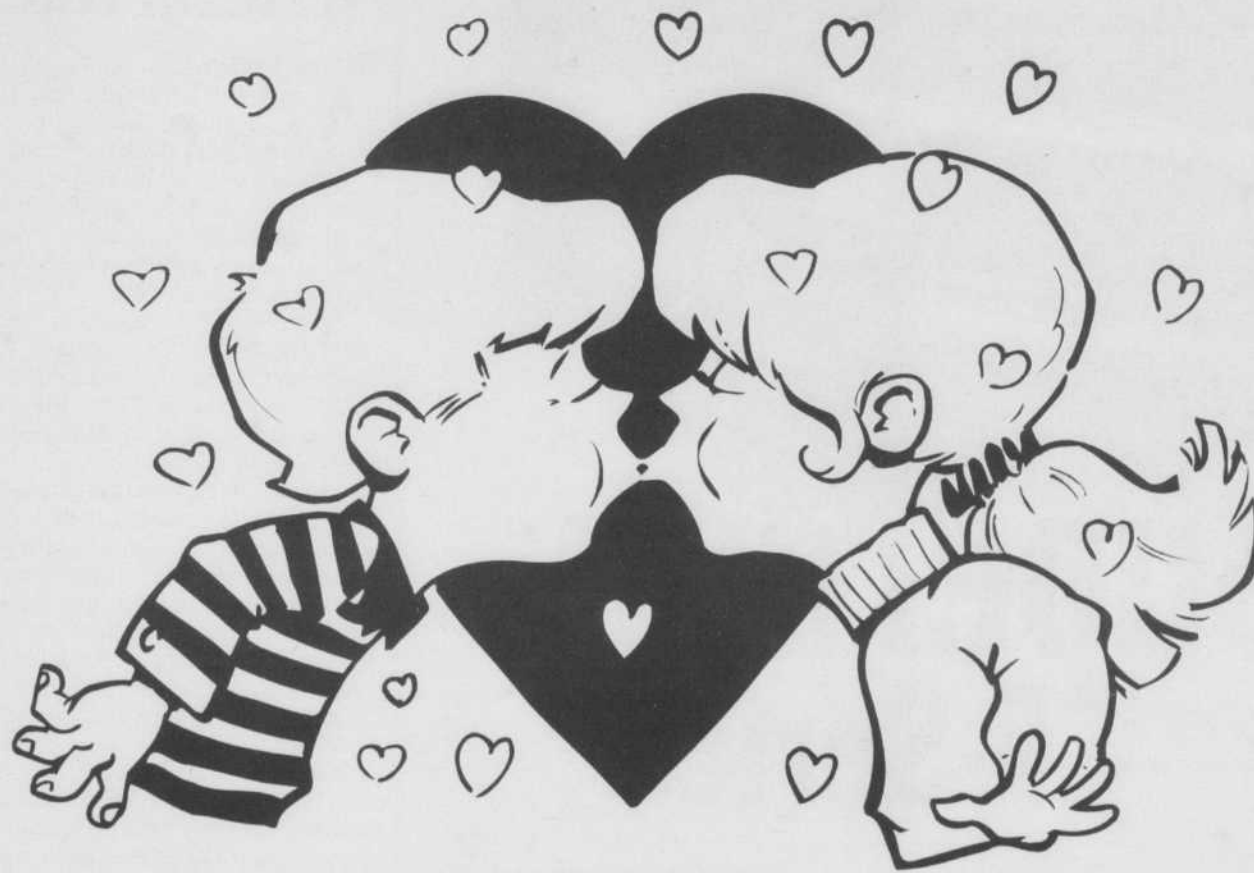
How uncomfortable I felt when she approached me with out stretched arms, wrapped them around me and hugged me like a long lost relative.

Quickly, I learned this was no act. This dear soul truly cared about me. In no time, I eagerly awaited her visits and those therapeutic hugs.

When I started writing my cookbook, she was not only there with encouraging words, but offered to do the illustrations. I would not be writing a column for The Record today if she had not realized on her own that I could not see well enough to complete a writing course using a typewriter and found a used word processor for me.

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You don't have to be rich or college educated, everyone has the ability to give unconditional love and help to another person. There are great health benefits for the person who gives, as well as for the person who receives.

Science is rapidly appreciating the value that friendship and unconditional love play in our health. In the book *Your Emotions and Your Health* by Emrika Padus, she refers to a research study conducted on the small Italian-American community in Roseto, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s.

Here, scientists found people who smoked as much as the rest of the country experienced the same stressful situations and actually ate more meat and fat than the average American, but remarkably had one of the nation's lowest fatality rates for heart disease.

Only 1 in 1,000 men died of heart attacks, compared with the national average of 3.5 per 1,000, and women did even better with only 0.6 per 1,000, compared to 2.09 per 1,000 nationally.

They also led the study with above-average resistance to senility and peptic ulcers.

The puzzled researchers turned the town inside out trying to find the missing link, even looking into family backgrounds for a genetic or ethnic connection.

It was finally concluded that what gave Rosetans such a healthy edge was their strong sense of community and camaraderie.

Years later, as the next generation grew up and moved into the suburbs, breaking physical and emotional ties with their old neighborhoods, researchers found that by the mid-70s mortality rates had climbed as high as their neighboring communities.

In the book *Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom*, Dr. Christiane Northrup talks about the healing power of giving unconditional love.

"Take 15 seconds five times per day and think about someone or something (like a pet or a young child) you love unconditionally. Put your hand over your heart area when you do this. With practice, you'll be able to feel a warm tingling sensation in your chest area when you do this. This is the energy that heals the heart and the breasts."

If you would have told me a year ago I would be telling all my friends to watch a talk show, I'd never have believed you, but it's true.

For the last five months, Oprah Winfrey had dedicated her show to helping people find and heal themselves and their relationships. She has had such inspirational guests as Dr. John Gray, who wrote *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* and *Men, Women and Relationships*; Dr. Caroline Myss, author of *Why People Don't Heal and How They Can*; the above-mentioned Dr. Christiane Northrup, as well as many others.

She has started a chain of kindness, where you do something for someone without expecting anything back. Then that person surprises another person, etc., etc.

So, being the softie that I am, I figured Valentine's Day would be a perfect time to get this thing started in our area. Instead of focusing on only one special person, spend the day passing unconditional love around to everyone.

Recently, one of my readers asked me to write about the lack of 'politeness' in our society. No one seems to take the time to open doors, offer their seat in a crowded bus or even ask "How are you doing?" and care. It's sad that many people are too busy for common courtesy.

May I suggest a few little things you can do? Open the door for whoever is next to you, offer to hold someone's packages while they get their car door open, help an elderly person carry a parcel, walk a shut-in's dog, pick up something at a store for someone who cannot get out or call a person who lives alone.

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Wiarin Willie hoax smells like a skunk

By Heather Bird

At the Wake-up Willie festivities the other night, the band's version of You Ain't Nothin' But A Groundhog was reportedly enough to wake the dead.

Well, almost. But it's not as if they didn't try. The now-international tale of death and deception took an ugly turn here yesterday as the town fathers scrambled to explain away the inconsistencies and suspicious circumstances surrounding the demise of their favorite son Wiarin Willie.

Quite frankly, their efforts didn't pass the smell test. In more ways than one. As everyone now knows, the five days of events to celebrate the white woodchuck's annual harbinger of spring came to an abrupt halt yesterday when the acting Mother Nature suddenly announced to a crowd of schoolchildren that the star of the show was, well, dead.

And since the organizers had known about his death for (at least) two days, the overblown rodent was already ensconced in a handcrafted pine coffin where he could lie in state.

In the wake of the stunning news, tuxedo-clad committee members quickly arranged a "viewing" of the dead groundhog for the already assembled members of the media who were on hand to witness Wiarin's greatest (and only) claim to fame.

The committee tried to explain the delay in breaking the news by arguing (not too convincingly) that their loss was so enormous that they needed to undergo grief counselling before they could soldier on. At least that's what they told the outraged townspeople who felt mightily betrayed that their star attraction's death had been withheld for some 48 hours. And that's to say nothing about the angry parents whose children wept on the way to school.

(Mother Nature later defended this as an "appropriate" opportunity to introduce young children to the concept of death.)

The ethics of the decision to suppress the information will likely be debated in these parts for decades. But the truth is, the deception ran much deeper.

What actually happened was this. They knew the groundhog was on its last legs (so to speak) before he went into hibernation last fall because of his inability to properly prepare his nest. But since his understudy died late last summer, they simply had to hope for the best.

So it was no real surprise when Sam Brouwer, Willie's self-described "owner, handler, friend," went out to the pink-eyed animal's specially constructed hut on Sunday night and dug into the hay bale. Instead of a sluggish creature, he encountered a badly rotting corpse. Brouwer, who owns Wiarin Willy's Motel, got on the horn right away to his buddy Tom Ashman, Minister of Hogwash and Hot Air.

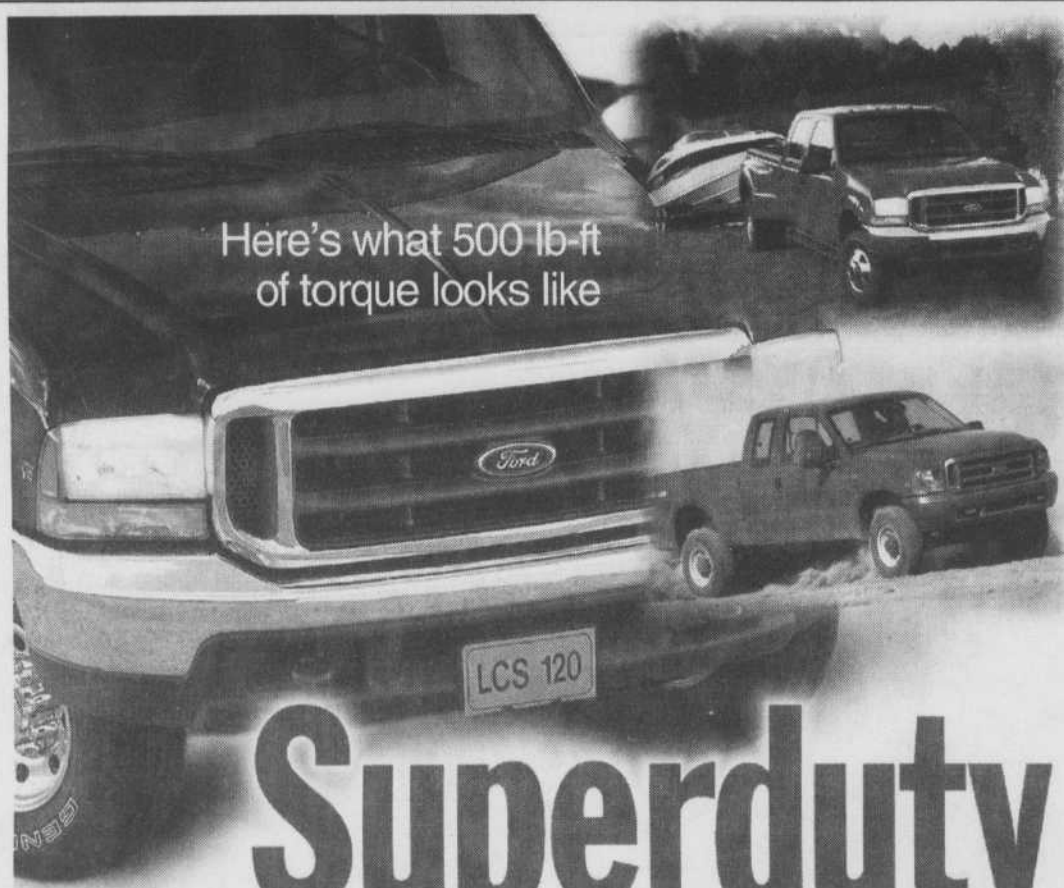
"I told him 'we've got to get another groundhog'," Brouwer said. "This one's dead." They knew they had to do something but didn't want to disrupt the parties which were in full swing over the weekend. They also didn't want to do anything to derail the yearly migration of the media which provides the area with much-needed publicity. Tourism, after all, is the chief industry for this town of 2,300.

They also knew, however, that it was necessary for them to put on a show. (Hell hath no fury, like a hungry media scorned.)

But what to do? Willie's badly decayed body presented untold esthetic problems; especially when they wanted some nice pictures for TV. Yet, somehow, when the press arrived, there was a white groundhog laid out in a handcrafted coffin, surrounded by floral arrangements. The makeshift undertakers had even lovingly placed pennies on the eyes (to save the soul from slipping out) and a carrot in the paws.

The upshot? They almost got away with it. They were betting (correctly) is that most people who showed up would not pay close attention to a rodent's rotting carcass.

Unless, of course, you're a photographer who was comparing the pristine condition of Willie's fur in the photos with the matty fur which became increasingly darker around the sides of the body. Find out, said photographer Veronica Henri, when it was embalmed. So I went and asked. "That's a very difficult question to answer," countered Ashman, who was clearly not prepared to out-and-out lie. Willie was too far gone for public display. So the committee substituted an already stuffed groundhog whose fur was hastily disguised. The pennies simply covered the glass eyes. What a whitewash. And to think we almost fell for that.



Here's what 500 lb-ft of torque looks like

Superduty F-Series

By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

If you have a lot of big, heavy, bulky stuff to haul, or you really want to impress upon your friends that you're a serious trucker, Ford's Super Duty pickup series is the one to pick.

After all, serious trucking is what Ford does best. As far back as you care to go, Ford trucks have been the most popular vehicles (cars or trucks) sold. Anywhere. The 50 year-old plus F-150 is as much a North American icon as McDonald's, Coca-Cola or Holiday Inn.

For Ford, the trick is to maintain its position as the undisputed champion of trucks at a time when General Motors and Chrysler are just itching to dethrone the king. Even Toyota, with its new full-size V8-powered Tundra truly wants a piece of the action. Small wonder there is currently more ongoing product innovation, not to mention marketing support being poured into the pickup category these days than any other vehicle type around.

In a why-didn't-anyone-think-of-this-before move, Ford now offers two different F-Series designs. For light-duty applications, the F-150's designer-truck body is rounder and more aerodynamic. It's downright elegant, actually, as it garners the status of a high-fashion pickup for the '90s.

But for commercial/light industrial applications, or for heavy hauling and towing, the Super Duty F-Series that was introduced

part-way through 1998 has a brawnier, almost meaner look accentuated by its wide stance, chasm-like ground clearance and upright picket-fence grille.

The 1999 Super Duty F-250/350 pickups are more than different on the outside. The entire Super Duty family, which includes the strictly commercial F-450 and F-550 models, rests on its own stout platform, and comes with a longer wheelbase, larger cab and increased cargo area compared to last year's models. In total, Super Duty pickups are available in 44 different cab, box and powertrain configurations, including regular, extended and crew cabs in two- and four-wheel drive.

You have three engine choices

to power your Super Duty beast. The entry-level unit is a 5.4-litre V8 that pumps out 235 horsepower, and is available on all but crew cab-bodied trucks.

You can also select a more powerful 6.8-litre V10 that punches out 275 horsepower.

But for true grunt, the mammoth 7.3-litre turbo-diesel V8 can be specified. This engine develops 235 horsepower, the same as the base 5.4-litre gas unit. But the big difference is in the torque rating. The turbo-diesel dishes out 500 lb.-ft. of torque, 50-per-cent more than the 5.4.

For most applications you can choose between a five-speed manual (gas), six-speed manual (turbo-diesel) or optional four-speed automatic transmission.

Available in XL, XLT and Lariat trim, the Super Duty series can be optioned to the hilt just like any other pickup, or car for that matter. You name it, and, if your bank account is large enough, you can probably get it.

Ford's F-250 and F-350 Super Duty twins have been designed to tempt your trucking taste buds with a strong combination of styling, strength and power. If driving the pretty-boy F-150 is not your game, the more traditional, solid-looking Super Duty model will move you in a completely different direction.

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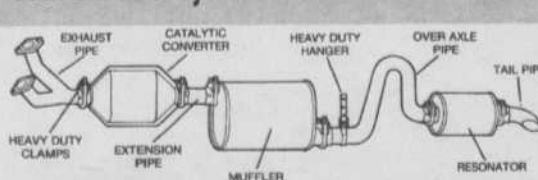
1999 F-250/F-350 Super Duty

- * Two-/four-door pickup available in two- or four-wheel drive.
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Busy week for high school tournaments

Galt, Richmond, BCS, Stanstead and Massey-Vanier hard at play

Galt senior teams travel to Montreal

It was tourney time last weekend as seven Eastern Townships teams participated in high school tournaments.

The Galt senior boys hockey and basketball teams traveled to Montreal where they played in the Ed Meagher Tournament hosted by Loyola High School.

The Piper hockey team opened the tourney with a 5-3 loss to the host Loyola Warriors. The Warriors, who outshot Galt 43-26, overcame a 3-2 third period deficit to advance to the championship round. Galt jumped out to a one goal lead midway through the final stanza on goals by Joel Klinck, brother Danny Klinck and Jason Warnholtz.

But Loyola tied the game with five minutes remaining and scored the winning goal at the 2:06 mark. The Pipers pulled the goalie in the final minute of play, and Loyola capitalized with an empty net goal to ice the win.

Galt rebounded with a 7-2 win over Selwyn House as Cody Spingle and Warnholtz paced the win with pair of goals and an assist apiece. Other marksmen for the Lennoxville school were Jordan Evans, Jarrett Sharman, and Danny Klinck. Galt and Lower Canada College met in the consolation final and the Lions edged the Pipers 3-1 in a hard-fought battle. Shawn McCowan scored the lone goal for Galt.

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Galt basketball boys lose in finals

The basketball team advanced to the finals of their tourney as they downed LCC 60-46 before dropping a 75-56 decision to Verdun High School in the final. Justin Smith led Galt to their win over LCC with a 22-point performance while Josh Lord added 11.

Smith was the offensive story in the final as he scored 30 points. Senior forward Jon Monte chipped in with nine points.

"We went into the Verdun game with two objectives," Piper head coach Chris Forsythe stated. "We wanted to force them to shoot from the outside and limit

them to just one shot. At the offensive end we stressed executing our half-court offense.

"We did a good job of forcing the outside shot but we didn't do a good job of keeping them off the boards. They killed with their second-shot opportunities. And we ran our offense to near perfection getting open for numerous lay-ups. Unfortunately we didn't sink them. We must have missed 10-15 lay-ups.

"I don't want to take anything from Verdun because they are an excellent team," Forsythe added. "If we had took advantage of our chances it would have been a much closer game."

Galt senior girls shine at AAA tourney

The Galt senior girls, undefeated in ETIAC play, moved up a notch as they participated in the LeTriolet AAA tourney. They opened play with a 57-46 win over Dominique Racine. Heather Dezan led all scorers with 18 points while Melissa Bowman added 14 and Julie Pellerin hit for 8.

Krista Sparks had a strong game inside as she grabbed nine rebounds. The Pipers rolled over CEGEP Alma in the next contest as they outscored the college team 60-15. Pellerin paced the win with 13 points while Bowman had 12 and Colleen Loach and Dezan chipped in with eight. Galt faced CEGEP Ahunistic, one of the province's stronger AA

teams whose line-up includes 6'5" and 6'2" posts. The Indians controlled both ends of the court and came away with a 61-38 victory. Bowman was high scorer for Galt with 14 points while Dezan contributed 10 points to the losing cause.

"This tournament will help us prepare for the provincials," coach Stu Gear stated following the final game. "The game should have been closer, but we missed opportunities and shot the ball poorly. We entered the game nervous and a bit intimidated by their size. Overall the girls did a great job throughout the week and it was a great learning experience for us."

Tourney roundup

RICHMOND BANTAM GIRLS
TAKE TWO OF FOUR

The Richmond bantam girls also participated in the BCS tournament splitting four games. They lost to Sacred Heart Academy 42-15 and to LCC 26-14 before rebounding with two consecutive wins.

Pamela Murphy scored 15 points and Andrea Lockwood added 12 as the Raiders upended Galt 32-18. They finished the weekend action with a solid 31-18 victory over Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School.

Murphy led all scorer with 15 points and was named to the tourney all-star team.

The Richmond bantam boys dropped all three games at BCS but Josh Lyster still managed to pick up an all-star selection.

GALT TROUNCES RICHMOND IN
BANTAM BOYS PLAY

In bantam basketball the Galt boys downed the Richmond Raiders 83-35. Allen Buzzell paced the Pipers with a 21-point performance while Chris Channell added 16. Patrick Patekri (15) and Robert Klinck also hit for double figures for the winners.

Michael Marcotte led the Richmond attack with 10 points. The Raiders rebounded with a 59-48 tri-

umph over BCS as Ben Norris led all scorers with 12 points. BCS, however came back to win the rematch, posting a 45-42 win. Francois Lussieux scored 14 for Richmond.

GALT GIRLS EDGE RICHMOND,
FALL TO BCS

Richmond's bantam girls played well against Galt but came out on the short end of a 36-27 score.

Pamela Murphy was the game's high scorer with 10 points.

Murphy could only manage four points in the team's next game as BCS routed them 44-10.

Richmond's junior girls registered their first two wins of the year, a solid 42-38 league win over BCS and an 30-28 exhibition win over the Crusaders. Stephanie Oakley's nine points were nearly enough as the Massey-Vanier Vikings defeated Richmond 60-26.

Stanstead recorded two wins in senior basketball over Richmond. The girls downed Richmond 33-16 while the boys wedged the Raiders 41-40 despite a 19-point performance by Andy Sevigny.

Despite the loss, the Raiders earned the right to go to the Small School Tournament at BCS in February.

Raiders drop two of three at BCS tournament

The Richmond Raiders senior boys dropped two of three games at the BCS tournament as they were forced to play without all-star Mark Champagne. They lost their opener 61-49 to Hudson High despite the 19-point performance by Andy Sevigny. In a game void of any offensive flow the Raiders were beaten 28-17 by Centennial Academy.

Chris Lodge scored 26 points to lead Richmond past the Galt juniors in their final game. Lodge was selected to

the tournament all-star team.

The Raiders celebrated Champagne's return last Wednesday with a 50-47 triumph over BCS. Champagne led all scorers with 17 while Natthieu Tremblay had 15.

"We really struggled with Mark Champagne out with an ankle injury," Richmond coach Don Nixon said. "His loss takes away from our inside game and hurts our rebounding. It was great to have him back for the BCS game."

Deaths

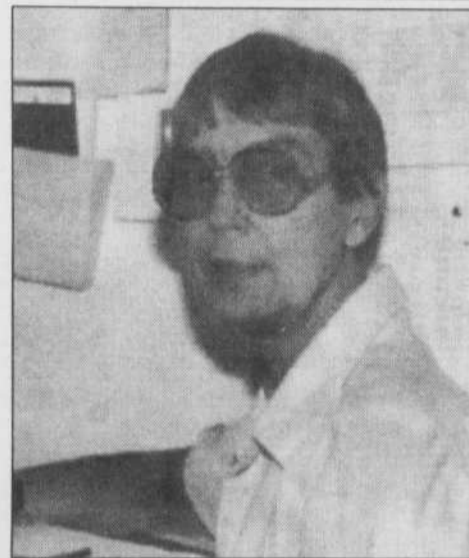
AMES, Elwin - Peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Sunday, January 24, 1999, Elwin Ames, beloved husband of Ruth Skillen. Dear father of Myrna (the late John Vallee) and dear grandfather of Vincent and Suzanne. He was predeceased by his brother Lorne (Muriel Miller) of Danville, Que. A memorial service will be held in the Richmond-Melbourne United Church, Richmond, Que., on Saturday, February 6, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Patricia Lisson officiating. Interment of ashes in the Melbourne Ridge Cemetery at a later date. As memorial tributes donations to the Wales Home, 506 Rte. 243, Richmond, Que. JOB 2H0 will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Main St. S., Richmond, Que.

ARDINGTON, William - At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Monday, February 1, 1999, William Ardington in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Helen Emmett. Dear father of Norma and Kenneth Williams. Also left to mourn are other family members and many friends. Visitation will be held at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Que., (450) 263-1212 on Friday, February 5, 1999, from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service in the chapel. The Rev. Richard Randall officiating. Interment will be held in the spring at the Riverside Cemetery in East Farnham.



Deaths

BOOMHOUR, Charles (Chuck) - At St. Joseph's Health Center, Toronto on Monday, February 1, 1999 in his 61st year. Many thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff of St. Joseph's. Son of the late Harold and Mildred Boomhour. Brother of Alice (Don Heap), Margaret, Muriel (Errol Holmes), Irene (Ross Lathe), Ruth (Dale Coburn), Robert (Eleanor McKnight) and Lawrence. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Charles won the respect and affection of the people among whom he lived. Memorial service at College Street United Church, Toronto on Saturday, February 6, 1999 at 2 p.m. Interment in Abbotsford, Quebec at a later date. Donations to St. Joseph's Health Center, 30 Queensway, Toronto, Ont. M6R 1B5 or Friends and Advocates, 3107 Bloor St. W., Suite 201, Toronto, Ont. M8X 1E2.



Death

CORCORAN, Leo D. - Peacefully in his sleep at Pinecroft Residence, Magog, Que., on February 2, 1999 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Elsie Ray. Cherished father of Cecilia (Larry) of Michigan, Peter (Christiane) of Magog, Angela (Franz) of Edmonton, David of Fort McMurray, Brian of Laval, Phillip of Fort McMurray. Loving grandfather of 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also survived by brothers, sisters, as well as other relatives and many friends. No visitation. Cremation. Funeral service will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Magog on Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m. The family will be at the church one half hour prior to the service to receive condolences. As memorial tributes donations to Diabetic Association, 5547-555 Murray St., Sherbrooke, J1G 2K8, would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que.

Deaths

GAUVIN, Paul - At the Ottawa General Hospital on January 27, 1999 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Jean Taylor and cherished father of Carmen (Andre Cote) of Magog, and Charlotte (Greg Hopps) of Orleans, Ont. Loving grandfather of Stacey (Rob Muise), Amy Hopps, all of Ottawa, Ont. Also survived by a sister-in-law Pauline Harvey (the late Hector Gauvin), nieces, nephews and many friends. No visitation, cremation. A memorial service will be held in the presence of the ashes at St. Jean Bosco Church, Magog on Saturday, February 6 at 1 p.m. The family will be at the church half an hour prior to the service to receive condolences. As memorial tributes, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King W., Suite 130, Sherbrooke, J1L 1C9 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que.

Young in Heart hold meeting

The Granby Young in Heart met at Restaurant MG's Delicatessen for our Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 1 p.m. President Eleanor Hope welcomed 55 members and two guests.

After a delicious dinner, we returned to the church hall for our usual activities. We sang Happy Birthday to those who celebrated birthdays in December.

There were three tables of 500, seven tables of bridge and one table of games. We then sang Christmas carols under the direction of Gerry Van Doorn with Mrs. Helen Carriere at the piano.

Prizes were given out to those who had the winning tickets.

President Eleanor wished everyone a safe, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Patricia Jean Hansford,
Secretary

Huntingville
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Mable Hoy, Reggie Aulis and Phyllis Hazzard all of Lennoxville, Don, Julia and Jordan visited aunt May MacDonald when she came to Huntingville for a visit and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacDonald and family and Gary and Helen MacDonald, Bulwer. Russel and Bev Nutbrown were supper guests of Wayne and Louise.

Ron Jamieson and Zelma MacRae were supper and evening guests of Henry and Alice.

Ralph Kinghorn of Waterville called on Henry.

Jacque Gautier visited Les Nutbrown. Everyone is happy to know Les is feeling better after his hip surgery.

Alice was happy to have a phone call from a dear friend, Mae Benton of Apple Hill, Ont.

CARRUTHERS, Benedictine Brandt (Bennie) - On Saturday, January 30, 1999 at the C.U.S.E. Bowen Pavilion. Benedictine Brandt Carruthers, in her 69th year, beloved daughter of the late Rev. Louis Ernst and the late Johanna Brandt of South Africa. Predeceased by her former husband Robert George Carruthers. Loving mother of Andrew (Christina Bellam) and Mark (Jacqueline Barlow). Dear grandmother of Sebastien and Alexander. Also left to mourn are her brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, other friends and relatives. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que. J1G 1K4, (corner of 7th Ave. and Conseil St.) tel: 565-1155, fax: 820-8872, where funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 4, 1999 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Potter officiating, followed by cremation and interment of ashes at a later date. Please note: Visitation on Wednesday, February 3, 1999 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on day of the funeral from 1 to 2 p.m. As a memorial tribute, donations to the Lennoxville Library, 101 Queen St., Lennoxville, Que. J1M 1J7, or to the Eastern Townships Alzheimer Society, 1036 Belvedere St. S., Suite 0212, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 4C4, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

BISSON, Roger - In Sherbrooke on February 1, 1999, age 69. Friend of Audrey Knapp of Sherbrooke. Survived by his children, Lise (Pierre), Daniel (Christiane), Carole (Bruno), Cathy (Charles), Pat (Bob), grandchildren, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, their children, and friends. Resting at Coopérative funéraire de l'Estrie, Maison Brien & Monfette, 33 Bowen S., Sherbrooke, Que., tel: (819) 565-9393, fax: (819) 564-7346, Louise Lanctot, Dir. Gen., Mario Lemaire, Dir. Visitation on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service on Thursday, February 4, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Sacrement Church, in the presence of the ashes.

STRONG, "Capt" Ralph - At the Manoir Lac Brome in Knowlton on Monday, February 1, 1999, Ralph Strong in his 87th year. Husband of the late Olga Rowe. Left to mourn is his sister Velma McWilliams, his nephews John and Rory McWilliams and many friends. Visitation will be held at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que., (450) 243-5568 or 263-1212 on Friday, February 5, 1999, from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton on Saturday, February 6, 1999, at 1 p.m. The Rev. Ralph Leavitt officiating. Interment will be held at the Mountain View Cemetery in Saugerties, New York at a later date. Saturday, day of funeral the funeral home will be opening at 12:30 p.m.

SUTTON, Ruberta, RN - Peacefully at Paris, Ont., in her 97th year, Ruberta Louise Sutton, born in East Angus, Que. A graduate of the Sherbrooke Hospital in 1923, she spent most of her working life there, in various supervisory positions. She leaves to mourn her loss sisters Glenna Ward of Lachine, Que., and Alice Munkittrick of Hayward, Cal., her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and many friends. Memorial service to be announced. If desired, memorial donations to the Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation, Box 963, Sherbrooke, J1H 5L3, would be appreciated.

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Lester, Janice and Kelly Hawley and Ben and Dorothy Reid were supper guests of Grant and Pauline Burnette on January 7th, the occasion being their son Kyle's 5th birthday and Ben Reid's birthday on January 9th. A delicious supper was enjoyed, topped off with a birthday cake made and decorated by Pauline.

Time to let grown children untangle their own messes

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I retired to Florida a few years ago, leaving our three grown children back in our hometown up north. We are having a wonderful life, and my husband is as happy as a lark. I should also be happy. Everything here is great. The weather is beautiful. We are enjoying good health and have met some lovely people. We both do some volunteer work, so please do not assume we are selfishly wasting our lives.

The problem is our children. They aren't kids anymore, but each of them is in trouble. One daughter is married and "no longer in love." She has a boyfriend. Another daughter is living with a younger man I know she'll have to support for the rest of her life because he doesn't believe in work. She also has his two teenagers living with them. Another daughter is going through a miserable divorce. She has a son who will surely end up in jail again if he isn't there already.

I should be having the time of my life, but there is such a sadness around me that I fight it daily. I don't know what to do, Ann. All these troubled adult children are getting the best of me. I try to hide my anxiety from my husband because I don't want him to be as miserable as I am. What do I do, Ann? Please throw me a lifeline. — Heavy-Hearted in the Palms

Dear H.H.: First, you should discuss with your husband what is going on with the children. They're his, too, you know. It will help to have his support. Next, you need some counseling to help you cope with your anxiety. (An anti-depressant could be a great help.)

Your counselor will explain that you are not responsible for the lives of your adult children. It is time to let them untangle their own messes and grow up. It may be difficult not to become involved in their problems, but it could be the

Ann Landers

biggest favor you will ever do for them. In the meantime, you deserve to enjoy your retirement years. Don't let your children spoil them for you.

Dear Ann Landers: I was especially interested in your letter from a couple who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary after all those years of holding hands as they strolled.

When I was 15 years old, I started holding hands with my Dale — in church, yet! Some of the more prissy members of the church informed us that "nice young people do not hold hands in church," but we continued to do it anyway.

We held hands as we walked, held hands when we talked and held hands when we did anything together.

I celebrated my 86th birthday last November, and Dale was 88 in October. We have been holding hands for more than 72 years, from 1927 to 1999 — and

loving every minute of it. We also hold hands when we are eating at the table, when we give thanks for our food, in church and even in bed. We were married in 1934, and we're still very much in love.

Well, Ann Landers, can anyone top this? — L.B.D. in Lynnwood, Wash.

Dear L.B.D.: I doubt it. You two lovebirds win first prize.

Dear Readers: Several weeks ago, I printed a touching poem called "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking." It was about the lessons a child learns by watching his or her parents. I just discovered that the author of this piece is Mary Rita Schilke Korzan. The poem was copyrighted in 1980 and was inspired by the author's mother, Blanche Montgomery Schilke. She must be a wonderful role model for her daughter to honor her in such a loving way, and I am pleased to be able to give credit where it's due.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999

Your Birthday

Lessons you've learned from experiences, both bitter and sweet, will provide the framework for some new successes in the year ahead. It could be a time of exciting and rewarding happenings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today may be the day when you'll get a chance to spend some time with someone you've recently met who you're very anxious to get to know better. Fire your best shot. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should you need anything from a buck to a bicycle pump today, first go to a reliable associate who has been helpful to you in the past. She or he can be of considerable assistance to you again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Align yourself with someone today whose objectives closely parallel yours and both of you stand an excellent chance of

achieving your aims. Teamwork will double your odds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Only if both management and worker receive something of value for their input in any labor agreement, can long-term success be realized by each side. Do your part to comply.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It shouldn't be necessary for you to become aggressive in order to get your way with others today. Persons you have dealings with will sense your strength and resolve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your mate has a special wish that is within your power to grant, make it come true today. This loving gesture will not readily be forgotten.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Share your day with friends whose companionship you enjoy, or if you feel socially obligated to some pals, invite them to your place. In either case, your time will be well spent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The most precious belongings we possess are our family and friends. Today you might be counting your blessings for those in your life. You are lucky indeed!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be tempted today to adjust your standards to put others at ease. However, if you do everything in accordance with your highest ideals, extraordinary things could happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you might do your utmost today to conceal your tender inclinations, you won't be able to stop yourself from displaying certain charitable and compassionate behavior towards others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Without asking, someone who cares a great deal about you may pull off something on your behalf that'll make a difficult job much easier. Be ready to show your gratitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even if it is a mystery to others, you'll instinctively know how to bring something that appears to be beyond everyone's reach a reality today. Go figure!

Women's Institute meets

DUNHAM

Dunham W.I. met at J.J. Cafe for their December meeting as that is where they have their Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

While there a little meeting took place, also the drawing of the tickets that were sold over the months before were drawn. The winners of the draw are Joyce Martin, a wooden tractor and trailer; June Royea of Cowansville, a cushion; Barbara Harvey of Dunham, a cushion; and Martha Taylor of Dunham, a doll bunny. All enjoyed a delicious lunch and the exchange of gifts. The wool gathering was taking to the B.M.P. Hospital and Horizon Pour Elle, and the non-perishable food to the food bank in Dunham.

The January meeting was held at the home of Shirley Vaughan at noon with lunch before the meeting on Jan. 6. The grace was said by all before lunch. The meeting was opened with the Mary Stewart Collect and Salute To Flag.

Motto: Kindness is a language the mute can speak and the deaf can understand. Roll call: Payment of dues. Eleven members answered the roll call, with one guest present. Guest Martha Taylor.

President Shirley Vaughan welcomed everyone and thanked co-hostesses Christine McLaughlin and Ruby Sherrer. The minutes of the November and December meetings were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read showing a good balance to start off the new year. The reports were read: Agriculture: Joyce Martin; Canadian Industries: Betty Perry; Citizenship and Legislation: Carol Phillips; Safety: Carol Phillips, both read by Ruby Sherrer; Educational and Cultural Affairs: Helen Demant; Health: Gracia Comeau; Home Economics: Christine McLaughlin; Publicity: Noreen Craig. All reports were accepted as read.

The Correspondence was read. No unfinished business. A motion was made that the Treasurer pay bills as they come in. The meeting was adjourned.

Betty Perry, Publicity

Huntingville

Alice Price

Wayne, Louise, Robert, Ann, Matthew and Jacob Nutbrown spent Christmas in Whitby, Ont., as guests of their daughter and sister, Donna and Brent McVetty and girls.

Christmas guests for most of a week of Henry Robinson and Alice Price were Russel and Mary Balson, Bowmanville, Ont., Don, Julia and Jordan MacDonald of Ottawa.

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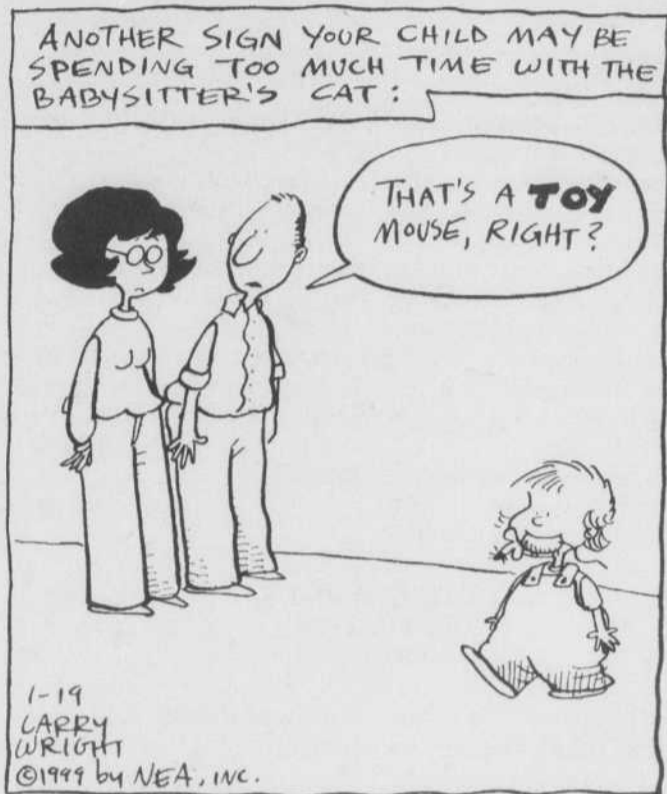
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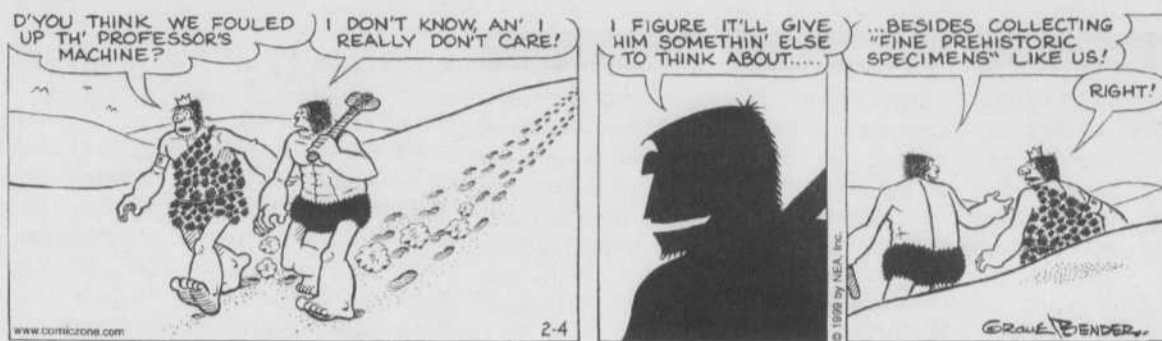
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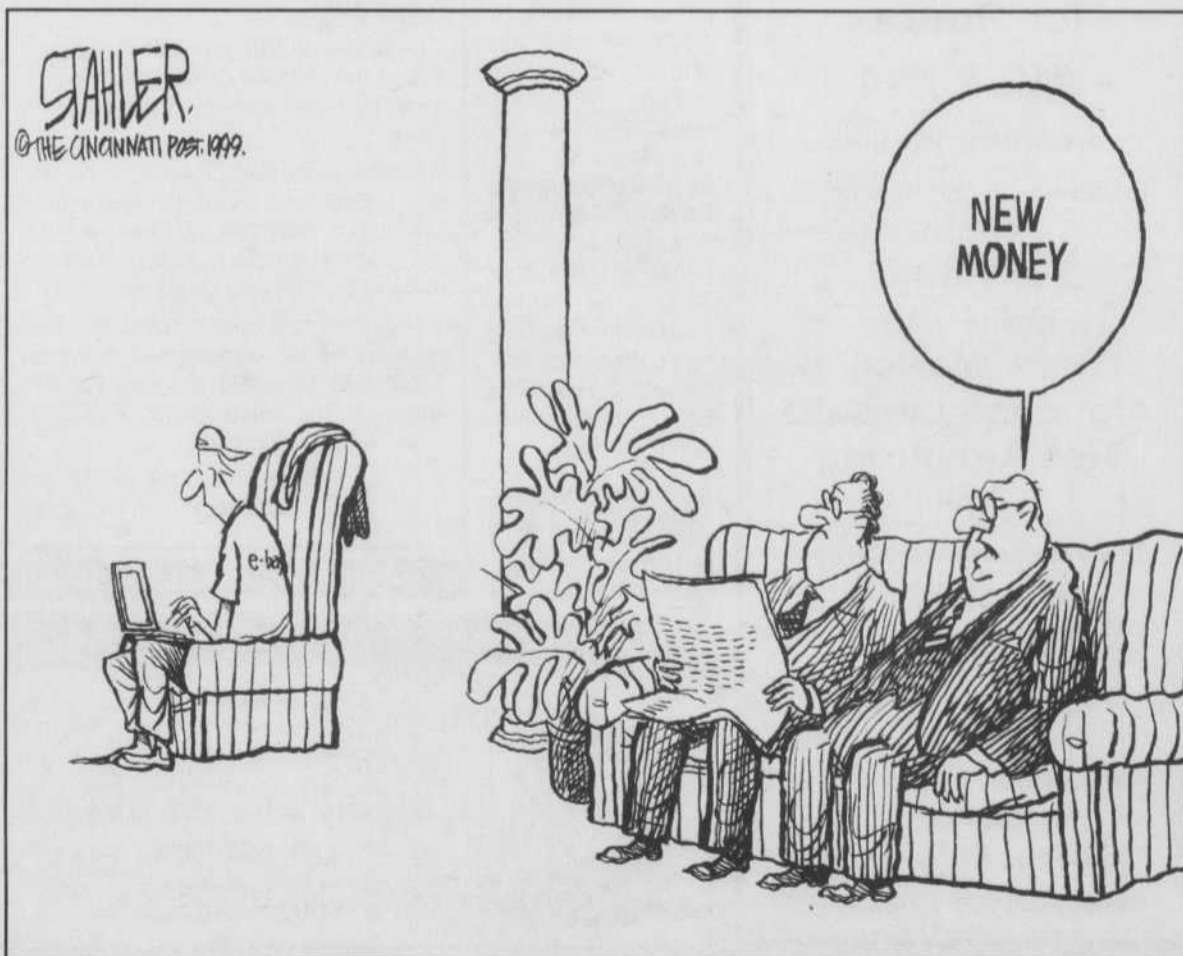


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Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Twenty-two members were present. Rita Marcoux presented the slate of officers, as there was no new nominations. All agreed to remain in office for another year. Ida MacKay moved that all officers remain as were, seconded by Alfred Vintinner.

Louise Oliver gave her treasurer's report. This showed a healthy balance at year's end. Ida MacKay moved that we accept Louise report, seconded by Rose Alma Pouliot.

President Rita Mossa read Huguette Levoy's secretary report. Estelle Landry moved that we accept the report as read, seconded by Dorothy Woodard. The president also voiced her thanks to Rita Marcoux for being chairperson today, and to her co-workers who help in so many ways.

These are George Hamelin, Vice President; Louise Oliver, Treasurer; and Huguette Levoy, secretary.

MANSONVILLE

We met as usual at the town hall on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. By meal time 26 members had arrived and Judy Gaboriault's stew disappeared quickly, as did George Hamelin's Johnny cake. Huguette Levoy gave pickles and cookies. Our desert was butter-scotch pudding and cookies. Reginald Landry gave a package of cookies, with Alfred Vintinner giving the drink that is served during the afternoon.

The half and half draw was won by Ida MacKay. 500 winners were Juliette McDuff, Gerry Gaboriault and Therese Ducharme. Therese had

given an extra dollar for this game.

Game winners were Dorothy Woodard, Juliette Laliberté, Flora Jersey, Alfred Vintinner, Ida MacKay, George Hamelin, Rita Mossa, Rose Alma Pouliot and Irene Carrier.

Door prizes went to Estelle Landry, Flora Jersey, Reginald Landry, Rose Alma Pouliot, Cecile Hamelin, Jackie Jersey and Rita Mossa.

Rita Mossa

**Magog & Area
Connie Girard
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Elizabeth Tebby of Place Sanborn, Ayer's Cliff had surgery recently at Hotel Dieu, Sherbrooke to repair a hip fracture. All the best, Libby for a speedy recovery!

Therese Cabana-St. Martin, a resident at Place Victoria, Magog enjoyed a visit with her daughter, France MacGillivray of L'Acadie, Que.

Recent guests at the home of Connie and Paul Girard, Magog

were good friends, Paul and Kitty Gargioni of Montreal, Que. The men are former co-workers of the Department of Tourism, Provincial Government and are presently enjoying retirement!!

Magog's Arnold Hopps is not feeling too well and is a patient at the Magog Hospital. All the best, Arnold for improved health real soon from your relatives and many friends. Take care!

Masters

Hello, is there anyone here
Is the pain truly so great
That from He again
You'll turn away
And when His truth
Becomes clear
On seeing our calamity
We surely all
Turn the other ear
And stake our claims
In things perverse or diverse
And much have I
Spoken of peace and good cheer

But when pain perseveres
Is peace truly here
Yet is it right
To say to a heart
Bursting with youthful
Yet worldly zeal
These things that you with
Your eyes and ears
See and hear

That you're placed
Your trust in
Are the things that someday
Soon are the
Things that aren't real
How then do we
Explain the pain
A song without refrain
Where no ensuing
Joy for a while remains

Surely by now you can't say
I haven't tried
So I'll change my ways again
To escape the emptiness,
lonely
Barren pain, and spend my
Life playing games
But why would He say
Blessed are they
Who this life hate
When I saw things in truth
I said with Him I'll
Go yet again
I can't all of this correlate

It's that blinking pain again
I've got to escape
And such is life's confusion
For no one without it
Of masters can serve two
These things that amuse you
and me
Are things of this world, of
God's adversary
The word and ways of the
Lord
Are the things that for eternity
Will remain
When the joy comes again
Maybe again we'll see

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Women's Missionary Fellowship of Grace Chapel meets

LENNOXVILLE

The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship resumed after the holiday season on Monday evening January 25th with a good number of ladies present.

Jennifer Lowd chaired the meeting and after welcoming all asked the group to sing "Pass It On" with Dale Dijkstra at the piano. The theme for the evening was LOVE and this hymn expressed how easy it is to pass on love by the simplest little act of kindness and how it warms the heart and soul enabling them also to pass it on. It speaks of God's love for mankind and once we have experienced His love we want to pass it on.

At this point Beryl Beckwith opened the meeting in prayer. Mildred Beckwith passed out new sheets for those who want to continue with the Secret Sister for another year explaining that the purpose was to pray for our Secret Sister and show her acts of kindness remembering special days etc. June Taylor then gave the Treasurer's report showing a small balance in hand.

The next hymn chosen was "Let Your Heart be Broken" urging us to think on the world in need, those who are hun-

gry, those who are thirsty, those who are sorrowing and suffering, asking us to be the hands of Jesus serving in His stead.

Marjorie Beckwith then gave an update on Angola and the plight of thousands of refugees who have fled into the cities from the rebel army and face hunger and thirst and sorrow when loved ones die or are killed. Marjorie returns to Angola on February 10th to take up her work again in the city of Luanda. She asked us to not only pray for her and her safety but to pray for PEACE that the people might return once more to a normal way of living where they can cultivate and find food.

The rest of the evening was taken up by two of our group giving testimonies of how they came to know the Lord and the various steps through childhood, the teens and adulthood. Minna Lauzon, born in Sweden to Finnish parents told of her love for the Lord but the struggles she also faced growing up. As a young woman she had always wanted to be married and have a family but in the meantime volunteered for work in a Jewish community near Jerusalem to help the people there. The Lord had led a young French Canadian to do the same

kind of volunteer work and there she met her husband, Serge Lauzon. They now live in Huntingville and would appreciate prayer for their lives and the bringing up of their two little girls.

Dale Dijkstra then told of her childhood, the struggles through teens and how the Lord had helped her through reading Psalm 37, but especially verse 7 "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him," to overcome the desire for revenge. She trained as a nurse and later was married to John Dijkstra and the Lord blessed them with two sons for whom she asked prayer.

The group divided into small groups and time was spent in prayer remembering the missionaries in Nigeria, Madagascar, Angola as well as those who serve in Canada and locally.

Baskets of food and various items were presented to Minna Lauzon and Judy Daniels. Barbara Rivett closed in prayer giving thanks for the refreshments and time of fellowship to follow.

Thank you for printing this report. May I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the The Record and for your determination to rise from the ashes and continue to

keep the community abreast of happenings locally and world wide. Keep up the good work.

Doris I. Pitman

Magog & Area Connie Girard 843-6671

What a joy it was to read the letter, of Jan. 14 by Lennoxville's Helen Evans, correspondence editor and proofreader at the Record for many years. I too, have been with the paper for a handful of years, starting out as a reporter, then on to a dining out column and presently Magog and area correspondent. Mrs. Evans showed me the ropes - she would read my text and make all the necessary corrections. I would try desperately not to repeat my errors again! When I had written a piece that I was especially proud of I would request that Mrs. E check every line and I would send copies to relatives and friends from coast to coast. Mrs. Evans was highly respected and truly loved by all of the Record staff and I was deeply saddened when she retired. I will always be grateful for her many kindnesses shown towards me. Believe me, she was one of a kind and will long be remembered.

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- 6 Wood-finishing tool
- 9 Head covering
- 14 Make one
- 15 Scarf like a snake
- 16 Condor's digs
- 17 Razor sharpener
- 18 Jonson or Franklin
- 19 Rabbit, to greyhounds
- 20 Be silent
- 23 Barnyard enclosure
- 24 Caustic substance
- 25 Pastor's flock
- 29 That woman
- 31 Dull
- 35 Show devotion
- 36 Violent outburst
- 38 Lyric poem

- 39 Stays mum
- 42 Zodiac sign
- 43 Meager
- 44 Leap over
- 45 Belonging to us
- 47 Self
- 48 Sires
- 49 One of the Gershwins
- 51 Showy performer
- 52 Shut up
- 61 Bitter
- 62 Hamburger wrap
- 63 Hubbub
- 64 Solitary
- 65 Spelling contest
- 66 Proof of ownership
- 67 Authority to decide
- 68 Crafty
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- 34 Root vegetables
- 36 Hitch
- 37 Maneuvers
- 40 Body of water
- 41 Old Gray Mare, for one
- 46 Peaceful protests
- 48 Forbid
- 50 Calgary Stampede, e.g.

- 51 Sweetheart
- 52 Ovine utterances
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- 54 Helen's city
- 55 Recedes
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 Take back
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- 8 Madcap
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- 11 Elaborate entrance
- 12 In ___ of
- 13 Chipper
- 21 Final degree
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- 25 Painter Picasso
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- 27 Chopper feature
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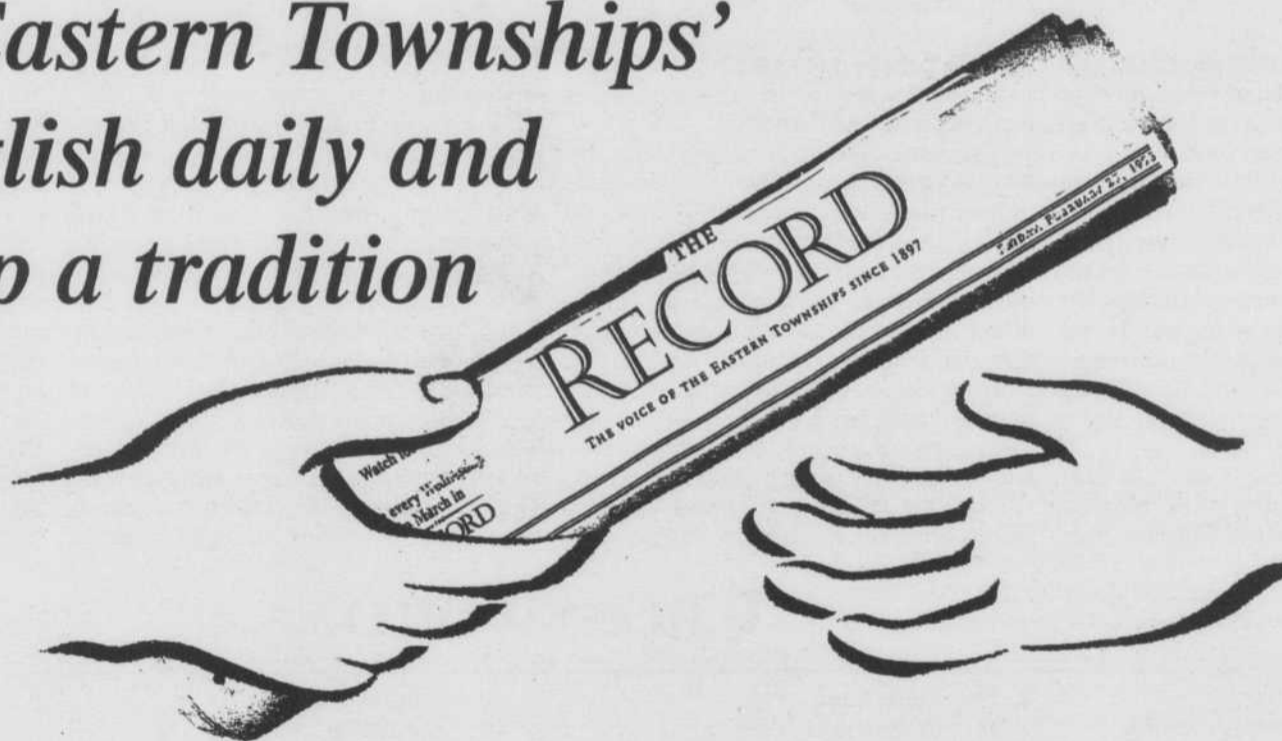
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