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# Marie Malavoy back in the game



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Marie Malavoy will be Parti Québécois candidate in Sherbrooke.

*PQ candidate will try to win Sherbrooke seat from Charest*

By Nelson Afonso  
SHERBROOKE

Marie Malavoy is back for round two. More than four years after losing to Jean Charest by 907 votes for the right to represent the

Sherbrooke riding at the National Assembly, the Parti Québécois' first vice-present and University of Sherbrooke Humanities professor announced Wednesday she is running again.

"It's with serenity and assurance that I will be a candidate for the Parti Québécois in Sherbrooke, and I will be the next Member of the National Assembly for Sherbrooke," Malavoy told

PLEASE SEE MALAVOY PAGE 5

## New Look



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Sherbrooke launched a new look Wednesday that will grace all promotional materials and signage. The logo is part of a communications strategy to instill pride and a sense of ownership in the new city of Sherbrooke.

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# Richmond Irish festivities kick off Saturday

## Annual Legion Green Sale is first event

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
RICHMOND

For the 126th time, the Irish people of the Richmond area and their supporters will be kicking up their heels, wearing green clothes and remembering their ancestors as they celebrate the venerable St. Patrick this coming March.

The festivities start on Saturday with the annual Green Sale, which will be held at the Richmond Legion at 2 p.m.

The sale, which auctions off articles that are green or have an Irish theme to them, raises money for local charities.

Also on Saturday will be the corn beef supper at the Deli-Train restaurant at 6 p.m. Tickets are still available at \$12 each. Contact the O'Donnell brothers at 826-2535.

The St. Patrick's Society banquet and dance will be held at the St. Famille Center on Craig St. on Saturday, Mar. 8 starting at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Sean Finn, president of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce and corporate vice-president of CN rail. The master of ceremonies is Robert O'Donnell. Music for the dance will be provided by the Irish band Orealis and the Richmond

Irish dancers will perform throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$8 for children up to age 12. Call Marge Lancaster at 826-2760 to reserve before Thursday, Mar. 6.

On Friday, Mar. 14, the St. Patrick's society will hold a social gathering at the Legion starting at 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Mar. 15, the Richmond Arts Center at 1010 Principal St. North will screen a video of last year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Richmond produced by Tele-Quebec at 8 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., the Belfast band "Andy's New Blarneys Trio" will provide Irish music with guitars, fiddles, Irish bagpipes, bodhran

(hand drum) and vocals. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children and can be reserved by calling 826-2388.

On Sunday, Mar. 16, a special mass will be held at the St. Bibiane's Church at 9 a.m.

At 2 p.m. the same day, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, featuring marching bands, floats, horses and Irish coffee, will start from Le Tremplin School. It will follow a green-line shamrock route which will bring it through the town's main street. Those wishing to be part of the parade can call the O'Donnell brothers at 826-2535.

The Irish festivities wrap up with a 10 a.m. brunch at the Legion on Sunday,

## T'shippers' seeking volunteers for World Youth Games

Volunteer registration forms are now available from Townshippers' Association for the World Youth Athletics Championships in Sher-

brooke, July 9-13. Some volunteers are needed for the entire two first weeks of July, and others are needed for certain days during this period.

"Our task force is looking for at least 300 English-speaking volunteers age 16 or older," said Heather Bowman, chair of the Community & Culture Committee. "The world is coming to Sherbrooke, and it will be an experience of a lifetime to play host to them. We're looking for people who are young at heart!"

Bowman and Townshippers of Tomorrow chair Michael van Lierop are spearheading Townshippers' partnership with the World Youth Championships organizers.

Up to 2000 athletes and other visitors are expected from 160 different countries. Many of them will speak

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

#### TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

English.

A variety of volunteer positions are open in 33 different activity areas, but the earlier you register, the wider your choice will be.

Volunteers will receive free meals and Sherbrooke bus passes during the time they volunteer, and will be invited to a celebration at the end of the games.

"This is the largest athletic and cultural event ever to take place in Sherbrooke," said van Lierop. "And it's the largest sports event to take place in Quebec since the Olympics in Montreal. We hope the English-speaking community will come out in force to help showcase the Eastern Townships and express our community's hospitality." For information or application forms, contact Townshippers' Association at Lennoxville 566-5717 (toll free 1-866-566-5717), Cowansville 263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422) or email ta@townshippers.qc.ca. Applications are also available at the Association's website,

### BRIEFS

#### Giving blood is giving life

Héma-Québec, along with Promotion handicap Sherbrooke Inc. will hold a clinic on Friday, March 7 from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Place Belvédère, corner of Belvédère Street and Galt West.

It's an appointment not to miss, it's pain free and it warms the heart!

#### Multiple Sclerosis Branch 2000 hosts support program.

A bilingual presentation on 'Multiple sclerosis and Your Emotions' with invited guest Pierette Charest will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 1:30

p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Geriatric Institute Pavillion Youville, 1036 Belvedere South, Sherbrooke.

Please use entry off McManamy. The session will be held in the day-section as you enter...check for posting directions inside.

The public is welcome, including children.

The MS Branch 2000 is part of the service provided at Youville for all MS victims residing there and members who attend monthly support meeting.

#### Symphony winner

The winner of a pair of tickets to this Saturday's concert performed by the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra is Philip H. Scowen of North Hatley.

### Record giveaways

- The first is a full colour 80-page activity book to help children learn to speak French. The kit, designed for children aged 7-10, includes French-language songs, games, two-60 minute CDs featuring activities as well as tips for children and a parent/instructor guide. To qualify, simply send us a note saying why you would like to learn to speak French..
- For ski enthusiasts, The Record has a pair of lift tickets for Burke Mountain. Clip a copy of the ski report from The Record sports pages and send to The record before Friday Feb. 28

## Weather

**Today:** Sunny. High near minus 2.

**Friday:** Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 17. High near minus 4.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Low near minus 17. High near minus 1.

**Sunday:** Snow. Low near minus 10. High near zero. Probability of precipitation 80 per cent.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Driver charged with impaired driving causing death

## Sherbrooke man mowed down on Rivier Street

Staff

SHERBROOKE

**E**ric Perrault, 24, of Sherbrooke was charged at the Sherbrooke courthouse Wednesday morning with impaired driving causing death as well as operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 milliliters of blood.

Perrault was stopped by police after

a pedestrian was mowed down on Rivier Street in Sherbrooke's east end on Tuesday evening around 7:30, said Sherbrooke police spokesman Michel Martin.

Police who were called to the scene, first attempted to revive the victim, who was later declared dead at the Hotel Dieu site of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke.

The victim is Jacques Jackson, 45, a resident of nearby Place Desormeaux. He was apparently out for a walk when the fatal accident occurred.

After ambulance drivers took charge of the victim, police approached the

driver who had remained on the scene. Martin said the man smelled of alcohol and was taken to police headquarters where he failed a breathalyser test and was arrested.

There were apparently no eyewitnesses to the fatality. Accident reconstruction specialists from the Sûreté du Québec were called to the scene to help gather evidence, Martin said. It appears speeding was not a factor in the fatality.

Martin said the Perrault, who lived on Rivier Street in front of where the accident occurred, has no criminal record for impaired driving or anything else.



SQ PHOTO

## New Sutton council salaries are fair: Bresee

By Maurice Crossfield

**T**he mayor of the recently merged Town of Sutton says his new salary, and that of his councillors, is reflective of the work involved in running the new municipality.

"When you merge a municipality the work doesn't go away," said Mayor Winston Bresee, adding that being mayor has essentially become a full-time job.

Under the terms of bylaw 19, on the agenda at next Monday's monthly council meeting, the mayor's salary would be \$20,093, plus a non taxable amount equal to 50 per cent, for a total of just over \$31,000. Councillors will earn \$6,697 each in the new Town of Sutton.

By comparison the mayor of the former Town of Sutton earned \$12,000, while the mayor of Sutton Township earned \$16,000.

Bresee said the new calculation was done by combining the mayor's salaries of the former municipalities and adding two per cent.

"I think that the way it is today it is important for the mayor to be involved," he said. "I don't know where you'd expect to find somebody to work 40 to 50 hours a week for that kind of money."

Bresee said some towns opt instead to hire a director general, at an annual cost of about \$70,000.

"I think we're still far ahead," he said. Bresee added the new salaries stand up well when looked at in terms of the total amount of the municipal budget they take up: In the pre-merger days the Town spent 5.3 cents per \$100 of evaluation on the salaries of the mayor and council. In the Township, those salaries took up 1.8 cents per \$100 of evaluation. Under the new plan 2.9 cents per \$100 goes to the salaries of the mayor and council.

"If you look at municipalities of our size (in terms of total property evaluation), we fit in nicely," Bresee said. "In fact we've lowered the amount from the point of view of the old Town (in terms of percentage of taxation)."

Bresee also noted that in the former



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Town of Sutton Mayor Winston Bresee is looking for a raise from \$12,000 to \$31,000.

Township the mayor and council took a four per cent pay cut in 1997, and hadn't had a raise since. He said the combining of the two salaries to come up with the new salary didn't compensate for the lower rate paid to Sutton Township's council.

In a letter critical of the proposed new salaries, former Town of Sutton Mayor Ken Hill said the merger was supposed to bring savings. But Bresee said that's not the case.

"I don't think we ever pretended there would be a saving," he said, adding he's also not benefiting from an \$8,000 expense account, as Hill alleges in his letter.

"The only expenses we have are if we travel away from the municipality," he said. "It's only if we go someplace like Quebec City that we charge. I'd never charge to go someplace like Granby or the MRC."

Bresee said his expenses last year totaled about \$600, mainly for attending a municipal convention in Quebec City.

Bresee said he expects the salary bylaw to pass at the Monday, March 3 meeting.

**ALSO SEE, FORMER TOWN OF SUTTON MAYOR KEN HILL'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON PAGE 6.**

## Case against Donald Côté delayed once more

### Renald Côté to be sentenced March 10

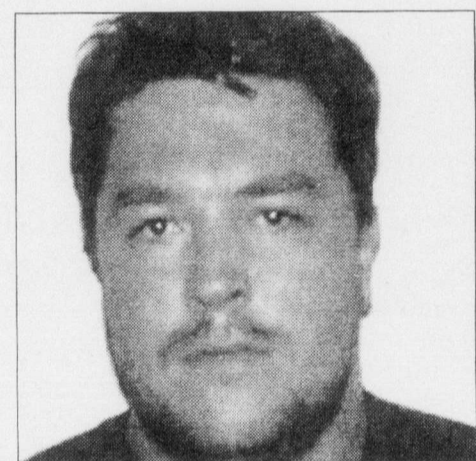
By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE

**D**onald Côté, the Magog man accused of incest and multiple sexual assaults against his kid sister, was back in court Wednesday, but after more than three dozen court appearances over the past 20 months, his case is not yet ready to proceed.

In custody since his arrest in June 2001, the 27-year-old man is accused along with his father Renald and younger brother Serge, 24, of a 17-year reign of terror and sexual abuse against his sister Isabelle that began when she was just four-years old. Isabelle Côté has since died from complications of ovarian cancer for which she was being treated when some of the assaults took place.

Following a lengthy trial that heard from some 33 witnesses over 21 days between Nov. 18 and Jan. 19, Renald Côté, 51, was found guilty of several counts of incest, sexual assault and illegal confinement against his daughter as well as sexual assault of two other young women he knew. Both sons testified at their father's trial, telling the court that they were initiated to have sex with their sister when they were about six and nine-years-old. They recalled how, along with their father, they gang raped



FILE PHOTO

Donald Côté will return to court March 26.

their sister on several occasions and how they assaulted her on many other occasions either together or by themselves.

The cases against Donald and Serge, who are charged with much more violent and grievous crimes than their convicted father, were put on hold while the family patriarch was tried.

Donald Côté will be back in court on March 26 when a date may be set for his case to finally proceed. Serge Côté, who has also made several dozen appearances before the court in the past 20 months, is due back at the Sherbrooke courthouse on March 13.

In the meantime, Renald Côté is scheduled to be sentenced for his crimes on March 10.

### BRIEF

#### Growing with baby

The province's Natural Resources Ministry is offering new mothers with "green thumbs" a free seedling to care for while playing with their newborn baby. Under the Mon arbre à moi program, mothers who gave birth after May 2002 are eligible to receive a seedling, a growth chart and a souvenir letter per-

fectly suited for a baby book. Reserve your seedling by filling out a coupon available at most hospitals or birthing centres before April 15. Coupons are also available by calling 819-820-3190, or go to [www.mrn.gouv.qc.ca/mon-arbre/index.jsp](http://www.mrn.gouv.qc.ca/mon-arbre/index.jsp). Parents will be notified at a later date about where and when to pick up the seedling.

# PC leadership candidate calls for review of free trade

By Stephen McDougall  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
LENNOXVILLE

One of seven candidates running for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party has called for a party review of the NAFTA free trade agreement, arguing it is threatening Canadian sovereignty and needs to be changed.

"I am not against free trade with the U.S. as long as it is fair free trade," said David Orchard, in an interview with the Record Tuesday.

"What the U.S. is doing is using the free trade agreement to threaten our sovereignty by imposing punishing tariffs and other protectionist measures if we don't manage our economy the way they do."

Orchard argues the recent softwood lumber dispute with the U.S. is only the latest attempt by Americans to have Canada become more of a free-market economy.

"The Americans keep telling us if we privatize all our forestry operations and crown lands, then the recent tariff walls will come down," he said.

"When it comes to our wheat board, they have filed 10 different complaints claiming it has a monopoly on wheat production and sales. What they really want the federal government to do is dismantle the board and let private interests handle a precious agricultural commodity."

He also argued the American government's Chapter 11 bankruptcy legislation threatens Canadian sovereignty because it encourages American companies to sue the Canadian government if Canadian regulations have hampered their ability to make a profit in the free trade environment.

"As of now, there are 15 suits against Ottawa by these American companies," he said.

"These actions and lawsuits are a grave threat to our sovereignty."

A Saskatchewan organic farmer for

the past 27 years, Orchard claims the free trade deal has not benefited Canadian farmers since its implementation in late 1988.

He maintained that farm incomes have dropped by 90 percent in Saskatchewan and at least 50 percent in the rest of Canada since the agreement was introduced. This while Canadian agricultural exports have increased threefold to the U.S.

"I realize that farmers have to export if they are to survive in this global economy, but what we have now is less free trade than ever before."

But Orchard did not say how he would change the free trade agreement.

He would only say that a party review could come up with changes.

As leader of the party, he would be part of that review and would let his concerns about the present agreement be known.

He added he would not allow the review process to quietly brush the problem under a rug after the party formed a government.

"If anybody doubts my intentions, they should look at my track record," he said.

"I co-founded the Citizens Concerned about Free Trade group back in the early 1980s when the idea was being promoted by the Mulroney government."

"I have never hidden the fact that I opposed the free trade agreement then and I want it changed now."

He admits that his position has been attacked by other Tories who think he is rocking the boat and disrupting a sacred political platform that was brought in by the Mulroney regime in the 1980s.

He responds that the Mulroney regime abandoned its concerns over

Canadian sovereignty in exchange for more business opportunities with the Americans.

He said the policy went against the PC party's legacy of being against free trade since it was formed in the mid-19th century.

But Orchard stopped short of criticizing the overall performance of then-prime minister Brian Mulroney, who had spearheaded the free trade policy in order to please the Canadian business community and gain better relations with then U.S. president Ronald Reagan.

"As prime minister, he did some good things for Canada, especially in the area of foreign affairs, but I disagreed with him on free trade and on the Meech Lake and Charlottetown accords," he said.

Mulroney has remained in the background of the PC party organization since he resigned as PM in early 1993. A practicing lawyer, he has sat on the boards of some large Canadian and American corporations, including media giant Quebecor and food conglomerate Archer Daniels Midland.

In 1998, Mulroney won a multi-million dollar out-of-court settlement with the federal government after an RCMP investigation tried to tie him to a kick-back scandal involving the purchase of Airbus airplanes.

He has as yet not responded to allegations in a book by Stevie Cameron called "On the take" that claimed his government was riddled with bribery and corruption.

According to Rick Peterson, a fundraiser for PC leadership candidate André Bachand, Mulroney continues to raise money for the party.

Orchard believes the present party leadership race is an opportunity to revitalize the PCs and find a leader that responds to all Canadians and not just some special interests such as the busi-

ness community or right wing groups.

"If there are party members who think I am rocking the boat, they should remember that one of the most popular conservative Prime Ministers Canada ever had, John Diefenbaker, was also considered a boat rocker in his time," he said.

"He was a populist leader from Saskatchewan who many older Tories called a prairie Bolshevik. But he was loved by a lot of voters back then because he listened to their concerns."

Orchard argued that if the party were to review free trade and other past PC policies, it would show to the electorate that it is open to change and could attract new members and voters.

He reminded the party that some of its past policies were responsible for the party losing power in 1993 when it was reduced to two seats in the House of Commons and the Liberals were returned to power.

"We need to win the hearts and minds of the voters if we are to get reelected," he said.

One thorny issue he would have to tackle is the continual request by nationalists in Quebec for a special status in

order to protect the French language and culture in the province.

Turning to French, Orchard argued that special status would tear the country apart because it would give too much power to Quebec and allow other provinces to ask for special powers of their own.

"It would be the end to the federal government as we know it," he said.

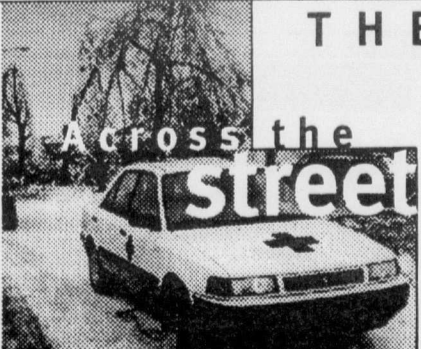
"The only way to protect the French fact in Canada is to promote the use of the language in all of Canada and not just in Quebec and in the federal capital."

"That would convince the nationalists that French is not threatened and that Quebec should remain in Canada."

Orchard has joined a growing chorus, including Bachand and leadership candidate Heward Grafftey, for a French debate amongst the seven leadership hopefuls. So far, the only debate planned before the May 31 leadership convention is in English this coming Sunday in Ottawa.

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*"I have never hidden the fact that I opposed the free trade agreement then and I want it changed now."*




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## MALAVOY:

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reporters at Sherbrooke's new Museum of Natural Science. "It's a job and a place I know very well."

The native of France was the Sherbrooke MNA between 1994 and 1998 until Charest left the federal political scene to take the reins of this province's Liberal Party.

Malavoy said her priorities during the upcoming campaign will centre around improving legislation concerning families, health and culture.

"I've always been preoccupied by what goes on in Sherbrooke. I'd like to continue to work hard for the people of this area," she continued.

A CROP-La Presse-Le Soleil poll released Wednesday has the PQ ahead with 39 per cent of the vote while the Liberals are second with 31 per cent. The once front-running Action Démocratique du Québec (ADQ) of Mario Dumont now sits behind the two more-established parties with 29 per cent.

In a January poll, the PQ was second at 32 per cent, the Liberals led everyone with 36 per cent and the Action Démocratique du Québec (ADQ) also trailed with 31 per cent.

Malavoy, who said she made her final decision to run Sunday night, said the poll is an excellent motivational tool and that it shows Quebecers are satisfied with her party's work.

"I realized (seeing the poll) it is an enormous challenge for the Leader of the Opposition to present an alternative to the government in place," she added, without referring to Charest by name. "Because of his role, he is linked to whatever happens on the provincial stage."

Malavoy came to within less than 1,000 votes in 1998 of being re-elected in Sherbrooke. She received 44.5 per cent of votes while Charest received 47.4 per cent. The ADQ candidate, Patrick Rouillard, managed to get almost seven per cent of votes.

Despite the attention she has received in recent weeks, and her main opponent's imposing public profile, Malavoy believes this election will be a three-horse race.

Local business executive Peter Downey announced two weeks ago that he has joined Dumont's team and that he is confident he can unseat Charest in his own backyard.

Malavoy is looking forward to the challenge because she believes her party has proven itself in the past and has an interesting vision of the future.

"We have a vision of Quebec to offer that has a certain coherence and has made its mark for the last two mandates," concluded Malavoy. "It (sovereignty) is not only our philosophy, it is a project and we have proven that we are able to govern the State on a day-to-day basis."



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Marie Malavoy says voters in Sherbrooke share PQ vision for Quebec.

## Pay Equity Demonstration



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Members of several local public sector unions took to the streets in Sherbrooke Wednesday to call for the government to speed up efforts to assure pay equity among its employees. Members of the FTQ, CSN, CSQ, FIIQ and SFPQ demonstrated over lunch time in front of three Sherbrooke public buildings including the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Sherbrooke (CHUS) as part of province-wide demonstrations.

## U of S research staffers give union leaders strike mandate

Staff  
Sherbrooke

Unionized research support staff at the University of Sherbrooke voted Tuesday overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate for the near future.

Without a collective agreement since May 31 2001, negotiations between the employees affi-

ated with the Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique (SCFP) and the university are now at a standstill on 18 points including salary.

On Tuesday, the 120 employees who work closely with researchers at the university voted by a large margin (86.6 per cent) in favour of a strike "at the right moment."

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# Community Forum

## Parliament a horror show for the West

**T**ake the real-time television concept of 24, film it on Parliament Hill, rename it Alien-Nation and westerners would watch it with all the morbid fascination of a flaming multiple car wreck.

**VIEWPOINT**

**DON MARTIN  
CANWEST**

line and stop city squawking for good. Alas, Collette shrugs. His vision is merely a "conceptual framework, not a spending document" for getting around.

In other words, it'll happen when pigs fly to work.

This pilot episode covers just 24 hours of political action Monday and Tuesday this week, the plot showing how elected aliens here give life to alienated westerners out there just by being themselves.

• Monday 4 p.m.: The national gun registry's architects are hauled before MPs for explanations on how a \$2-million scheme ballooned into a billion-dollar nightmare enduring operational gridlock and flawed registration data.

Committee members were gunning, literally and metaphorically, for a nervous-looking deputy minister named Morris Rosenberg. Alas, in a typical unapologetic bureaucratic shrug, Rosenberg justifies his Justice Department's failure to properly disclose the cost escalation because that reporting procedure was only required for "major" Crown projects. Which, in his view, the gun registry was not. Sigh. Only in Ottawa could a billion-dollar waste be deemed too insignificant to merit parliamentary scrutiny.

• Tuesday 9:30 a.m.: A committee gathers to debate same-sex marriages, restarting what has become an ongoing Gay Pride proclamation by MP Svend Robinson. A witness opposed to same-sex child-rearing is denounced by some MPs as bigoted, racist and against marriages by heterosexuals who don't want, can't have or are too old to have children. Not sure I follow, but the other side has suggested gay marriages could lead toward polygamous marriages. Neither side's making much sense. Time to move on.

• 10:30 a.m.: Arrived just enough time to watch Transport Minister David Collette unveil his high-gloss vision for trains, planes and automobiles in a Canadian future where he'll no doubt be riding in luxurious patronage style somewhere.

Amid a sleepy list of recommendations, most merely to "continue" existing plans, he raises the bizarre notion of Canadian cities copying London's plan to ring the core with toll booths.

Here's a better idea. Give the cities a slice of the gas tax the feds seize every year and squander on services unrelated to transportation (see gun registry). Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier tells me just five cents of the 13-cent federal tax per litre would give his city enough money to complete its light-rail transit

• Noon: Cabinet adjourns and the feds announce they're "taking a break" from talks to remove export duties in the year-old softwood lumber dispute with the U.S. The minister admits everything's being handled very nicely by the provinces. Clearly the feds are to blame for the billion dollars lost in the battle so far.

• 1 p.m.: The Kyoto accord is up for debate at a committee meeting. Oops. Missed it. Something about an implementation plan. Again. Here's better insight into how the feds plan to sell Kyoto conservation efforts. They've just awarded a \$140,000 contract to a Sudbury museum to produce a video on climate change. The star is an animated sheep. The voice will belong to comedian Rick Mercer. The feds see comedy in Kyoto. The West isn't laughing.

• 2 p.m. The Senate, which adjourned all last week after running out of issues to debate, reconvenes for only the seventh day of sitting this year. Surprisingly, half of the senators actually show up. The Alberta seat vacated in November by Alberta senator Nick Taylor has disappeared from the seating plan and remains unfilled. Meanwhile, in Calgary, two senators elected by Albertans in 1998 wait in vain for the prime minister's call to fill the vacancy.

• 2:40 p.m.: When Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz, his arms swinging wildly, launches into a spirited demand for better answers on the gun registry mess, a trio of giggling Liberal cabinet ministers mimic his arm gestures. When Justice Minister Martin Cauchon fires back, jabbing an angry finger at the Opposition and quoting a 1995 Breitkreuz press release, Alliance MPs respond with a gleeful finger-jabbing act of their own. Nobody said MP stood for "mature person."

• 4 p.m.: After bashing future prime minister Paul Martin for being briefed on the activities of his shipping line in a seeing-eye blind trust, Alliance Leader Stephen Harper discovers his party's internal squabbles have reached media ears. The party presidency has been changed under weird circumstances. The Liberals are laughing. Ontario voters will too.

And that suggests this reality show will not have a happy western ending for years to come.



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### No salary savings with Sutton merger

DEAR EDITOR,

During the February Town Council meeting in Sutton, a motion of a bylaw was deposited in regards to the mayor's and councillor's remuneration, Bylaw no 19 of the new Town of Sutton. Public notices were sent to Le Guide for publication. In the article they indicate that the base salary for the mayor would be \$20,093 per year and the councillors would be

\$6,697 each, but no mention is made if these amounts include the non taxable portion. What was missing in this release is that these amounts did not include the non taxable portion, as it was in the old

town and Township of Sutton. In one of the articles of bylaw 19 it is indicated that the amounts above are plus an amount equal to 50 per cent that is non taxable, so in fact it would bring the mayor's total salary to over \$31,000 a year.

Mr. Bresee would probably be the highest paid mayor in the area. In the former Township he earned in the range of \$16,000 and the town's mayor in the range of \$12,000, but all included! Funny to think that the merger was supposed to bring savings! And this is not taking into account an expense account of \$8,000 plus cellphone and pager expenses.

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## Perspectives

# Three lives forever changed

On May 19 2002, three young children were taking a Sunday drive with their father along a dirt road. They were on their way to buy Clay, one of the young children aged six years, the brand new bicycle that his father had promised him for his birthday the previous Sunday. He was sitting in the front while his older brother Bret, nine-years-old and his younger sister Alicia, three-years-old, were sitting in the back seat of their father's small car. Driving a little faster than the speed limit they rushed down the straight dirt road. Their mother was supposed to be picking them up in only an hour at their usual meeting spot. Everything seemed normal; things were the same as every other second weekend that the children spent at their father's house.

### SUDDEN CRASH

Suddenly, a black Grand Cherokee ran a stop sign and came slamming into the front end of the small family's car. Everything became a blur and all that could be heard was the screeching of brakes and the crying screams of terrified children. The car twirled off the road into the adjacent field in a dizzying spin, stirring up everyone inside. The father managed to escape out of the vehicle and pull his two children out. Clay had unfortunately been ejected from the vehicle through the side window and his poor body had propelled itself with speed down the dirt road. Sliding a ways on his face, his motionless body lay there until a passing man who happened to have taken an Ambulance St-Jean course came to his rescue. The man was not a paramedic but simply what seemed to be an angel. He turned Clay, who was at this point choking on his own blood, onto his side and freed his airway. Ensuring that he was still breathing, the rescuer, named Denis, attended to the youngest child, Alicia. She was screaming in agony and was falling in and out of consciousness, her forehead was cut open and blood ran down her face along with tears of fright and pain. Next to her sat her oldest brother, he had the same cut down his forehead only it was a little deeper, still conscious and completely aware of what had just happened, he sat in disbelief and watched as his siblings struggled for their lives while he brushed aside the blood that was pouring down his face into his eyes.

### GOOD SAMARITAN

Denis, the rescuer was by Alicia's side when the father of the children approached him and in a very stressed and fearful voice, he asked Denis if he had any gum or candies. Denis shook his head negatively as he smelt the alcohol on the father's breath. The rescuer then

asked the father to speak to his daughter and ask her questions to keep her from going unconscious. The father rapidly responded that he didn't know what to say and instead ran off to get his six pack of beer from the back seat of his smashed car, he hurriedly ran about trying to find a place to hide it before the police arrived on the scene. In confusion Bret asked his father if this was all a dream. His father replied that it was indeed a dream and that when he woke up everything would be ok.

Meanwhile, Denis attended Clay's side and ensured that he was still breathing, he held the helpless body in his arms and looked at the poor face that was gravely ripped, his right eyeball was out of its socket and hung down on the dirty and blood-covered cheek.

Moments later the paramedics, which had been called by neighbors arrived at the scene of the accident. They took over Denis' job and got all three children on stretchers, they rushed Clay off first considering he was in the worst condition while the other two waited for the second ambulance to arrive.

On the way to the hospital, paramedics fought to keep Clay alive, his heart stopped twice and his little body continued to gush blood, they revived him and upon his arrival at the hospital he was rushed into the pediatric emergency room, where his brother and sister later joined him.

The doctors and surgeons were baffled by Clay's medical condition; they weren't exactly sure which area they should start with. They began by stabilizing his heart and breathing with the aid of machines and shaved his head bald to insert a tube in his skull to measure the pressure on his brain. Meanwhile, Bret was getting his face stitched up and a cast put on his broken wrist. Alicia, the three-year-old's condition was much worse than they seemed; after doctors examined her, they saw that she had a severe concussion and may have damage to her intestines due to the crushing of the seat belt on her tiny hips. They rapidly sedated her and let the surgeons stitch up her face.

Moments later the mother of the children arrived with her two-month-old son. She had been called by the children's father who told her that she should bring the children's Medicare cards and come to the hospital because they had been in an accident and would need a few stitches but would be alright to go home. Upon her arrival after a 35-minute drive, her worst nightmare began, she discovered the children hanging on to life by a thread. There was nothing she could do to help; all she could do was run from one emergency room to the next to get the latest

information on their conditions. Her emotions were bubbling inside of her, fear, sadness, uncertainty, and anger...the tears ran from her eyes uncontrollably; could it possibly not be real?

Family members arrived promptly and comforted each other and tried to discover how everything had happened. The surgeons stood in the doorway and asked to speak to the mother of the children, unsure of the news she took her nieces hand and they walked out into the hallway. Their hearts were beating and their pulses were racing, one of the doctors finally spoke up and said that they were going to take Clay down to the operating room to try and sew up his face...they calmly said that things didn't look good. He had major brain damage and his chances of survival were very small. They said that if he did survive, he would have permanent damage that would stop him from ever being the same person he used to be. They finished by saying that if he did make it, his road to recovery would be very, very long and he would most likely be recovering for the next year or so in the hospital.

### SERIOUS CONDITION

Clay spent the next three and a half hours in the operating room. The next few days were slow and progress was minimal, Bret was slowly recovering and adapting to the cast on his arm. Alicia was still sedated and doctors discovered that her wrist was severely broken. She still had dry blood in her long blond hair that was now tangled with pieces of grass from the field she had lay in a few days before. Clay was in a deep coma and his head was swollen to twice its normal size, his face was a light blue color from the near hundred stitches that were visible on his tiny visage. Every inch of his body was covered with tubes to measure and verify the readings of his vital signs.

In the next two weeks, the oldest boy Bret was sent home for the rest of his recovery leaving behind his brother Clay who was still in a coma, and his sister whose doll-like appearance was erased from the face that looked down at her little arm, which was blue from the IV needle that tired her small veins. She could not be sent home at that time for her kidney tests showed that she had developed a small infection.

A week later Alicia was sent home to join her brother as they stayed at their grandmother's house while their mother spent her days by Clay's side hoping that he would soon awaken from his coma. She talked and read stories to the motionless body as nurses told her that her son would be paralyzed from the waist down, would have no memory at

all and might be blind for the rest of his life. Later came the doctors to tell her that he might be mentally handicapped. It all seemed surreal to her, just last month Clay had been recognized by his teachers for having the highest grade on his IQ test.

A few more weeks passed by, it seemed like an eternity for the family, Clay finally came out of his coma and his face was starting to heal. A few days short of two months the doctors gave Clay his leave, he could finally go home to his brother and sister, but life would not come as easy as it used to. With the help of his wheelchair, he was able to follow his siblings around the house, his only obstacle being the stairs in his two-story house; but a little help from mom and his determination got him where he wanted to be.

Now Clay is free of his wheelchair and has therapy three times a week, which has helped him walk again. His face is still scarred and he must protect it from the sun in the summer. He is still forced to wear a helmet when he is on the playground at school. Aside from the physical scars, the children are all left with mental scars, which they see a therapist for. To most of you this may seem like just another story of drinking and driving, only this time innocent children were involved. You might not take it seriously and forget about it tomorrow thinking that this would never happen to you or anyone you know, rest assured I used to think the same way.

### LASTING SCARS

Bret, Clay and Alicia are my cousins, the tragedy they miraculously survived, has been a major part of my life. The situations and emotional stress I have been through with the night screaming and crying out things that were said at the scene of the accident. Alicia asks questions about what jail is and why the news says that her father has to spend the next 33 months in a federal prison. Clay just recently was still having pieces of glass from the accident surgically removed from his face. When he's riding in a car, he still takes your hand in his and holds it tightly revealing the scars on his little knuckles. The physical scars will without a doubt fade but the mental scars will follow these children for the rest of their lives.

After all this, the only thing I can do is ask that you please not drink and drive. You might not have children but you might very well be the ones that are driving home on a dirt road after a party and forget to make the one stop that could change someone else's life, forever.

MARIE-CLAUDE PAGEAU  
Cookshire

# Annual banquet honours young Guides

## Girl Guide cookies to have new look

By Nancy Nourse  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
LENNOXVILLE

Proud parents and grandparents gathered in Lennoxville's United Church Hall Monday evening for the local Girl Guides of Canada annual banquet.

The evening was highlighted by the presentation of the Lady Baden Powell Awards to both Heather Marshall and Heather Vivares. Karolyn Kirby also re-

ceived the Canada Cord which is the highest award in Guiding.

On Monday, the local branch also took the opportunity to talk about their upcoming 2003 Girl Guides Cookie Campaign. Its launch will coincide with their annual St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party on March 15 at St. Georges Anglican Church.

Sales of each box of cookies (\$4) will go towards assisting local branches with their programs and activities, as well as to provide financial assistance to girls and leaders for Guiding events and camps, to assist with program development and delivery, to provide training for leaders and to maintain Girl Guide camps and properties.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Heather Marshall (left to right) and Heather Vivares were presented with the Lady Baden Powell Award, the highest award given to a girl in their third year of Guiding.



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Karolyn Kirby, recipient of the Canada Cord Award, with leader Betty Coles.

What started in the kitchen of a Guider in Regina, Sask in 1927 as a way for a handful of Girl Guides to raise funds, has now become one of Canada's longest standing traditions. Before WWII, the cookies were rich in fruits, nuts and spices. Yet because these were considered "luxury items" during the war, the recipe became lost.

A few years later, the much loved vanilla crème cookie was introduced. Until in 1960, Girl Guides of Canada

signed a contract with Christie Brown & Co. for the delivery of a sugar-topped cookie. In 1995, the chocolatey mint cookie was sold in November as a second campaign.

This upcoming spring, the Girl Guides will unveil a new version of the chocolate and vanilla sandwich cookies. Baked by Dare Foods Limited, these new cookies have a new look and packaging, but still have the same great taste and quality that Canadians love.

## BRIEF

### Old North Church Cemetery annual meet

On Nov. 26, 1910, the Sherbrooke Daily Record published an article as part of the Record's Historical Competition. This article was the fifth prize story:

The story was entitled "Domestic Life Among the Pioneers; the Old Church Settlement", written by Mrs. L. D. Hastings of South Barnston, the granddaughter of Ephraim Wadleigh, early pioneer in Hatley Township. Mr. Wadleigh settled with his family in the early settlement about a mile and a half of Hatley Village where several pioneers had established themselves circa late 1790s. Mrs. Hastings writes that in 1803 "...a desire to possess a copy of the new Township Chapter was in evidence...To obtain the Charter would necessitate a toilsome journey to Quebec...My grandfather, whose energy was only equalled by his fortitude, set out on foot to accomplish the purpose...The journey to and from Quebec, an estimated journey of four hundred miles, was performed in eight days."

The entire article gives a glimpse into the early settlement of the Eastern Townships, featuring Hatley Township. However Mrs. Hastings writes "...my in-

terest centres around the place long designated "The Old North Church Settlement". The church was built in 1818 and was the first church in Hatley [Township]. The site on which it stands with the burying ground attached was once a part of my grandfather's farm...I went into the graveyard. Dark slate-stones marked the resting place of many, of whose once active lives I had so often heard...before repassing the gateway, I paused at the grave of my grandsire. On the tablet erected in his memory I once more read the epitaph..."If an honest man is the noblest work of God" then, indeed, was Ephraim Wadleigh truly noble."

Hatley Township was officially chartered in 1803 and today, 200 years later the Old North Cemetery, said to be the oldest burying ground in the township, with the early section established on the land of Ephraim Wadleigh in the late 1790s, is still a silent reminder of the past. The Old North Church Cemetery Association is holding its annual meeting and potluck supper on Sunday, March 9, in the St. Barnabas Church Hall in North Hatley, commencing at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Submitted by Phyllis Emery Skeats

## Making Music



Organizers of this year's Festival des harmonies et orchestres symphoniques du Québec announced Tuesday that Sherbrooke engineer and businessman Wilfrid Morin of Groupe Teknika accepted the role of honorary president. The 74th edition of the Festival will be held at the University of Sherbrooke between May 15 and 18. About 9,000 musicians from 200 cities across the country are expected to be in Sherbrooke for the event. Pictured are organizing committee president Josée Crête (left) and Morin.

# Collenette unveils Canada's transportation plan

By Rick Mofina  
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Accurate air fare advertising, faster trains and tolls to drive into Canada's big traffic-choked cities are all part of David Collenette's long-term transportation vision for the country.

High-speed passenger rail service is clearly on the table with the Quebec City and Windsor first on the list, the federal Transport minister suggested Tuesday while announcing his strategy.

Collenette said the Quebec-Windsor corridor was a logical priority that could become a reality within five years.

But then he added: "Calgary-Edmonton is certainly the other corridor that lends itself to this, and I think it would be good for all the people of Alberta."

Collenette also took aim at traffic congestion in the country's large cities saying that they should consider adopting a plan in use in London, England where costly tolls are discouraging some from taking their cars to work.

"Being stuck in choking traffic for hours on end keeps us away from our jobs and our families and threatens our economic lifeblood.

"Montreal, Toronto, or other larger cities, may wish to look at the London experiment in the future because it seems to have proved fairly successful after just a week," he said.

Singapore, which charges motorists higher tolls at peak times and lower tolls during off hours, was another example Collenette held up.

"At some point, congested (Canadian) cities are going to have to take radical solutions," Collenette said. "Some cities around the world are dealing with it in an innovative way."

His comments came during his release of his 10-year strategy called

Straight Ahead, a sweeping blueprint to overhaul federal transportation policy.

Collenette issued an 84-page plan encompassing proposed legislation for airlines and railways. It touched safety, security, environmental concerns, marine ports, urban gridlock and bottlenecks at Canada-U.S. border crossings. It did not offer cost estimates.

"This is a conceptual framework. This is not a spending document," he said.

It includes steps to ensure airline ticket advertising is not "misleading," forcing carriers to clearly list all pricing charges, such as hidden surcharges.

The plan also gives the federal government power to say no to any proposed rail merger not seen to be in the public interest.

And it calls for the government to force larger airlines to give breaks to smaller ones by allowing the smaller, regional carriers who serve remote regions access to their larger routes.

Collenette's overall plan was ap-

plauded as a move in the right direction, but it has shortcomings, said David Jeanes, president of Transport 2000, an advocacy group.

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"It doesn't have the solid dollar commitments for projects like high-speed inner city rail," Jeanes said "And it's not providing more money than the budget did for municipal infrastructure."

Jeanes said the plan to eliminate confusion in the advertising of airline ticket prices was long overdue. "That was one of the biggest sources of complaints to the air travel complaint commissioner," Jeanes said.

NDP Leader Jack Layton found little to praise in the Liberal government's long-range strategy. "It's an interesting document filled with platitudes. The budget is what counts."

James Moore, Canadian Alliance transport critic, slammed Collenette's study.

"Very little is concrete. Almost all of it is mush. It's all mealy-mouthed words," Moore said. "The big battle on

transportation is at budget time. David Collenette failed."

Moore said the \$3 billion in Liberals' recent budget pegged for municipal infrastructure is not enough to build three expressway interchanges.

The blueprint is the first to overhaul federal transportation policy in half a century. It attempts to balance free market forces and government intervention.

The strategy also calls for:

Privatizing marine navigation services.

- A formal investigation process for railway mergers, similar to that used for banks.

- Forcing larger airlines to share ticketing systems with small regional carriers, a process called interlining.

- Forcing railways to offer unused spurs and sidings in urban areas to urban transit authorities, which may then use them for enhance rapid transit systems.

- Promote inter-modality, whereby the ship, rail, truck and airline sectors are encouraged to work in partnership to provide more co-ordination between the various modes of transportation.

- Call on government to move towards national standards for inter-provincial trucking, particularly with respect to safety.

## Closing of Medical Office DR. LEIGH CLARKE

I will be closing my medical practice permanently as of **May 1, 2003**.

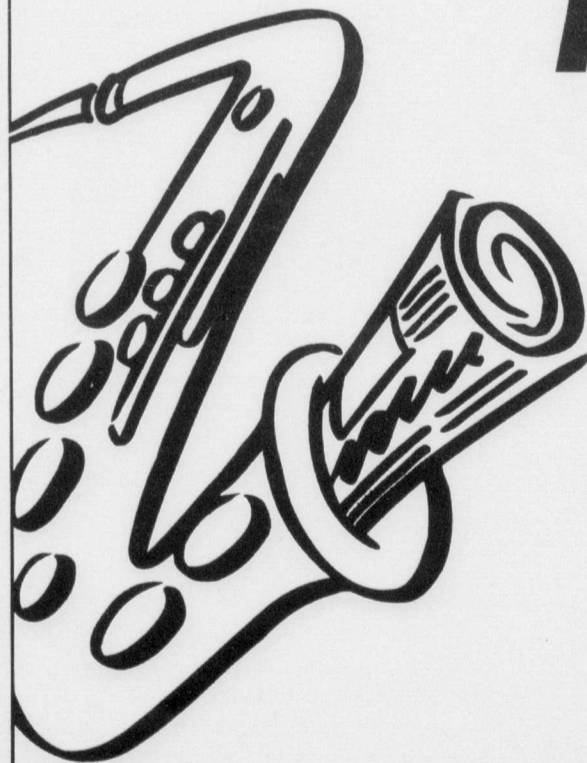
I wish to thank all my patients for their loyal support over the last 26 years.

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If you are unable to find a doctor, the Regional Department of Family Medicine at the Régie Régionale (CRSSS) will have a complete list of all my patients. All the doctors in the area will cooperate to assure that those requiring close follow-up will be seen on a priority basis as soon as feasible.

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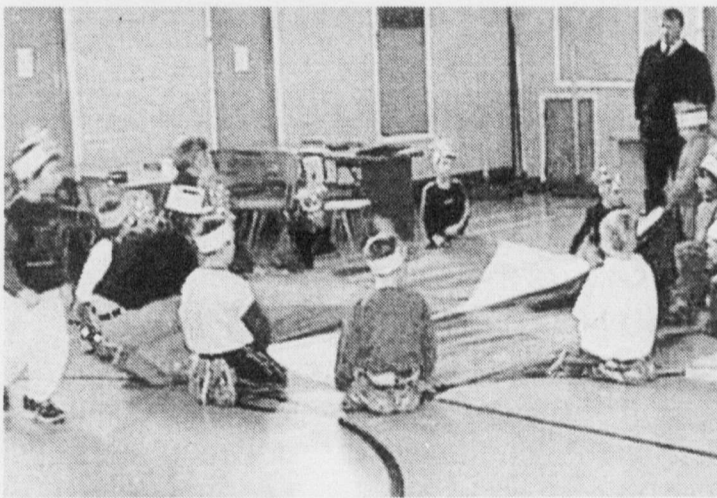
# Our School's Page

## COOKSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten had a "beary" wonderful time at their Teddy Bear's picnic. They spent the day in PJs doing very, beary things.

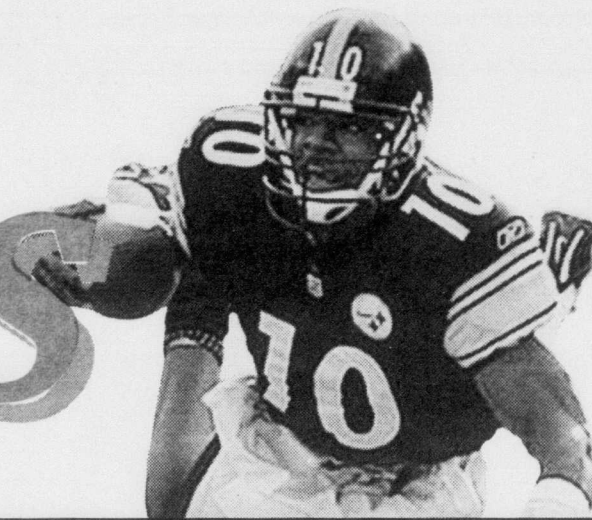
**THEN:**

For the week preceding the 100th day of school, which was February 10, Cycle One and Kindergarten teamed up to recognize the occasion in many ways. Then, we celebrated the actual day by meeting in the gymnasium to Shout Hooray for the 100th day and did everything the one hundred way!



THE RECORD

# Sports



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 Steelers free up salary cap room by releasing Kordell Stewart ... see Page 13

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## MVP looks to solidify legacy against Concordia

By Scott McLean  
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
 LENNOXVILLE

He may be the league MVP, Defensive Player of the Year, first-team All-Star and perhaps the most electrifying player to ever step onto the court at Mitchell Gymnasium, but Phil Miguel knows his legacy at Bishop's will be remembered for his playoff performance in this, his final CIS season.

"(The awards) are really special, they are like a gift for all the hard work I have put in over the years," says the high flying native of Alymer, Que.

"It's in large part because of my teammates, without them I wouldn't have gotten to this point. But we all know that nothing would be greater than for us to win this Thursday."

Thursday, of course, is when Miguel and the rest of the Bishop's Gaiters men's basketball team travels to Montreal to take on the Concordia Stingers in the QUBL semi-finals.

The Gaiters have limped into the end of the season, losers of their last five. Three weeks ago the team was playing .500 basketball, and had the opportunity to take second place away from the rival Stingers.

That never happened, and now the team is left with so many question marks. The most puzzling, however, has been the team's inability to stay out of foul trouble, which always seems to haunt the team late in the game.

"You just can't look at the past," says Miguel. "We know that we have had trouble against their defence at time, but we also know that we can play really well. It's just a matter of doing the little things. Playing smarter, distributing the ball well, and just playing our game."

All the games against Concordia this season have been close, being decided by eight points or less. The Stingers play a tough zone defence, pressing the ball handler which forces steals and creates a lot of points in the transition game.

The key for Bishop's will be to counter that defence with a strong attack, taking it hard to the basket, and not getting into early foul trouble. Although they have a deep bench, the

Gaiters will need their veteran trio of David Suzuki, Miguel and Paul Stephens to be available late in the game if it's close.

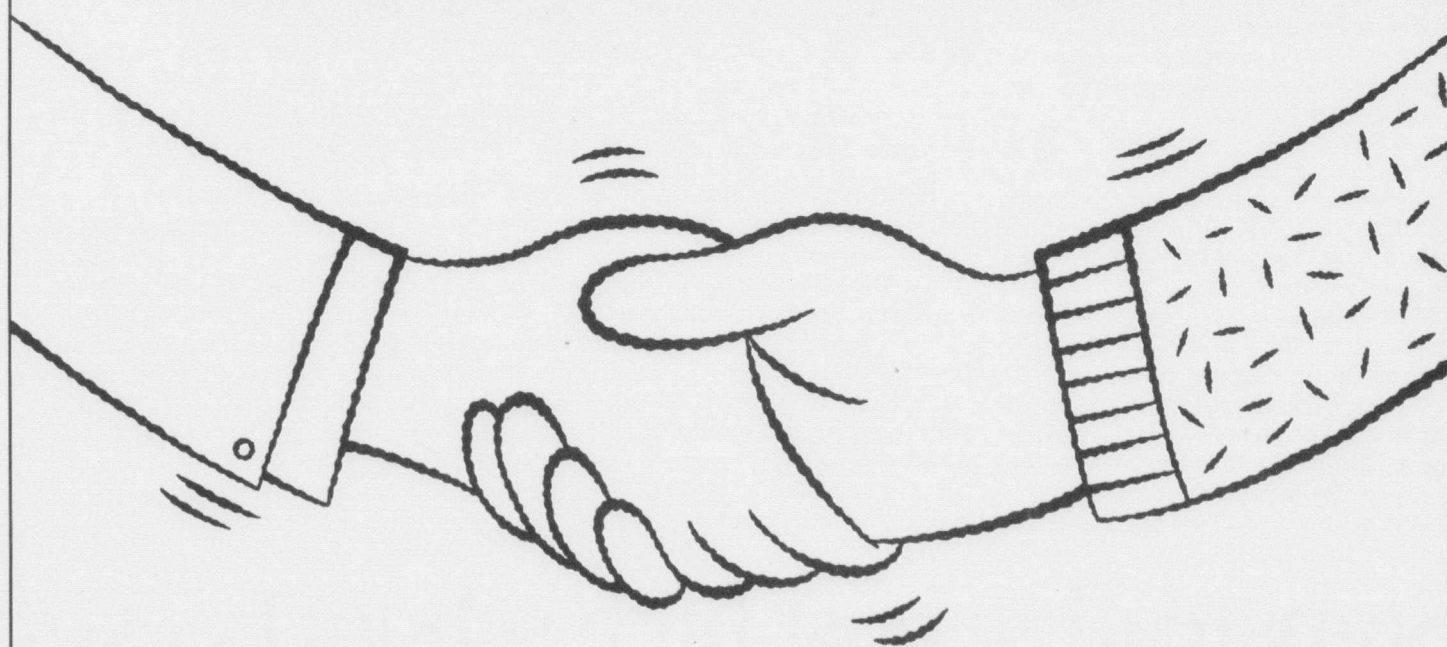
"We have practiced hard all week, and we know we have to be that much

better against their defence," says Miguel. "I am so focused for this game, and I know the rest of the team is getting fired up. It's big. It's really big."

**NEWS & NOTES:** Miguel is very happy about Tuesday's awards an-


nouncements, but is a bit surprised with his selection as MVP. "It goes to show that the coaches who pick this, they aren't only looking at the numbers. They have recognized my overall play, and I think that's great."

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## HIGH SCHOOL

## Galt, BCS win ETIAC basketball titles

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
LENNOXVILLE

Alexander Galt and BCS were the big winners as the Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference playoffs began this week.

The Galt Pipers won both the senior and junior boys basketball titles, while the BCS Crusaders captured the senior girls' crown.

The Galt senior boys defeated the Massey-Vanier Vikings 52-39 in a contest that was not decided into the final seconds of the game.

The Vikings took control early in the game and held a 29-26 advantage at half-time with Massey-Vanier's big three of Jeremy Singfield, Jordan Lee and Ian McCallum accounting for all 27 points.

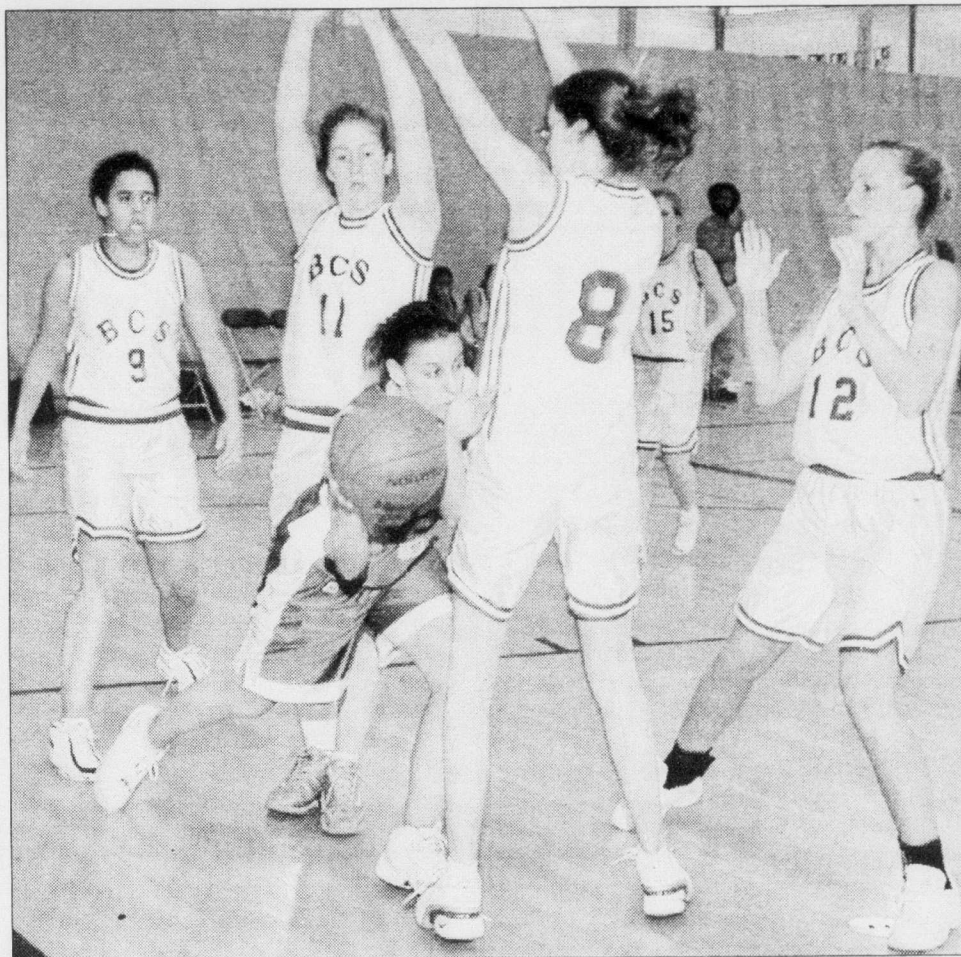
The Pipers started the second half on a 19-5 run to take a seemingly commanding 45-34 lead after three quarters. But the Vikings refused to quit. Massey-Vanier trailed 52-46 with just 19 seconds left in the game when Ryan Gauthier canned a three-pointer.

The Vikings were forced to foul and put the usually reliable Robbie Klinck on the foul line with just seconds left on the score clock. Klinck, the team's best foul shooter, missed both shots, giving Massey-Vanier possession to try and tie the game. However, Davey Comeau stole a long pass to seal the win for Galt.

"I wasn't nervous when I was shooting the foul shots, they just didn't go in," Klinck said after the game. The best point guard in the ETIAC finished the game with 10 points and was four for seven from the charity stripe.

Matt Pellerin led all scorers with 25 points. Lee led the Vikings with 20 points, while McCallum chipped in with 11.

In the semi-finals, Kyle Willis scored 15 points and Lee added 12 as the Vikings downed BCS 64-29 to advance to the finals. Crusaders' Arjun Batra was outstanding in the loss as he scored 17 points.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Alexander Galt Pipers were unable to get past BCS' dominating defence in the senior girls' basketball championship as the Crusaders went on to record a 41-30 upset win.

In the other semi-final game, Klinck's 20-point performance, including nine of 12 from the foul line, provided the Pipers with a 73-39 over Stanstead College. Mark Sun led the Spartans with 10 points.

Coach Steve Dunn had special praise for forward Patrick Fequet.

"Patrick played great defence in both games, and did an outstanding job against Massey's full court pressure," he said.

On the senior girls' side, the third time proved to be a charm for BCS who upset

Massey-Vanier 41-30 after losing twice to the first-place Vikings during the regular season last week.

"In the two previous games we were hurt by the Frankhauser sisters (Thérèse and Elisabeth) and we changed defences to try and contain them," BCS coach Duane Liverpool said after the game. "We used a 2-2-1 zone, and the girls did a great job executing the game plan."

Courtney Dowd and Fizez led the Crusaders with 14 points apiece, while Melissa

Chagnon and Therese Frankhauser had 13 and 11 points respectively for the Vikings.

"We prepared ourselves for the game in the locker room talking about what we had to do to win," said Dowd. "We had a great talk and knew what we had to do on defence."

In the semi-finals, Dowd scored 18 points to lead BCS to a 34-27 win over Galt. Crystal Scott was Galt's top scorer with 16 points, while Karolyn Kirby had 11.

Therese Frankhauser scored 18 points and Chagnon added 11 to spark the Vikings to a 50-39 win over Stanstead College in the other semi-final game. Alex Gulliver led the Spartans with 18 points while Andrea Channel chipped in with 10.

In junior boys' playoff action, Andy Coates, playing one of his finest games of his young career, scored 15 points to lead the Galt junior boys to a 46-32 win over Massey-Vanier in the championship game.

Kevin Dezan added 12 points to the winning cause, while Adam Jurcutis led Massey-Vanier with 10 points.

The win gave Galt titles in both the ETIAC and the local French league. The Pipers finished the season with a combined 16-0 league record. Their only exhibition loss was to St. Paul's High School (Kanata, Ont) in the Loyola Invitational.

Jeremy Bédard scored 13 points and Josh Roy added 10 as the Vikings knocked off Stanstead 56-42 in semi-final action. Kevin Dezan had 18 points to lead Galt to a 68-33 win over BCS in the other semi-final game. Trevor Digby added 14 points and Marty Rourke scored 10 for Galt, while Hyun-Seung Kang led BCS with 11.

"I was happy for Andy Coates and Ryan McAuley because they played so well today and were a big part of the reason why we won," said Galt coach Steve Walker. "We stay focused all season long and it paid off."

The junior girls and two bantam championships were decided last night, along with the boys and girls hockey titles. *The Record* will have complete coverage of those games in Friday's paper.

## Stanstead to host high school hockey provincials

Four schools from Montreal, including top-seeded Centennial Regional, will join four Eastern Townships representatives this weekend in the 56th annual Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec (AAESQ) provincial high school hockey tournament.

Stanstead College, one of eight teams in the tournament, is playing host to the event, scheduled to run from Feb. 28 to March 1.

Joining Centennial in the AAESQ provincial championship are three of its Greater Montreal Athletic Association rivals — Collège Jean-Eudes, Loyola High School and Howard S. Billings. In addition

to Stanstead, Alexander Galt, Bishop's College School and Massey-Vanier will be entered.

Centennial, which has never won the provincial championship, enters as the favourite bases on an overall record of 33-3-3, including an 11-2-2 mark within its own conference. In league play, Centennial has scored 95 goals in 15 games, and allowed only 28.

"The strength of our team is good goaltending and, basically, a hard-working unite," said Centennial head coach Doug MacDonald, whose netminding tandem is Michael Talarico and Benoit Melanson, the son of Montreal Canadiens goaltend-

ing coach Roland Melanson.

"We're well balanced; we've been getting production from all four of our lines."

The host Stanstead squad, under head coach Mike McNamara, has relied on its depth and speed, as well as the leadership ability of forward Shawn Iserhoff and defenceman Jason Cowan this season. In ETIAC play, the Spartans went 11-1, and 20-12 overall. Stanstead plays a number of games against U.S. prep school and top-calibre AAA and AA 'Espoir' teams.

"We don't have any glaring weaknesses," said McNamara, who coached Stanstead to the provincial title in 2000.

"We've felt that we had a strong team in each of the last three years, but anything can happen when you get into the tournament."

Collège Jean-Eudes, which finished only one point back of Centennial in the GMAA 'A' Division standings, is a two-time provincial winner (1991, 95) Howard S. Billings, which finished on top of the GMAA 'C' Division, has scored 97 goals in 15 games.

Loyola, which consecutive championships in 1998 and '99, Alexander Galt and Massey-Vanier, have all hosted the AAESQ provincial championships in the past.

SKIING

# Mont Glen: Friendly, natural and easy to reach

**T**hey don't make snow here; when you're skiing at Mont Glen, your skis will only make contact with all-natural powder.

"Because we're small and we don't make snow, it gives skiers a choice in this area," explains the hill's Administrative Director Peter Stastny. "After skiing at some of the neighbouring hills, a lot of our clients are happy to have a natural choice."



**KING OF THE HILL**

ALAN JOHNSON

But that's not the only thing that's different about Mont Glen. It's being managed by Stastny and business partner Brian Robinson this year, and for the foreseeable future. They've struck a deal with hill owner Peter White, and are already making capital plans for 2004.

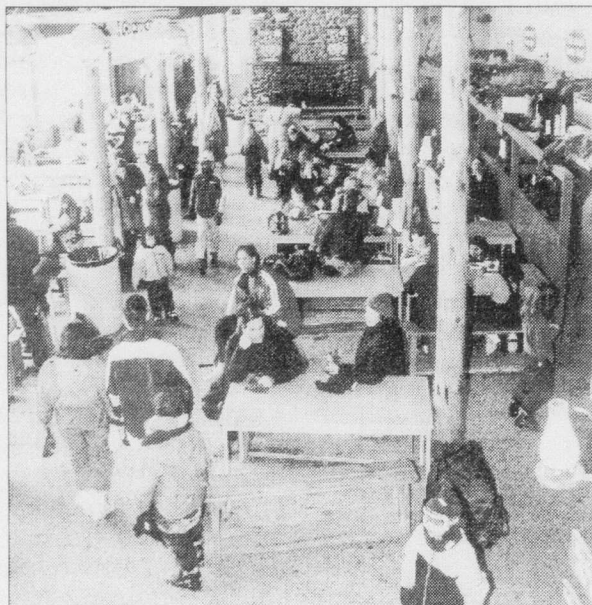
"We're having fun and I think he's (White) is having fun too," says Robinson. "It's open-ended, but we certainly plan on being here for at least the next three or four years."

To that end, Robinson and Stastny are already looking at how to draw in more skiers for next year. They're hoping to sell close to 1,000 family ski passes by December. The kicker is for anyone who'll buy a ski pass now, they get to ski the rest of this season for free as well as during all of the 2003-2004 season.

The cost for those season passes are reasonable — \$475 for adults, \$200 for students and \$150 for children ages six through 13. Family passes are an even better bargain at \$1,200.

For that, you get to ski from now until the spring meltdown, plus during all of next year. And while Mont Glen no longer has the downhill tubing park, it does have 32 challenging trails and a pair of well-utilized groomers.

I hadn't realized why I was enjoying my day so much until I went inside for a chat with Robinson and Stastny. They pointed out the tranquility and extra space that had impressed me so much was due



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Mont Glen's drawing point is its tranquility and extra space.

to the fact that their hill is not lined with hoses and artificial snow guns.

But back to the downhill tubing park for a moment. Why did they close it down? One word: Insurance.

"When you realize you're heading downhill on a tube with no control, moving faster than some of our seasoned skiers, the insurance people just didn't like the risk," says Robinson.

Enough said. We've all had to deal with greedy insurance operators since 9-11.

But even without the tubing park, Mont Glen is everything a skier could want. It's situated just five minutes from Knowlton, and the parking is ample. The view of Brome Lake from the top of the Grand Prix trail rivals Owl's Head as far as scenery goes.

The other thing that'll impress you is the staff.

"We pay our lift operators a little more," says Robinson. "But we've got the best people around."

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Snow, last 7 days (cm): 0  
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Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**MONT GLEN**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20  
Open Trails: 32/32  
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**MONT ORFORD**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 25

Open Trails: 52/54  
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**MONTJOYE**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 5  
Open Trails: 20/20

**OWL'S HEAD**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 10  
Open Trails: 43/43  
Lift Hours: N/A

**SKI BROMONT**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0

Snow, last 7 days (cm): 26  
Open Trails: 46/46  
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**SUTTON**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 19  
Open Trails: 53/53  
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**JAY PEAK (VERMONT)**  
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0  
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 32  
Open Trails: 75/75  
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Steelers release Stewart

The Pittsburgh Steelers finally cut ties to Kordell Stewart on Wednesday, releasing the enigmatic quarterback who led them to two AFC title games but perplexed them with his inconsistency.

The move, a foregone conclusion for weeks, allows Stewart to become an unrestricted free agent and gets the Steelers under the 2003 salary cap, which kicks in this weekend.

The Steelers were about \$2 million over the cap before waiving Stewart, but they clear \$6.3 million of cap room — Stewart's 2003 salary — by letting him go. Stewart will count \$1.62 million against the cap, as the prorated share of the signing bonus he got in 1998.

Veterans Committee leave Hall empty

The redesigned Veterans Committee failed to elect anyone to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

Former Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman and New York Mets manager Gil Hodges came closest to election, getting 50 votes and falling 11 votes shy, according to a baseball source who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Former hitting star Tony Oliva and former NL umpire Doug Harvey each had 48 votes, the source said, and former Chicago Cubs third baseman Ron Santo had 46. Yankees manager Joe Torre, a former all-star who has led New York to four World Series titles, received 29.

Artest now being suspended by team

Ron Artest was suspended for disciplinary reasons by coach Isiah Thomas and did not travel with the Indiana Pacers on their flight to Boston.

The Pacers would not disclose the circumstances that led Thomas to tell Artest to say home for Wednesday's game against the Celtics, team spokesman David Benner said.

Thomas suspended Artest after an 83-78 loss to Washington on Tuesday night.

On TV

THURSDAY

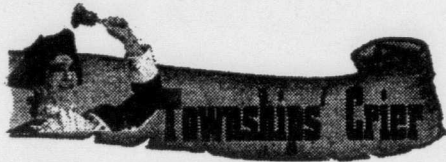
- **WINTER GAMES: noon** Canada Winter Games, TSN.
- **GOLF: 2 p.m.** PGA Accenture Championship, second round, TSN, RDS.
- **NBA: 7 p.m.**, Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks, Sportsnet.
- **NHL: 7:30 p.m.**, Minnesota Wild at Montreal Canadiens, RDS; Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit Red Wings, TSN.

Around Town

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UPCOMING

- **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.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Your Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship area committee is pleased to invite you to attend an information and fundraiser buffet that will be held on Saturday, March 22, 6 p.m., at Salle Amedee Beaudoin (above Firehall), Queen St., Lennoxville. Come celebrate with us the work of IVCF at Bishop's and Champlain campus in Lennoxville. Contact your local church or Ed Anderson (819) 569-1493 for your personal RSVP.

**BURY**

Casserole Luncheon and afternoon Card Party, Monday, March 3, beginning at noon, St. Paul's Anglican Parish Hall. Sponsored by St. Paul's Guild. Prizes, door prizes and grocery drawing.

**DANVILLE**

Military Whist card party, sponsored by the U.C.W., on Thursday, March 6 at Trinity United Church at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (819) 839-3777. Everyone welcome.

**DANVILLE**

Pancake Supper at Trinity United Church on Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30

p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged. Everyone welcome.

**LENNOXVILLE**

St. George's Church Hall, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., March 4. Menu: Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, baked beans, pickles and doughnuts. All welcome. Bring the whole family.

**STANBRIDGE EAST**

Pancake Supper at St. James Anglican Church Hall, Stanbridge East on March 4 at 5 p.m. Admission charged.

**BULWER**

Bulwer Q.F.A.'s annual Turkey Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Bulwer Community Centre. Please reserve by March 4 by calling Mac or Doreen Fraser at (819) 875-3842.

**NORTH HATLEY**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley on Tuesday, March 4, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come! Join our fellowship time. Have a feast. Free will offering at the door.

**DANVILLE**

Ash Wednesday service to be held at Trinity United Church on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Advance notice. Brunch on Sunday, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "The Hut", 300 St.

Francis Street, Lennoxville. Everyone welcome.

**RICHMOND**

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, cooked and served by our teenagers, will be held at the Richmond-Melbourne United Church starting at 5 p.m. on March 4. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds to support Youth Ministry.

**MELBOURNE RIDGE**

The Melbourne Ridge Board of Stewards are having a Sugar Social on Sunday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at their Church Hall. Small admission charged. Children under 5 admitted free. Why not come for desert after dinner. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

**SAWYERVILLE**

Advance notice. The High Forest Red Cross Group will be having their annual Spring Tea at the Sawyerville United Church Hall on Friday, March 28. Afternoon tea, food and sales table. All welcome.

**SAWYERVILLE-BULWER**

Come and enjoy the Bulwer Q.F.A. sleigh-ride at Mapleledge Farm (Sylvester's), 160 Lachance Road, Sawyerville, on Sunday, March 1 at 1:30 p.m. This will be followed by a potluck supper at the Bulwer Community Center at approx. 4 p.m. We hope to see you, weather permitting. For more info, call

(819)889-2608 or 875-5174.

**WARDEN**

500 card party at I.O.O.F. Hall on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:45 p.m. All welcome.

**WATERVILLE-HATLEY-NORTH HATLEY**  
The Waterville-Hatley-North Hatley United Church Pastoral Charge Worship services on March 2: Waterville, 9:30 a.m.; Hatley, 9:30 a.m.; North Hatley, 11 a.m.

**NORTH HATLEY**

March 2 at 10:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of North Hatley, 35 Gagnon St. (Corner of Main), Rev. Carole Martignacco presents "Weimans Creative Interchange; a new religious language. All are welcome. Coffee and conversation to follow.

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## Ascot Women's Institute meeting

At noon on February 6th, members of Ascot W.I. met at the home of Marion and Dufferin Annesley in Huntingville. All enjoyed the bountiful meal served by our hostesses Marion Annesley and Dorothy Marlin assisted by Beulah Walker.

At 1:30 p.m. our guest speaker arrived, was introduced and welcomed by Marion. Jackie Hynman came to tell us about the Lennoxville Women's Centre where she is working on an outreach program. The government has been petitioned for funding to expand and give more services, also to reach out to other communities in the surrounding area.

The Women's Centre was founded in 1981 as a volunteer group dedicated to helping women develop their full potential. The Centre is a meeting place and resource centre for women as well as a liason between English speaking women and existing services. It is an information and referral centre. It is not a shelter, no counselling is offered but they work with L'Escale which is a shelter. The Centre is a place where women can just drop in for coffee and conversation or attend work shops, courses, exercise classes and get information on health issues. There is a library with many books and brochures also a free

one on one computer course. Jackie spoke about the origin of Women's Day March 8th and the International Women's Day Supper held each year as a fundraiser. Marion thanked her for her interesting and informative talk and gave her a donation from the Ascot W.I. for the Women's Centre.

President Marion Annesley then opened the meeting with a welcome to members and our guests Gwen Parker and Beulah Walker. The Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship were repeated. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. In new business a motion was made to approve the donation to the Women's Centre. For correspondence we received a letter from Mildred Rourke inviting us to enter handicrafts at the Ayer's Cliff Fair this year, this will be brought up at the County Meeting. The new programs were given out, thanks to Gwen Parker for preparing them.

Committee Reports: Agriculture - Margaret Hall reported that Sherbrooke farmers are afraid that farmland will be designated as white zone. She also noted the closing of the Magnola plant and the Jeffrey Mine. Pratte and Whitney are laying off workers, the U.S. is increasing tariffs on softwood lumber. Margaret spoke about climate change and what it means for Canada and it's effect on our economy. Health and Community Living - Marion Annesley told us a way to whiten linens by boiling them with lemon slices then washing as usual. Candles should be kept in a dark,

cool, dry place. Education and Personal Development - Edna Hatch and Eva Leith reported on Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson's visit to Sherbrooke where she presented volunteer awards at City Hall and received an honorary doctorate of Civil Law at Bishop's University. She also mentioned that Canada Post will issue a stamp to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Bishop's University. This was Teacher Appreciation Week. A science Fair was held at Knowlton Academy. There is controversy about the money spoke on laptops for students. Publicity and Awareness - Orma Kingsley sent report of the last meeting to the Record and noted the write up of F.W.I.C. Convention 2003. Brenda Lyons brought greetings from Norfolk County, England W.I. and showed their colourful program book. She mentioned the U.N. inspectors in Iraq, the U.S. space shuttle lost and avalanches in Revel stoke, B.C. Social Services - Margaret Hall had sent out birthday cards to members.

Marion read final plans for F.W.I.C. Convention with information on registration, tours, calendar of events, workshops, etc.

Our next meeting will be on March 6th. There will be a phantom Food Sale.

Marion closed the meeting with the reading of "Friendship is a Gift."

Marion then served tea, cookies and squares and a social hour enjoyed. We wished Happy Birthday to Marion, Dorothy and Eva.

*Orma Kingsley*

## Senior's Activity Day in Coaticook

A lovely time was enjoyed by all as 24 of us gathered at the Elie Carrier Community Centre on Feb. 18. Jennifer MacKinnon arrived and we started out with our exercises. She had a surprise for us when part way through our routine she told us to sit on the floor. I was surprised at how many were able to sit down and more surprised that they were able to get back up! After a half hour of exercises and walking around the centre it was time for our water break and to catch up on the news.

Our speaker was Thérèse Couture. She had worked for 23 years at Gaetane Florist in Coaticook and now works as a volunteer at the Coaticook Hospital. She brought in a box of artificial flowers, leaves, branches, fruit, and Spanish moss. When she had finished, she had

made a very attractive wall hanging, which we all admired.

Shirley Desruisseaux had a few articles to read and then it was time for our dinner. We had vegetable soup, ham, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables. For dessert there was special heart-shaped caked with delicious Coaticook Dairy ice cream on the top. The drawing, which was a free meal was won by Rita Sarrasin. The birthday cards were handed out for Feb. and we all sang the birthday song.

When everything had been cleared away, several people stayed on to play dominoes or cards while others had shopping and errands to run. Our next get-together will be on March 4. We hope to see you there.

*Isabelle Echenberg*

# Obituary

**RALPH JOHNSTON FOWLER**

November 18, 1916 to January 13, 2003

Ralph was born in Kingsbury to William Fowler and Mabel Clare Johnston. He had one brother, Alec (Alta Fowler) and four sisters; Bertha (Harvey Healy), Effie (Gordon Healy), Vera (Stanley Rodgers) and Grace (Wilton Day). In the early 1930's Ralph and his parents bought a farm on Pease Road in Cleveland Township of Richmond. He farmed with his parents. After his father's death, Ralph continued on the farm with his mother until her passing. On May 23, 1953 Ralph wed Thelma Morrill in Asbestos, Quebec. They continued on the farm until 1999 when they moved onto Bridge Street in Melbourne. Ralph and Thelma had six children: Elaine, Betty Anne (deceased), Joyce (Dave Dlugosz), Barbara (Rick Bilozer), Sarah (Tommy Lachapelle), and Mark (Kerry Julius).

Throughout his years, Ralph endeavored many different challenges. He owned a feed store, he went through army training (until he busted an ear drum), he farmed both on his own and later for others. Ralph liked to work. In his spare time one thing he liked was to volunteer his time to help prepare for Richmond Fairs. Ralph liked to build things, repair things. Even in the last year he would ask if fencing was started yet or was the haying or plowing being done yet.

Ralph also liked to have fun. He often told about when he lived in Kingsbury and going sliding on Oak Hill Road. Richmond Fair was always an event he and his family took part in. He would tell of when they lived in Kingsbury and he would hook up the team of horses and walk the cows to the fair (at the old fair

grounds, now the Richmond Arena). Even with his own family, we always went to the fair.

Every New Years, Ralph and his family would hook up the sleigh and go to his grandparents in Ely, Quebec. Later when his sisters; Effie and Grace lived closer, the three families were often back and forth between each other. Ralph enjoyed teasing his kids, nieces and nephews. He was always playing jokes.

Everyone who knew Ralph knew he was the kind of person who believed in working hard, being honest and straight forward.

The years had been good to Ralph. He had six grandchildren. He always had a dish filled with candy treats for all of them. Barbara and her daughter, Ashley were able to come visit every summer and he always looked forward to their visits. Brooke was able to stay with her grandparents while mom, Sarah worked. Not a day went by that Brooke or grandpa wouldn't talk about each other. Ray, Tony, Mark and Gina visited every chance they got with their dad, Mark. The house was always a bustle when they were around.

Ralph and Thelma were married for 49 years. Ralph celebrated his 86th birthday with his daughter, Joyce (from Edmonton), Sarah, Mark and their children. Joyce and her husband returned for Christmas. Also Elaine, Sarah, Mark and families all visited. Ralph passed away at the Wales Home. He was cremated and will be buried at the Melbourne Ridge Cemetery in the spring. He will be beside his parents and his baby daughter.

**Waterloo  
Judy Arnott**

Belated birthday greetings to Mary Emmett who celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 19th.

A birthday celebration was held at the home of Michel and Diana Clark to celebrate Dominic's eighth birthday. A Sunday dinner was attended by Dominic's family. On the Friday before, Dominic's friends were entertained by a birthday party.

**Card of Thanks**

**CUNNINGHAM** - Thank you to staff of CHUS and Drs. Normandin, Lessard, Ferenzi for excellent care. Thanks also for visits, phone calls, prayers, cards, plants, flowers while hospitalized and since. Thanks also for good care Ken, Lita, Francis and June during recovery. God Bless.

AUDREY CUNNINGHAM

**DOUGHERTY** - I would like to express my sincere thanks for the numerous cards, flowers and telephone calls which I received for my birthday. Your thoughtfulness has touched me deeply and will long be remembered.

LENA

**Deaths**

**DUPRAS, Doris 1941-2003** - Peacefully at her home in Cowansville, Que., on Monday, February 24th, 2003 in her 61st year, passed away Doris Dupras. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca on Wednesday, February 26th, 2003 from 7 - 9 p.m., and Thursday, February 27th from 1 - 3 p.m. A graveside funeral service will be held at a later date.

**MCFARLAND, Norman** - Suddenlly at the Maison Blanche, North Hatley, Que., on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, Normand McFarland in his 44th year, son of Philip McFarland and Gabrielle Lassond, brother of Susan, Patrick (Susan) and Stephen. He is survived by his ex-wife, Susan Ritchie as well as many cousins. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where relatives and friends may call on Friday, from 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Anthony's Church, Lennoxville, Que., on Saturday, March 1, 2003 at 10 a.m. Father Pierre Doyon officiating. Interment in Rock Forest Cemetery.

**PEPIN, André** - Of Ogden, passed away February 24, 2003 at the CHUS Fleuri-mont Hospital at the age of 77. He leaves to mourn his wife, Janet Dezan, his children: Monique (Raynald) and Pierre (Sally), his granddaughters: Patricia and Renée, his daughter-in-law, Linda, sister, Gertrude and his brothers: Fernand (Anita), Julien and brothers-in-law, Camille Boisvert, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews and also many friends. The family will be present at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 16 Notre-Dame Blvd., Stanstead to receive condolences on Friday, February 28, 2003 at 1 p.m., and funeral will be at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to The Heart Foundation or Kidney Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Résidence Funéraire Vallières et Rodrigue, 553 Dufferin, Stanstead, Que., JOB 3E0, (819) 876-2474.

**Deaths**

**MAGUIRE, Miss Margaret Eleanor** - Passed away February 24, 2003 at the B.M.P. Hospital in her 93rd year. She was a longtime resident of Granby and then of the Robinson Residence, Cowansville. A memorial service will take place Friday, February 28th at 1:30 p.m., at the Robinson Residence with the Rev. Sin Poh Han officiating. A spring burial will take place in Dunham, Que. Donations would be greatly received in Miss Maguire's memory by the Robinson Residence, 738 Principale St., Cowansville, J2K 1K1 or the B.M.P. Hospital.

**STEVENS, Gordon Harold (1914-2003)** Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home in Richmond on Tuesday, February 25th, 2003 at the age of 89. Son of the late Charles Stevens and the late Ella Goodenough. Survived by his sister, Bernice Irish (Raymond), step-sisters: Muriel MacMorine (Murray), Marion Moffatt (late Russell) and predeceased by his brothers and sisters: Reginald (Simone), Florence Roster (George), Herbert (Lorraine), Ruby Hanson (George) and Johnny Stevens. Gordon also leaves to mourn his nieces and nephews: Maureen, Gordon and George Irish, Steven and Julie Hanson, Marilyn Mallette (late Bruce), Karen McGuire (Bernard) and Phyllis Halbert (Maurice). Respecting Gordon's wishes, he was cremated and the ashes will be interred in the St-Andrews Cemetery, Melbourne, Que., at a later date. In his memory, donations to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte. 243 N., Richmond, Que., JOB 2H0, would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home Inc., Richmond, (819) 826-2502.

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Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003

## The old hat still fits perfectly

By Phillip Alder

David Lehman, a poet, editor and critic, wrote, "Jargon is the verbal sleight of hand that makes the old hat seem newly fashionable; it gives an air of novelty and specious profundity to ideas that, if stated directly, would seem superficial, stale, frivolous, or false. The line between serious and spurious scholarship is an easy one to blur, with jargon on your side."

Although many ruses at the bridge table have become vieux chapeau — old hat — they can usually be relied upon to deliver the goods. This deal is a good example. It occurred during the open-series match between Croatia and Ireland at the 2000 World Team Olympiad.

At first glance, four diamonds will make because the heart finesse is working. South will lose two diamonds and one club. But ...

West led a spade. The Irish declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the diamond 10. West, Pavo Marinkovic, won smoothly with the ace! A second spade went to declarer's king. Now South led a low club, West splitting his honors. In the dummy, declarer called for the diamond nine and confidently overtook with his jack. However, Marinkovic produced the queen from under his old hat, cashed the club king, and exited with a spade. South perforce ruffed in hand and ran his trumps, but East kept king and one heart, taking the last trick with his majesty: one down.

Note that if West wins trick two with the diamond queen, declarer will use his remaining dummy entry to take the heart finesse and make the contract.

## Tell them each person has to do his or her share

**Dear Annie:** Our son married "Lucy" last September, and both of them are now living with us and paying rent.

Here's the problem: Lucy doesn't cook. She says she "wasn't raised to make food from scratch." I have tried to get her interested in learning to prepare a few things that my son loves to eat, but she refuses to touch anything in the kitchen. Lucy also doesn't want to help clean the main bathroom, which we all share.

Whenever I tell Lucy that she needs to do more around the house, she offers the lame excuse, "I don't know how," and then does nothing. This girl is 31 years old, and she ought to know how to cook and clean. For months, I have offered to teach her, but it seems nothing penetrates. I said we should each cook our own meals, but so far, they aren't doing it, and I'm still supplying dinner every night.

Do you have any advice for me? — Disgusted in Texas

**Dear Disgusted:** Yes. Lucy is perfectly capable of learning these skills, but she is unwilling. She has no intention of cooking or cleaning, despite your offers to teach her. Does your son cook and clean? If not, why don't you offer to teach HIM? These are not "women's" jobs, and both Lucy and her husband should be pitching in.

## Annie's Mailbox

If you want this young couple to cook for themselves, stop providing them with meals. Set up a cleaning and cooking schedule that includes everyone in the house. Tell them you expect each person to do his or her share, and if they refuse, they will be charged additional rent to pay for cleaning and cooking help. And make it stick, Mom, or you will be their cook and housekeeper until the day they move out.

**Dear Annie:** Last year, I spent spring break at home, and managed to see only my immediate family and close friends. When I left to go back to school, I realized, too late, that I hadn't visited my grandmother.

I didn't know how deeply I had offended Grandma until my birthday, weeks later, when she neither called nor sent a card. She later told me, "I deliberately forgot because you didn't come and visit me on spring break." I apologized profusely, but she is still trying to make me feel guilty, and she has enlisted the entire family's cooperation in being angry with me, which is why there is a problem.

My uncle and his family sided with Grandma and have become impossible to deal with. Last Christmas was a total disaster. Spring break is coming up

soon, and I feel as if I should somehow patch things up, but I have no idea how. Right now, I'm not sure it's worth it. Any ideas? — Lawrence, Kan.

**Dear Lawrence:** It is childish of Grandma to hold a grudge, and worse, to insist that the rest of the family cater to her foolishness. Nonetheless, she is your grandmother and deserves extra consideration. This spring break, visit her as soon as you get into town. Be sweet and loving. Call at least twice while you are at home, so she is convinced you are thinking of her. She may not deserve such concern, but do it anyway for the sake of family harmony. Next year, consider going out of town.

**Dear Annie:** My fiance wants to invite his ex-mother-in-law to our wedding. I feel this is our day, and I do not want her there. On other occasions when we have invited his ex-M-I-L, all she talks about is his ex-wife. This is our new beginning. Do I have to include her? — Need Advice in Tennessee

**Dear Tennessee:** No. It's nice that your fiance still feels close to the woman, and it would be gracious of you to include her, but you are not obligated to do so. Instead, invite her over when you next entertain in your home.

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

## Stanbridge East United Church holds World Day of Prayer Service

Christians are invited to the United Church on March 7th at 10:30 a.m. to attend a bilingual Ecumenical Service and pray for and with the Lebanese people. An-

glican, Catholic and United ladies will be taking part. The theme this year is "Holy Spirit: Fill Us." Following the observance refreshments will be served that have a

Lebanese flavor: hummus, tabouleh salad, citrus fruits, etc. "Ahlan wa Sahlan" (which means Welcome in Lebanese) to all.  
Thelma Rhicard

## St. James Annual Vestry meeting

FOSTER

The annual vestry meeting for St. James Anglican Church was held at the home of Roland and Frances Johnson in Knowlton on Sunday afternoon Feb. 16, 2003 at 1 p.m. It was with regret that Roland was unable to be with us.

The meeting was chaired by the Rural Dean Ralph T. Leavitt of St. Paul's,

## Jolly Twelve

AYER'S CLIFF

The regular meeting of the Jolly Twelve was held Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at the home of Muriel Mosher, Ayer's Cliff, all members were present and enjoyed a fun afternoon playing cards and chatting.

Winners of the card game were first Lorraine Harrison, low Phyllis Davidson, special marked cup Madeleine Dezan. Following the card game the hostess served a lovely lunch of home made bread sandwiches, etc., yum, yum, and a social hour followed.

Next meeting, March 18th, at the home of Dien Brus, Ayer's Cliff.

Members were reminded of the World Day of Prayer Service, March 7th.  
Lorraine Harrison

Knowlton with six people in attendance Rev. Leavitt opened the meeting with prayer and read from Paul's letter to the collosions on the Supremacy of Christ. He then asked the Vestry Clerk, Muriel Whitehead to read the minutes of the 2001 meeting. She moved the adoption of this report and it was seconded by Elvia Johnson.

The treasurer, Frances Johnson gave her report for 2002 the administration and mission commitment had been met and all other bills had been paid. She moved the adoption of this report and it was seconded by Richard Price.

May Banks, treasurer, gave her report of the St. James Guild for a very successful year, with twelve card parties being held and an anniversary tea was held to celebrate 40 years of the Guilds' work and also honoring Muriel Whitehead with invited guests from St. Paul's United and St. Luke's Anglican churches in Waterloo and the United Creek Church

ladies of Foster. Donations had been sent to several charities including \$100.00 to the B.M.P. Hospital. She moved the adoption of her report and it was seconded by Richard Price.

The Altar Guild report was given by Muriel and her adoption was seconded by May Banks.

The officers will remain the same for 2003. With Roland Johnson, ministers warden, Richard Price, peoples warden, Frances Johnson, treasurer with Muriel, assisting and Muriel will remain as chairman of the Altar Guild.

Our administration and mission commitment were both accepted.

A discussion took place or some things that would still improve our new hall and Richard is supposed to look after this.

It was decided that we would make a donation to the Justice, Healing and Reconciliation Fund to help heal these people who had been sexually and mentally abused and that we will be asked later to donate to the Settlement Fund.

The meeting then closed with prayer and delicious refreshments was served by Frances.

Submitted by  
Muriel Whitehead

## Open House

80th Birthday for Arnold Roya  
at Sutton Legion on March 9th,  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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AGDOJ FZK Z TGU LG DL LFZL
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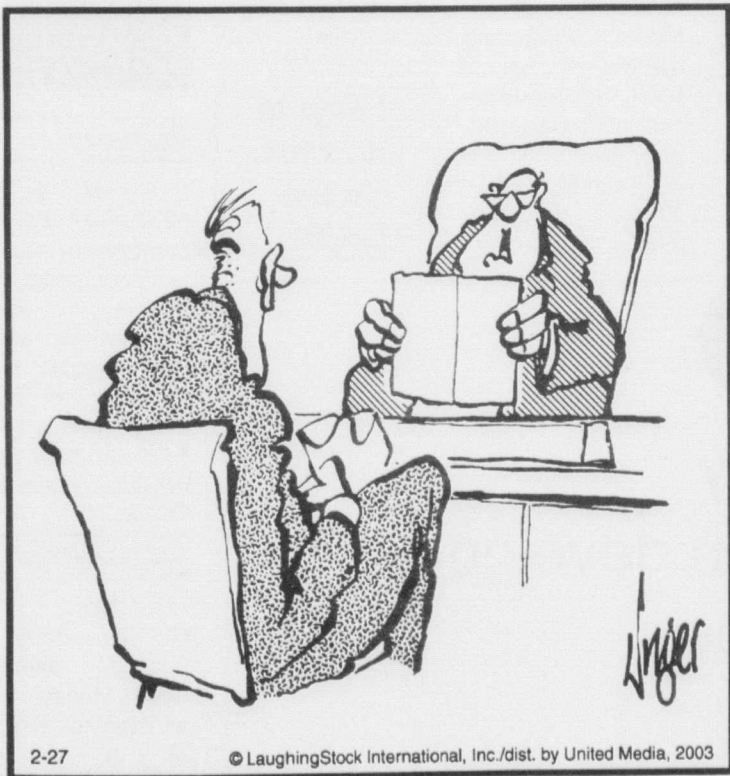


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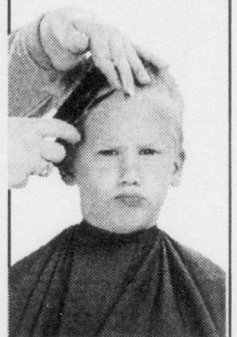
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# St. Andrew's Guild

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St. Andrew's Guild held its February meeting at St. Peter's Church Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 19th. The Food and Bake Sale held for the Sher-Lenn Fifty Plus Club proved to be a great success. Once again our thanks go out to the many members of the congregation who so willingly help and support the

Guild's efforts. Also a thank you to the many Seniors who give the Guild this opportunity and support.

At noon the Guild members joined the Sher-Lenn members for lunch.

Following the meal, the Guild members convened to a back room for its regular meeting.

The President, Nancy Brown, called

the meeting to order, and welcomed 5 members, after which she conducted devotions. After reading from Genesis 9:12 & 13, she read from "Gathered in His Name", the story of "An Unfair Contract." Nancy closed with prayer.

Having no correspondence, the minutes of January's meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer's report

was given by Norma Brown. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Margaret Merrill. The March's meeting will be at the home of Mildred Goodfellow, and devotions will be conducted by Norma Brown.

The President closed with prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Brown, Acting Secretary*

## Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003

In the year ahead your focus will be on your innermost personal and domestic life. You'll accomplish great growth in both these areas. That which has been unproductive will be replaced with fertile situations.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — You may be considered the shy or quiet type, but today you're capable of overcoming challenges that would intimidate most people. If you have any fears of swimming upstream, you'll easily conquer them.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Toot your own horn a bit today. Let your colleagues know you're able to do some-

thing they can't and that you would be happy to help them out by showing them how to do it. They'll welcome it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Talk to an associate today about teaming up to accomplish something that holds great promise. With the right person you can achieve an objective for which you've been hankering.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — If you have anything pending at this time that requires communication, such as attempting to reach an agreement or figuring out a tough situation, today is the day to have that discussion.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — A situation concerning a major project in which you're involved could change today, helping you to accomplish something you didn't think possible. It'll give

you an advantage.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be of good cheer if things haven't been running as smoothly as you'd like lately in the romance department. Dan Cupid is about to remedy matters — and it could happen today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The way things finally turn out today are likely to be far more fortuitous than the way they start out. Your dour thoughts are about to turn into happy smiles.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't be reluctant to approach someone today who interests you. Advantages can be developed through social communication.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Financial returns could run substantially larger than usual today. If you've got something fruitful going for you, exploit it

for all its worth

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Personal interests can be advanced today in a manner that may be tough but won't seem self-serving. In fact, the more enterprising you are, the more support you'll get.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your luck could be focused in two related but specific areas today. One will be in areas that affect your career, and the other will be in areas that affect your finances.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Conditions are developing in ways today that will give you good reason to raise your hopes and expectations in the social realm. Their influences could even last for a couple of days.

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

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- 5 Russian villa
- 10 Herring cousin
- 14 Glamour competition
- 15 Mr. Fudd
- 16 Royal Crown
- 17 Having wings
- 18 Unemployed lodger?
- 20 Elfin cauda?
- 22 Perch
- 23 Yippee!
- 24 Northern Scandinavian
- 25 Words in "Self-Help" titles
- 28 Dirty
- 30 Center
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- 38 Hydroxyl compound
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- 40 Birch or maple
- 41 Calf meat
- 42 Our star
- 43 Catafalque
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- 45 French/Belgian river
- 47 Dogpatch Daisy
- 48 Titter
- 50 Ice field breakups?
- 56 Role model gossip?
- 58 Falco or McClurg
- 59 Corduroy rib
- 60 \_ Fe, NM
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- 62 Vanderbilt and Irving
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- 27 Saintly?
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### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 God
- 6 "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- 7 951
- 8 Canine command
- 9 LAX info letters
- 10 Inside skinny
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By Roger Jurgovan

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## Melbourne Ridge W.I.

On January 25th, we held a combined meeting for January and February at the home of Marjorie Smith. Susan Mastine opened with the collect and thanking Marjorie for having us. Motto for January was "Be civil to all, sociable too many, familiar with few, friend to one and enemy to none." For February the motto was, "A gossip is always caught in their own mouth trap." Roll Call was payment of dues and "where did you meet your husband."

Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report which was favourable. Correspondence received: thank you from Albert Smith, Bea Rome and Vera Miller for Christmas cards a baskets received, Grade three class of St. Francis school for books received. Bills were then moved paid by Joan Morrison and seconded by Chris Blake. Prizes for perfect attendance were given to Joan Morrison, Chris Blake and Shirley Fowler. Happy birthday was sung for our visitor Thelma Adamson. The monthly drawing was won by Marjorie Smith.

Convenor reports:

Agriculture and Community Living: Shirley Fowler read "Keep Corporate Culture out of my kitchen."

Education and Personal Development: Janine Sterl read "Hands Across the Sky."

Crafts shown were a beautiful quilt by Marjorie S, knitted dolls by Shirley Fowler and beautiful doilies by Janine Sterl.

Susan then asked if we would cater to a lunch for some young farmers on March 15th and we all agreed to take on this job.

Joan and Pauline then gave their nominations report. The new officers are - President: Susan Mastine, First Vice: Christina Blake, Second Vice: Janine Sterl, Secretary: Christina Blake, Treasurer: Pauline Nelson.

Agriculture and Community Living: SHirley Fowler, Health and Social Services: Noreen Wilkins, Education and Personal Development: Janine Sterl, Cheer: Shirley Nelson and Publicity: Marjorie Smith.

We held our white elephant with the money going into the regular funds. We filled plates with cookies for the elderly in the community and for our members that are in the Wales Home. A lovely lunch was served by the Hostess. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Susan Mastine on March 4th.

*Christina Blake, secretary*

## Richmond Young W.I.

RICHMOND

Twelve members of Richmond Young Women's Institute braved the cold to meet at Daisy McGee's comfortable home on the evening of February third.

Members of the 2003-04 Executive are as follows: President - Janet Banfill, 1st Vice President - Pat B. Henderson, 2nd Vice President - Rhoda Blake Hudson, Secretary - Norma Lester, Treasurer - Connie Vaitekunas. Convenors: Agriculture & Community Living - Lyla Beattie, Health & Social Services - Norma Morin, Education and Personal Development - Marge Lancaster, Publicity - Norma Lester. Lyla Beattie continues as Sunshine Convenor, sending cards and gifts as needed.

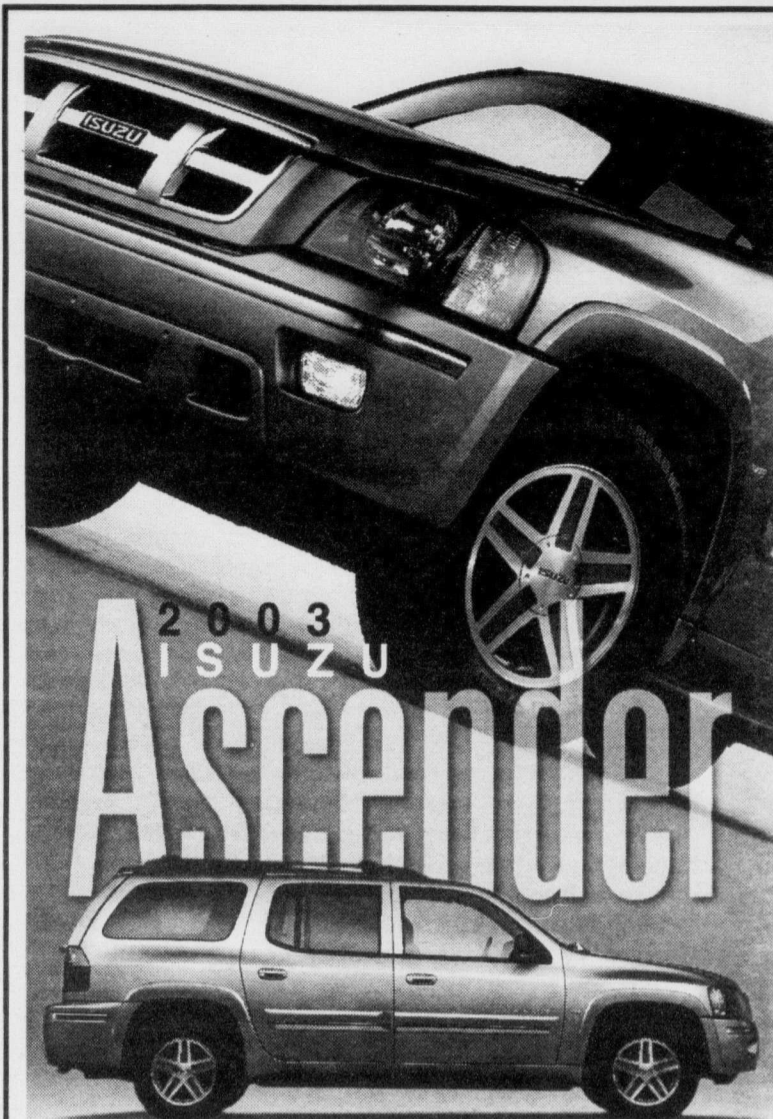
Meeting highlights: Correspondence was read from Lennoxville Women's Centre, St. Francis Elementary School, Le Rivage, Seamen's Club, Q.W.I. and a letter of thanks from burary winner Michael Fontaine.

Convenors' Reports touched on the following local news: farm of Patricia Keenan without water due to highway construction nearby and ETSB's decision to provide laptop computers to some elementary schools in the area. An article was also read concerning the W.I. cairn in Dunham.

Seven members plan to attend the Richmond County W.I. annual meeting on the 22nd of March. Then there's the Quebec Women's Institute annual meeting May 11-15 and the big event, our Federated Women's Institute of Canada Convention to be held June 24-29 at Bishop's University, Lennoxville. A great year to make new friends and renew old friendships!

Following the business meeting everyone enjoyed refreshments served by Daisy, assisted by Debra Beaudet and Edie Brown.

*Submitted by Norma Lester*



If it looks familiar, it should. But with its own sense of style and its own features, the new Ascender should stand apart from General Motors' Envoy and Trailblazer.

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**Y**ou're entitled to a double-take the first time you catch Isuzu's all-new flagship vehicle climbing the rock pile that is the sport-utility landscape.

Yes, the all-new Ascender will look familiar. Yes, this seven-passenger SUV will be a carbon copy of the long-wheelbase GMC Envoy and Chevrolet TrailBlazer, two of General Motors' powerful and successful off-spring.

When Isuzu wanted to make news this year, apparently it really wanted to rewrite headlines. Say goodbye to the Trooper, say hello to Isuzu's biggest, most luxurious sport-ute ever.

First unveiled at the New York Auto Show last year, and available sometime later this year at dealers,

the Ascender might be a different climb to the top, but it's unmistakably all Isuzu ... or GM, take your pick.

From the side, the Isuzu could be mistaken an Envoy. It is shaped like the Envoy, except with Isuzu body cladding and oversized, overstuffed fenders. From the front it carries that typical Isuzu grille. From the rear you could mistake it for a Blazer. Even the interior is strikingly similar to something you might see out of Detroit, not Japan.

So what gives? Call it the benefits of cross-pollination.

Isuzu has been under GM's wing for quite some time, and the Ascender is the fruit of the labor.

It's a fact neither company backs away from and it's nothing new in this partnership. Not long ago there was an Isuzu compact pickup sold in the United States with a Chevy name and, over the years, parts have been swapped back and forth between the two companies. The Ascender will

even go down the same Moraine, Ohio assembly line as other Chevys and GMCs.

It's no surprise the Ascender is meant to duplicate some things the Envoy and TrailBlazer already do well.

The second and third row seats are versatile enough to tip and tumble forward, turning the Ascender into a true cargo hauler. Automatic four-wheel drive works on demand, engaging and routing power to the front axle when slippage is detected at the rear wheels, turning the Ascender into an adventurer. And then there's what's under the hood, one of two GM engines that turn the Ascender into a contender.

The standard engine for all Ascender models will be GM's highly acclaimed inline six-cylinder powerplant, which actually means something new for Isuzu amid all the familiar. With 275 horsepower, the Ascender will climb to the top of the charts in Isuzu's line, unleashing more horses than some competitor's V8 engines.

But it doesn't end there.

An all-aluminum torque-rich 285-horsepower 5.3-litre V8 is also available for extra towing, increasing the Ascender's pull up to 1,800 kilograms. The V8 is another first for Isuzu and also sees duty as the optional engine in extended-length Trailblazers and Envoys. Since the Ascender only comes in extended-length, the V8 is just an options tick-box away.

A four-speed automatic transmission is standard, as is power rack-and-pinion steering, four-wheel ventilated disc brakes with anti-lock and a long list of trim levels and option packages that can turn an average ride into a real pleasure cruise. Even base models will arrive with power windows and locks, power heated outside mirrors, cruise control and dual-zone air conditioning.

All added up it's an easy equation, even if the formula looks pretty similar.

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#### 2003 Ascender

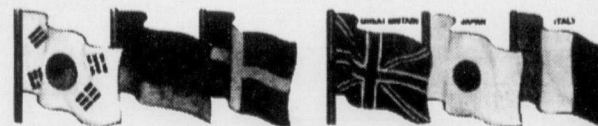
- ★ Four-door midsize sport-utility vehicle
- ★ Base 4.2-litre inline six-cylinder engine servers up 275 horsepower along with an optional 5.3-litre V8 that makes 285 horsepower.
- ★ Available with on-demand four-wheel drive with a four-speed automatic transmission.
- ★ The Ascender steps in where the Trooper left off, providing a new flagship midsize SUV for Isuzu by building a product off the success of GM's Envoy and TrailBlazer.
- ★ Although it looks much like its GM siblings, the loaded-up, extended-length Ascender sets itself apart from the others.
- ★ Base price: To be announced

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