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School bus drivers threaten strike action

Some ETSB students could be counting on parents for ride

By René Bruemmer
MAGOG

A possible strike by employees of the Entreprises Dorais school bus company could force several hundred school children in the west-

ern sector of the Eastern Townships to find their own way to school this morning.

Members of the bus company were scheduled to vote Wednesday evening on whether or not to go on strike to pressure their employer to increase salaries.

If employees decide in favour of a strike, drivers will be piloting picket signs rather than busses Thursday morning.

In the case of a strike, transportation is left in the hands of parents and students, ETSB chairwoman Maggie Faulks said. Letters were distributed Wednesday advising parents of the potential problem.

Faulks advised parents to listen to regional radio broadcasts starting at 6 a.m. this morning to find out whether or not they'll have to drive their children to school. Stations include CHLT at 102.7 FM and Granby

station CFXM 104.9.

Entreprises Dorais is one of 20 bus companies contracted by the Val des Cerfs and Eastern Townships School Boards (ETSB) to transport students to schools in the boards' western regions.

The company operates 22 bus runs, 12 for the ETSB.

Schools in the ETSB affected are Massey-Vanier High School, Sutton Elementary, Knowlton Academy, Heroes Memorial, and Mansonville Elementary.

Transportation superintendent Georges Charron could not specify exactly how many students were transported daily, but said with an average of 50 students per bus, around 1,000 children could be affected. He said this was the first bus strike in the region for nearly 20 years.

The school board is not allowed to hire an interim company to fill in, he added.

Entreprises Dorais driver and union representative Olga Krausser estimated the number of ETSB students affected at between four and five hundred.

The 20 or so bus company employees formed a union last June as part of the Teamsters Union, local 106. They've been in negotiations since last November to hammer out their first collective agreement. Krausser, who has been a driver with the company for 14 years, said agreements have been made on all issues except salary.

"We're not asking for anything more or less than all the other drivers are getting in the other sector that are doing what we are doing," she said.

Average salaries for bus drivers in the region are about \$14 or \$15 an hour, Krausser said. She wouldn't say what drivers are being paid now.

Negotiations broke down Monday night at a meeting that stretched till 6 a.m., with both sides still far apart.

Entreprises Dorais has been in service for 40 years, an official at the company who asked not to be named, said. For the last 22 years its headquarters have been located in Cowansville.

Transportation for schools in the western section of the ETSB, formerly known as the District of Bedford School Board before the two boards merged, is supplied through bussing contractors. In the eastern section, formerly run as the old Eastern Townships School Board, the school board owns and runs its bussing system.

On Strike and Off the Air



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

There were almost two dozen Radio Canada technicians in town Wednesday, but there was no one to fix the radio transmitter which went down due to the severe cold. FM 101.1 will remain off the air until a manager from Montreal comes down to work on the tower, unless there is a way to get back on line from Montreal. The technicians, who have been on strike since New Year's Eve, were in town to raise awareness about their negotiations which are progressing at a snail's pace. They demonstrated outside a press conference by Amateur Sport Minister Denis Coderre, who told the picketing technicians he hoped there would be a rapid solution to the conflict. About 1,200 technicians who work for the Crown corporation are demanding pay increases as well as limits to contracting of work by members outside their bargaining unit.

Learning evolution is key to understanding ourselves

Last fall when the Kansas Board of Education dropped evolution as required teaching in classrooms across the state, students were simultaneously denied both a vital part of a formal scientific education and the thrill of learning what is really one of the greatest stories ever told.

We can only hope that science teachers in Kansas will ignore the fact that evolution will not be on state-wide final exams and teach the subject anyway. Understanding the evolution of life on Earth is important, not just because it gives us a context to understand how humans fit into the world, but also be-

cause evolution is one of the most fascinating, thought-provoking subjects in science.

Evolution is a fundamental principle of biology. At a micro-level it is the

process within species by which they develop adaptive traits to help them survive, then pass these traits on to their offspring. On a macro-level it is the change from one species to another over genera-

tions, as they adapt to geographic and ecological conditions or genetic mutations. Human evolution is particularly

SCIENCE MATTERS



DAVID SUZUKI

exciting. Today, humans are the only remaining member of the hominid family on Earth, so it's easy to view us as the pinnacle of a linear evolutionary path. But in reality, human evolution is much more complex, and scientists are only beginning to unravel its mysteries.

Fossil evidence suggests the first hominids diverged from other primates in Africa about four million years ago. Within the next few million years at least 15 independent species of these upright, bipedal primates emerged.

For millions of years, various hominid species arose and died off, often co-existing and evolving with other hominids until something spurred the next big evolutionary leap to the larger-brained Homo erectus.

What brought on this rapid change to a bigger brain? Some say it was meat-eating that gave our ancestors access to a supply of high-energy, protein-rich food. Others say it was the ability to cook tubers such as potatoes and yams, which were in plentiful supply on the African savannah, and also would have greatly improved nutrition.

Over the next million years, two species would evolve to become

the dominant hominids. They were the Neanderthals, as well as modern humans (Homo sapiens). Homo sapiens are relative newcomers, having arrived on the scene less than 150,000 years ago, about 100,000 years after Neanderthals.

In fact, the two species coexisted for thousands of years, and may have even interacted. Like modern humans, Neanderthals used tools and appear to have collected teeth and other artifacts for symbolic purposes. While their brains were about 10 per cent larger than ours, their actual intelligence is often debated. Some researchers say that Neanderthals merely copied advanced behaviours by observing modern humans, while others hold that they were extremely intelligent and more likely developed these practices independently.

Then, just 30,000 years ago, the Neanderthals mysteriously disappeared and no one knows how or why. Some scientists believe that they could not compete with humans for scarce resources, or perhaps fell victim to human hostility. Others believe Neanderthals interbred with humans and were eventually absorbed into the human population.

Why is it that humans are the only hominid species to survive? Was it because we were so adept at using tools? Or perhaps because we had superior language skills or strategizing abilities? Only further scientific study will be able to tell us why we are now the lone hominid on Earth when once there were so many.

Evolution is an informative and enlightening lens under which we can scrutinize the natural world, including human history. Denying or ignoring this theory hobbles us intellectually to the point that it becomes virtually impossible to understand nature. As the eminent geneticist

Theodosius Dobzhansky once said: "Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution."

To discuss this topic with others, visit the internet discussion forum at

www.davidsuzuki.org.

Student Ambassadors



St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay has accepted the title of honorary president for the program 'Student ambassadors for the Estrie region', taking over from Gilles Blais. Pictured above during the handing over of the torch are: André Fortier, minister responsible for citizenship and immigration, Soucila Badaroudine of the University of Sherbrooke, Mohamed Soulam, of L'Association Interculturelle de l'Estrie, Gilles Blais of Précigratik, St-François MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Cathy Lopaz of L'association Interculturelle de l'Estrie and Laurence Rozlonkowski of Estrie-International 2007 Inc.

— courtesy Association Interculturelle de l'Estrie (AIDE) Inc.

Weather

THURSDAY: Cloudy with clear periods and 30 percent probability of flurries. Cold. High near minus 13.

FRIDAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near minus 24. High near minus 18.

SATURDAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near minus 25. High near minus 19.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



ETSB wants Quebec to fork over more cash

Vocational training is seen as priority

By René Bruemmer
MAGOG

In their increased efforts to promote vocational education, commissioners of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) are requesting \$1.7 million from the Quebec Ministry of Education (MEQ) to improve the Lennoxville campus of the Vocational Education Centre.

ETSB director general Ron Canuel said the board is looking into prioritizing the often overlooked area of vocational education and taking a lead in improving its stature in Quebec.

"In Ontario they (students) have to take these courses, they get to explore these areas as part of the structure of their schooling," whereas in Quebec vocational courses are merely offered as an option, Canuel said.

The centre, located on the grounds of Alexander Galt High School, offers courses in fields such as secretarial skills, homecare and family services, accounting, welding and fitting, and machining and tooling, to around 120 students who are mostly outside of the high school curriculum. Anyone 16-years-old and older with the proper high school credentials can join.

The \$1.7 million will be used for the reorganization and reconstruction of the existing structures and for a couple of additions to allow more space for technical equipment used in some of the courses.

ETSB's vocational education director Serge Laflamme was presenting the request to the MEQ Wednesday. If the plans and funding are approved, construction will begin this summer.

Commissioners also passed a resolu-



Board Chair Maggie Faulks: 'We're saying we run a good operation.'

tion to request funds in the realm of \$3.5 million to make improvements to the board's Vocational Education Centre's Cowansville campus, located on the grounds of Massey-Vanier High School.

"It's money that was already agreed upon in the past," ETSB chairman Maggie Faulks said. "We're just telling them that we're ready for it now."

Phase 1 of the centre's reorganization was completed in 1995, and commissioners are now pressing for phase 2, which includes improvements to the professional restaurant services and secretarial departments and the construction of a tool and dye making division.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGETS

The ETSB's transportation commission received permission to send a letter

to the MEQ demanding more money for school bus transportation.

School board studies have determined costs at around \$1.50 per kilometre, around 40 per cent less than the provincial average of \$2.30 a kilometre. Commissioners noted that the study shows transportation deficits are a result of underfunding as opposed to the fault of the board.

In view of the board's frugality, and the fact that it is running a deficit of \$675,000, on a total annual budget of \$46 million, the board is requesting sufficient funds to cover its budget.

"We're saying we run a good operation, we've budgeted everything, we're very efficient, and we don't think we should be penalized for that," Faulks said. The MEQ lowered the board's transportation budget by more than \$200,000 annually during the compressions of the last few years.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Commissioners pledged to look into bringing back co-operative education, wherein students are given hands-on work experiences through job shadowing or brief internships at corporations. The programs fell victim to budgetary cutbacks a few years ago.

The issue of high school drop outs was also raised as a point to be studied. Recent reports put the drop out rate in the Townships at 30 per cent, although one commissioner said he believed Alexander Galt's rate was closer to 12 per cent.

NEW BUS GARAGE

In the hopes of raising money to purchase a new bus garage to replace the outdated structure currently in use on Wellington Street, commissioners agreed to try and sell their old ETSB offices located on Queen Street in

Lennoxville, presently occupied by The Record newspaper.

It was suggested Hollinger owner Conrad Black could demonstrate his civic commitment by buying the building, evaluated at half a million dollars, and thereby support two venerable Townships institutions. Black could not be reached for comment.

TEACHERS VOTE

Bedford District teachers union president Yvette Voisard was asked to give her account of why ETSB teachers voted against the collective agreement offered by the government. Forty-three per cent of the union's 450 members voted 63 per cent against accepting the agreement mainly due to the lack of extra teachers and support staff offered, she said.

Although government offers of 2000 extra teachers and 800 additional therapists and psychologists over four years sounded good at first, Voisard said once those figures were compared to the approximately one million students in Quebec, and the fact that ETSB has only 6,200 students, the numbers paled.

"That works out to only three extra teachers for the ETSB a year," Voisard said. Three teachers that have to be divided between the 21 elementary and three high schools in the region. And the bulk of those teachers were only designated for kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2, leaving older students with the same difficulties they're facing now.

Based on those numbers, and the fact that extra support staff for handicapped students were not offered, the teachers union voted against the offer. Voisard noted that if the majority of the province's teachers vote to accept the agreement the ETSB will have to live with it.

BRIEFS

Wood producers want better deal

Staff

Local wood producers, who were reluctant to sign a contract with Domtar which considerably cut their deliveries over the next year, plan to keep pressuring Domtar to sweeten the deal. Producers from the Estrie, Centre du Québec and Mauricie region, who won a marketing board decision on pricing, were then faced with a contract that reduced the 250,000 metric tonnes they usually supply to the Domtar pulp mill in Windsor to about 150,000 tonnes. At a raucous meeting on Tuesday night, about 300 wood producers from the three regions vowed to keep pressuring Domtar to accept more of the abundance of wood available due to the 1998 ice storm and windstorms

in 99. The Syndicats des producteurs de bois de l'Estrie announced that it plans to meet with Natural Resources Minister Jacques Brassard and Opposition leader Jean Charest to ask them to put pressure on Domtar to accept additional volumes this winter.

Members also agreed with the suggestion that they take their fight to the Quebec U.S. border to demonstrate against the imports of American pulpwood that have replaced a large part of their supply to the Windsor plant. In the meantime representatives of the producer's union offered to deliver an additional 27,000 tonnes at the reduced price of \$79.95 a tonne. However they received a negative reply from Domtar vice-president George Kobrynsky and are considering taking the offer further up the company's food chain.

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Provincial cost off-loading hurting Sutton

By Maurice Crossfield

Listening to Kenneth Hill talk, you get the impression that the Town of Sutton would be a lot better off without interference from the provincial government.

Tuesday evening the mayor of Sutton sat down with The Record to discuss the issues facing the small town of about 1600. Hill's main preoccupation is the roughly \$200,000 Sutton pays to the Quebec government every year in cost transfers and for police protection. That for a municipality with an annual budget of \$1.4 million, and a tax rate that has remained at \$1.50 per \$100 for the last 11 years.

The Town of Sutton:

Population 1,600

Mayor: Kenneth Hill

General Tax Rate:

\$1.50 per \$100

Annual budget:

\$1.4 million

Council meetings:

First Tuesday of every month.

Missisquoi regional municipality (MRC) withhold some \$600,000 of the cost of the QPF, in an effort to get the government to negotiate. The pressure could be stepped up if nothing happens.

"My position and the council's position is that in the year 2000, no money goes for the QPF, and the same goes for the downloading," Hill said. He calls the downloading "despicable."

Hill explained that in order to cover the costs of the off-loading, Sutton had to cut services to the bone. Last year a budget for special projects, which gives the town room to maneuver, stood at \$82,000. This year it was cut to

\$19,000.

"One bad thing and we're in the hole," Hill said.

STANDING APART

In all of this Hill says Sutton has not been adequately represented by either the Union des Municipalités du Québec or the Federation Québécoise des Municipalités.

"I find the UMQ and the FMQ have totally let the municipalities down," Hill said. "They've done nothing as far as my concerns, to the point that last month we (the council) decided we're not going to be affiliated with either."

The mayor said that means the \$1500 membership fee would be better spent in the town.

"Anything I've managed to get out of the government I've done myself



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Sutton Mayor Kenneth Hill... 'My position and the council's position is that in the year 2000, no money goes for the QPF, and the same goes for the downloading.' Hill calls downloading 'despicable.'

through my municipality," Hill said.

WATER AND SEWAGE

One thing Sutton did manage to get out of the province was a grant to build a new sewage treatment facility. The \$1.6 million facility has about \$1.2 million of its construction cost covered by the province. The remaining cost will be shared between Sutton and Sutton Township, which will both use the plant once it is operational this spring.

To ensure the new plant will be around for awhile, the two municipalities opted to build larger collection ponds. That way pollution levels will stay lower and there will be plenty of room for expansion.

The new sewage treatment facility is the result of a seven-year negotiation with the government. The old plant, built in 1980, was no longer considered by the province to be up to standard in 1992. The contract was signed last August to have it replaced.

As for water supplies, last year Sutton hooked up to Sutton Township's 1.5 million gallon reservoir on Mount Sutton. Hill explained that Sutton already has plenty of drinking water from its own wells. Water from the reservoir would only be used in the event of a major fire, like the one that razed Bar Chez Camil's in December.

ROADS

In the coming year the town of Sutton plans to carry out repairs on two bridges on Western Street. Some \$25,000 to \$30,000 will also be spent on repairing and replacing sidewalks.

Hill explained that 45 per cent of the

town's residents are over 50, while another 150 kids use the sidewalks to walk to school every day. He said those two groups usually have to get around on foot.

MERGERS

While the whole issue of merging with Sutton Township was hotly debated and put to rest a couple of years ago, it could come up again this year when municipal affairs minister Louise Harel releases her White Book on Municipal Reform.

Hill said there are two main stumbling blocks to a merger of the two municipalities: The bilingual status of a new

municipality, which would require the approval of the Office de la langue française, and differing tax rates.

The tax rate issue was the one that led to the separation of Sutton and Sutton Township in 1906. The town was getting a waterworks system, and township residents didn't want to pay for a service they weren't going to get.

In the last merger proposal town residents would have received a tax break, while rural dwellers would have seen a tax hike. Township residents massively rejected the 1997 merger attempt.

Hill said if the matter comes up again and there's no guarantee that the new municipality will have bilingual status, then it won't fly.

"If that's the only obstacle to stop a merger, then there will be no merger," he said.

However Hill admits that as long as the law stipulates that all residents of a given municipality must pay the same basic tax rate, a merger is a long way off.

In the meantime the two municipalities continue to coexist, sharing the same town hall, same fire department, and even loaning equipment for road repairs from time to time.

"Why rent equipment elsewhere when I can borrow or rent a truck at Township cost?" Hill said. "It just makes sense."

Sutton's recycling program goes a step further. It's a cooperative effort between Sutton, Sutton Township and Abercorn.

"We're not merged, but there is a heck of a lot that we're doing together," he said.

BRIEF

Paperwork glitch sends man to jail

Staff

A Brome Lake man stopped by the Granby Police Saturday ended up spending the weekend in jail because of a clerical error.

Rick Sayers was driving with his wife, Micheline Farkas, on Saturday afternoon when they were stopped for a routine road check by the Granby municipal police. Granby Police spokesman Daniel Dion said the officer checked Sayers' name with the Centre de renseignements policiers du Québec, which said there were three outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Sayers said there must be a mistake, so a second check was made with the Quebec Police Force. The QPF check also showed that there were outstanding arrest warrants against

Sayers.

The police officer then proceeded to arrest Sayers, and impound his car. Dion said neither Sayers nor his wife had a valid driver's licence.

Sayers was then taken to jail, where he spent the weekend. On Monday officials learned they had made a mistake, and he was quickly released.

It turns out the warrants were issued in 1994, in relation to some burglaries. Sayers pleaded guilty and was given a two-year suspended sentence in 1996.

But while Sayers served his sentence, the warrants for his arrest were never stricken from his file.

"When the police officer saw the warrants, he had no choice but to arrest him," said QPF spokesman Const. Serge Dubord. Dubord said it appears that a court clerk never removed the warrant.

International law refocused from states to people

*World leaders
should use
powers to
prevent human
rights
violations:Dyer*

By Rita Legault
LENNOXVILLE

Four years ago, international affairs columnist Gwynne Dyer said in a speech to Bishop's students that Orwell's prophecies of a totalitarian world had failed to come true and he predicted democracies would continue to spread roots throughout the world.

That forecast has come true. In the 1980s, only one third of the world's population lived in democratic countries. Today, democracies have a numerical majority covering about three quarters of the planet. The main holdout remains China.

Dyer said the year 1999 marked an important turning point in international relations.

"Something happened last year in the way we approach human rights violations," he said, describing how the world intervened in Kosovo and East Timor to prevent mass genocide from continuing.

"In Kosovo, the Serbs were simply killing their own people - a time honored practice," he commented wryly. "They weren't attacking us, yet we bombed them for six months."

Dyer pointed out that Kosovo and East Timor held no strategic or economic importance for the Western world. But there was a humanitarian need which compelled them to react. There was also much guilt and shame for having allowed earlier massacres in Rwanda and Bosnia to proceed unchecked.

"It was a very extreme thing to do, and it was illegal," he said.

According to the United Nations Charter, the only legal reasons to go to war are in strict self defence or with the authorization of the UN Security Council in pursuance of a NATO resolution.

"This was vigilantism - necessary vigilantism perhaps, but we were beyond the law," he said.

Dyer said the Charter was written in the shadow of WWII, with 50 million freshly dead, half the cities in the industrial world bombed flat, and nuclear

bombs had been used twice. He said the survivors of the Second World War were terrified that the next world war would mean nuclear weapons and mass death and destruction so they wrote regulations to ensure it never happened again.

But that law, which did not allow countries to intervene to protect human rights in others, was later contradicted in the Convention Against Genocide which made it a legal obligation for signatories including Canada and the U.S.

to stop genocide. Dyer said the Cold War put that well-intentioned legislation in cold storage because great powers feared causing another world war by attacking the other side's allies.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union and the spread of democracies, that fear has dissipated and made it possible for countries to intervene to stop genocides and atrocities. But with the advent of television it was necessary to avoid casualties so a fickle Western public would-

n't turn against the campaign, Dyer said.

"Casualties don't play well on the television news and we know the cameras are there," he said.

Dyer said the air campaign against the Serbs in Kosovo prevented casualties - something that would have turned Western mothers against the war - but was not effective because it only caused the Serbs to dig in deeper. The genocide continued till the world threatened to send in ground troops and Slobodan Milosevic folded and UN peacekeepers arrived to enforce a ceasefire.

"He stopped the genocide without a single combat casualty - 5,000 on their side, no casualties on our side. It was referred to as the War of Immaculate Coercion."

In the Indonesian province of East Timor, the bombing solution was not appropriate, but it was a good candidate for the "economic blackmail solution," Dyer said, adding that by threatening to pull the carpet out from the Indonesian economy, President Mohammed Suharto pulled out and the genocide stopped within a week.

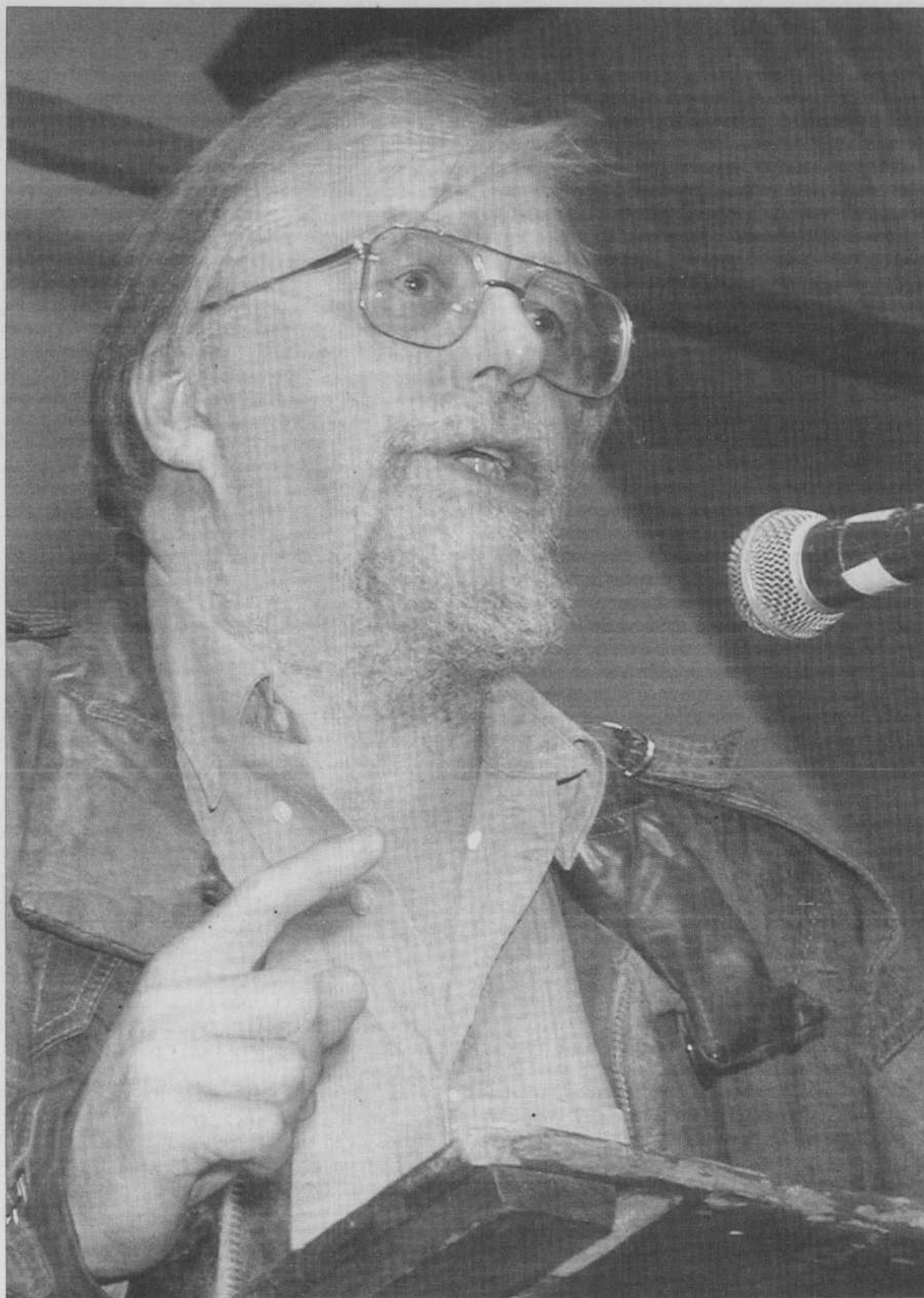
"We and our allies have stopped two genocides in the past 12 months," Dyer said. "That's actually quite impressive. We have broken a few laws to do it and cut a few corners, but we did it."

Dyer said that if world leaders have the power to intervene to protect human rights then it should be used. But he cautions that such power much be used carefully, on a case by case basis.

"That means we can save Kosovo, but we have to let the Chechens go," he said. "I don't want to fight Russia. They've got nuclear weapons."

Choosing battles will open up accusations of inconsistency and hypocrisy. But with the spread of democracies, Dyer said it's possible to take a few risks without fear of a world war because democracies don't go to war with one another.

Dyer said that the world is moving from international laws which protect states to international laws which protect people - "and that a law that's well worth the candle."



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Renowned journalist, broadcaster, producer, author and filmmaker Gwynne Dyer spoke at Bishop's University Monday night.

Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Could it have been a peregrine falcon?

DEAR EDITOR,

Perhaps your readers can help me. I saw the most amazing sight. I watched, what I believe was a peregrine falcon feeding. Was it a Peregrine?

Birdwatchers - Help Me!

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, I was visiting a friend in Rock Forest. He has a group of bird feeders just outside his dining room window. Hung from a birch tree were bags of tallow. There were a couple of small cedars at the side. He had a standing feeder with sunflower seeds, and a hanging feeder with small seeds. On his window sill he had placed peanuts in their shell. In all a virtual banquet for most birds. There was a downy woodpecker feasting on the tallow. Black capped chickadees were busy flitting back and forth as they 'stole' small seeds to relish in the cedars. A flock of evening grosbeaks paid a visit enjoying the sunflower seeds. They came in a crowd, ate hungrily and, at some unseen signal, flew away together. Blue jays flew to the birch and warily jumped to the window sill to steal a pre-selected peanut. What I thought was an occasional redpoll dropped by. I must have lost my concentration for a minute. Suddenly there was a falcon feeding on his prey, just 10 feet in front of us. At my shout of 'falcon' my friends replied "bullroar," and came to prove me wrong. There it was, the size of a fat crow. With his talons holding the victim he tore at the food and lifted his head to give us a good view of his hooked beak. His back was black with white 'spots,' his tail was barred, brown and black. His 'pants' were white, seen from the back. His breast was barred, brown and white. Before leaving he pulled out all of the wing and tail feathers of his prey (perhaps a

morning dove) and flew off presumably to share the carcass with his family. My question: Was it a peregrine?

What puzzles me was the white spots on his back. Did he find the bird feeder a source of another kind of food? Did he catch it as it flew away from the feeder or on the ground? Help!

Cec Blenkhorn
Lennoxville

Poverty exists throughout the year

DEAR EDITOR,

Our food bank is grateful for the generous cheque it received from Townshippers' Association, delivered by Gary Richards, a member of our board, at its last meeting of the year on December 21. This gift was apparently put together through a challenge from the staff of Townshippers' Association to its board. We are delighted with this kind of activity and for the increased contribution of the English-speaking community in general over recent years.

In Moisson Estrie's first year of operations in 1991, it collected some 85,000 kg of foodstuffs. Last year we struggled to keep up with the demand with the nearly 800,000 kg we managed to amass. In recent weeks, despite the influx of thousands of Christmas basket contributions from various organizations and church groups for the community in general, we still found our cupboards almost bare as the year ended.

Situations of poverty and hunger exist in most areas of the greater Eastern Townships community and it is present throughout the year. While we are increasingly aware of the poverty which exists in the English community as well, we are enthusiastic that individuals and organizations like the Townshippers' Association have joined forces with us to help with the ulti-

mate delivery of a balance of food products to the 162 organizations who regularly seek our help.

Last October's annual brunch is a fine example of the help we get from English-speaking community. Not only did Townshippers' Association collect hundreds of dollars and its members delivered parts of their garden harvests, but several students from BCS pitched in to form the dishes brigade thereby saving us several hundred dollars in manpower costs. For the equivalent of every dollar we receive, we are able to obtain \$12 worth of food through our bulk buying network.

On behalf of our board I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of you.

ROCH A. FOURNIER
Resident
Moisson Estrie

Grassroots party is needed to revitalize political landscape

DEAR EDITOR:

A common sense political revival cannot come too soon. I don't believe Canada can survive another six years of the Chrétien Liberal's systematic dismemberment of our democratic social and cultural values.

Some imperatives for a renewed Reform/Conservative Party's sustainability will be that it will have to:

1 - remain grassroots driven, and different regions such as Ontario and Quebec must realize they cannot dominate the show. The west won't put up with it anymore.

2 - be socially as well as fiscally conservative. It's a balance; traditional families need the tax relief of fiscal conservatism, and fiscal conservatism requires the strong values and energy

and future progeny that healthy families generate. Social conservatism also means drawing common sense ethical lines. Just the opposite has been happening. Political correctness and massive social engineering, assisted by the Charter of Rights and judge made laws has turned Canada from the Judeo-Christian ethic of right and wrong to a moral relativism.

3 - imbibe common sense equality into its new platform. Special rights for gender, alternate lifestyles, race and culture must be repelled. e.g. The Liberal policy of giving special rights to native Canadians will cause racial division.

4 - be the voice for the common people (Canadian families, small business and workers).

A party in power must stand for free enterprise but not be led around by the nose by multinational corporate interests. This could be the UA's toughest challenge, but could gain it the greatest support. Common people's livelihoods and our national sovereignty should not be sacrificed for blanket free trade or for the UN's globalism.

Major obstacles face small "c" conservative unification. One is petty politics, or myopic vision - the inability to see the large picture - like-minded people fighting over details.

Canadians are at a turning point. We need people with vision. Our only real obstacle to changing the status quo is our apathy and political cynicism. As long as Canadians don't participate in their political process we are doomed. Voting is not enough. We have to use democracy or lose it. Revitalizing a sensible grassroots party is our hope. Our job is to make it work.

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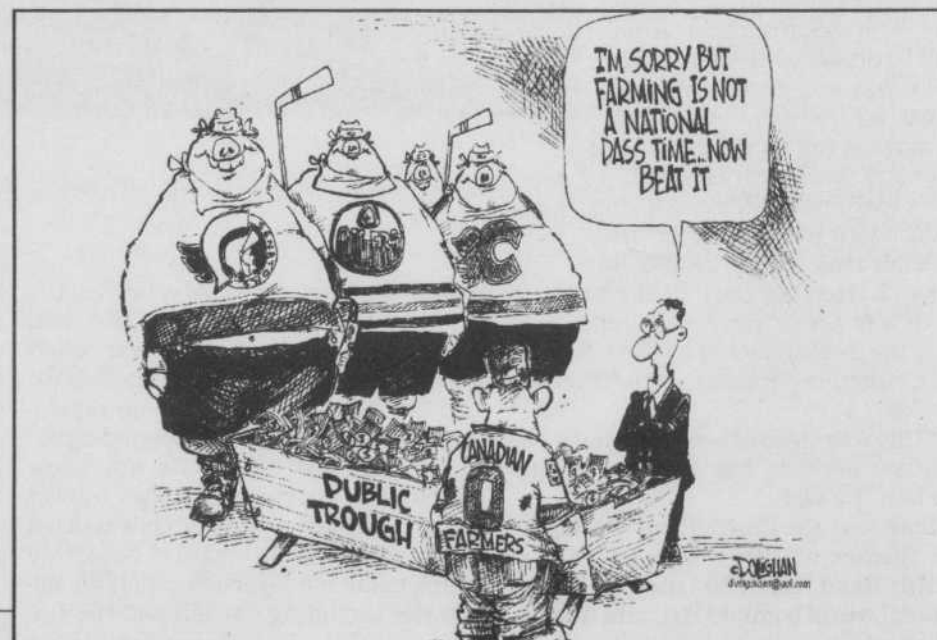
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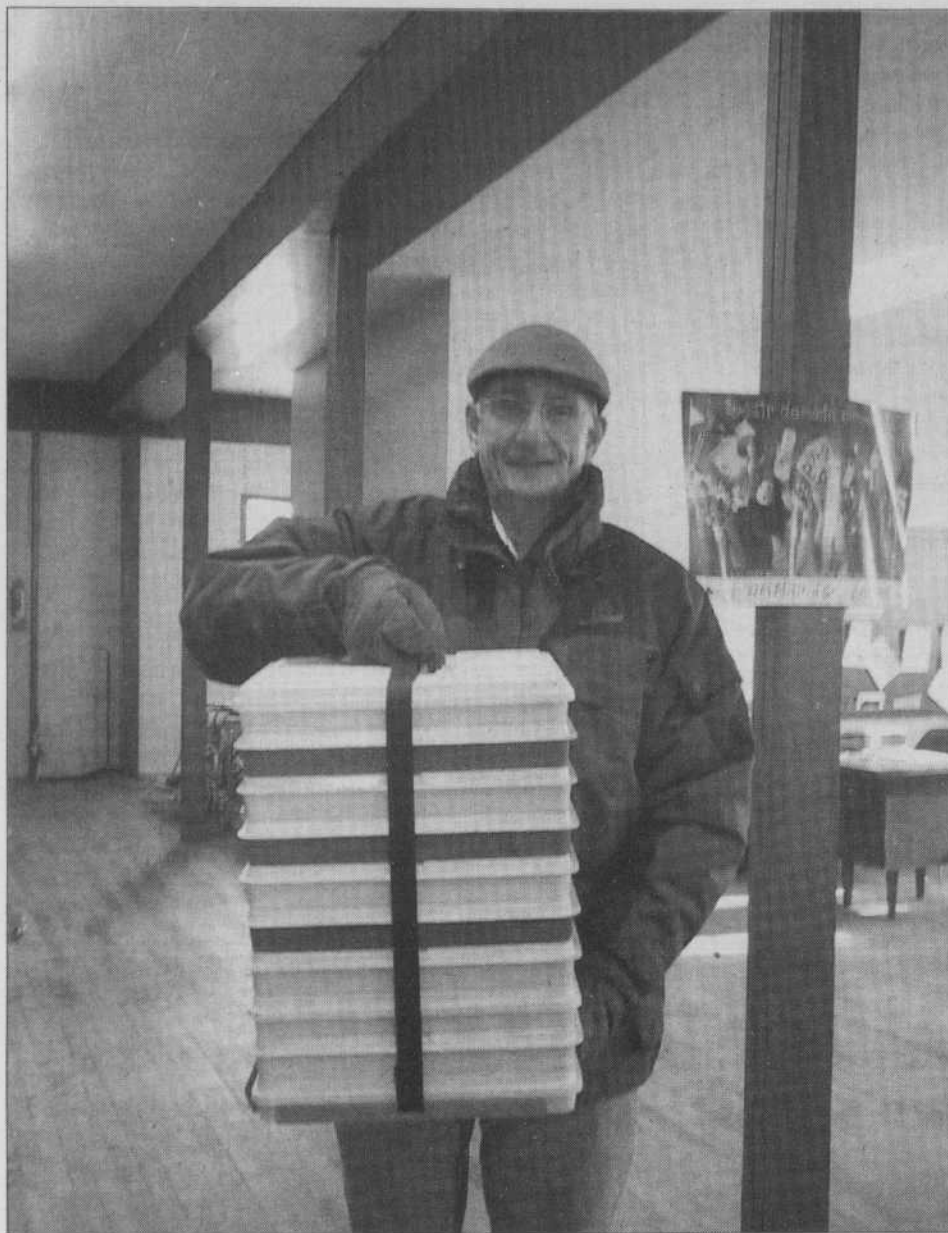
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Meals On Wheels: Easy and affordable



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Volunteer Rupert Clark is on his way to deliver meals kept hot on insulated trays.



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Louise Gaudreau points to one of the trays about to be delivered. On the menu were cabbage soup and crackers, meatball stew, hot beets, bread and date squares.

Trying to get the word out in Potton and East Bolton

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
POTTON

As part of his work with community organizations, Richard Caron, Community Organizer at the CLSC-CHH Memphremagog, is trying to spread the word to as many people as possible about the Meals On Wheels program available to Potton and East Bolton area residents.

It's a service that is not being used to its full potential. Currently, there are around 12 regular users and another 12 considered as occasionals. Organizers would like to see these numbers double.

For the past three years, this service has been available through Citizen Advocacy's Maintien-à-domicile program, established by the provincial government to help those suffering from a

loss of autonomy to remain in their own homes. In this case, home-cooked meals are delivered at a subsidized rate to the elderly, the disabled, people with temporary or long-term loss of autonomy and patients at home convalescing.

Eligibility also includes new mothers and outpatients who may require respite or are experiencing difficulty in the preparation of well-balanced meals. Anyone else is welcome to use the service for a minimal additional cost.

Caron believes the Meals On Wheels program to be an economical way to receive nutritional meals at home. Clients receive fresh homemade soup, or salad in season, a well-proportioned nutritional main course consisting of protein, vegetables and fibers, and a delicious dessert. The needs of diabetics and others with particular dietary restrictions can usually be accommodated, he said.

The program is currently being offered Mondays and Wednesdays with all meals delivered on insulated trays designed to keep hot meals hot and cold dishes cold. Friendly volunteers

deliver meals before noon.

Organizers report that, if necessary, arrangements can also be made for the delivery of meals on other days. Cost, including delivery, is \$4 for eligible clients, \$5.25 for anyone else.

For additional information, or if you know someone who might like this service, please call the Citizen Advocacy Volunteer Centre at (450) 292-3114. Orders for meals must be received no later than 9 a.m. on the day of delivery.



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Time to renew pet licenses

The Eastern Townships SPA began its annual li-
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The SPA has an agreement with more than 30
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ing its identification tag.

It is important for pet owners to renew their pet's
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Let's talk turkey: Bigger is definitely better

Have you looked in your freezer lately? It's likely, there amongst frozen bags of corn, peas and beans are at least a couple shiny, tin-foil wrapped packages of leftover turkey. This current cold spell is the perfect time to transform these tidbits into hearty, bone-warming meals.

Turkey has been a mainstay on this continent for hundreds of generations. Back when my Native American ancestor inhabited this land, there was an abundance of wild turkey roaming from Southern Canada to Central South America. My grandfather would often bag two or three large birds on a hunting trip, and my grandmother had the job of cooking and preserving the meat.

As my grandfather would tell it, they hunted for turkey in late fall, before the heavy snows arrived; turkeys could run at high speed over knee-deep snow, even a man on snowshoes would find it a challenge to keep up.

Nowadays, while we don't have the same super-lean (and often tough) wild turkey meat on our tables, the modern turkey is quite a healthy and economical meat, especially for those trying to raise a family on a tight budget. 100g. of roasted turkey provides 17 grams of protein, 265 calories, 25 mg. Calcium, only 15 grams of fat and 0 per cent saturated fatty acids.

There is one thing to remember when buying whole turkey, bigger is definitely better. When you cook a 5 kg. bird and a 12 kg. bird, and remove all the meat from both, you will be left with almost the exact same size and weight skeleton. This means, in every gram over 5 kg. you are paying for usable meat.

Being half Italian and half Chipewa (Ojibwa), I take from both cultures for these three turkey recipes. Hope you enjoy.

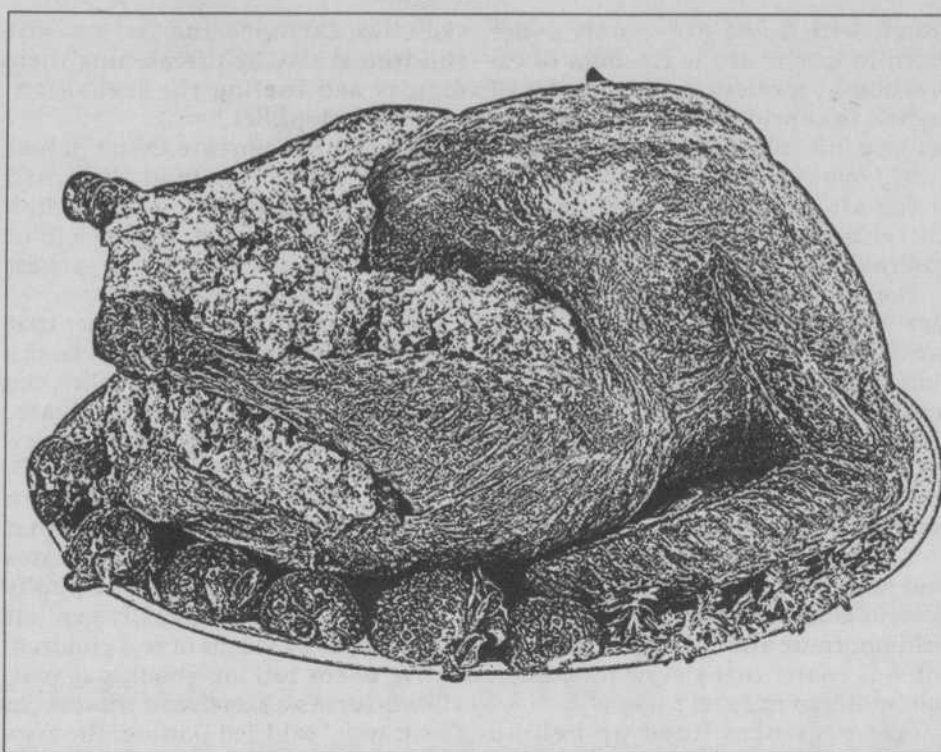
Hearty Italian Turkey Soup

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 red, sweet pepper, diced
1 green, sweet pepper, diced
1 large onion, chopped
4 large garlic cloves, minced
1 1/2 tablespoons dried basil
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon fennel seeds
12 cups canned or homemade chicken broth
3 medium zucchini, diced
2 medium carrots, diced
3 cups diced, cooked turkey
1 lb. frozen, cheese ravioli
Grated parmesan cheese

Add olive oil to a large, heavy saucepan. Over medium heat, add sweet pepper, onion, garlic, basil, oregano and fennel seeds, sauté till

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vegetables are tender.

Add broth and cover saucepan, simmer for 10 minutes. Add zucchini and carrot, cover and simmer until carrot are tender. Raise heat to high, bring soup to a quick boil. Add ravioli, simmer until tender, add turkey, cook two more minutes, season to taste and serve with a sprinkle of cheese on top.

Spicy Turkey Soup

This spicy soup, ideal for fighting colds, is best when served with a salad and few slices of freshly baked corn bread.

1 tablespoon of olive oil
1/2 sweet green pepper, finely chopped
1/2 sweet red pepper, finely chopped
1 medium onion, minced
4 cups either homemade or canned chicken broth
2 cups stewed tomatoes, coarsely chopped
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 cup frozen corn
1 cup frozen lima beans
2 cups cooked, diced, left over turkey
1 cup coarsely broken tortilla corn chips
2 teaspoons, minced fresh or canned jalapeno peppers or 1/2 teaspoon of cayenne pepper (optional)

Heat olive oil over medium heat, in a heavy medium saucepan. Sauté onion and peppers for about five minutes, add broth, tomatoes with juice and chili powder, bring to a boil.

Add corn, lima beans, turkey and

minced hot pepper, reduce heat to medium/low and simmer for 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and black pepper, ladle soup into deep bowls and sprinkle with corn chips.

Vermicelli with Herbed Turkey Sauce

This recipe can be made with either freshly ground turkey or chopped leftover turkey.

2 tablespoons olive oil
4 large garlic clove, minced
1 lb. fresh ground turkey or 1 lb. chopped cooked turkey
4 cups crushed tomatoes
1 small can of tomato paste
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 teaspoons dried basil
2 teaspoons dried oregano
350 grams freshly cooked vermicelli

Heat olive oil in a large, heavy Dutch oven, over medium-high heat. Add minced garlic and ground turkey and sauté until turkey begins to brown, breaking it up with a fork as it cooks, about 10 minutes. (If using cooked turkey, heat oil and sauté garlic until tender and lightly browned, quickly stir in chopped cooked turkey).

Add crushed tomatoes and purée, add white wine, parsley, basil and oregano. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until thick, about 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add pasta and toss. Serve with hot garlic bread.

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High court weighs charter freedom against children's rights

By Janice Tibbetts
SOUTHAM NEWS

John Robin Sharpe's legal battle to own child pornography brought him to the Supreme Court of Canada on Tuesday, where protection of society's most vulnerable members was pitted against the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.

As about 50 demonstrators waved placards outside urging the court to uphold Canada's law banning child porn, more than two dozen lawyers rolled up their sleeves in the courtroom to debate the merits of criminalizing all forms of possession, including works of the imagination.

"This legislation is thought control," asserted Sharpe's lawyer, Richard Peck. Sharpe, a 66-year-old retired city planner who successfully defended himself in the B.C. Supreme Court, watched from the back benches as his two lawyers sought to convince the court that collection of short stories he wrote do not put children at risk.

But the B.C. government, Ottawa, and several provinces implored the

court, which has previously come down in favour of the freedom of expression guarantees in the Charter of Rights, to consider this a special case because it involves children.

"We ought not to sacrifice children at the altar of the charter," argued Cheryl Tobias, a lawyer for the federal government.

The crux of Tuesday's arguments was whether a 1993 Criminal Code provision, which criminalizes possession of photographs, videos and "any written material or visual representation that advocates or counsels sexual activity with a person under the age of 18," should be struck down because it is too all-encompassing.

"This whole case is about balancing," said John Gordon, a lawyer for the B.C. government, which brought the case to the high court after failing to convince the B.C. courts that simple possession puts children in harm's way.

Five provinces lined up behind British Columbia to argue that even works of the imagination, including computer-generated depictions,

sketches, cartoons and fiction, put children at risk by threatening their dignity and fueling the sexual fantasies of pedophiles.

But several Supreme Court judges appeared skeptical about the broad reach of the legislation, which technically criminalizes what Justice John Major described as "trivial breaches" that don't involve real children.

How do you deal with the fact that the law technically bans such classics as Vladimir Nabokov's novel *Lolita*, the judges asked, or even the private, pornographic musing recorded in a private diary?

The Canadian Police Association, a key intervenor in the case, argued that police only lay charges in severe cases involving the most vile pornography collections, such as sexually explicit photographs or videos of real children.

"We're not talking about a 16-year-old who draws a sketch and shoves it in the drawer," said Ted Danson, the association's lawyer.

Sharpe, for instance, was charged after police raided his Vancouver

home and carted away more than one dozen boxes of photos of naked boys, some of whom appeared to be as young as seven. In many pictures, their genitals were in clear view and in others, boys were kissing or having sex.

Police also seized Sharpe's collection of short stories entitled *Sam Paloc's Boy Abuse: Flogging and Fortitude*.

The Criminal Code provision banning possession is the "linchpin" for police in their battle to catch distributors, particularly at a time that home-created works, including computer-generated depictions of real children, are being downloaded and traded on the Internet, said Danson.

The rulings left police in British Columbia powerless to prosecute anyone who owns child pornography and numerous cases have been put on hold pending the Supreme Court's decision, which is not expected until later this year.

Sharpe still faces trial on charges of distributing child porn.

The hearing concludes today.

Attack on Jean Chrétien angers loyal Liberals

By Joan Bryden
SOUTHAM NEWS

With friends like these, Paul Martin doesn't need enemies. Over the past few months, friends of the federal finance minister and presumed successor to Jean Chrétien have been generating resentment among Liberals with what is widely viewed as their overly aggressive efforts to rush the prime minister into early retirement.

Those friends may think they're helping Martin, ensuring that the 61-year-old gets his shot at the brass ring before he is deemed too old to lead the party. But their efforts appear to be backfiring, angering Liberals who believe Chrétien has earned the right to run for a third mandate if he chooses and to retire when he pleases.

The most recent friend to generate a backlash is Jamie Deacey, an Ottawa lobbyist who was Martin's communications chairman during the 1990 leadership contest.

In a newsletter to his clients last week, Deacey asserted that Chrétien risks taking his party "into oblivion" like former Tory Leader Brian Mulroney if he stays much longer. He characterized Chrétien as an uninspiring "caretaker leader" who has been "unable to articulate a vision for the country" while crediting Martin for all the Chrétien government's successes.

Deacey urged Chrétien to quit by June at the latest to avoid destroying the party and hurting the country. In the process, Deacey took what many Liberals see as some gratuitous personal shots at Chrétien, asserting that the prime minister has only five years left of "complete physical and mental health" and noting that "most of his children have turned out

well" - an oblique reference to the fact that Chrétien's adopted son, Michel, has not turned out well, having been convicted of sexual assault.

As Liberals reacted angrily Tuesday to news reports about the newsletter, Martin's supporters were trying to distance the minister from Deacey. They contended that Deacey was not speaking for Martin and pointed out that the lobbyist has a history of shooting off his mouth and making rash predictions about the Liberal party's fate under Chrétien's leadership.

Just prior to the Liberals' 1993 election victory, Deacey wrote in his newsletter that Chrétien was "an albatross" around the Liberal party's neck and predicted he'd be trounced by rookie Tory leader Kim Campbell.

A spokesman for Martin declined to make the minister available to comment on the latest newsletter, saying, "I don't think we're going to elevate it and treat it that seriously."

While some Liberals loyal to Chrétien see Deacey's missive as part of an orchestrated campaign by the Martin camp to shove the prime minister out the door, most Liberals tended to agree that Deacey was likely acting on his own.

Newfoundland Premier Brian Tobin, widely considered a potential leadership rival, said publicly what many Liberals were saying privately.

"Jamie Deacey is an interesting gentleman, colourful, energetic, a wonderful dinner companion with an amazing capacity to say absolutely asinine things," Tobin told reporters following a luncheon speech in the national capital.

"Occasionally he exhibits that capacity and today was one of those days."

U.S. show finds support for fired CTV newscaster

By Natalie Armstrong
SOUTHAM NEWS

Disgraced Canadian newscaster Avery Haines, who made comments deemed offensive to minorities when she mistakenly thought she was off air, got the support of a majority of viewers polled Tuesday during a popular American women's talk show.

The View, an ABC syndicated show which often features Barbara Walters as a co-host, aired on CTV itself on Tuesday afternoon - one day after the network fired the former CTV Newsnet anchor.

During the show viewers logged on to the show's Website to answer: "Should the Canadian TV broadcaster have lost her job because of the statement she made? Yes or No."

Of the 2,000 viewers who responded during the show, 81 per cent voted that she shouldn't have lost her job; 19 per cent agreed with CTV management.

The issue came up early in the show's "hot topic" segment, when four of the five co-hosts were discussing whether Haines was unjustly fired.

"We offend someone every single day. You know what this is, The View. We're five women where one is guaranteed to piss

you off every day, I swear," Star Jones told her co-hosts Meredith Vierra, Joy Behar and Lisa Ling, who all agreed the firing was unfair.

Ling asked her cohosts: "Are we too P.C. (politically correct)?"

"I think we're walking on eggshells because we're too afraid of offending somebody," Vierra responded.

When the unscientific poll results were released halfway through the show, the audience cheered and whistled.

"Eighty-one percent said NO WAY - enough of political correctness, it's gone too far," said Vierra, as her cohosts agreed.

Haines was fired Monday after she made off-the-cuff comments after she flubbed reading a news script about Canadian farmers.

Believing she was now off the air, Haines said: "I kind of like the stuttering thing. It's like equal opportunity, right?"

She continued: "We've got a stuttering newscaster. We've got the black, we've got the Asian, we've got the woman. I could be a lesbian, folk-dancing, black woman stutterer."

Laughing, she added: "In a wheelchair, with a gimping rubber leg. Yeah, really. I'd have a successful career, let me tell you."

Disturbing photos effective cigarette warning label

By Juliet O'Neill
SOUTHAM NEWS

Shock me, repulse me, scare the heck out of me, but don't call me stupid.

Canadian Cancer Society focus group research has found daily smokers say the most effective cigarette package warning labels would be photos of diseased and dying people. The least effective: a statement that "people with higher incomes and more education smoke less." This offended some people while others found it laughable.

The report on nine focus groups totalling 72 smokers was among accumulated public opinion research released by the society Tuesday, the eve of Health Minister Allan Rock's expected announcement that the government will

require vivid new warnings, including photos of cancerous lungs, on cigarette packages.

The assertion that educated people with higher incomes smoke less was greeted with protests of "racism" or "prejudiced," said the focus group report. It provoked dismissal and doubt and some of the respondents felt it was unfair to stigmatize lower-income people.

"You smoke because you are addicted, not because you are stupid!" was one reported comment.

Society spokesman Rob Cunningham said the assertion was not meant to label smokers as stupid but to undermine tobacco industry advertising images associating some cigarette brands with wealth and status.

Statistics Canada had found in a 1996-97 survey that there were twice as many smokers in low-income groups than high income and that 33 per cent of those with less than secondary school education smoked, compared with 23 per cent of those with a college or university education.

In any case, Cunningham said, the society did not recommend that Health Canada use the statement in the new labeling system because the warnings have to relate to health hazards. Likewise it did not recommend a label, deemed effective by focus groups, that tells people about the thousands of dollars they could save by quitting.

Instead, the society reiterated its recommendation to increase the size

of cigarette warnings to at least 60 per cent of the package exterior, to require colour photos in the warnings and to increase the number of different messages to be included as part of a rotated series. The recommendation was based on the results of five national surveys, some previously publicized.

Cunningham said photos of test packaging showing shocking images of an emaciated man dying of cancer, a cancerous mouth, a cancerous bladder and a smoker with a metal tube in his neck, got the highest ratings for effectiveness by smokers in the focus groups. "When they turned to that page you could hear the quiet coming over the room," he said.

Canadian scientists, academics join battle against GE foods

By James Baxter
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

A group of prominent Canadian scientists and academics has joined the battle against genetically engineered foods by creating a watchdog organization to oversee their testing and approval by Health Canada.

Calling for a "fundamental reassessment of the process by which GE food is tested in Canada," Dr. Ann Clark, a professor from Guelph University, announced the formation of GE-Alert at a news conference Tuesday.

The group comprises 10 scientists and academics, but includes other senior scientists who cannot be identified in order to protect their jobs, Clark said.

The news conference, which was organized by the Council of Canadians, was the latest in a series of announcements of opponents to genetically modified foods leading up to next week's Biosafety Protocol meetings in Montreal.

Saying that the members of GE-Alert "have no axes to grind," Clark said the organization would publish on the Council of Canadians Website a critique of the current risk-assessment approval system used by Health Canada to decide whether a genetically modified organism (GMO) is considered safe for human consumption.

Clark said current testing practices lack scientific rigor and are often rife with problems, including incomplete longitudinal studies and even leaps in logic.

One area in which the government fails to protect Canadians is in studying the allergenicity of GMOs, according to Clark. She said that most studies look for sudden allergic reactions, but refuse to examine the cumulative effects that could develop from long-term use of certain GMOs.

Clark also said that the tests are sometimes conducted using only isolated proteins - the actual gene that is used - rather than the entire organism. She noted that proteins can react in one way in the body when isolated and very differently when in conjunction with other proteins.

In her study, Food Safety of GM Crops in Canada: Toxicity and Allergenicity, Clark said toxicity was also overlooked, having only been examined in about 30 per cent of the 42 GMOs approved for use in Canada.

"Genetically modified foods may be safe for human consumption," states the reports conclusion. "However, critical analysis of the evidence publicly available on the Health Canada Website for GM crops does not support this conclusion...."

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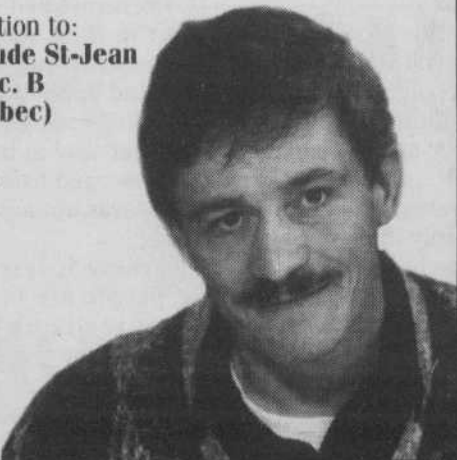
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Woman works magic with furniture cast-offs

By Susan Schwartz
SOUTHAM NEWS
MONTREAL

Susan Schachter is an alchemist. She works magic with furniture and household items other people don't want, transforming them into gracious additions to her family's cosy west-end arts-and-crafts cottage.

The Montreal woman is a teacher by training, not a carpenter, but she's at home with hammer and nails, comfortable with clamps and heat guns, and she's an adept upholsterer.

A banged-up table painted an electric orange is unlikely to attract a second look from most people. But Schachter sees the potential they don't. She bought the table for 20 bucks close to 20 years ago in a little shop in Vermont, stripped it down to its oak surface and refinished it, with two coats of shellac and two coats of varnish - light sandings in between - and finally, a layer of wax. Today, it is the family's kitchen table. With extensions, it opens to 12 feet.

The chairs around it come from a downtown building that a friend was gentrifying some years back. But the most impressive find that time was a large armoire, a piece of utility furniture from the 1930s or '40s, when it was used widely in offices.

It was too big to haul away in her car, so she phoned a friend to meet her and together, they got the piece on to a dolly and walked it from Old Montreal to her West End home - about five miles away.

Stripping and refinishing the maple piece, which had been painted brown, transformed it. Schachter re-fitted it to hold stereo equipment and today, the tall, gracious armoire, with its arched top, is a focal point of the living room.

An old wooden in/out basket, rescued from an apartment she lived in years ago, stores paper on the computer table. In the same room, a pine chest, found in front of a downtown apartment block, provides storage for her quilting materials and supplies.

Two upholstered chairs were found abandoned in the basement of the apartment building where she used to live. With upholstered furniture, there is always the risk of unwelcome visitors, so she removes the stuffing; indeed she scrupulously cleans all finds, often with turpentine, before bringing them into the house.

Schachter's collecting started in the 1970s, when she was just out of university and starting to work, "and people just gave me stuff," she recalled.

"I liked old wood. The workmanship on old pieces was so much better than what you generally see today. I'd really feel bad when I saw wood furniture in the garbage."

Old furniture was not that popular when she began to collect "and so people were selling it dirt cheap," she recalled. She still has the first piece she



SOUTHAM

Susan Schachter and the armoire she wheeled home and turned into a stereo cabinet.

bought, an oak drop-leaf table picked up in a little shop in Montreal.

She is not alone in this passion for old things: "I have a friend with an entire basement full of chairs," she said.

Her husband once found a gateleg table at a garage sale for \$15. It turned out to be cherrywood - and worth a whole lot more. And several pieces he found at auctions, mainly in New England, are also part of the furnishings.

She likes the idea of putting stuff to use that others don't. It's recycling in a true sense - giving room, use, renewed place, to things others have discarded.

"When people leave stuff at the curb or the side of the road, I always ask before taking anything," Schachter said,

"and people always say yes."

(I am reminded of a friend's story about the time she and her daughter were checking out garage sales in Westmount and happened upon a front lawn full of interesting stuff. Her daughter was on her way to investigate when the owner emerged from the house to warn that this was not a garage sale, but moving day.)

But there is less at the curb these days: people are hanging on to stuff, perhaps realizing its value, holding garage sales, or giving it to not-for-profit organizations that come and pick it up.

"Garbage isn't as good as it was 10 years ago," Schachter said ruefully. Of course, she doesn't mean garbage.

The last substantial piece she recovered - "It's the last one I can qualify as a real find," she said - was a dresser in front of an apartment building on a downtown street nearly 10 years ago. It was lacquered, dark, in need of repair. "We were just driving along, I saw it and went: 'Stop!'"

She and her husband crammed the dresser into the car, which at the time was fitted with car seats for their two children. Other people would have driven right by the dresser. It didn't exactly scream: "Grab me!" But the piece, which turned out to be pine, had good bones.

Schachter stripped and refinished it, repaired the drawers and today uses it for storage.

Most of the pieces she has bought or otherwise come upon are country pieces, rustic as opposed to formal - like the oak piece in the vestibule, the top of a kitchen hutch, found at a flea market. "We like simple stuff," she said.

She and her husband like flea markets outside Montreal, in the Eastern Townships or in Vermont (even with the exchange). Schachter once found an old treadle sewing machine in Vermont for \$6. It needed only a new leather strap to get it working again.

Recently, she found a chair for \$10 at a second-hand store in the Townships. She stripped the heavy lacquer that covers many of these older pieces and refinished it, glued together loose pieces, made an upholstered seat cover - and presto. She has found a few lamps that needed parts or rewiring - relatively simple tasks.

"We can do smaller repairs ourselves," she said. "If a piece needs more major repairs, I don't buy it. I don't take on anything that I can't manage."

They stay out of antique shops, restricting themselves to flea markets and garage sales. Even then, with the demands of work and family life, it's rare that they set out to look for something in particular. Oh, they might happen on something. An accidental forager, Schachter calls herself.

Her bedtime reading runs to such titles as Cabinet Making for Beginners and Laura Ashley's Complete Guide To Home Decorating, and she picked up tips from television programs on furniture repair and refinishing. Once, at a library sale, she found a complete, 20-volume set of Everything You Need To Know About Home Repair - a steal at \$15.

She's usually in the middle of one project or another. Currently, she's re-upholstering one of the chairs she found in her old apartment building and she's stripping the oak trim around the living-room windows of the family's 1919 house.

And spread out in the dining room, dismantled, is a table her mother-in-law found at a flea market. One day it will be a lovely birch table with Queen Anne legs. Again.

Sports

Hebron Academy downs Stanstead in tourney

Invitational provided great play

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Hebron Academy blanked the Stanstead College Spartans 5-0 in the finals of the second annual Can-Am Invitational Hockey Tournament Sunday but it was anything but a lost weekend for the host team.

"It was a great experience for our team and I thought we really played well and learned a lot from the experience," Stanstead head coach Mke McNamara stated yesterday.

"The bottom line is that any time you get the opportunity to play teams of this calibre you are going to benefit from it."

Stanstead, the only local team in the six-team field, started on the right foot Friday beating Berwick Academy 4-2.

"It was a good game in which we really controlled the play throughout the game and in my opinion it was a well deserved victory," McNamara said after the game.

The Spartans made it two in a row when they edged Northwood School of Lake Placid 3-2. Northwood, which boasts one of the better Division II Prep Schools in the Northeast, fielded their B team with some reinforcements from their A squad.

"Even though it was basically their second team, Northwood still put a very good team on the ice and it took an outstanding effort by our team to pull off the win," McNamara said. "They had a tremendous age advantage over us and were bigger and stronger but we more than held our own."

Stanstead finished their round-robin play with a game against the class of the tourney, Hebron Academy, and dropped a 3-2 decision.

"They were clearly the best team in the tournament," McNamara said following the loss Saturday. "They physically dominated each game and used their size in a good way, nothing cheap.

They are very disciplined and a very well coached team. We gave our best shot but came up short."

The Spartans earned a rematch against Hebron in the finals by virtue of a 3-2 overtime win in the semi-finals against Appleby College of Ontario. They led most of the game but Appleby tied the contest with just two minutes remaining in the third period forcing the overtime period.

Charles Lesieur played the role of hero for Stanstead as he scored the winning goal early in the overtime period. Lesieur, a native of Rouyn, France entered Stanstead this September and has developed into one of the team's better defencemen.

The young Spartans had little left in the tank in the final as Hebron skated to a 5-0 victory. Fatigue and inexperience were major factors in the one-sided affair according to McNamara.

"I think we gave it all we had in reaching in the finals and just ran out of gas. You have to remember that we have 11 players who are in Grade 9 or Grade 10 and most of the week we were playing against teams whose rosters were packed with Grade 11 and Grade 12 boys. It makes a big difference.

But the veteran coach was quick to give full credit to the American winners.

"On any given night we can play with a team like Hebron but on the long haul they are much better than the rest of us," McNamara said. "When you play against a program like Hebron you know you are playing against one of the better prep schools in New England."

Stanstead must now prepare to play in the revitalized Eastern Townships

Interscholastic Athletic Conference against Galt, Massey-Vanier and Bishop's College School. McNamara maintains that he is looking forward to renewing old rivalries.

"The Lennoxville club team gave us two good games before Christmas and they have a great goalie in Tom Price. Both Galt and Massey-Vanier are well-coached and we always have tough games against them."



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Lumberjack Scott Herson scores on Stanstead goalie Jesse McRae



Spartan's Justin Quenneville neutralizes Hebron attack



Spartan Jonathon James gets shot off



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Feds fail to score with NHL assistance plan

OTTAWA

The man who started the crusade to save NHL hockey in Canada pulled his Ottawa Senators off the auction block after the federal government announced its controversial aid package on Tuesday.

Rod Bryden was one of the few defenders of the package announced by an obviously uncomfortable Industry Minister John Manley, who admitted Canadians and the Chrétien government were deeply divided over giving public money to professional hockey.

Bryden told a packed news conference that the package, which could see the Senators get up to \$3 million from the federal government, will not take money away from hospitals, the homeless and hungry children.

With the federal money, the Senators will receive between the \$10 million to \$12 million annually from the province, municipality and the NHL - enough to keep the team in Ottawa at least until 2004 when the plan expires. Bryden had threatened to sell his team to a U.S. buyer unless federal assistance came through.

"Yes, the For Sale sign is firmly in the garage," Bryden, the former president of the Ontario wing of the federal Liberal party, said at the press conference. "It's preserved, just in case I need it in 2004."

Manley, whose Ottawa South riding sits in the heart of Senators territory, said that rather than risk losing the teams, the government was making a "temporary" offer to buy time while the NHL gets its house in order.

"Our hearts really feel hockey is a part of Canada but at the same time our heads are asking, 'What is this all about?'"

"I hope the message received by the board of governors in the NHL today is

that this is a wake-up call and that there is a problem that they need to resolve. . . . If real revenue sharing and real salary caps aren't dealt with by the league, this problem is not going to go away."

The Ottawa Senators will receive between \$10 and \$12 million from the Province of Ontario, the City of Ottawa and the NHL in addition to the \$3 million from the federal government

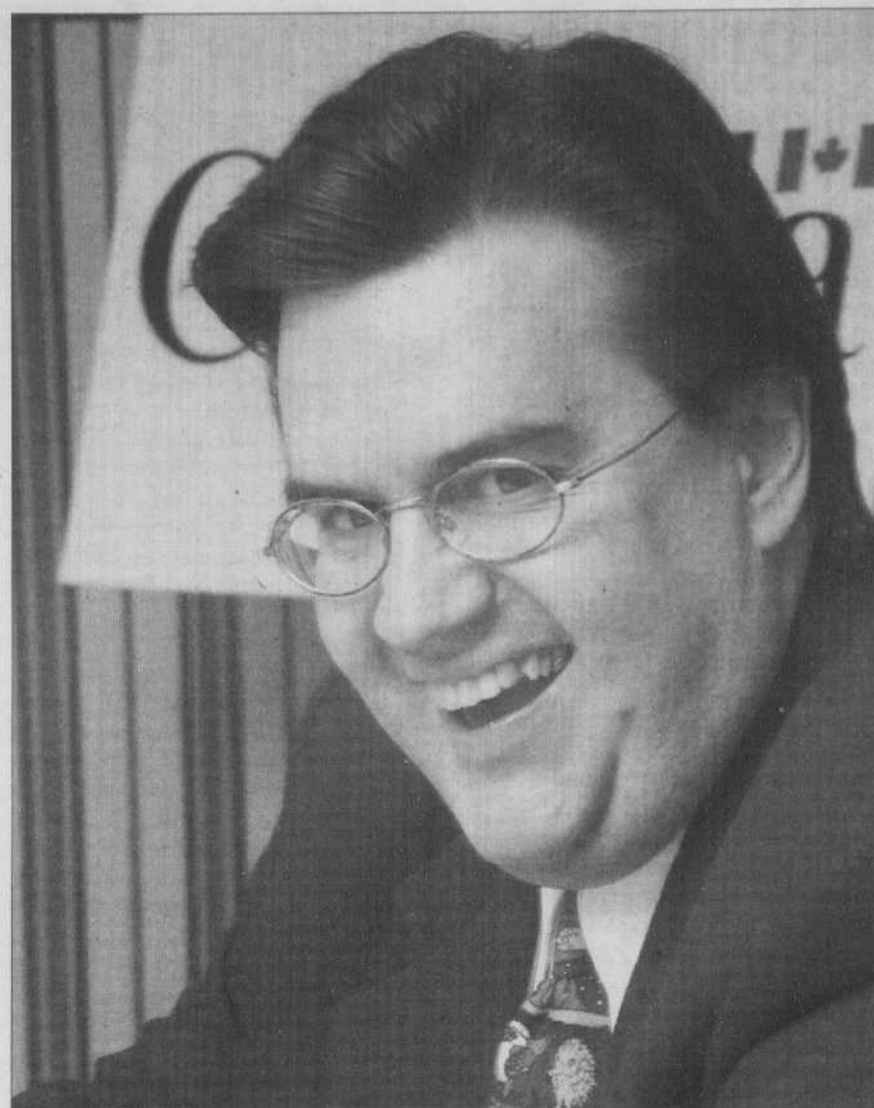
tawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver - hinges on contributions from the NHL and the provinces and municipalities where the teams play.

Manley put no dollar amount on the package, which is said to be worth between \$12 million and \$20 million. He also announced the appointment of prominent Montreal lawyer and former Alliance Quebec president Eric Maldoff as the government's negotiator with each of the NHL teams.

The federal contribution will be capped at 25 per cent of what the other parties kick into the deal. The money will flow every year until 2004 when the current collective agreement between the NHL and its players expires. A team that leaves Canada before then will have to repay the federal contributions it received.

The NHL already spends about \$13 million a year in equalization payments to offset the low Canadian dollar to the Senators, Canucks, Oilers and Flames, and has promised to continue the subsidy until 2004. Manley said he expects the NHL to contribute more to the plan but did not elabo-

Sporting Surprise



Federal amateur sports minister Denis Coderre has plans for a major amateur sports event in the Sherbrooke area. He just doesn't know what it is yet.

Coderre was in town to meet area sporting officials as well as Mayor Jean Perreault to discuss the possibility of staging a major amateur competition in the Estrie region. Coderre took a moment to say hello to picketing CBC technicians outside an area hotel before sitting down with the media inside at a press conference.

"This area will be a pilot project for a major sporting event," Coderre told the assembled media without giving any specific details. He said that it could be a multisport event of some sort, likely in conjunction with the University of Sherbrooke.

He also answered questions about the controversial federal decision to offer financial bailout packages to professional hockey teams in Canada. While acknowledging that it has not been a popular decision, Coderre said the move is important in the protection of a piece of Canadian heritage. He also said that the industry of professional sports provides many benefits, including increased interest in the development of amateur athletics. Coderre promised to return to the area in February to make a more detailed announcement. - Harry Hodge

Photo Perry Beaton/Special

CHARLIE SAYERS MEMORIAL DART TOURNAMENT

on Saturday, January 22, 2000
at the A.N.A.F. "Hut"

300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville
Registration: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Starts at 2 p.m.
Mixed doubles.

Prize money and trophies.

SPORTS BRIEF

Sign up for dart tournament

Plans are underway for the sixth annual Quebec open dart tournament.

This is the sixth year the tournament been held in the Estrie region and organizers are looking forward to continuing the tradition of great com-

petition. Players from Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and all regions of Quebec will be attending and local players are invited to participate.

Play begins Friday evening at 8 p.m. with the Blind Draw Triples. The first event on Saturday, Mixed Triples, begins at 11 a.m. and the men's and ladies' doubles are scheduled

to begin at 3 p.m. The men's and ladies' singles event will be held on Sunday starting at 11 a.m. There will be a consolation round in the singles event for both the men and the ladies.

The tournament is being held at the Centre Recreatif, 5265 Gaspé, Rock Forest.

Bring your friends and join us.... Everyone is welcome.

WI meets

MILBY

The January meeting of the Milby Women's Institute was held at the home of Mildred Cairns in Ives Hill with 11 members present.

After the general meeting and reading of 1999 reports, the county president, Evelyn Sutor presided over installing the officers.

Money socks were handed in and the payment of dues. Mystery parcel was won by Winnona Kirby.

The meeting was closed and we were served a delicious lunch by Marjorie Sutor.

The next meeting will be at Marina Evan's.

Ruby Booth

Sutton

Shirley Clarkson

Ken and Pat Robertson of St. Hubert spent an afternoon with Cora Hazard recently.

Janet Laraway of Ontario, Terry, Linda, and Kevin O'Regan, and Bob Laraway, Sutton, were Christmas Day guests of Ken and Ester Laraway, Glen Sutton.

Marion Townsend spent two weeks in Ottawa with her family Greg, Anna, Lauren and Courtney Townsend. They brought Marion home, and stayed overnight here with her.

David and Joan Berry of Mississauga, have been spending some time here with Jim Robertson.

Brent, Louise, Julia, Jessica, Ena Chamberlin, and Bill Castle, all of St. Armand, and Cora Hazard, enjoyed a dinner together at The Crossing.

Lenny and Lois Stergeon of Fulford, visited Ruthie Mandigo recently.

Our sympathy goes out to Jean McCaw, and family, also to Madeline Darrah and family, at the sudden death of Joyce Sweet, their sister and sister-in-law respectively.

Lillian Hopper is home after spending the holidays in Halifax with Mr. and Mrs. Hurdon Hopper.

Mae Russell, Clayton and Hollis Page, spent Sunday in Sherbrooke visiting Burton Page.

Carol Shufelt of East Farnham, visited her mother, Jean McCaw recently.

Death

FRENCH, Kenneth - Accidentally at Island Brook, Que., on Sunday, January 16, 2000, Kenneth French in his 77th year, dear husband of the late Joyce Ross. He leaves to mourn his son Sydney, his sister Dorothy (late Gilbert) Ross and his very dear friend Thelma Gage, as well as his sisters-in-law Sarah (late John) Wilkin, Lois (late John) Robinson, Winnifred and George Snook, also many nieces, nephews and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 50 Craig St. S., Cookshire, Que., where friends may call on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Cookshire, Que., on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at 11 a.m. Rev. Sister Mary Florence Liew officiating, assisted by Canon Ronald West and Mr. Justin Lowry. Interment in Island Brook Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to St. Peter's Church, Cookshire, Que., or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

In Memoriam

PATTERSON - In memory of Harold Patterson who left us January 20, 1996. Those special years will not return. When we were all together, But with the love within our hearts You will walk with us forever.

JESSIE (wife)
EDITH, WILFRED
CORA, LINDA, ROBBIN
(children)
NANCY, MONICA
MARC, RICHARD
ROBERT, MARTIN
JENIFFER
(grandchildren)
MAXIME, SAMUEL, AMY
(great-grandchildren)

Card of Thanks

MATTHEWS-JUDGE: I would like to thank all friends and relatives who sent gifts, cards and paid visits over the holidays. Wishing you all the best in 2000. Love,

ISABELLA JUDGE

Deaths

LAPIERRE, Florimond - Peacefully at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital on Tuesday, December 21, 1999, Mr. Florimond Lapierre in his 82nd year, husband of the late Mrs. Gloria Fuller. He leaves to mourn his spouse, Mrs. Joyce Lacroix, his son Roger "Joe" (Johane), his daughters Marguerite (Donald) and Bernice, his grandchildren, Todd, Steve and Nicolas, his great-grandchildren, Kim and Julie, his brother Antonio (Annie), his sisters, Antoinette (late Norman), Yvette (Leonard), Marie-Jeanne (Thomas), Lucille (Jean-Claude), and Monique (Julien), his brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins, also many other family members and friends. The family will receive condolences on Saturday, January 22, 2000 from 9 to 10:45 a.m. at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home at 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que. JOE 1V0, tel: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557. Funeral services on Saturday, January 22, 2000 from St. Edouard's Church in Knowlton. Interment will be at a later date.

LARGIE, Mildred - Peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Tuesday, January 18, 2000, Mildred Largie at the age of 98, a well known concert pianist and teacher. Wife of the late Hawley Griffith, late Oscar Stenson and the late Glen Sampson. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. At her request she was cremated. No visitation. A memorial service will be announced at a later date, followed by interment of ashes in St. Michel Cemetery, Sherbrooke, Que. In her memory, donations to The Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte. 243 N., Richmond, Que. JOB 2H0, or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by her family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home (819) 564-1750.

Brieflet

LENNOXVILLE

Charlie Sayers Memorial Dart Tournament on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at the A.N.A.F. "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Registration: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Starts at 2 p.m. Mixed doubles. Prize money and trophies. Everyone welcome.

Deaths

PAGE, Mr. Herbert Donat - Peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 18th, 2000, Mr. Herbert Page, at the age of 79. Beloved husband of Mrs. Violet Page and dear father of Betty Ann. He leaves to mourn his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, his sister, Elsie Royea, his brother, Laurence Page (Eva) and many other relatives and friends. Visitation will be held at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Qc, JOE 1V0, Tel.: (450) 263-1212, Fax: (450) 263-9557, on Thursday, January 20th, 2000, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, January 21st, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. from the chapel. The Rev. Wilbur Davidson officiating. Mr. Page will rest in the vault at Knowlton Protestant cemetery, St-Paul Rd., Knowlton, Que., awaiting spring burial. Please take note: Friday, day of the service, the Funeral Home will be open from 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to any charitable organization would be appreciated and acknowledged by the family.

WOLFE, Anna (Sister St. Thomas of Jesus) C.N.D. - Passed away on January 15, 2000 at Villa Marguerite, Pierrefonds at the age of 94. During her many years of teaching, Sister taught in Quebec, Ontario and New York. She was born and educated in Sherbrooke before entering the Congregation de Notre Dame in 1926. Besides her religious community, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Helen Castonguay of Lennoxville and several nieces and nephews. Visitation on January 21, 2000 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Motherhouse of the Congregation, 4873 Westmount Avenue, Westmount with a Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial in the Motherhouse Chapel on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at 10 a.m. Interment in Notre Dame des Neiges Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Alfred Dallaire Inc.

Card of Thanks

GAYLOR, Elizabeth (nee Badger) - Our heartfelt thanks to all of the friends and family for their words of encouragement, their support and cards given to us at our time of sorrow over the loss of Elizabeth (Lu). We would also like to thank the ladies and community for the lovely luncheon.

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Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000

Out of the medals

By Phillip Alder

Have you guessed which country has the fourth-greatest percentage of Internet users? In case you've been abroad for the last three days, the leading nations are Iceland (320 surfers per 1,000 population), Finland (305) and Norway (304).

This deal was declared by Anders Morath during his country's march to the 1977 European Championship title. His performance won that year's Bols Brilliancy Prize.

In the other room, the Spanish pair reached six diamonds by North. Unfortunately for them, East led a club: one down.

One no-trump was a forcing two-way response that, when followed by three diamonds, announced a slam-try in diamonds. Three no-trump showed a minimum with no side-suit shortage. Four clubs was a cue-bid, at which point West came out of a stupor to ask questions. The significance was not wasted on Morath, who converted to six no-trump to protect his club king.

West led the heart two. Declarer won in hand, played a diamond to dummy's jack, and took a spade finesse. Next, Morath collected his four remaining diamond tricks, throwing a spade from hand while West released a pair of clubs. Morath took a second spade finesse and cashed the spade ace, making West feel uncomfortable. He had to retain three hearts, so discarded the club queen.

Now it was easy for Morath to lead the club 10 out of his hand, bringing down the ace. Morath, who is from Sweden, took the last three tricks with dummy's heart ace-queen and his club king.

Sex life stopped dead after face-lift

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married to the same woman for 36 years. "Aretha" and I had a storybook marriage until six years ago, when she took a job in a town about 100 miles away. She maintains an apartment there, and comes home on the weekends. A few months after she took this job, she got a face-lift. I had no idea she was considering such a thing. After that, our sex life stopped dead.

Aretha says she loves me, but no longer feels any passion. We tried counseling, which I thought was helping, but she refused to stick with it. Not long ago, she told me she didn't want to be married anymore, but hasn't taken any steps to get a divorce. Three months ago, she changed jobs again, and is planning to move even farther away. She still plans to come home on weekends in order to give family members and friends the impression that all is well.

I don't think there is anyone else, but I can't get her to communicate. I truly love this woman, but she doesn't return my feelings. I am only 54, Ann, and don't want to live the rest of my life like this. Can you help me? — Ed in Ohio

Dear Ed: Sounds as if Aretha doesn't want to be your wife any longer, and is keeping the marriage as is while she shops around. I suggest you return to the counselor by yourself and get some

guidance on what to do about this strange turn of events. It sounds as if your love boat has hit an iceberg, and is in danger of sinking.

Dear Readers: If you live in the Virgin Islands or any of the Southern states, you can skip the next letter. If you live in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Alaska, or any cold climate, you'll appreciate it:

Dear Ann Landers: Now that winter is here, I hope you will print this for all people who drive when it snows. Please, folks, clean off your car COMPLETELY. This means the roof, hood, trunk, tail-lights, headlights, front window, back window, side windows and especially the turning signals.

I know it's inconvenient, and you're in a hurry, and you'd rather just clean off as much window space as is necessary to see out of, but that's not enough. As you drive, the snow off your roof blows onto the windshield of the car behind you, temporarily creating hazardous conditions. Other drivers cannot see your brake lights or turning signals, and have no idea where you are going, or if you are stopping. Pedestrians are at risk because you cannot see them out your snow-covered side windows; you could hit a young child without realiz-

ing it.

Even though it's cold outside, please take a few extra minutes and clean your car completely. You could save some lives. — A Mom in Canada

Dear Ann Landers: I am having a problem with my future mother-in-law. I was raised in the South, but my girlfriend is from the Midwest. Where I come from, it is considered extremely rude to walk into someone else's house without knocking on the door or ringing the bell. When my girlfriend's mother insisted on dropping in unexpectedly, we were forced to lock our doors at all times. Now, she peeks in the windows.

Do you have any suggestions other than wiring the doorknobs and windows with a healthy dose of electricity? — Mike in Nebraska

Dear Mike: Although it sounds as if you wouldn't mind electrocuting your mother-in-law, it isn't necessary. Keep your doors and windows locked as a precaution against any and all intruders. This is simply common sense. Curtains or blinds will keep your mother-in-law from peeking in your windows whether you are home or not. There are also window coverings that allow you to see out but prevent others from seeing in. Check out your options.

Birthday wishes

Love and best wishes to Mrs. Elsie Heath on her 90th birthday on January 24th.

From her family.

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aulis were surprised on Saturday, January 15, when a fleet of cars arrived at their home in North Hatley to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary (January 19), and also Mr. Aulis' 73rd birthday (January 16). A delightful buffet was served in their honor. All family members wished them:

"A very happy 50th wedding anniversary
To two parents who care,
It's a very special moment
In which we all shared,
We are wishing you both,
Many more happy years together,
Thank you for being our parents."
We love you,

The Family



Engagement announcement

We are proud to announce the engagement of Denise Pedwell and Kirk Robinson. The wedding is planned for July 22, 2000 in Newcastle, Ontario. Denise's parents are Maurice and Marie Pedwell; Kirk is the son of Donald and Jolene Robinson of Lacolle, Quebec, and grandson of the late Bill and Sybil Denison, of Denison's Mills, Quebec.

Word has been received by Mary Wilson of Beebe that a dear friend, Karen Hayward and husband, Christopher who operate a restaurant in Venezuela were not too effected by the recent mud slides which caused thousands of deaths and horrific destruction. Their restaurant is not in the area effected. Karen was a student at Alexander Galt Regional High School in the sixties and her parents taught at various Eastern

Townships schools. Beth and Norman (Karen's parents) are now residing in Saskatchewan where their sons, Robbie and Arthur are employed.

Paul Gargioni of Montreal visited with a former co-worker, Paul Girard of Magog before his departure to Florida for the winter months.

Magog's Lillian Whitehead celebrated a birthday on January 12th - the previous evening a surprise birthday party

was held at the home of her son, Donald. Grandson, Alan of Lake Nic made a cake and he and his wife and two children came to Magog to surprise the celebrant. Two of Lillian's best friends, Flo Cross and Yvonne Whittier joined in the celebration. The following day (12th) Flo invited Lillian, Yvonne and close friend, Shirley Provencher for a delicious luncheon at her home on College Street. All the best Lillian for many more happy birthdays to come!

Magog & Area Connie Girard 843-6671

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Baloney is flattery laid on so thick it cannot be true, and blarney is flattery so thin we love it." - Fulton J. Sheen
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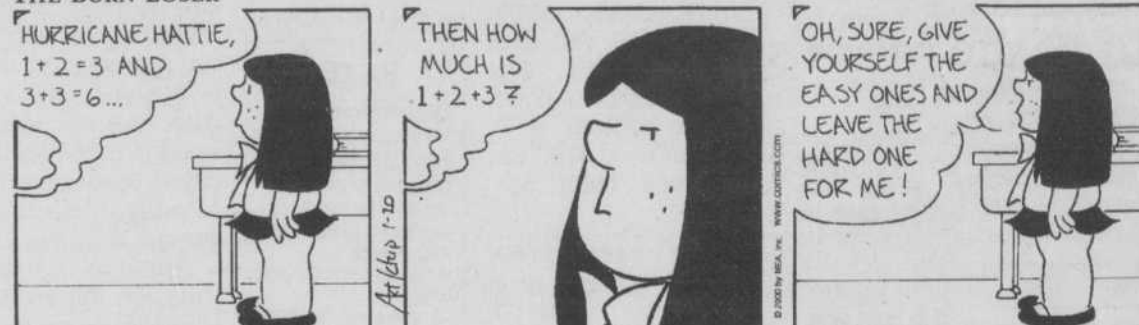
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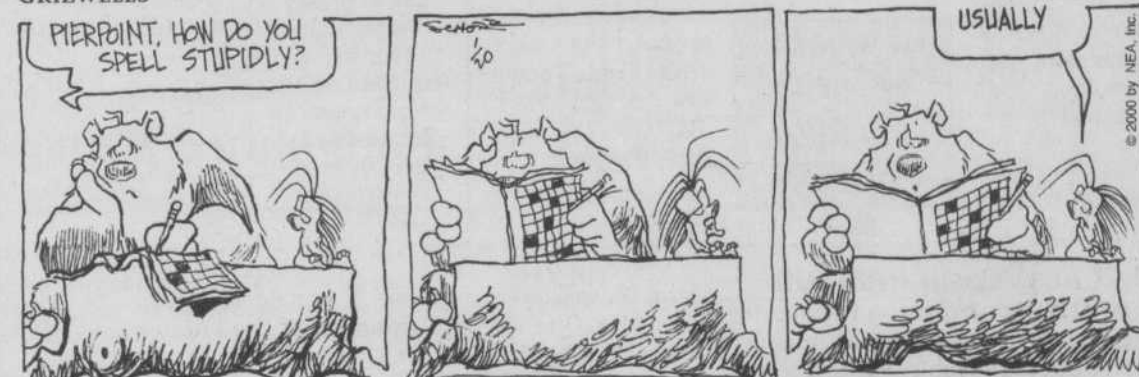
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Surprise retirement party held for Faye Dustin

Games - The most pleasant thing about games is that they are fun and good for children and adults, good training for the mind, a relaxation from daily chores.

Fun it was! The cat and mouse game, this could describe the goings-on over the past few weeks, when Wynn Dustin, his children, Randy, Wendy, Kelly and their spouses, the grandchildren and a great-grandchild played the role of tricksters as they planned a retirement party for Faye. Faye, a 28-year veteran as secretary-treasurer of the municipality of Ogden.

About mid-afternoon on the 28th of December, Freda and Wallace Mosher visited the Dustin household, supposedly to bring greetings of the season. Faye did not immediately stumble to the shenanigans until 32 family members and friends stalked the entrance with casseroles and other goodies. She stood in the kitchen, caught unprepared, holding a dish with about four helpings of squash therein, not nearly enough for this crowd, she thought.

After the nerves settled there was a time for the exchange of New Year's greetings, plans for the millennium celebration and talk of the old custom of cleaning the slate to make the new year better than the one (1999) just about to end.

All enjoyed a hot and cold buffet, sweets and beverages. The lovely retirement cake was made and decorated by Wendy, red trim and roses with Happy Retirement encircled atop.

Following the buffet, pictures were taken, a way of preserving cherished memories as life unfolds and speeds ahead. A good time was spent recalling past experiences of the Dustin and Mosher families, who, as kids, went to school in Boynton. It was an opportune

time to reminisce about the good old days of rural schools, playing hide-and-seek around the nearby church and that (have to) trip to the outhouse on a cold day.

Everyone was in a state of enchantment as they viewed the red granite vase that Faye received from the municipality of Ogden. It was engraved with her name, dates of service and bore the Ogden logo. She also received a certificate from David Price, M.P. in recognition of her many years of service. A Victorian tea at the Colby Curtis Museum was also a joy. She was escorted there by the mayor, Niels Jensen, his wife and councillor Smith.

Another surprise! On her last day at the office, a lovely floral arrangement with Christmas greenery and a Scotch bow was delivered, a thoughtful gesture by her children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The happy occasion concluded with a skit, written by Wynn, characterized by the grandchildren. The subject matter, of course, a council meeting. The grand parade in and out of the office performing their duties, perhaps with a little exaggeration, dressed in colorful costumes, fluffy hairdos with a noticeable overhang of the bellies. They were given a hearty handclap for the fine performance, and Wynn, he was rated as an up and coming playwright.

Faye, somewhat lost for words, expressed her sincere thanks to the family and friends for gifts received and for their contribution to a wonderful send off into retirement.

Faye, enjoy your retirement, may God bless you with good health, good times and happy travels as the years roll by.

Submitted by
Leta Dustin

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KINNEAR'S MILLS

The January meeting of the Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute was held at Catherine Maxwell's on January 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Motto was - When we do good things for others it comes back to us.

The different convenors gave their annual reports and moved acceptance of same. All these reports were seconded by Huguette Blais.

The treasurer Helen Lowry gave her annual report which was moved accepted by Pauline Nutbrown, seconded by Dorothy Bolduc, the auditors.

A discussion was held on what changes we would like see in the year 2000.

Submitted by Catherine Maxwell

Inverness

Maxine McCrea
453-2346

On New Year's Day, Lincoln and Irene Egan, Eva Kelly and Ethel Campbell of Ste. Agathe, had dinner with Maxine McCrea. During the afternoon several of the family called in for a visit over coffee and dessert.

Best of wishes to Russell Marshall and Lincoln Egan, who are both in hospital at this time. We hope you will be enjoying better health very soon.

United Church Women meet

Birchton UCW began the New Year on January 11, 2000 with a devotional and business meeting at the Wintle home, conducted by President Hazel Rogers and devotions led by Eleanor Taylor.

The UCW Purpose was repeated. The Opening Prayer asked us to have courage and faith to follow God's call. The hymn, God Calls Us O'er the Tumult, was sung and scripture passages pertaining to Jesus calling followers was read.

The annual reports of 1999 were read and accepted.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. Rena Hall reported for CFV about cards sent, visits made and passed a card to be signed for Esther Farnsworth's birthday. Hazel Rogers for Stewardship told about the 30 years celebration of the M & S in Canada and other countries and how we become partners through the Fund. Muriel Prescott for Church in Society talked about the effort of the Mi' kmaq Spiritual Leader and the United Church Minister to keep peace and reconciliation in the Burnt Church, N.B. dispute over lobster fishing. For the sale table a pair of socks was turned in and priced.

Much of the correspondence consisted of thank you letters for Christmas gifts and a donation of twenty dollars

was received. The Green Form was filled out and the allocation sent to the Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery. Donations were given to Happenings and the Muscular Dystrophy Society.

The next meeting will be held on Feb.



SHERBROOKE

Week of prayer for Christian Unity, January 23 - 30, 2000: Gathered in Christ. Opening bilingual, ecumenical celebration in the St. Michel Cathedral in Sherbrooke, Sunday, January 23 at 2 p.m. All welcome. Information: Doug Daniel (819) 563-7128.

LENNOXVILLE

Annual meeting St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club at CLSC, Lennoxville, Wednesday, January 26 at 7:45 p.m. Guest speaker: Mary Sweeney. Topic: "Places of Special Interest in Chile and The Scouts Jamboree".

LENNOXVILLE

Charlie Sayers Memorial Dart Tournament on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at the A.N.A.F. "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street,

8 at the home of Helen Taylor and a silent auction will be held.

The hostess served a delicious lunch. Serena's scones are looked forward to with pleasure.

Submitted by Muriel Prescott

Lennoxville. Registration: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Starts at 2 p.m. Mixed doubles. Prize money and trophies. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Military Whist at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on February 5 at 2 p.m. Lunch and prizes. Please call Emily at (819) 562-8683 for your table. Everyone welcome.

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By Alan P. Olschwang

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THE RECORD

Your Birthday Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000

The more effort you apply and the harder you work, the greater your successes will be in the year ahead. Instead of this being drudgery, it will turn out to be exhilarating for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Brushing aside matters that need tending could create a new series of problems for you that will serve to compound that which you neglect today. Keep up with your duties. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you could be a bit of a risk taker today, you must be careful not to allow yourself to be toted into participating in an activity that has very slim chances for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's a rarity for you to ever be intimidated by another, yet today just because you think you're expected to do something a certain way, you could act against your better judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Depending upon just how you attempt to get your points across today will depend upon whether they're well received or not. You might make your case, but create an enemy in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless you're careful today, a friend or an associate could drag you down a path where you might suffer a financial loss of some kind. Don't blindly follow your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In any competitive activity in which you engage today, to be on the safe side automatically assume your opposition is at least as capable as you are, if not better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a good chance you might have to deal with a few responsibilities today that won't be to your liking. Grin and bear it, they can't be ignored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be particularly careful with whom you pal around today. The wrong types could draw you into a situation not of your making, but for which you can be held accountable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Only virtuous intentions will stand up under today's aspects, so be honest with yourself as to what your true motives are when you go after something that affects others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Watch what you say and when you say it today. If you speak out of turn or gossip about anybody, know that it will be played back and repeated to the party of the assault.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Adopting an attitude of expecting more from others than you're prepared to reciprocate in kind will be self-defeating today. This will be especially true concerning material matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Any agreements or contracts to which you commit yourself today must be carefully scrutinized, because there could be hidden fine points that go against your best interests.

Red Cross meeting

HIGH FOREST

The High Forest Red Cross members prepared a turkey dinner January 12 at the Sawyerville United Church Hall for a number of Sawyerville's senior residents. Dinners were delivered to some seniors who were unable to attend. After the guests left and dishes were washed and everything was put away the President Sharon Nugent conducted the first meeting of the year 2000.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

The secretary Edith McBurney took the roll call and read the minutes from the December meeting.

The financial report was very satisfactory. Several bills and the rent for the church hall will be paid.

A number of thank you cards were read for gifts given at Christmas time and some donations of money was given to the group.

A quilt was sold since the last meeting.

A few cards are to be sent to several shut-ins.

The meeting was closed by all repeating the Mizpah Benediction. Next meeting February 2, 2000.

Phyllis Lowry

BOXSTER

Stuttgart brews more power for its sensational sportster and adds a racey 'S' model

By MALCOLM GUNN
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

Like elves tinkering in Santa's workshop, those crafty Porsche gnomes just couldn't resist tweaking the 2000 Boxster. As a result, this mid-engined sports car can be ordered in new high-performance 'S' trim, has more base horsepower, and a lot more attitude.

Actually, the entire Boxster lineup, now consisting of the base model and the Boxster S, benefits from its first major adjustment since the first cars arrived from Europe in 1997.

Although the exterior remains as ravishingly beautiful as before, the engine compartment is awash in revisionary developments.

The base (the word doesn't seem quite right, somehow) Boxster's displacement has been increased from 2.7 litres to 2.9. As a result, the car's more-than-adequate 201 horsepower has grown to a very respectable 217. Part of this increase is also due to the two-stage air intake system transplanted from the 911 Carrera, along with a new 'drive-by-wire' throttle.

Other changes have been made to the Boxster's five-speed manual transmission that now features lower fourth- and fifth-gear ratios to improve throttle response. The result, according to Porsche, is that the manually-equipped Boxster will zip from 0-100 km/h in 6.4 seconds, three-tenths of a second faster than the '99 car.

For people who would rather not use their left calf to change gears, the Boxster's optional Tiptronic S five-speed shifter allows you to up- or downshift with a simple thumb-flick of one of two steering-wheel-mounted buttons.

The Boxster's interior also receives some cosmetic work, including new 'soft touch' instrument panel materials and aluminum-look trim for the shift knob, handbrake and door handles.

But the true star of the show for 2000 is the new Boxster S, a roadster guaranteed to protect Porsche's position as a performance-above-all-else auto maker. With its horizontally-opposed six-cylinder powerplant upped to 3.2 litres, there's now 250 horsepower eager to do your bidding. Eager translates into a claimed 0-60 mph time of 5.7 seconds, a whopping seven-tenths of a second better than the regular-strength Boxster.

To handle the extra muscle, Porsche has installed the 911 Carrera's slick six-speed manual transmission in the Boxster S, with the optional Tiptronic ready for duty if ordered.

Equipment upgrades for the Boxster S include the Carrera's bigger, cross-drilled disc brakes, sport-tuned suspension and larger 17-inch alloy wheels. In addition, a third radiator has been positioned up front to help the bigger motor keep its cool. Diehard Porsche addicts will recognize the extra air intake as one

way to instantly spot a Boxster S from its less powerful sibling.

Both Boxster models arrive with a long list of standard features such as climate control, a power convertible top, tilt-telescoping steering wheel, power seat recliners and remote keyless entry. In addition, there are a number of neat dealer-installed goodies that can be summoned, such as unique paint schemes and trim packages, special 17-inch or 18-inch custom wheels, aero body styling kits, aluminum and brushed chrome interior pieces and added leather or genuine wood trim adornments to name but a few.

So after a relatively short four model years in production, the Boxster is proving to be a work in progress as well as a true work of automotive art. Like the car itself, Porsche clearly has no intention of standing still in developing its mid-engine masterpiece.

SPEC SHEET

2000 Porsche Boxster

- * Two-door roadster available in Boxster and Boxster S versions.
- * 2.7- or 3.2-litre horizontally-opposed six-cylinder engines developing 217 and 250 horsepower, respectively.
- * Five-speed manual (base), five-speed Tiptronic automatic or six-speed manual transmissions (Boxster S).
- * More base and optional power for 2000.
- * Newly-minted Boxster S edges closer to 911 performance.
- * High level of standard equipment.
- * Great-looking body design makes friends wherever it goes.
- * Base price: \$59,000, \$71,100 Boxster S

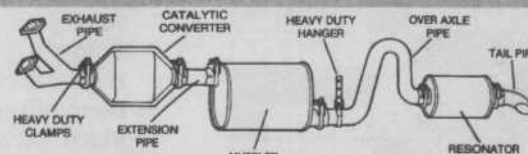


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