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Size no longer matters: Parizeau



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Former Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau spoke to some 200 students at the University of Sherbrooke yesterday on globalization and Quebec's role on the world stage.

Quebec must achieve sovereignty to protect its interests

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

“No country is too small to be prosperous today,” argued former Quebec Parti Québécois Premier Jacques Parizeau as he gave a talk on sovereignty and globalization at the University of Sherbrooke Tuesday afternoon.

The former economics professor contends that small countries can flourish as long as they are part of a larger market and that Quebec no longer needs to be part of Canada to be successful.

“The size of a country has ceased to be an obstacle to a prosperous economy,” he said, adding that there is no commer-

cial advantage for Quebec to remain within Canada. “Forget the economic Canada of our grand dads. It no longer exists.”

Parizeau said Quebec's economy now depends more on trade with the United States than on sales to its Canadian neighbours.

With an election campaign in the offing, the ardent sovereigntist is back on tour promoting the cause he has espoused for decades.

Now 72-years-old, the longtime economist and political activist said the global situation is changing quickly and that it's essential to keep an eye on international treaties and how they can affect Quebec's population and economy.

“Contrary to what people believe, there are not fewer countries in the world, there are more and more,” he said. “And not only are there more, countries, they are being called upon more and more by their people

for protection.”

Parizeau, who drew a crowd of some 200 University of Sherbrooke students, said the world is changing fast and that in an era of globalization Quebec needs to be its own nation to protect its culture, language and other interests such as health care and education.

He noted the federal government does a poor job representing Quebec's interests at international discussion tables.

“The world today has become too dangerous, he said, arguing that growing globalization is threatening Quebec's culture and way of life.

Parizeau said that when the GATT (General Agreement on Trades and Tariffs) was created years ago, it was a positive economic force, liberalizing trade and getting rid of tariffs and barriers. It worked so well that everyone wanted to join the

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Galt teachers get iBooks today

*Grade 11
teachers start
laptop training
with a one-
hour session*

By Kate Shingler

Teachers at Alexander Galt Regional High School are excited about receiving their new portable computers today as part of the Eastern Townships School Board's new laptop project, said principal Gilles Ribaux.

The only ETSB high school selected to participate in the first phase of the board's “enhanced learning initiative”, Galt is the first leg of the project's implementation.

ETSB Secretary General Chantal Beaulieu said the laptop distribution schedule is as follows: “The high school teachers (Galt) will receive their iBooks with a basic one-hour training session. The elementary school teachers (Butler, Cookshire, and Sherbrooke) will receive theirs on Thursday, with the same training - just in time for them to ‘play’ with them during the March break.”

Students in the four pilot schools will receive the computers at the beginning of April, Beaulieu explained.

The 21 teachers who are expected to take home their own iBooks today are aware of the commitment involved in the new educational strategy, noted Ribaux.

“We know there's a lot of work involved. The teachers are going to have to get familiar with (the new computers).” The Apple technology is slightly dif-

ferent from the PCs the staff is used to, he added.

It is too early to tell how far-reaching the impact of the laptops will be, but Ribaux said he expects the portable computers will be used in most classes.

As a “lead school” Galt is responsible for finding out what does and does not work in terms of implementing the program, he said, adding that

the students will benefit from the experience. “Our main purpose,” he explained, “is to find the bugs.”

Laptops will assist them in a variety of classes including completing in-depth research projects, and performing virtual experiments in chemistry class, he noted. “The (wireless technology) really lends itself to history and media classes as well.”

News of the program, the first of its kind in Canada, made headlines in January after the ETSB received approval from the Ministry of Education to launch the \$12.5 million initiative, leaving some teachers and parents upset over what they say was a hollow consultation process.

In order to qualify as a pilot school, schools were required to pass resolutions by their governing boards and school councils, whose teachers and administrators were supportive of the endeavor. The board admitted it favoured schools whose entire staff was committed to online learning. Slated to only choose two elementary and one school for the remainder of the 2002-2003 academic year, the board opted to launch the program in three

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The places to be

The theme of the 1985 Townshippers' Day proudly proclaimed that the Eastern Townships was "The Place to Be." This idea is echoed again in this year's T-Day theme, "Cowansville 2003: The Place to Be." This column suggests a few other places in the Townships to be, too, depending on the date.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If you know someone who likes challenging community work and who writes really, really well, the place for him or her to be for the coming years may be in the role of Assistant Executive Director.

The person who fills this role will assist the Executive Director and, in her absence, act as director. This will include creating and carrying out the Association's communications strategy, handling media relations and written communications. The role would also include a hefty helping of grant writing, research and coordination.

We're looking for someone with a bachelor's degree, relevant experience and excellent written and oral communications skills in English. Other important attributes include dynamism, a sense of responsibility, initiative, leadership and good judgment, ability to work as part of a team, and bilingualism. An in-depth knowledge of Eastern Townships would also be an asset.

This is a full-time position starting at the beginning of April. The salary will be commensurate with skills and experience. Interested persons should send a résumé, references, and a sample of their writing by March 10 to Rachel Garber, Executive Director, Townshippers' Association, 100-257 Queen, Lennoxville J1M 1K7. Fax: (819) 566-0271. Email: execdire@townshippers.qc.ca. Please note that only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted.

MARCH 21 IN COWANSVILLE

Plans are progressing for a Townshippers' open house in Cowansville, in collaboration with the Emmanuel United Church, which houses Townshippers'

KEEPING IN TOUCH

TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Cowansville office. This will be a networking opportunity in a relaxed, welcoming setting for people interested or involved in the Townships English-speaking community, with a special focus on the Montérégie region. The event will also highlight the Townshippers' Day 2003 fundraising/raffle campaign. Definitely, the place to be on Friday, March 21, 12-2 p.m., is 203 Principale, Cowansville. Plan to be there!

WORLD YOUTH GAMES VOLUNTEERS

You're 16 or older, you enjoy sports, culture, social events, international contacts? The place to be is definitely Sherbrooke, July 1-13, at the World Youth Athletics Championships. You can be one of the 300 plus English-speaking volunteers that Townshippers' Association is seeking to fill some 300 different roles.

The time to register is now, since tasks will be assigned on a first-come, first-registered basis. To get your registration form, contact Townshippers' Association at Lennoxville 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717), or visit our website at www.townshippers.qc.ca.

NEW VISTAS

Your mother tongue is English, you're over 15, you're out of work, you're out of school for at least one year, you're receiving either employment benefits or social assistance or are without an income? And you're looking for new opportunity? New Vistas may be the place for you to be. It offers a training program for unemployed English speakers in the Cowansville area, in partnership with the Cowansville Academy for Lifelong Learning, Emploi-Québec and Townshippers' Association. New Vistas offers French-language skills and internships to help equip adults for employment. You can join this subsidized program now! For information, call (450) 263-3775.

ENJOY CLASSICAL MUSIC?

If you're a classical music lover, or just willing to experiment, the Sher-

brooke Symphony Orchestra is the place to be on March 1st. It offers Mendelssohn Imagining, a concert with violin soloist Jasper Wood. And plan ahead for April 5, when the Mahler the Magnificent program showcases the Claudel Quartet, including Éline Mar-

cil and Marie-José Arpin on violin, Annie Parent, alto, and Jeanne de Chantal Marcil, cello.

Remember, Townshippers' members get a special 10 per cent discount on tickets. Contact (819) 820-1000, or see the full program at www.css-oss.com.

The importance of continuity

First I would like to thank you for your support and the feedback I have been receiving about this column. I will do my best to meet your requests.

Another value the CHUS has is "the Importance of the community." The CHUS has evolved as part of a community and wishes to maintain a close relationship with the entire community it serves and remain mutually supportive. The CHUS is part of a network of Health and Social Services. An important link with community services is essential. A good example is the link with the CLSCs. The co-ordinated action with these services in the network is essential for the continuity of services to the client. This liaison allows for accessibility and continuity, which are essential elements in the global quality of care and services. When you are ready for discharge from the hospital, but still require some care, for example dressing changes or medication that you could receive at home, then your doctor will request (before your discharge) that a report be sent to the CLSC in your area. They will co-ordinate the home care that you will require.

Once the CLSC receives the request, they in turn will contact you and visit you in your home to do an evaluation of your needs. If you were told that the CLSC would be contacting you and you do not hear from them a few days after

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LYNNE BEATTIE

your discharge, then please call your local CLSC to verify that they did receive the request from the hospital. Your doctor may also give you a prescription if necessary to have your stitches or staples removed at the CLSC. It will be indicated on the prescription when you need to go have this done. If you have any other needs he my also have you go to the CLSC. You may have small drains in a wound

and it is normal for you to go home with these still in place. You may need assistance with this but it does not require that you remain in hospital. The CLSC can help. Be sure to check with your doctor or nurse before you leave the hospital that you have all the necessary discharge instructions including when you should see your doctor again. If necessary ask someone to write these down for you. Please be sure to have the information you need when you leave, this will help reduce stress during your convalescence and diminish the need for re-hospitalisation. Also check to be sure you have your hospital card and Medicare card on discharge.

FYI: Hospital Card in French is "La Carte d'Hopital"

Medicare Card is referred to as "La Carte Soleil".

Suggestions for this column can be made by: Telephone: 819-346-1110 Extension 28093 or E-mail: lbeattie.chus@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Weather

Today: Sunny with cloudy periods. Cold. High near minus 11.

Thursday: Sunny. Low near minus 17. High near minus 6.

Friday: Sunny. Low near minus 19. High near minus 4.

Saturday: Clear periods. Low near minus 14. High near minus 2.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



New costs will drain Lenn borough surpluses

By Jake Brennan
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
LENNOXVILLE

Because of new norms for water systems and police and fire coverage handed down by federal and provincial jurisdictions, but to be paid for by municipalities, Lennoxville's surplus it carried into amalgamation is being tapped this year for projects typically covered by municipal budgets, council reported at its Monday sitting.

And because the new costs are operational rather than one-time expenditures for implementation, Borough President Doug MacAulay said some sort of financial solution - either increasing revenue through taxes or expanding the tax base by attracting more businesses and residents - has quickly become a priority.

All of Sherbrooke's boroughs will have to dig into their own piggy banks to cover items previously covered by their annual allowance. Lennoxville projects to be paid for this year by the surplus, which totaled \$662,110 at the new year, will include estimated expenditures of: \$50,000 on the water system; \$120,607 on road improvements; an additional \$50,000 on the 'corridor scolaire,' which will improve the safety of Queen Street traffic for the many young Lennoxville Elementary and St. Antoine students; \$40,000 for Centennial Park's new playground for 2-5 year olds; \$14,000 for a filtration system at the

Centennial Park pool; \$12,000 for improvements to the baseball diamond infield at D'Arcy Bennet Park; and a number of other smaller expenditures.

Council is decidedly unhappy about cutting the surplus almost in half in one year, but recognizes the need to maintain the borough's infrastructure and carry out projects requested by citizens.

One such project is the proposed Lennoxville skate park, which is set for construction now that the estimated cost of \$50,000 has been covered. The City of Sherbrooke put aside \$150,000 to realize the final action plans coming out of the town hall summit meetings last fall. Each borough received \$10,000 automatically, the rest being divvied up according to population. That garnered Lennoxville \$13,150 from the city, which it has decided to put toward the skate park. The borough will come up with the remainder, \$36,850, from the town's surplus it carried into amalgamation.

A number of citizens have commented that the telephone, electricity and cable wires along the downtown section of Queen Street are unsightly, reports MacAulay. One solution typically implemented is to bury the wires to improve the appearance of small town business districts. The government of Quebec subsidizes such projects, asking for a contribution of 3-13 per cent from the municipality. If the province green

lights Lennoxville to proceed, the borough will enlist the help of the city and also spend up to \$5,000 for a private firm to produce a cost estimate. Typically the companies who own the wires also help with the considerable costs of such projects.

The Grace Christian Home in Huntingville has put forth a request to be hooked up to the municipal water supply. The home currently supplies water for itself and some 50 neighbouring residents from its own well. "In effect we're in the water business," said the home's executive director, Richard Tracy. "That's not the business we're supposed to be in or what we do best. What we do best is care for people in a nursing home."

With the Walkerton issue and subsequent government clampdowns on water testing, the extra obligation and liability are too risky, especially considering the home doesn't want to be in the water business anyway, said Tracy. In addition, the current well supply will not be sufficient for a proposed Alzheimer's wing the home wishes to build. The economic feasibility of that expansion hinges on connection to Lennoxville's water mains, explained Tracy.

The connection issue came up two years ago, but was shelved during amalgamation. Council is now looking into the costs involved in such an extension of its water network.

The Town, now Borough, of Lennoxville has a longstanding policy of rebating people who live or work in town 15 per cent of their membership or course costs at the Bishop's athletic centre. With amalgamation in 2002, that policy was extended to residents of the new City of Sherbrooke. A total of 180 people took advantage of the program last year, including 18 from outside Lennoxville, for a total cost of \$8951.41. MacAulay said amalgamation had not upped the figure, which typically runs between \$8,000 and \$10,000, the latter being the budget cap for the rebate program.

- Council has earmarked \$1,000 to help mount the annual sheepdog trial held every July at Bishop's. The event has been growing steadily for more than five years now.

- Council is making a \$500 donation to the Bishop's relief fund to help the 38 students and family of four who were made homeless in the January 26 fire of the Famili-Prix building on Queen Street.

- Lennoxville's annual outstanding achievement awards will be presented this Thursday night beginning at 7:30 at Amedée Beaudoin Hall. All are encouraged to attend as awards are handed out for community contributions to arts and culture, education, sports, and volunteerism.

CAREER

BMP Hospital ER overflows again

By Maurice Crossfield

Once again traffic levels at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital's emergency room has reached crisis proportions, prompting officials there to ask the public to go elsewhere if possible.

"We started the day with 35 patients on stretchers, it was catastrophic," said Dr. Jean Brochu, director of professional services at the BMP. "Now we're down to about 30."

The high volume of traffic prompted the BMP once again to issue a statement asking the public to use the Info Santé line, or go to a walk-in clinic if possible.

But Brochu noted that people able to find help elsewhere were not the ones responsible for overcrowding.

"These type of people are not the ones who use the beds," he said. "The ones in our beds are acutely sick and need care."

Brochu noted the majority of problems are cardiac troubles, pulmonary illnesses, fractures and other traumas. Colds and flus have not been a problem at the ER, he said. Many of those on stretchers are elderly.

Part of the problem is the number of people occupying acute care beds while waiting to be transferred to long term

care facilities. Of the 35 acute care beds at the BMP, between 12 and 15 are waiting for placement in a nursing home.

Several times this winter the BMP ER has reached similar levels, despite having an official capacity of 11 stretchers. Levels of 250 to 300 per cent capacity have become commonplace this winter.

"We've learned to live with 25 or less, because this is business as usual," Brochu said. "But even 25 should not be acceptable. But you get used to misery."

Brochu said the hospital is obliged to take all patients, and will continue to deal with the situation as best it can.

In an interview with The Record yesterday, she said her greatest worry is that human interaction would become more limited.

"We value our relationships that we have with the children. Placing computers in the schools is completely the antithesis of everything that I have been taught over the years by the ETSB. We have been taught that children learn best through movement, that we have to respect all learning styles and we should encourage the use of manipula-

tives.

Rothfels suggested that in order to keep the health hazards and negative effects to a minimum, the board should limit the time kids spend on their computers.

To ETSB director general Ron Canuel's remarks that the laptops will likely be used for 60 per cent of the day, she remarked: "I am so glad that I no longer have children in the system, this is not the kind of education that I would want them to be receiving."

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elementary schools and one high school, citing the high caliber of applications as the reason for the extra pilot school.

Bury/Sawyerville kindergarten teacher Ann Rothfels is one of the few ETSB staff members to go on record with her concerns over the implications of the laptop project.

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\$700,000 to create new Chair at the Université de Sherbrooke

Concrete Industry will benefit

SHERBROOKE

A new Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Industrial Research Chair at the Université de Sherbrooke whose work

will focus on concrete structure analysis was announced yesterday by the Government of Canada. NSERC is providing the Chair with \$700,000 in funding over five years.

Using non-destructive testing technologies, the Chairholder, Professor Gérard Ballivy, and his team will be able to analyze the condition of the concrete

and cement materials that make up our infrastructure, much of which is at least 50 years old. The 16-person team includes eight Master's and doctoral students who form the team's core.

"These scanning techniques must be reliable, accurate, and above all, fast. When examining traffic lanes, for example, it is essential to conduct the testing without impeding the use of transportation networks," Ballivy explained. "Our techniques are derived from geophysical methods generally used in mineral or petroleum exploration. They must be very accurate to allow us, for example, to detect all the cracks that may compromise the stability of concrete structures."

"Repairs to concrete infrastructure are very costly and they have a significant impact on the surrounding community," declared Allan Rock,

Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for NSERC. "The proposed research is highly relevant and will have a positive influence on the Canadian economy, since the findings from the Research Chair's work will allow Canada to take the lead in the field of techniques for evaluating and monitoring the behaviour of concrete infrastructure."

NSERC's President Dr. Tom Brzustowski highlighted the solid expertise of the Industrial Research Chairholder, Professor Gérard Ballivy.

"As a specialist in the scanning and instrumentation of concrete infrastruc-

ture since 1985, Professor Ballivy is the ideal person to develop methods for evaluating the condition of concrete infrastructure. The Chair

could provide direct economic benefits to service companies applying these new technologies and also to infrastructure managers who could reduce their maintenance costs."

The Chair's fieldwork will be conducted with industrial partners in order to validate the technologies and ensure they are transferred. The federal government's partners in this initiative are Hydro-Québec, the Ministère des Transports du Québec, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, G.I.E. Technologies, GéoLab, Advitam Solutions, Le Groupe S.M., Roctest ltée, Géophysique GPR International and Andec Manufacturing. These partners will contribute \$975,000 over five years. The Centre d'expertise et de recherche en infrastructures urbaines (CERIU) will share its knowledge of urban environments with the Chair and will make its resources available to disseminate the research findings.

This Research Chair is one of many that NSERC supports through its research partnership programs, whose objective is to support high-level research that has industrial or social relevance and to transfer the findings to Canadian organizations. Funding for these Chairs is determined through rigorous peer-review of submitted research proposals.

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New logo needed for Lenn Friendship Day

The Borough of Lennoxville is searching for a new logo for its annual Friendship Day.

The contest is open to all residents, and has been sent home with students so they are free to enter as a family.

The logo must have as much colour as possible and demonstrate what Friendship Day and the Lennoxville community means to you.

The new logo is to be placed on a plain white eight-by-11 piece of paper, and submitted by April 1 by sending it through school children or to the Borough of Lennoxville c/o Sarah Channell, CP 610, Sherbrooke, J1H 5H9.

"This is a great way for people to get directly involved in their community and do something that means a lot to Friendship Day itself," said Channell.

The mastermind(s) behind the winning logo will be notified by April 21. If ideas are chosen from more than one logo than both designers will be awarded.

Winners will be part of an official unveiling of the logo ceremony, and be featured in the June 14th parade on their own float.

For more information contact Sarah Channell at 569-9388 or Jen Young at 573-2112.

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Boucher announces expansion funds for health centres

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

The provincial government confirmed Tuesday that funds for the expansion of the Memphremagog Health Centre and the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute have been made available.

"As far as our health care system here in the region is concerned, we have lived through difficult times," said PQ Johnson MNA and Estrie delegate Claude Boucher in Sherbrooke. "The dedication of the people who worked on these two projects will finally pay off."

The \$18.2-million project at the overcrowded Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute calls for the construction of an additional pavilion expected to house 144 extra beds. It will be located next to the Argyll Pavilion. An additional \$3 million will be spent renovating the Argyll Pavilion.

The Memphremagog Health Centre will get an extra 72 beds and improvements will be made to existing exterior and interior spaces including the pharmacy and the emergency room. Also, the cafeteria will be expanded. The project is estimated at a little over \$19.8 million.

"It is a great day for the people at the Institute. We have been waiting a long time for this day," said Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute director general Daniel Bergeron. "This will help us reach our goal of providing our clients with better living conditions and better quality services."

Boucher, who said funding for the projects became available recently thanks to the new agreement between Ottawa and the provinces concerning increased financing in the health sector, said it was important the government make a final decision concerning the projects before an election campaign.

Boucher added that the next steps are getting

the final plans approved and then making the necessary funds available.

Executives at the Memphremagog Health Centre, located in an area of the Townships with a high percentage of seniors, were also pleased with the announcement.

"This decision means we will avoid a catastrophic situation (bed shortages) estimated to hit our region in 2007 or 2008," said the Centre's director general Jean Lavigne. "It shows that decision-makers listen and are sensitive to the needs in our (health) sector."

Looking at similar projects already completed in the region, including those in Lac-Mégantic and Valcourt, a smiling Bergeron estimated that subsequent steps and the actual physical work at the sites should be completed in about three years.

Pleased with the news but leary of its timing, Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute resident and the founder of Pep's in Lennoxville,

Julien Pépin playfully warned Boucher to keep his word.

"We've been waiting a long time for this so if they're going to do it then it should be now," Pépin, who has been living at the Institute's D'Youville pavilion for almost one year, told The Record.

"I hope this isn't just an election promise."



FILE PHOTO

'We have lived through difficult times' - Claude Boucher

BRIEFS

Disaster calls

The Quebec government wants people to know it has included a new section in the province's newly-released telephone books entitled 'practical hints in case of disasters'.

Besides hints about what to do and who to call in the case of fires, floods, storms and earthquakes, the section also gives information and hints about the items needed for regulation first aid and disaster relief kits every household should have.

The new 2003-2004 telephone books will be distributed to homes throughout the province between February 2002 and January 2003.

Dixville honours residents, businesses

Lennoxville's Dixville Home will honour two of its own residents and two local businesses tonight when it holds its annual awards evening and supper at the Le President Hotel in Sherbrooke.

In collaboration with employers from the community, the Dixville Home offers training and/or employment to people living with intellectual disabilities. The majority of people served are referred to the home by their families, CLSCs or various other agencies.

Robert Walker and Angela Palmer will receive plaques this evening for their efforts and determination in working at local stores. Walker has worked at the Provigo in Lennoxville since 1986, while Palmer has been an intern at the IGA in Magog since 1999.

Employers Polycrylic of Coaticook and Magog's IGA will also be honoured for their collaboration and dedication in including intellectually disabled workers among their work force.

Once integrated into the the workplace, the worker is followed closely by home employees. The type of work varies from cleaning assistant to bag boy, to store assistant. The work enables residents to improve their social skills and acquire specific work aptitudes.

Housing grants available

The governments of Canada and Quebec are teaming up to offer developers the opportunity to receive grants to build new residential developments. They hope to build 6,500 units this year in the province.

Under the Logement abordable Quebec (LAQ) program, amounts varying between \$10,600 and \$13,200 will be granted per new loft, two-bedroom or three-bedroom units.

The program is open only to developers from major urban centres where the (housing) vacancy rate is very low who build a new apartment building or turn an existing non-residential structure into one. About 75 new apartments are expected to be made available in Sherbrooke in 2003 thanks to the program.

Anyone interested in applying for grants through the Logement abordable Quebec program must do it in person on Feb. 27 at the city's Planning and urbanism department located at 555 des Grandes-Fourches Street South in Sherbrooke. For more information, call Serge Turgeon at 819-821-5905.

Searching for storage space

The non-profit Mira Foundation is looking for a 2000 square-foot space to house many of its items. The Foundation trains dogs for the blind and disabled. For more information call Mira Estrie co-ordinator Sandra Turgeon at 819-572-7230.

Masked men rob Farnham bar

By Maurice Crossfield

For the second time in two weeks a Farnham bar has been the scene of a violent crime. At about 2:25 a.m. Tuesday morning two men armed with baseball bats entered the Bar Le Match at 666 Principale West. Threatening the waitress the men demanded and received the contents of the cash. They then fled the scene.

"A roadblock operation was carried out watching for a potential suspect vehicle," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Cpl. Jean Finet. "But that vehicle was never found."

The men were masked, so a complete description of the robbers was not possible. Finet said the men wore jeans and spoke French.

Home invasion in Eaton Township

The major crimes squad of the Sûreté du Québec is investigating the assault and robbery of a man at his home in Eaton Township Tuesday morning.

Just before 1 a.m. robbers entered the home of the victim on Statton Road. Using pepper spray to disable the man, the robbers then immobilized him and tied him up. "The number of people remains to be determined," said SQ spokesman Const. Jean

Two weeks ago Bar Le Match made the headlines after a violent incident involving the waitress and two customers. When one of the two men said something to offend the waitress, her boyfriend got involved. The mouthy client broke two beer bottles, and in the ensuing scuffle the waitress was cut on the arm, requiring stitches.

A while later an associate of the waitress found the two men in a bar in Ange Gardien. He beat one of the men so badly he had to be hospitalized. No charges have yet been laid in that incident.

The Brome-Missisquoi detachment of the SQ is continuing its investigation into both incidents. Anyone with information can call the SQ at 310-4141, or the Info Crime line at 1-800-711-1800.

Finet.

The robbers then stole some electronics from the house, including computers. They then fled the scene. At 1:48 a.m. the man managed to free himself and call the Haut St-François detachment of the SQ.

Finet said the man was taken to hospital to be treated for shock. Other than temporary effects of the pepper spray attack he was unharmed, Finet said.

Community Forum

Heating the wrong branding iron

Spare five minutes for the observations of a 92-year-old convert from the ivory tower who doesn't like the attempt of persons unknown to brand David Orchard as anti-free trade. Of course, there is nothing new about such attempts in politics.

VIEWPOINT

ARTHUR LANGFORD

In a piece on "Tory Weakness" Hugh Winsor wrote (Feb. 3, Globe and Mail) that "This vulnerability is what scares the daylights out of mainstream Tories who fear Prairie populist David Orchard might mobilize enough of his anti-free trade followers to win."

Strange it is, indeed, that meeting with many voters during the last few months, mainly in my own riding, I have yet to meet an anti-free trade supporter of Orchard.

I have listened to David speak in three different ridings setting forth his philosophy, and not a word of anti-free trade. His position is clear. He opposed NAFTA (North American Free Trade agreement) as unnecessary citing the favorable experience of Canada in any challenge under the GATT/WTO. He stands for fair free trade, which we do not have (consider softwood lumber and agricultural products). He is strongly opposed to the recent international challenge under Chapter 11 of NAFTA. It was that chapter that caused Canada to rescind its regulation against the addition of MMT to gasoline and to pay the U.S. Ethyl Corporation US \$13 million for business lost during the life of the regulation.

The offensive sections of Chapter 11 have little to do with free trade and a lot to do with unwanted protection of investments. A thorough going statement of the dangers of Chapter 11 can be called up on the Internet with www.pbs.org.now and choosing "Trading Democracy" from the list of NOW subjects: better still buy and show as soon as

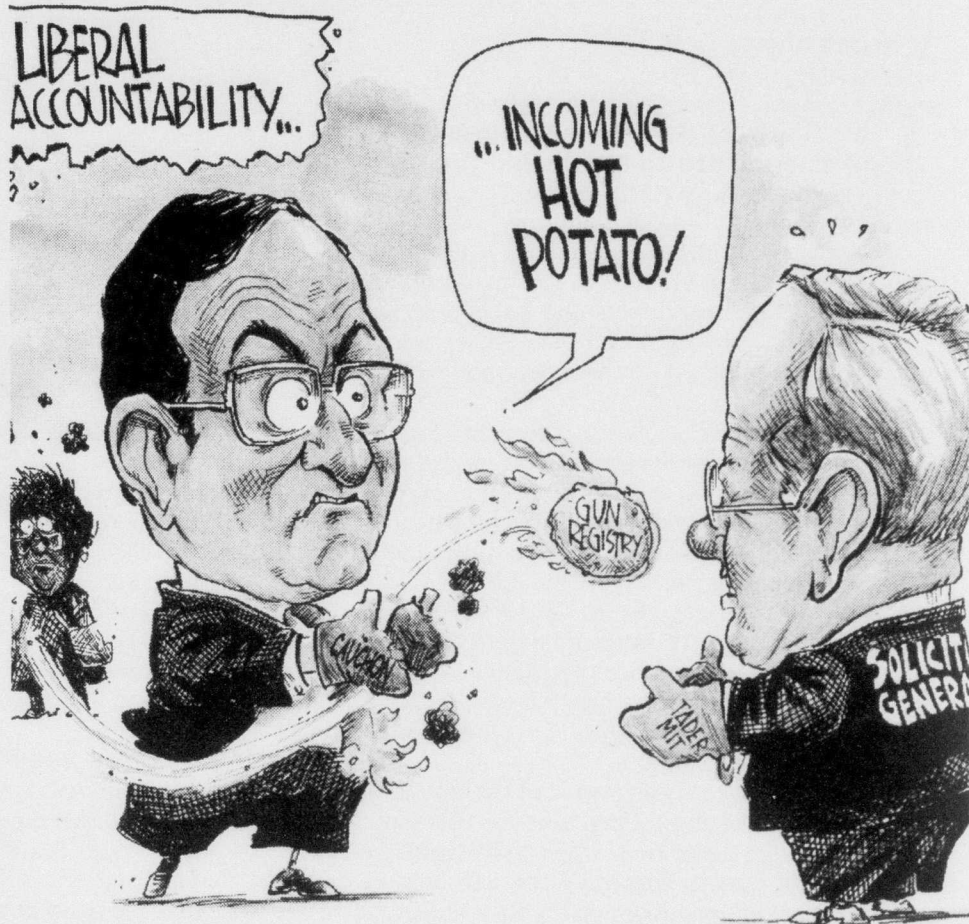
you can and as often as you can the video (29650-AT), available by credit card from 1-800-257-5126. It was this program that galvanized me on Feb. 2 of last year, changing my life. I had never been active in any political party (nor had David Orchard before 1997). I made inquiries and decided that the PC party was the most suitable one in which to seek change.

Political parties evolve. It is time for another step in the evolution of the PC Party, generally perceived as not too different from the Liberals, both on the right. Analysts report that no Canadian party in power has been ousted by an opposition whose main plank was to the right of the party in power. The time has come to choose a leader who will move the party to the centre, not shackled by big business or by organized labor. The people are in the centre and that is where David Orchard stands, espousing, among other things, Canadian sovereignty, fair free trade, environmental protection, recovery of the authority of Parliament, proportional representation in Parliament, justice for all, search for the best in health and education.

The time has come for men and women of good will to take part in political choices at the early stages, to investigate, to commit to a cause and influence the choices that are made. David Orchard needs you to publicize his views, activate your community and sign up PC members to send Orchard delegates to the May convention. Without such local action now, nothing will happen.

ARTHUR N. LANGFORD, FORMERLY OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, CURRENTLY RESIDES IN SIMCOE, ONT.

David Orchard spoke at Bishop's University last night. See tomorrow's Record for a full report.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amirault family reunion in N.S.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is an invitation to members of the Amirault family to attend a Family Reunion in West Pubnico, Nova Scotia on Aug. 8, 2004.

Les Descendants de François Amirault is an association that has been formed to organize a reunion of all descendants of François Amirault dit Tourangeau (b. abt. 1644) and his wife Marie Pitre (b. 1666). Today's descendants use various names including Amirault, Amiro, Amero, Mireault, Mireau, Miraud, Mero and still others. This family reunion is amongst 75 reunions being organized as part of the third Congrès mondial acadien being held in Nova Scotia from July 31 to Aug. 15, 2004. Individuals of Acadian ancestry from around the world are expected to visit during this time.

Events being planned for the Amirault reunion include genealogy discussions, arts & crafts demonstrations, group photo, masses, musical entertainment, and Acadian cuisine. The association is even

participating in a DNA Family Tree project.

Our website at www.accesswave.ca/~amirault2004 contains more information including genealogy data, membership form, merchandise with our logo, and minutes of meetings. More information on other family reunions being held in the Yarmouth County area is available at www.tusket.com and the official Congrès website is at www.cma2004.com.

The one-time membership fee to join the Amirault association is only \$10 per person, or \$15 per household, and includes registration for the reunion. Amirault's (and variations) by birth or by marriage and descendants are invited to join. Please send cheque or money order, along with member name(s), address, phone number, ages of children, email address, and descendant line from François Amirault (if known) for a family tree report to: Kathy Amirault-Bourque, secretary Les descendants de François Amirault Box 2, Lower East Pubnico, Nova Scotia, B0W 2A0

Or contact us at amirault2004@accesswave.ca for more information.

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Perspectives

Powell's war plea, not admissible in a court of law

Had Secretary of State Colin Powell pleaded his case in a criminal courtroom rather than before the UN Security Council he would have suffered a resounding defeat. His scathing indictment against Saddam Hussein for having violated U.N. sanctions would have provoked a string of valid objections based on our rules of evidence. These rules are designed to increase the odds of unraveling the truth during the course of a trial. To do so, they aim to ensure that both parties in a courtroom receive a fair hearing and that evidence deemed irrelevant, untrustworthy, or unfairly prejudicial is excluded.

This is not to say that Mr. Powell's prosecutor-like behavior was not a political success. Moreover, very few experienced trial attorneys could have been more convincing. He was articulate, persuasive, spoke with passion and made all the right pauses. He also knew exactly when to refer to the wiretap evidence, satellite pictures and drawings.

Nevertheless, all of all his courtroom skill would not have compensated for the lack of legally admissible evidence.

Had America's top diplomat presented the same plea in a courtroom, any experienced observer would have concluded that he was giving evidence viva voce (through his voice) which in itself would have justified the trial judge to stop him in his tracks. In short, no lawyer is allowed to give evidence in his client's case and still remain the attorney on record.

The fact that Mr. Powell was able to provide names, dates and locations in his efforts to prove that Saddam's Iraq has been working and giving support to al Qaeda, would not have helped to make his statements admissible in a court of law. The same can be said of his assertion that Saddam and Osama bin Laden forged links going back to the mid-1990s, and that today, Iraq harbors an al Qaeda network headed by a bin Laden colleague, Abu Musab a-Zarqawi. At most, such allegations would have been permitted in an opening statement before a jury with the understanding that he subsequently prove each and every one.

When Powell presented his case before the Security Council he was relying in large part on information that originated from CIA intelligence officers. Quite naturally, he hoped to convince the members of the Security Council that his information was trustworthy and therefore true.

Such evidence is referred to as hearsay evidence and is almost always inadmissible before a court of law. A further example of hearsay evidence in Powell's speech was when he declared that, according to a senior al Qaeda operative, Iraq had offered chemical or biological training to al Qaeda associates.

In the absence of the appropriate witnesses such hearsay evidence is considered unreliable and untrustworthy.

Another danger with hearsay evidence is that it may be believed by third parties only because of the reputation of the person who reports it, not notwithstanding the possibility that the absent witness may be a liar. By admitting hearsay evidence the opposite party is thereby prevented from testing the credibility of the person who supposedly witnessed the disputed facts.

However, just calling the material witnesses would not have been sufficient for Colin Powell had he been before a court of law. A judge or jury would have had to be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that his allegations were true. This assumes, of course, that each and every witness would have both been examined and cross-examined.

As for the audiotape which Powell claimed was of two Iraqi officials discussing a cover-up in light of an upcoming inspection by U.N. officials, it too would have been declared inadmissible unless he had abided by the rules of evidence. Aside from having to establish that all of the procedural requirements had been respected, Powell would have had to

prove where and when the alleged conversation took place, the identity of the two parties and finally that the recording had not been doctored. This type of evidence is usually provided by



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law enforcement technicians/analysts whose specialty is to intercept and record private conversation and who are equally capable of identifying the voices.

For much the same reasons, Powell's satellite pictures purporting to prove concealed chemical weapons would have been rejected by any court of law, without additional evidence. According to Powell they revealed a series of cargo vehicles as well as a decontamination vehicle moving around at the Al Musayyib chemical complex in 2002. The fact that the information was previously classified intelligence material would have had no impact in a court of law. Much like audio tapes it is just too easy to fake pictures. Powell would have been obliged to call as witnesses the highly qualified experts who were controlling the satellite photography operations. It is unlikely that anyone else could have established how and when

the pictures were taken and finally what they indicated.

As for the drawing of the mobile chemical weapon lab, Mr. Powell would have been required by law to produce as a witness, the person who actually prepared the document.

It is indeed ironic that because of our many stringent rules of evidence it can be more difficult to convict a person of murder than for a government to launch a war. One important reason is that government leaders are not legally required to convince their constituents, much less an independent tribunal, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a war is in their country's long term national interest. No referendum is required and no public poll is binding.

Then again, most political scientists will argue that the art of governing also requires the fortitude to take unpopular decisions.

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Our School's Page

MASSEY-VANIER HIGH SCHOOL

The Massey-Vanier Cultural Hall hosted the Pottton Valley Quilters from Dec. 9 to 20, where a stunning display of quilts and smaller art works (pottery, handmade wooden puzzles, aprons, runners, decorations) were exhibited. With a Christmas theme and an old fashioned ambience, the exhibit received many accolades for the quality of the work and many memories the colourful quilts evoked.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Quilters were served lunch provided by the art and home economics departments in the home economics lab under the supervision of Mrs. Dixon and a few of her students, who had prepared homemade rolls during their morning classes. In

attendance were Mr. Alan Gauthier, Governing Board Chairman, Mr. R. Gagnon, School Board representative, and Mr. Baker from the Magog ETSB offices, in addition to the ladies who came in almost daily to explain their work and demonstrate to anyone interested.

In the afternoon, the ladies gave a demonstration of varied techniques to interested students. A large quilting frame with a project already started was set up and students invited to see first hand the process for creating the heirloom quilts displayed on the walls. The ladies charmed the students with their creative skills and pleasant and extensive explanations.

The art gallery was a sadly empty room once the vibrant exhibit was taken down!

MASSEY-VANIER SCIENCE FAIR

Massey-Vanier hosted the Science Fair on Feb. 5 and 6, in the school cafeteria. This event was unexpectedly delayed by a day due to weather conditions, but in the tradition of "the show must go on," major efforts from Mr. Chris Craft and others ensured that the fair took place! Prizes were won in the following categories by:

Physical Science

-Dancing Molecules, by Shannon Gavrilchuk & Elisa Dioz, Knowlton Academy

-Copper Plating—One to Another, by Grace Quinn & Hilary Hall, Knowlton

-Hover Craft, by Sarah Luduke & Ophelia Gasser, Butler Elementary

-The Best of the Stressed, by Wayne Dwyer & Wyatt Wright, Knowlton

-The Realization of Fertilization, by Vanessa Lee & Courtney La-

coste, M-V

-How to Pick Your (Golf) Balls, by Jeff Munzar & Jeff Staton, M-V

Life Sciences

-Celery Stalks, by Katharine Boucher & Samantha Hislop, Butler

-How Much Air Can Your Lungs Hold?—Jessica Hey & Olivia Robinson, Knowlton

-Colourful Sight, by Caitlin Taylor & Alizee Savaria, Knowlton

-Wheel in the Sky, by Francesca Hall, M-V

-Fingerprints, by Angelina Eckler & Casey Merner-Brown, Butler

-Sea Monkeys, by Kate Bellingham & Tanya Lapointe, Butler

Environmental Science

-Microbes—Mighty Mini Munchers, by Charles Rumsby & Alex Baillie, Knowlton

-Water vs. Soil, by Kim Jacobs & Amy McCallum, Sutton

-Lip Balm, by Francesca Goyette & Sarah Brown, Sutton—winner of Overall Prize, Ribbon and Trophy at the Elementary level

-What We Should Grow for Vitamin C in Our Shrinking Environment, by Nick Munzar & David Hickman, Knowlton

-Greener? by Robin Lacoste & Lacey Lemaire, M-V

-The Art of Bonsai, by Jonah Neumark, M-V

Computer Science, Technology & Inventions

-What Makes a Hydraulic Press Work?—Shawn Lapaine & Kevin TenEyck, Heroes

-How to Produce Electricity, by Jonathan Bouvette & Nina Harrison, Parkview

-How Light Bulbs Work, by Tanya St-

François, M-V

-How to Make a Computer Program, by Francis Bolap & David Mason, M-V

Chemistry (Secondary only)

-Zap It! by Heather Ahlgren & Carolyn Dandenault, M-V

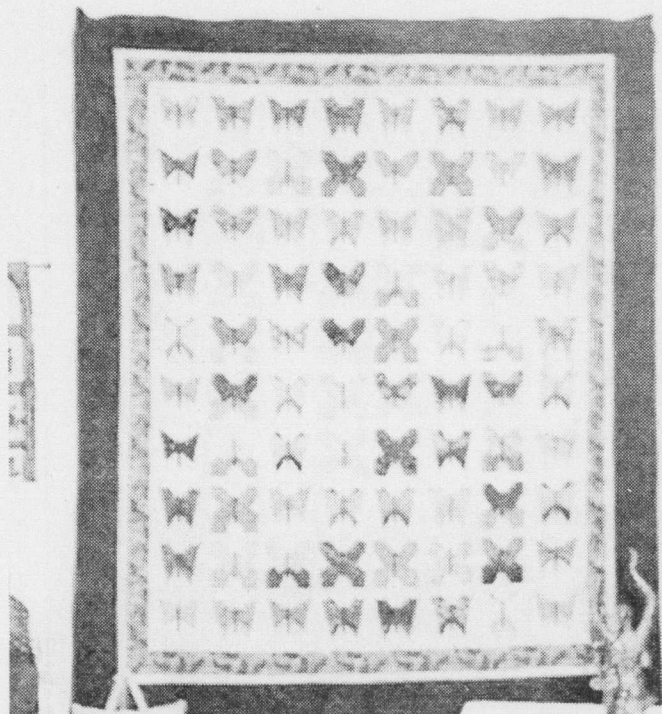
-How Energetic Are Your Nuts? by Helen Downie & Megan Putnam, M-V

-Burning Ice, by Ian MacCallum & Ryan Gauthier, M-V

Physics (Secondary only)

-Down Force, by Eric Jones & Ryan Foster, M-V

-Basement Ballistics, by Paul Nettleship, M-V—winner of Overall Prize, Ribbon & Trophy as well as the Science Fair Scholarship Prize



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Tuesday March 4

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Knights of Columbus
Council 2649
Knight of Columbus Hall
143 St-Pierre Street
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Saturday March 8

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Managing stress when caring for a loved one

The Concertation Table for the senior citizens of Val-St-François invites individuals who take care of another, and other interested persons, to an information session with the theme 'Managing your stress when caring for a loved one'. For those interested, there are two sessions: one in the morning and another in the evening.

Led by Helen Johnston, coordinator and intervener at Le Rivage du Val St-François, these free sessions will take place on Wednesday morning, March 5 at 10 a.m., and again Thursday evening at 7

p.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion, 235 College North, Richmond.

If you take care of someone close to you, your husband, your wife, your mother, your father, or someone else in your circle that is no longer autonomous, you may begin to feel that this responsibility generates a stress that is harder and harder to support. Certain signs may also begin to trouble you: new health problems arise, personal and family difficulties of all sorts, constant worrying, feeling depressed, or suffering from insomnia.

If this sounds like your condition, or if you are headed in this direction, this seminar will help you to reduce your stress and improve the quality of your life, while enabling you to better care for the person close to you. The participants will learn about and discuss ways to gain better control over their levels of stress and avoid the troubles of too much stress. This is a meeting you will want to attend for your own well-being, and that of the one you care for.

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Race to replace Chrétien opens in acrimony

By Joan Bryden

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The federal Liberal leadership race got off to an acrimonious official start Monday amid continuing complaints that party officials are biased in favour of frontrunner Paul Martin and can't be trusted to run a fair contest.

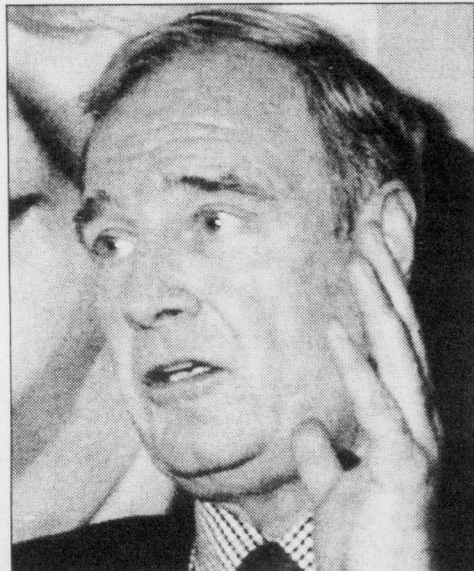
Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, the only declared candidate, singled out the president of the party's British Columbia wing, Bill Cunningham, as someone who has demonstrated an inability to be impartial. She suggested Cunningham, an ardent Martin supporter, should consider resigning.

Natural Resources Minister Herb Dhaliwal, a potential longshot contender, said membership rules continue to be too restrictive, despite recent steps to allow candidates greater access to membership forms.

Dhaliwal also accused party officials in his home province of B.C. of manipulating the rules to give Martin an unfair advantage, pointing to the Martin camp's takeover of his riding.

"My own experience shows, in my own riding, that (membership) lists were manipulated, the rules weren't followed."

Neither Copps nor Dhaliwal went so far as to call for a neutral, outside agency to oversee the leadership selection process, as Finance Minister John



FILE PHOTO

Some Liberals complain party officials are biased in favour of Paul Martin as leader, reducing the chance of having a fair contest.

Manley's camp did last week. But Dhaliwal said he shares Manley's concern that party officials can't be relied upon to run the contest impartially.

"Those are very legitimate concerns that the party has to deal with and I don't think they can just sweep it under the rug as someone just whining," Dhaliwal said.

While the Manley camp has dropped its proposal to have Elections Canada

supervise the process, spokesman Doug Kirkpatrick pledged to keep up pressure on the party to ensure the race is run fairly and openly. And he said he continues to believe "there's room to consider an outside agency" other than Elections Canada, which has no legal mandate to get involved in partisan affairs.

The accusations of bias were levelled within hours of the Liberal party issuing the formal call for the leadership convention, which will be held Nov. 10-16 in Toronto.

The party simultaneously released rules for the race, requiring each candidate to give the party a \$75,000 entry fee, payable in two installments, and a 20 per cent tax on all money spent over \$400,000. Each candidate is restricted to a spending limit of \$4 million during the official campaign period, although that doesn't include a host of campaign expenses, including polling and travel, or any money spent prior to Monday.

Copps will likely become the first candidate to formally file nomination papers, as early as today, which will entitle her to receive bulk membership forms and access to party membership lists. Candidates have only until June 20 to recruit members who will be eligible to vote for the new leader.

Although Finance Minister John Manley will not decide whether to formally enter the race until mid-March,

his team is expected to file papers on his behalf this week. Martin likely won't file papers for another couple of weeks.

Liberal president Stephen LeDrew said the party is determined to "show all Canadians that our new process of selecting a new leader is beyond reproach, open and fair."

LeDrew argued that membership restrictions in B.C., Alberta and Ontario have now been relaxed sufficiently to ensure fair access to all candidates. And he said that declarations of neutrality will be required from all party officials and volunteers who will oversee the election of delegates to the leadership convention.

Copps said she's confident the rules, as written, will produce "a fair fight." But she questioned the ability of some party officials to adhere to the rules. She pointed specifically to a news report over the weekend in which Cunningham said the B.C. wing is not waiting for a new leader to start trying to recruit high-profile candidates for the next election.

"Although the immediate task at hand is getting Paul Martin elected as leader, that task is a means to a more important end of getting Liberals elected in B.C.," Cunningham was quoted as saying.

Copps said the comment suggests Cunningham believes the outcome of the leadership race has been predetermined.

"If he is continuing to believe that the (leadership) process is irrelevant, then maybe he should think about stepping aside as the president... He's certainly shown that he's incapable of impartiality."

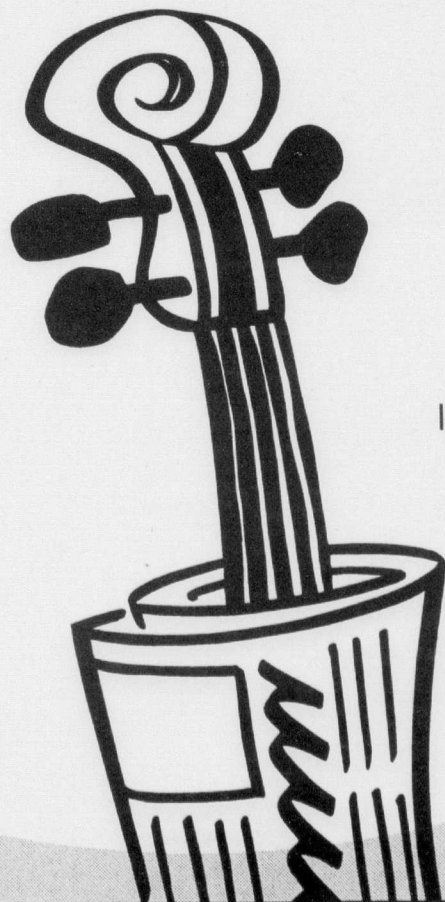
But Cunningham countered that "there's a difference between being impartial and being fair." He added that his allegiance to Martin is well-known "and to pretend I didn't think Paul Martin would be a great leader would be irresponsible."

Cunningham said his job requires him to build the party in B.C. and reflect the views of the rank and file, who largely support Martin. It does not require him to be neutral in the same way as officials who will supervise the election of delegates to the leadership convention.

Scott Reid, a spokesman for Martin, said the rival camps should abide by the "unanimous voice" of party rank and file in Ontario, which on the weekend passed a resolution reaffirming their confidence in party to run a fair race. He noted that Manley's riding president supported the resolution so "presumably Mr. Manley agrees."

Copps also repeated Monday her challenge to Martin to take part in leadership debates in every province and territory in the country. Reid said Martin will leave it to the party to determine the number, location and terms of any debates.

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PARIZEAU:

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club, he said, noting that countries were more than willing to modify their commercial regulations to join.

But what started as a positive idea has gotten out of control as GATT was eventually replaced by the larger and more powerful World Trade Organization (WTO) and free trade deals have been expanded to include more countries.

While he was a proponent of free trade between Canada and the United States, he notes the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which extended the deal to Mexico contains questionable clauses that allow private industry to sue governments if environmental, labour or other laws get in the way of free trade.

And, he said, talks that would extend free trade to South America include the same dubious provisions that give private industry too many powers over governments.

Parizeau said he is concerned about the inclusion of such items as culture, education and health care in commercial treaties because that would prevent sovereign governments from protecting the interests of their populations.

He noted that if culture was subject to commercial rules - as the United States argues it should be - that would prevent the provincial government from supporting such cultural industries as the cinema. Subsidies could be considered commercial discrimination under free trade.

Parizeau points out that movies are the third largest export in the United States so Americans have a vested interest in ensuring cultural products are not exempted from free trade.

He notes "the country that is not a country" lobbied to exclude culture from coverage under the World Trade Organization was Quebec. He said

Provincial International Affairs Minister Louise Beaudoin suggested instead that culture be covered by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Parizeau said international treaties could go as far as to consider fresh water as a commercial good.

He notes the International Monetary Fund insisted that Argentina, which was still broke after privatizing its telephone and electricity utilities, sell off major watershed to a Swedish bank. He said the IMF is trying to impose a similar condition on Bolivia which would not only sell off a water basin but also the underground water tables.

"Imagine landowners would no longer own the water in their own wells," he said.

Parizeau remarked those commercial arrangements could set a dangerous precedent for Canada and Quebec which have put embargoes on the sale of water to outside interests. He recalled

a proposal to channel fresh water from James Bay and its tributaries and pipeline it to the American midwest which is quickly drying out.

"If water were considered a commercial good, our embargoes would be illegal," he said.

Parizeau said an attempt to include such trade clauses in the WTO was preempted a few years ago by a U.S. consumer group which blew the whistle on the Multilateral Agreement on Trades and Tariffs (MIA) - a secret deal among the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an al-

liance of 29 of the world's richest nations.

Parizeau said Quebec was "saved by the bell" when the deal was nipped in the bud by some politicians including French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin who commented it was normal for a country to transfer some sovereignty to a group of nations but not for a country to transfer part of its sovereignty to private interests.

"But we can't always be saved by the bell," Parizeau warned. "We have to take care of our own affairs and not let the federal government take care of them

for us."

Parizeau said sovereigntists once argued Quebec needed to separate so that it could control the tools for its economic development. Separatists have also argued in the past that Quebec needed to become independent to protect its language and culture.

"But we now need our sovereignty to defend our interests in a dangerous world," he said, adding that with rapid changes, Quebec must gain sovereignty to protect its unique interests on the international stage.

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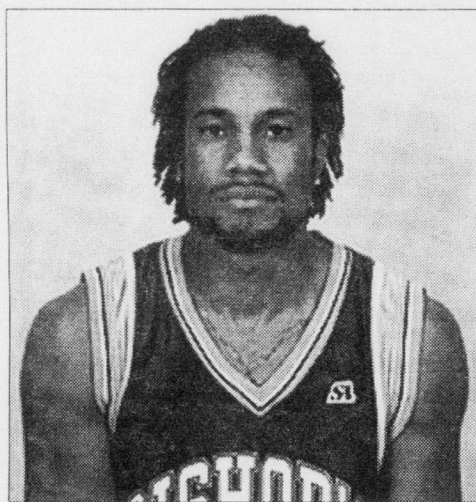


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JAMIE ZACHARY, C... EDITOR

Gaiters' Miguel named player of the year



Miguel also captured Defensive Player of the Year.

Bishop's University basketball players continued to rack up post season honours as the men's team grabbed the three major awards Tuesday.

Phil Miguel, the Gaiters' six-foot-two post player from Aylmer, Que, was selected as the Quebec Student Sport Federation's University Player of the Year, as well as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

Miguel averaged over 12 points and 5.6 rebounds a game for the second-place Gaiters.

Not to be outdone, Miguel's teammate Ricardo Telamon was named the QUBL's Rookie of the Year. The Montreal native and economics major who played

CEGEP basketball for the Champlain-St. Lambert Cavaliers, started every game for Bishop's, and was the team's second leading scorer (9.2 ppg) and third leading rebounder (4.4 rpg).

Laval's Jacques Paiement was picked as the league's Coach of the Year after guiding the Rouge et Or to their third consecutive regular season championship. Laval boasts a 12-2 record, and is ranked fourth in the latest CIS National Poll.

Joining Miguel on the first team were Laval's Samuel Audet-Sow (Ste-Foy), Charles Fortier (Amos, Que), Patrick Perrotte (Verdun) and Phil Langlois (Varenes, Que.) of Concordia.

McGill's Domenico Marcario (Mon-

treau), the league's leading scorer and last season's MVP, is one of three McGill Redmen on the second team. He is joined by teammates Denburk Reid (Montreal), Laval's Fredric Bernard (Montreal), Marc-Antoine Horth (Ste-Foy) and Concordia's Gavin Musgrave (Montreal).

The men's semi-final playoff game will be played Thursday, Feb. 27 when the Bishop's Gaiters travel to Montreal to take on the Concordia Stingers at 7 p.m.

The winner will meet the Laval Rouge et Or in a best-of-three finals. The first game is scheduled for Sunday, March 2 at PEPS Gymnasium in Ste-Foy. Game time is 7 p.m.

Accolades fail to disrupt Lady Gaiters' mission

By Scott McLean
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT
 LENNOXVILLE

Awards are nice. They can sit on a mantle, on a bookshelf, even in a bathroom, and can tell the story of an illustrious playing or coaching career. But as any player will tell you, at the end of the day they pale in comparison to winning a championship.

That's why it's no surprise that one day after cleaning up at the league's season-ending awards (Coach of the Year: Rod Gilpin; Defensive Player of the Year: France Lanoie; Rookie of the Year: Anouk Boulanger), the team was more focused than ever on Wednesday's semi-final match up versus the Concordia Singers.

"I'm very flattered and happy about all the awards," said team captain Charbonneau, who was selected as a first team all-star alongside teammate Boulanger while Lanoie joined the second team.

"I am so happy for Rod, for Anouk, for France, and it's great to be named an all star, but the real focus is going to be Wednesday night.

"Obviously we want a (Quebec conference championship) banner, but clearly we have to beat Concordia to get to Laval, and everyone on this team understands that fact."

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THE RECORD SPORTS

Cycle champ joins Challenge



COURTESY CHALLENGE SUR GLACE DAMAFRO DU CANADA

Canadian motorcycle champion Francis Martin (above right) confirmed recently he will be in Sherbrooke this weekend for the much anticipated fifth edition of the Damafro Ice Challenge of Canada. A national champion on the 1,000cc. bikes, Martin will join fellow Townshippers Andrew Ranger and Pascal Picotte on the 250cc. bikes around the Bertrand-Fabi track. The event runs from Friday to Sunday.

JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY

Cougars end season with win

The Champlain Cougars ended their inaugural season in the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey circuit with their 20th straight win by beating regional rivals Coaticook Frontaliers 5-1 Monday night.

Former Frontaliers Alexandre Gaudreau made his presence felt against his old team with a pair of goals, while Chris Smith, Julien Cardinal and Guillaume Taillon rounded out the Cougars scoring.

With the win, the Cougars finished the season 41-5-2-2, which ties them with the 1994/95 Joliette team for the second most wins in a season. Coaticook set the record with 42 wins in 2000.

Cougars netminder Jason Smith, who earned the win Monday, also established a new league record for best save percentage with 92 per cent. Playoffs begin Friday. Stay tuned for details.

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

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She added that although the team is fairly familiar with Concordia after playing them six times this season, the post season is a whole new ball game.

"You can't rely on the fact that we had so much success against them in the regular season," said Charbonneau. "We have to go out and play at the top of our game."

For most of the season's second half, the Lady Gaiters' focus was largely on returning to a successful preseason offensive setup. But since the "change" the team has had trouble scoring in its last five games, including two disappointing performances against the second-ranked Rouge et Or, and an upset

loss this past weekend against McGill.

"It wasn't a matter of the offense not working," said Charbonneau. "It was just a matter of our team not showing up against McGill. The offence gives us so many more options, so many more offensive sets and things that we can do against the other team and it has really gelled in practice. If we play the type of game I know we are capable of playing, we will have success in the post season."

NEWS AND NOTES: Wednesdays game could be Charbonneau's last in front of her faithful Gaiters "rowdies" The fifth year native of St. Liboire is closing out her Bishop's career with her best season in a Gaiters uniform. The all-star forward, who averaged over 11 points and six rebounds per game, was second in the balloting for player of the year.

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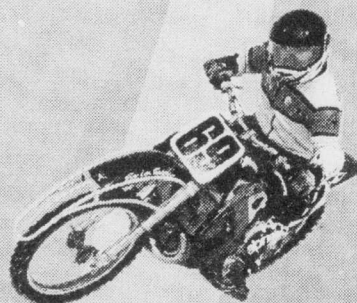
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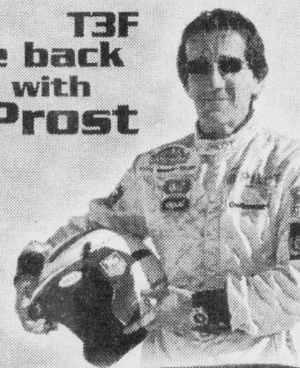
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- Wednesday, February 26: **Business People Challenge** From 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. on the Bertand-Fabi Circuit **Drivers Gala** Palais des Sports de Sherbrooke Start of the competitions
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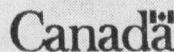


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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Sherbrooke swimmer is golden again

Jennifer Harding of the Sherbrooke swim club captured gold in all three events in the under 10 girls category at the Winter Festival Regional Development Swim Meet in Sorel/Tracy, Que. over the weekend.

Teams from Drummondville, Victoriaville, Cowansville, Granby, St-Hyacinthe and Sherbrooke were in attendance. Harding's teammate Camille Boisvert also placed second in all the events.

So far this season, Harding has won 27 out of 32 races, and finished in second place in the five other races. Her closest rival in Quebec has been Boisvert.

FIFA to look at penalty box solution

FIFA said Tuesday it would discuss the possible introduction of penalty boxes at a meeting next month.

Several national associations have urged FIFA to put forward the proposal believing it could be useful to have a disciplinary measure which is more severe than a caution but less harsh than a red card.

The item is being put forward for discussion when the International Football Association Board, made up of representatives of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and FIFA, has its annual meeting in Belfast on March 15.

Olympics could change for track double

Track and field's world governing body is willing to change the competition schedule of next year's Athens Olympics to allow British track star Paula Radcliffe to attempt a historic distance double.

Radcliffe is considering running both the marathon and the 10,000 metres. No woman has ever won both events at the Olympics. The only man to have completed the 10,000-marathon double was Emil Zatopek at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

- **WINTER GAMES: 11 a.m.**, Canada Winter Games, TSN.
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Around Town

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UPCOMING

- **UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Wednesday**, Playoff semi-finals, Concordia Stingers at Bishop's Gaiters, Mitchell Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- **CEGEP AA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Friday**, Victoriaville Vulkins at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- **ICE CHALLENGE: Friday to Sunday**, Damafro Ice Challenge, Plateau Sylvie-Daigle, Sherbrooke.
- **TRACK & FIELD: Friday to Sunday**, Provincial Championships, University of Sherbrooke
- **BOWLING: Friday to Sunday**, Estrie Championships, Salon de quilles Alpha, Sherbrooke.
- **HIGH SCHOOL: Friday and Saturday**, Visser/Macleod Provincial Basketball Championships, Alexander Galt High School; Provincial Hockey Championships, Stanstead College.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Bargain hunters zero
in on ColumbusTrade rumours begin to
fly as deadline approaches

By Ben Kuzma

CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

In Mike Keenan's rapidly revolving roster during the Vancouver Canucks' sorry 1997-98 season, Geoff Sanderson was acquired from Carolina and shipped to Buffalo in a span of 33 days.

Amid a rumour that the Columbus left winger may return to the Canucks for a longer stay before the March 11 NHL trade deadline, Blue Jackets president, general manager and coach Doug MacLean slammed the suggestion.

"We've had no conversations with the Canucks," stressed MacLean. "None. Zero."

Speculation was spawned with Sanderson, 31, and Ray Whitney, 30, eligible for unrestricted free agency this summer and considered reasonable rentals for Stanley Cup contenders, including the Canucks who may add a veteran with a scoring touch.

Add the uncertain status of 33-year-old centre Andrew Cassels — the former Canuck will hold a contract option on returning next season — and the struggling Blue Jackets have been the target of bargain hunters.

After all, the speedy Sanderson had just one goal in his last 18 games heading out of the weekend. Whitney had no goals in his last 12 games and Cassels none in his last 10.

However, MacLean isn't biting at offers, and is fighting to ensure all three veterans return. Especially Sanderson.

"We've started the process and it's going well," MacLean said of Sanderson who's earning \$2.1 million US this season. "We'll talk more this week and we're going back and forth with proposals, so we're moving along."

"Sanderson has played well. The last 10 games, he's had 14 chances where it hasn't gone in for him. Whitney is making plays and getting points but just not

goals. And that pretty well sums it up right now, but they'll snap out of it."

The Blue Jackets had lost four straight heading out of the weekend. They were blanked in their previous two outings, had scored just eight goals in their last seven games and have won just seven road games. You'd think that would give MacLean bargaining leverage.

"I'd rather have less leverage and more goals if the truth were known," he quipped.

Regardless, Sanderson is the signing domino. If he agrees to a new long-term deal, then expect long-time friend and linemate Cassels to remain in Columbus rather than test the uncertainty of unrestricted free agency again. Cassels is earning \$2.5 million US this season.

"That's a big factor and we've talked about it," said Sanderson who the Canucks acquired from Carolina along with Sean Burke and Enrico Ciccone for Kirk McLean and Martin Gelinis on Jan. 3, 1998. Sanderson was then dealt to Buffalo for Brad May and a third-round draft choice on Feb. 4.

"I would definitely like to stay in Columbus, that's my first choice," added Sanderson who had three assists in nine games as a Canuck. "I want to get this contract done. It's in the process and it's going to get done. I'm pretty confident."

With 47 points, Cassels needs just three more to trigger his option clause on a Columbus deal that has two years remaining. Knowing the Blue Jackets will struggle even more to score next season unless the big three return — the trio has accounted for 51 of 158 goals — Cassels is closely watching signing scenarios.

"Hopefully before I do have to decide, there will be a decision made on them," Cassels said of Sanderson and Whitney. "That would make a huge play in my part that at least we're not going in the wrong direction here."

"Negotiations have gone alright," added Whitney who's earning \$2.4 million US this season. "But we've got more pressing matters right now."

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News and Views from Grace Christian Home - January 2003

Card of Thanks

The New Year came in with a blast of cold air which continued most of the month with temperatures going down at night to -30C degrees. However, we were warm and comfortable at Grace Christian Home and well cared for. We had a nice New Year's Day dinner, after all the holiday festivities at Christmas, and the Home was beautifully decorated.

Some of the residents have had colds and virus infections but all seem to be on the gain. All beds are filled now with several names on the waiting list. Our newest resident is Hazel Benner who came from the hospital, and is now recuperating. One resident had to leave at 7:00am to go to the CHUS for dialysis three times a week, which was not pleasant to leave so early in the cold.

We all sympathized with Sandy Klinck, our Director of Nursing, on the loss of her mother in the fall. Dr. W. J. Klinck, one of the founders of the Home, was also in the hospital for a time, but is now recuperating at his ranch with his grandchildren and family helping him. We wish him a good recovery.

We also wish Bea Stark a speedy recovery as she has been in and out of the hospital these past few weeks.

We have had many activities at Grace Christian Home this winter. Valerie Fortin, one of our caregivers, has agreed to be in charge of these programs and is doing a fantastic job.

We continue to have morning devo-

tions during the week and on Sunday there is a service at 3:30pm with different speakers and we usually have music and a hymn sing.

On Mondays, we enjoy a family video from 6:00 - 7:30pm followed by snacks.

On Tuesdays, we have Bible Study with Mr. Reynolds in the morning, followed by carpet bowling in the afternoon.

On Wednesdays, we have crafts or play games with Candace Herring, Brigitte Drew and their girls.

On Thursdays, we have bingo in the afternoon and a Bible Study in the evening with Ed. Down who drives in from Ayer's Cliff. The study has been on Revelations, which is a deep and thought-provoking study.

On Friday afternoons, Valerie leads us in an hour of exercises.

On January 22nd, we celebrated Robbie Burns day with bagpipes played by Josh Lord. Afterwards we enjoyed Scottish scones, cookies and tea, followed by a video of ballads of Scotland.

A couple of residents attended a concert at St. Mark's Chapel and enjoyed it very much.

We also have musical entertainment from time to time. This month, Robert Drew from Lennoxville came one afternoon and sang country songs and played his guitar; Ted Robb from Eastman came another day and sang and played his guitar. Everyone likes music and we look for-

ward to other people and musical groups coming to entertain us.

We have had several birthdays in January: Joyce Standish, Vivian Harrison, Mrs. Elsie Heath who celebrated her 93rd birthday, Mrs. Madelene McClary who celebrated her 89th birthday and Mrs. Kathleen Labonte celebrated her 90th birthday. Each one had a birthday cake and we sang "Happy Birthday" to them, and tea and cake was served in the Tea Room with guests. Mrs. Labonte had birthday celebrations for four days with visitors coming from near and far! Her two grand-daughters came from Arizona with their children.

Mrs. Susie Fraser celebrated her 95th birthday last November and she has just completed a beautiful quilt. It is just wonderfully made and she is fortunate that her hands and eyes are able to work so well at quilting.

We have a lot of visitation at Grace Christian Home. Some out-of-town visitors this month were Douglas Miller's sons and their wives from Rhode Island and Ontario who were here for a weekend. Dawn and Tammy Drew from Montreal came to visit their grandmother, Florina Drew.

Eunice Brown went to visit her son and his wife in Ottawa for a week.

This is most of the 'News and Views' for the month of January. This being my first attempt, I may have missed some, but will do better next month.

Submitted by Florina Drew

HOWARD-INGALLS: Kenneth, Carmen, Victor and Roger wish to thank everyone who came to the visitation and service on February 1, 2003 and supported us at the loss of our son/brother, Eric Howard-Ingalls. Thank you to Beulah United Church, Rev. Doreen Moffat for an excellent service, Mrs. Norma McKinnon and all those who participated in the choir, for a beautiful rendition of comforting hymns. Special thanks to the communities of Ayer's Cliff and North Hatley for their gifts of food and friendship, donations to Leucan Estrie and Canadian Children's Wish Foundation.

I wish to thank the doctors and nurses of the B.M.P. Hospital for the excellent care they gave my sister, Kathleen Bailey also to my niece, Georgia for going each day to feed her. Thanks to all my friends for sympathy cards, telephone calls and visits. A special thank-you to Geraldine and Audrey for being there for me during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
DONNA WRIGHT

Exercise is key to avoiding osteoporosis

BY ED BLONZ, PH.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: This is a follow-up to your article on osteoporosis. I am a World War II veteran and I am addicted to exercise. My current program is an hour walking (three miles) and an hour biking when weather permits (10 to 12 miles). I have done this and more daily since age 40. I have always believed that regular, strenuous exercise maintained bone density and that without it bones decalcify, as the astronauts found in space. I also used a weight machine for about 10 years up until a year ago, and haven't since because I moved and haven't got the apparatus put together right. Your article didn't say much about exercise, and I'm wondering why. - G.B.H., Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR G.B.H.: Thanks for your comments, and I compliment you on your continued devotion to fitness. You are absolutely correct that exercise is a key component in helping maintain bone strength. Where bones are concerned, it

really is a "use it or lose it" proposition.

The column you are referring to had a slightly different focus, but I did mention lifestyle (which includes exercise habits) as a prime factor that can help inhibit the development of osteoporosis. I also mentioned the importance of maintaining a program of weight-bearing exercise to help slow bone loss. As a precaution, however, anyone who has been inactive or is at risk for osteoporosis or other chronic disease should always get a medical evaluation before beginning an exercise program.

On a personal note, I also exercise regularly on an every-other-day routine. To my mind, there is little that compares to the physical and mental satisfaction that comes with a workout. A side benefit to being active is that the calories you burn effectively lead to a greater enjoyment of food. Add to that how it helps stave off the risk of osteoporosis and you have a real win-win situation.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a friend who has been taking about 1,800 milligrams of calcium per day. She is 72. Is this going to do more harm than good? I enjoy your articles very much, and thank you. - M.R., New York, N.Y.

DEAR M.R.: Your friend's calcium intake is above the 1,200 milligram recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for a woman of 72 years, but it is below the 2,500 milligrams per day "tolerable upper limit" for calcium set by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. This is the level above which adverse health effects become more common.

You said, however, that she was "taking about 1,800 milligrams," which I take it means the amount she gets from supplements. If that is the case, her total intake from food and supplements combined might be even higher.

The digestive system relies on a calcium-binding protein to act as a gatekeeper

and control how much calcium the body absorbs. When you consume more than you need, the extra tends to pass through unabsorbed. Depending on the level of excess, there can be a slight risk of digestive side effects, including constipation, bloating and flatulence.

Is there any benefit to extra calcium? It's doubtful, unless some specific health condition exists that increases a person's requirement. Could the extra calcium be more harmful than beneficial? If your friend is in good health and has a good diet, there is no reason to believe that the extra milligrams are doing her any harm. However, she should also be aware that it takes more than calcium to maintain healthy bones. Finally, although the body tends to tolerate calcium well, it makes sense for someone with chronic health conditions or who is taking medication to speak with a physician or pharmacist in order to rule out any potential interactions.

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Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

It occurs about once every three months

By Phillip Alder

How often do you have the plaque removed from your teeth by a dental hygienist? Probably every three months — and perhaps that is as often as a Dentist's Coup arises at a bridge table. This one occurred last July during the Deauville Festival, held in that charming town on the Normandy coast of France.

Note North's double. It risks, as here, reaching a 4-3 major-suit fit instead of a 5-4 minor-suit fit. But a decent partner will have five cards in her major. To make five clubs, declarer must guess the trump suit.

The declarer, Sabine Auken, took the spade king with her ace and immediately led the club jack. It was very difficult for West to win with the ace, but if he had, he would have known to give his partner a club ruff. Then, when in with the heart ace, he would deliver a second ruff to defeat the contract.

When West played low, Auken went up with dummy's king. She continued with another club, West winning with the ace and giving his partner a club ruff. Back came a spade. Declarer carefully ruffed high in the dummy, played a heart to her jack, which West correctly ducked, and ruffed another spade.

Now came the extraction: Auken cashed dummy's diamond king before playing a diamond to her ace. Then, when she led the heart 10, West had no defense.

Note that if declarer crosses immediately to the diamond ace, West will win the heart 10 with his ace and return a diamond, locking declarer in the dummy. West cannot be stopped from scoring the setting trick with his heart eight.

Annette should not feel so threatened by it

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been divorced from "Gina" for several years. We have two children, one of whom still lives with her. I am currently married to "Annette." Gina receives regular child support from me, but she made some bad investment decisions and asked for my assistance when she fell three months behind on her rent.

When I told Annette I gave Gina rent money, she blew a gasket. She said Gina was irresponsible and we shouldn't have to bail her out. She also said Gina should pay back the money with interest. I tried to explain that this is not about my ex-wife. It's about my child. He needs a roof over his head, and I am going to see that he has one, even if I have to supply it myself. I do not intend to ask Gina to repay me.

Was I wrong to help Gina? How can I make my wife understand? — New York

Dear New York: You were generous to help Gina, and you were right to do so, since it involved your son's well-being. It's also OK to ask Gina to repay the loan, although we agree that you should not charge her interest. After all, the money was to provide shelter for your son. Unless Gina makes a habit of asking for loans, Annette should not feel so threatened by it.

Dear Annie: Please tell me how many

personal phone calls a person should make during the course of a workday. I am a nurse in a busy hospital. I have a coworker who thinks nothing of taking care of personal business on the telephone. I needed help one day, and this coworker was on the phone ordering a gift for a friend. She said she was unable to help me because she had to finish placing her order.

When I told her she should not be making personal calls at work, she became upset and went to the supervisor, who had the nerve to ask me what business it was of mine to keep track of her calls. Am I in the wrong? How should I handle this in the future? — Anywhere, USA

Dear USA: My, my, who would want to be a patient at your hospital when the staff is too busy ordering presents to tend to business?

Personal phone calls should be kept to a minimum during working hours, and most businesses have specific guidelines to that effect. Unfortunately, your hospital seems to have no such policy, or the supervisor has no intention of enforcing it.

Unless you are willing to go over the supervisor's head, you are stuck.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from

"Hurting in Iowa," whose sister, "Velma," offered her \$20 after they took a long road trip together. "Hurting" said her sister was cheap and now Velma won't speak to her. No wonder. Whoever heard of spending \$115 in gas to drive 500 miles? Unless the sister drives a Sherman tank, she overestimated her gas costs. That same trip in my gas guzzler would have cost me \$43. — Take the Train in Ohio

Dear Ohio: You weren't the only reader who noticed:

Dear Annie: As a math professor, I was intrigued by "Hurting in Iowa." According to AAA Wisconsin and the Iowa Petroleum Update, the average price of a gallon of self-serve, unleaded gas in late 2002 was about \$1.50 in Wisconsin and under \$1.40 in Iowa. That trip should have cost about \$23 in gas. Velma must have believed her \$20 was covering nearly the entire amount. — G.M., University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Mass.

Dear Professor: We can only assume the cost of the trip included at least one overnight stay, plus food. Either that, or "Hurting" expected Velma to pay for wear and tear on the car (and maybe pain and aggravation as well).

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Stanstead County Horticultural Society Dance

AYER'S CLIFF-

A very successful dance was held on Feb 22, benefit of the Stanstead County Horticultural Society. This was held at

Salle Burrough's Falls.

Even though the the weather didn't cooperate, folks came out to support us and to listen to the great music provided by "Mountain Dew".

During the bands breaks, Vye Danfoth-Roy and her helpers gave out door prizes, drew for the drawing, and pulled out the half n half winner.

Prizes were given by Richie and Lorraine Harrison,

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On behalf of the Stanstead County Horticultural Society, we would like to thank everyone, for selling tickets, for getting in prizes, and for coming out to support us. A big hand to the owners of Salle Burrough's Falls for allowing us the use of their hall. A huge thank you to the members of " Mountain Dew " who did a great job as always.

Debbie Smith

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80th Birthday for Arnold Roya
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by Luis Campos

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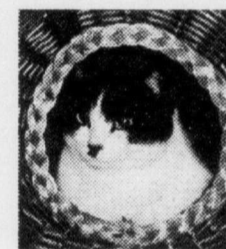
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The Argyll Pavilion Ladies' Auxiliary held a largely attended meeting in the Conference Room of the Norton Wing, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carol McKinley. After a short social period over coffee and breakfast pastries, Madame President called the meeting

to order. As this was also an annual meeting, highlights of the previous year were summarized and read by the Recording Secretary, Sera Gagliardi. Treasurer, Donna Smith, presented a detailed report, explaining significant donations

that were made throughout the last few months and especially earmarked for purchases of equipment needed in the Argyll Pavilion.

Isabell Beattie, Nomination Chairperson, presented the slate of officers for the coming year: Honorary President: Joan Bishop; Past President, Isabell Beattie; President, Carol McKinley; Vice-President, Ryder Clarke; Treasurer, Donna

Smith; Recording Secretary, Sera Gagliardi; Corresponding Secretary, Rosemary Turmel; Publicity Secretary, Helen Fitzgerald; Membership Chairperson, Sylvia Robert; Special Events Chair, Lise Perreault General Hostess, Stella Mayhew; Hospitality Shop Manager, Sandra Passmore; Geriatric Institute Liaison, Heather Bowman.

Routine business was quickly dealt with in order to allow time for the guest speaker. The meeting was adjourned and Carol introduced Mrs. Jeannine Turcotte, who is an expert lace maker and who had recently attended a Convention in London, England, where she met other artisans of this delicate craft. It was definitely a 'show and tell' presentation, as she deftly plied the bobbins, creating intricate designs on doilies and other table pieces. Mrs. Turcotte also gave a brief history of bobbin lace, tracing its origin the Sixteenth Century where it was probably first introduced in Italy. She explained how popular it was with the Royalty and Nobility who could afford such hand-made elegance and used it to decorate their elaborate apparel.

Mrs. McKinley thanked the guest speaker for her interesting demonstration and presented her with a suitable gift.

*Helen Fitzgerald
Publicity Secretary*

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

In the year ahead you could become involved with something exciting unlike anything you've ever attempted previously. Although you may have to feel your way through it, you'll manage it with extraordinary skill.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A unique opportunity of a fleeting nature is within your grasp today. Be an alert and observant participator when out in the world so that you'll recognize it when you see it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Break from your busy schedule today and spend some personal time contacting someone who may be separated from you by distance but not by spirit. A call from you will be truly welcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This can be an extremely promising day for you in joint ventures, be they business or social, especially if there is a mystery to be solved

or a puzzle to be unraveled. Delve beneath the obvious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Rather than locking yourself into a definite schedule today, find a buddy and do something impromptu. The unanticipated will turn out to be revitalizing and fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A change in venue or a new way of doing something could create a more lucrative arrangement for you today where your work or career is concerned. Dare to be different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Spur-of-the-moment happenings may bring a welcome ray of sunshine into your life today. Approach everything with an optimistic attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Examine, scrutinize and probe every job you're confronted with today and you'll be amazed at what wonders you'll discover. That which has been beneath your nose holds some rare gems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Bright ideas

that flash into your head today will be worth following through on. If you can, try to strike while the iron is hot and can leave its mark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There could be an unexpected, sudden shift in your financial trends today. However, this very favorable switch in direction will be aimed squarely at bettering your lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sometimes it is necessary to switch horses in mid-stream and this could be one of those days. Discard an old, unworkable plan for any better and brighter ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone you have treated considerably recently and have totally forgotten about might find a clever way of reciprocating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Bright, articulate companions will serve as stimulants today to trigger your own creative processes. In conversational exchanges, each will have something to impart that helps the other.

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- 5 Willing
- 9 Nursery pops
- 14 "GWTW" plantation
- 15 Aussie rockers
- 16 "Maria _"
- 17 Nearly round
- 18 "_ & Stitch"
- 19 Slow, musically
- 20 1988 car hit by Natalie Cole
- 23 Scrooge words
- 24 Endow with a spirit
- 28 Deep secrets
- 31 Window part
- 33 Nature watchdog grp.
- 34 1988 car hit by Pebbles
- 36 Saul's uncle

- 37 Aleutian island
- 38 _ Dawn Chong
- 39 Singer Tennille
- 40 Bottom-line figure
- 41 1964 car hit by the Hondells
- 45 Turn red, maybe
- 46 Poems of adoration
- 47 Bottommost
- 48 Oxygenize
- 50 _ your shirt on!
- 51 1966 car hit by Wilson Pickett
- 57 "The Stranger" author
- 60 Environs
- 61 Fourth dimension
- 62 Stood
- 63 Unwrap
- 64 Maui tourist destination
- 65 Runny cheeses
- 66 Season
- 67 Hit signs

- 27 Tethering rope
- 28 Actress Plummer
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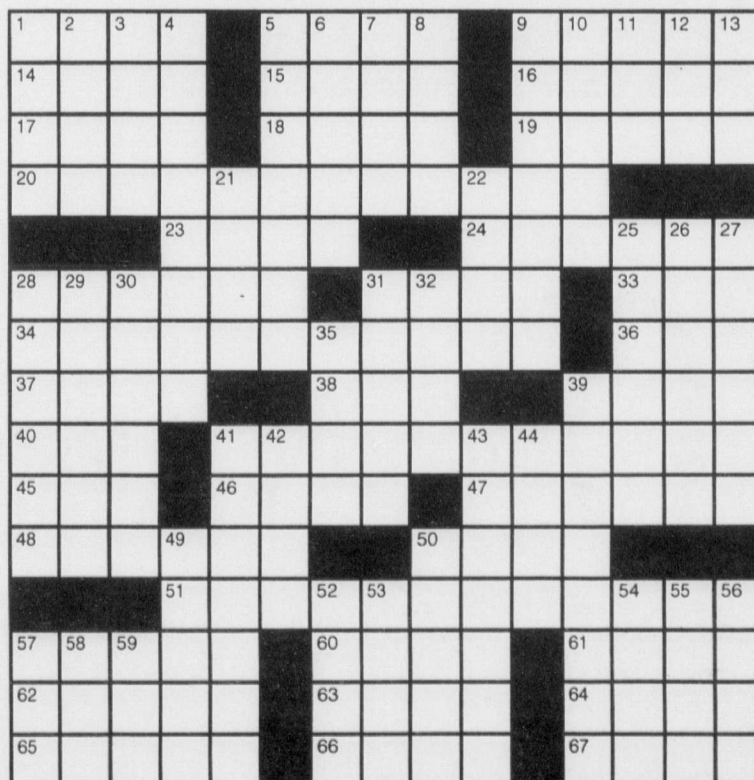
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- 2 Rikki-Tikki_
- 3 Island off Galway
- 4 Give some lip
- 5 Lancelot's son
- 6 Etching fluids
- 7 1551
- 8 Environmental sci.
- 9 Kim of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
- 10 Guinness and Waugh
- 11 Bear bedroom
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