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Lake group plans tunnel to save frogs from traffic

Highway a threat to biodiversity in Brompton Bog

By Rita Legault
ST-DENIS DE BROMPTON

A lake protection group in the Eastern Townships is planning to build a polymer tunnel under Route 220 so frogs and salamanders can avoid getting crushed by traffic on their way to reproduce in the Brompton Bog.

The Association pour la protection du Lac Brompton is also looking at a solution to prevent snapping turtles and painted turtles from becoming road kill when they nest on the side of the road, and their eggs from falling prey to roadside predators.

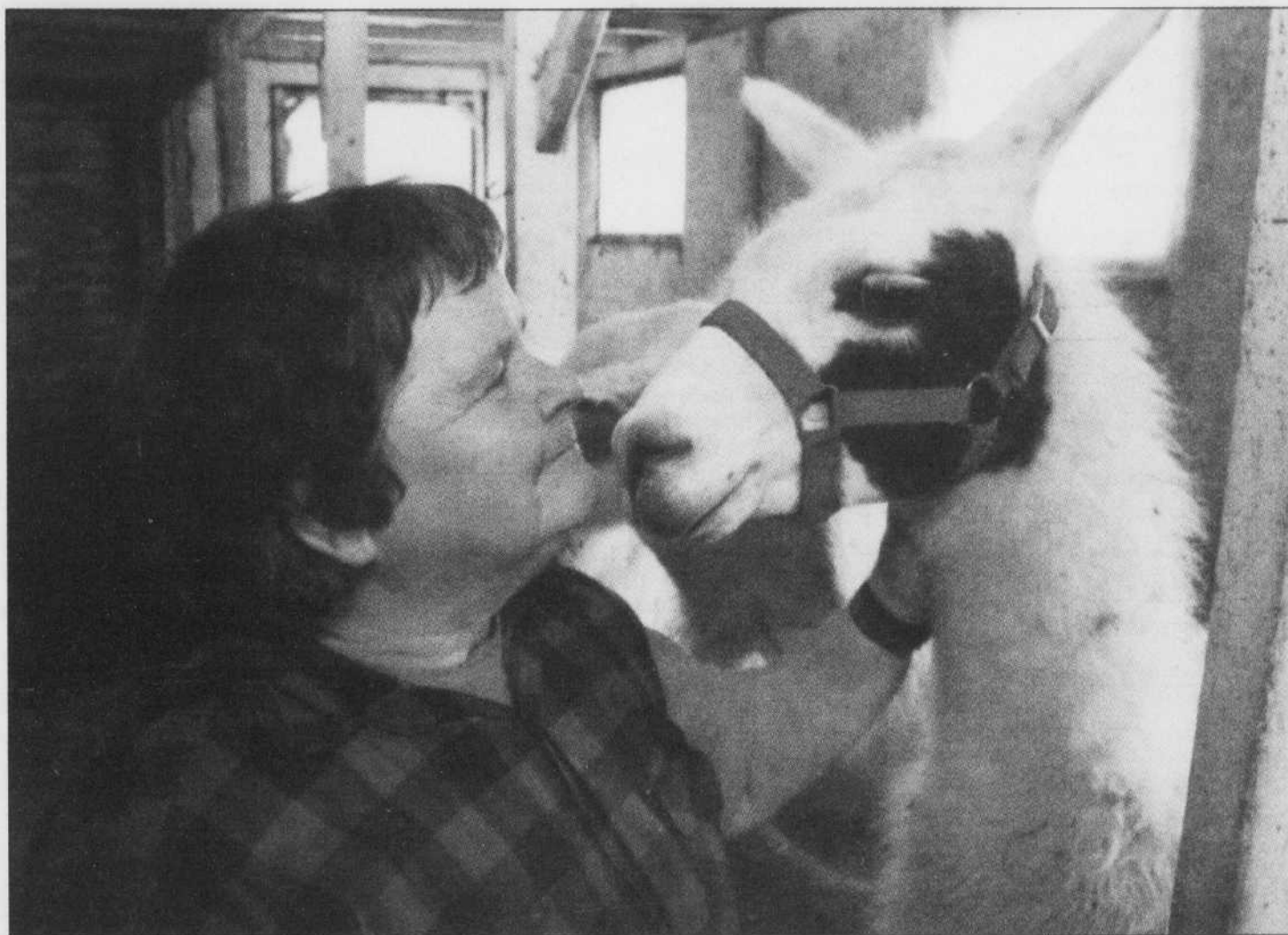
The frogs and salamanders live in the forest and spend the winter frozen in the foliage. When the warm rains come each spring, tens of thousands of amphibians awake and follow their primal urge to leave the protection of Mount Orford and the surrounding valleys and forests to cross Route 220 and mate in the Brompton Bog.

During migration the amphibians are exposed to several threats including natural predators such as owls, raccoon, and fox. But one of the most serious threats to the amphibians is on four wheels, not four legs.

On some days in late April and early May, the migration of frogs is so massive that about 200 of them can be squished to death every hour by cars and trucks on Route 220, depending on the weather, the traffic and the time of day.

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Unwanted animals welcome in Waterville



CATHY GIBSON

Marie Paule Goudreau listens intently to the whisperings of her llama, Bingo, one of the numerous animals sheltered at Refuge Mimo.

By Cathy Gibson
WATERVILLE

The door creaks open and I scurry into the dim barn. Marie Paule Goudreau, my guide and owner of Refuge Mimo, walks ahead, talking and hugging many of the animals as she passes them.

As I step forward to follow her, I am engulfed by a flurry of tails and wet noses. The whirling fur is all around me as I back away from the warm welcome the five excited barn dogs have afforded me.

Looking around, I understand why Goudreau has made the animal refuge her life's work - stall after stall of the most affectionate animals I have ever encountered: Goats, pigs, sheep, horses, cows and a llama all stare curiously, politely listening when I talk, nuzzling my cheek or my hand when I'm not paying attention.

Goudreau opened Refuge Mimo in Waterville in 1983. From 1990-97, she was open to the public, welcoming upwards of 500 guests per season, mostly children from area schools, to visit with

the docile farm animals.

Goudreau says she was inspired to start a refuge for unwanted animals in 1978, when two of her own animals, a pony and a goat, never fully developed. Common practice would dictate the animals be put down, but Goudreau couldn't stomach taking the life of an animal simply because it wasn't big enough or perfect enough.

"I asked my husband, 'Why don't we take in animals like these and create a refuge for them?'," she said.

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52 years of life taken in big bites

*It was about 6 a.m.
and I was the only
patient in emergency*

As predicted by all my guardian angels, a couple of weeks ago I had another myocardial infarction. In plain English this is a cramping of the heart muscle as it pumps too hard while trying to force open a newly-clogged coronary artery. This was my fourth 'MI' episode. It rated medium, maybe 3.7 on the Richter scale.

I was in Sherbrooke University hospital for five days, half of it in the medical ICU - "l'unité des soins intensifs" or simply "aux soins" as it's known in the jargon. I couldn't have been treated better. In fact the super service almost backfired.

I arrived by car. True Love did the driving this time; we figured that would be quicker than waiting for an ambulance. So the receptionist figured I was not too ill, and had me filling out forms until a nurse arrived, asked what was happening and dragged me away.

It was about 6 a.m. and I was the only patient in emergency. The seven staff on duty suddenly surrounded me. This one took my pulse and pressure, that one asked if I'd been through this before, another one shot me full of something in my left arm, yet another added a blood-pressure reducing drug, and still another hooked up intravenous morphine on the right. One doctor listened to my heart, another kept feeling my toes, and the x-ray guy got it all on film.

But nothing happened. My condition didn't change. Everyone waited - not the least me. Ten minutes went by. Twenty minutes. Still no change. This was not going by the book. Then the senior MD had everyone retrace their steps.

'Oh doctor, this IV's not turned on', reported Nurse No. 4. 'Everything is connected but it looks like nobody opened the valve.'

'Okay,' the doc decided. 'Unhook

everything and start over.' Which is what they did, new needle holes and all, except this time only two of them actually did the work.

'Too many cooks can spoil the soup' the older doctor said with a smile.

Hadn't I heard that somewhere before?

Needless to say, things went better the second time around.

A couple of days later, the cholesterol-crud (animal fat in the blood) causing the blockage was displaced by angioplasty. This is a fabulous process which they let you watch, live you might say, on X-ray TV. The designated MD uses a needle to freeze your crotch, then cuts you open and pushes a long wire into an artery and then up inside the heart. The doc then shoves the wire's inflatable



CHARLES BURY

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tell you if it worked. When the artery opens you can feel it, a beautiful rush of heat and energy racing from the heart to the extremities. This leads to quite a thrilling rush of energy.

The limbs feel light, and handier than they have for months, maybe years, and you want to jump off the bed, hug the MD and run all the way home - well, at least to the parking lot.

Well, my son would later say, 'that's a hell of a way to get on television.'

'Well', I would reply, 'it was not a colour TV, and it put things all in black and white, if not to say perspective.'

How and why did I get this way? The answer is easy: 52 years of life taken in big bites. Bad living. Self-indulgence.

My first heart attack was an adventure. The second was a nuisance. The third made me quit smoking. This time, I have to look after myself.

My new millenium project is to lose 25 kilos or so through exercise, diet and other virtues. I even went for a walk today, and I haven't had a chocolate since Feb. 28.

We shall see. I'll keep you posted.

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Weather

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy and a few flurries. Low near -4. High near -1. Probability of precipitation 60 per cent.

SATURDAY: Variable cloudiness. Low near -8. High near zero.

SUNDAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near -10. High near zero.

Normals for the period. Low -8. High 3.

BRIEF

St. Patrick's Parade in Richmond on Sunday

Staff

This year's St. Patrick's Parade in Richmond takes place on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m. at Le Tremplin School.

The line-up for the parade will be at the school at 1:30 p.m.

The parade route will be: Up 6th Avenue to Craig Street, Craig Street to Main Street, along Main to Fair Street, along Main to Fair Street, Fair

Street to Gouin Street and returning to Le Tremplin school yard.

This is billed as Quebec's second-largest St. Patrick's parade!

Also, a brunch will be held on Sunday, March 28, at 11 a.m. to present prizes, trophies, etc. from the parade. Participants of the parade are invited. A small charge will be collected at the door.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade may contact either Mona McGee (826-2918) or Mark O'Donnell (826-2535).

BEN by Daniel Shelton



Frogs:

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Among the amphibians crossing the road are small frogs such as spring peepers, wood frogs, northern leopard frogs and a few big bullfrogs. There are also some assorted salamanders and a few American toads, said Daniel Bergeron, a biologist and president of the lake watchdog group.

Bergeron said the projected tunnel will be built of a perforated polymer-based concrete, to provide frogs and salamanders with a humid, lit passage that doesn't make them feel trapped. Small barriers will also be installed along the road to direct the frogs to the tunnel.

The group also wants to install yellow "frog crossing" warning panels advising motorists that they may encounter amphibians on the road.

Lucie Gagnon, vice-president of the lake protection association, said that each spring she scoops up dozens and dozens of frogs to bring them safely to the other side of the highway. As spring turns to summer she travels with a shovel in her trunk to pick up large snapping turtles and smaller painted turtles and move them out of the deadly path of traffic.

In June, the turtles leave the wetland to nest on highway shoulders where the crushed gravel provides good nesting materials. Many of the slow moving reptiles are squashed under the wheels of cars and trucks, and few of the eggs survive predators like raccoons who have such easy access to a roadside picnic.

Gagnon said that of the 50 or so roadside turtles' nests spotted in a recent survey, only one ended up with babies.

The association is planning to create floating islands with gravel beds for the turtles where the reptiles can nest safely in the bog. That will keep them far away from deadly traffic and further from predators, says Gagnon.

Gagnon said that her love for frogs, turtles and other amphibians led to the project to save them. But her husband Bergeron explains the project is rooted in much deeper concerns for preserving habitat and biodiversity.

"People just don't seem to understand how important biodiversity is," Bergeron said, reacting in part to negative media reaction to spending on the frog tunnel.

"It's important to preserve and protect



ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROTECTION DU LAC BROMPTON

Why did the turtle cross Route 220?

all of the species on the planet," he explained, adding that all of the different plants and animals live in a delicate balance and that each and every species is an essential part of the chain of life. "The loss of one species will bring about the destruction of other species. Everything is interrelated."

Bergeron commented that the frog and turtle preservation projects are just the beginning of a plan to conserve the biodiversity in the Brompton Bog and Brompton Lake. A few years ago, the group also reintroduced walleye which had disappeared due to years of overfishing.

Many commentators and columnists have been critical about spending public funds on a bypass for frogs and salamanders, quoting a \$200,000 price tag for the tunnel which could end up costing as little as \$10,000 in actual expenses.

Bergeron and Gagnon say that while the \$200,000 may seem an exorbitant sum to save some frogs, it includes thousands of dollars in donated services and volunteer time from groups and individuals. The \$200,000 price tag also includes the value of the turtle protection plan and the public information campaign.

Gagnon points out that Orford Township has agreed to provide a \$1,000 grant, but is also lending a town employee to help with the work. The group is also looking at getting free or reduced cost materials from the supplier of the polymer concrete tunnels. Even the volunteer fire brigade and local police force will help by providing services during construction and other activities.

Gagnon said the story that was prematurely leaked to the media caught them off guard. They are still awaiting answers on a number of requests for help and had not completed the plan to present a project to the public.

Bergeron said the plan is in three phases. First is a public education program to inform people of the importance of biodiversity, followed by construction of the frog tunnel which they hoped to complete this year. Finally, they want to create an island for turtles to nest safely away from traffic and predators.

While awaiting construction of

the tunnel the Association pour la protection du lac Brompton is organizing a brigade of local school children to help the amphibians safety across the highway this spring.

Bergeron said that is a major part of the public education program. Students will show up on a rainy night to help frogs make the perilous crossing. They will be accompanied by some teachers and parents and police and firemen will be on hand to ensure their safety.

"This activity will help put a spotlight on the amphibians and the danger they face," Bergeron said.

During the last few decades, a number of studies in a variety of ecosystems have demonstrated the most serious threats to biological diversity - habitat destruction, pollution, and over hunting - are aggravated by roads.

The lake protection association says it wants to undertake a study to understand the extent of the ecological threat posed by Route 220 on the population of amphibians and reptiles in the Brompton Bog.

The Brompton Bog, which was created by damming at the other end of Brompton Lake 75 years ago, is the largest wetland in the Townships at about 5.3 square kilometers. It is a favorite breeding ground for many species of birds, fish and aquatic animals.

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Weekly roundup of crime and accidents

Townships police kept busy responding to snowmobile crashes and house break-ins

By Karen Eryou
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

• The Coaticook detachment of the Quebec Police Force reported an attempted break-in on Ballbrook Road in Barnston West. The alarm system had been activated, but when police arrived there was no trace of the burglars.

• A theft was reported on Way's Mills Road in Barnston West. Stolen items in-

cluded a cordless telephone, 44 CDs, a CD player, a gold chain, two silver chains, and three videos. Estimated value: \$1,000.

Also on Wednesday, a two-car accident took place in the sharp curve on Highway 141 by Riendeau Road in Barnston. The QPF reported no injuries.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

• The Memphrémagog detachment of the QPF reported \$200 worth of maple syrup was stolen from Peabody Road in Mansonville.

Memphrémagog QPF also responded to three accidents. One person received minor injuries after hitting a building due to slippery road conditions on Railroad Street in Rock Island.

• A deer was the cause of an accident on Chemin du Lac in North Hatley, and a single-car accident was reported on

Tyler Road in Ayer's Cliff.

• The Coaticook QPF was dispatched to a single-car accident on Highway 147 in Compton, and an individual saw his car seized on Highway 206 in Ste-Edwige, for failing to carry insurance, after being stopped for speeding.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

• During the morning, the Coaticook QPF responded to an accident on Chemin de la Rivière in Ste-Edwige. A 1987 Volkswagen came into contact with a milk truck. The QPF said no injuries were reported, however the Volkswagen received extensive damage.

• In Stanstead East on Highway 143, two accidents were reported in the evening. A two-car collision took place at the intersection of Highway 143 and Vivian Road. No injuries were reported. A second accident was reported near the same location, however, this driver lost control and ditched the car. Because of the slippery road conditions, the highway was closed for a time while it was cleared.

• Memphrémagog QPF responded to an accident on Highway 247 in Georgeville.

Sunday, March 14

• The Coaticook QPF reported finding a burnt car in Barnston. The vehicle was so badly damaged, identification is next to impossible.

• Also in Barnston, a home was robbed of antique china, furniture, and a jukebox. The QPF estimated the loss at \$1,740.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

• The Coaticook QPF reported minors had sprayed foam insulation into a phone booth as well as into a soft drink machine near the Compton town hall, causing a significant amount of damages.

• Two snowmobiles collided on a trail in Dixville. The QPF reported no injuries, only damage to the machines.

• A deer came into contact with a car in Barford. No injuries were reported.

• The Memphrémagog QPF reported a home in the Bacon's Bay section of Ayer's Cliff was visited by robbers who made off with \$9,000 in stolen goods. The QPF said the robbery probably took place between March 6 and 12, but was reported on March 13. A television, CDs, tools, a camera, and other household articles were reported stolen.

• A single-car accident was reported on Sherbrooke Road in Hatley Township. Two people received minor injuries after losing control of the vehicle.

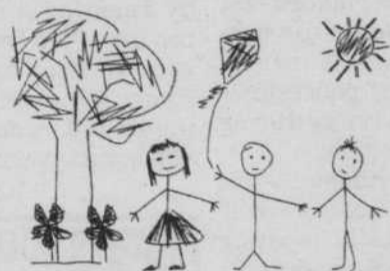
• The Vermont State Police reported a 73-year-old Montreal man became lost during a skiing trip on the Mayhew Road, in Jay. The VSP snowmobile team of Trooper E.A. Cantwell and Troy Constable Marcel Labe located the wayward skier, safe and sound.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

• The Coaticook QPF responded to two single-car accidents with no injuries reported. The first took place on Highway 141 in Barford., Police say when a tow-truck attempted to pull a car from a ditch, a second car came around the corner and while trying to avoid the tow-truck, lost control and also landed in the ditch.

• A second accident was reported on Chemin Tremblay in Ste-Edwige when the driver lost control of his car.

• Memphrémagog QPF stopped a car in South Stukely at 2 a.m., and after a routine investigation, the operator was found to be breaking his probation. The driver was out past his 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. The man is to appear in Sherbrooke District Court on Monday.



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IN BRIEF

MPs visit National Assembly colleagues

Staff

While premier Lucien Bouchard continued to stab at Ottawa in Paris, Wednesday, a group of federal MPs left Ottawa to visit the National Assembly.

Fifteen Members of Parliament, four of them cabinet ministers, headed for Quebec City to mark the beginning of the Canadian Year of the Francophonie. The MPs, from all political parties, made the visit to show their attachment to the French language and culture, said Brome-Missisquoi MP Denis Paradis in a press release.

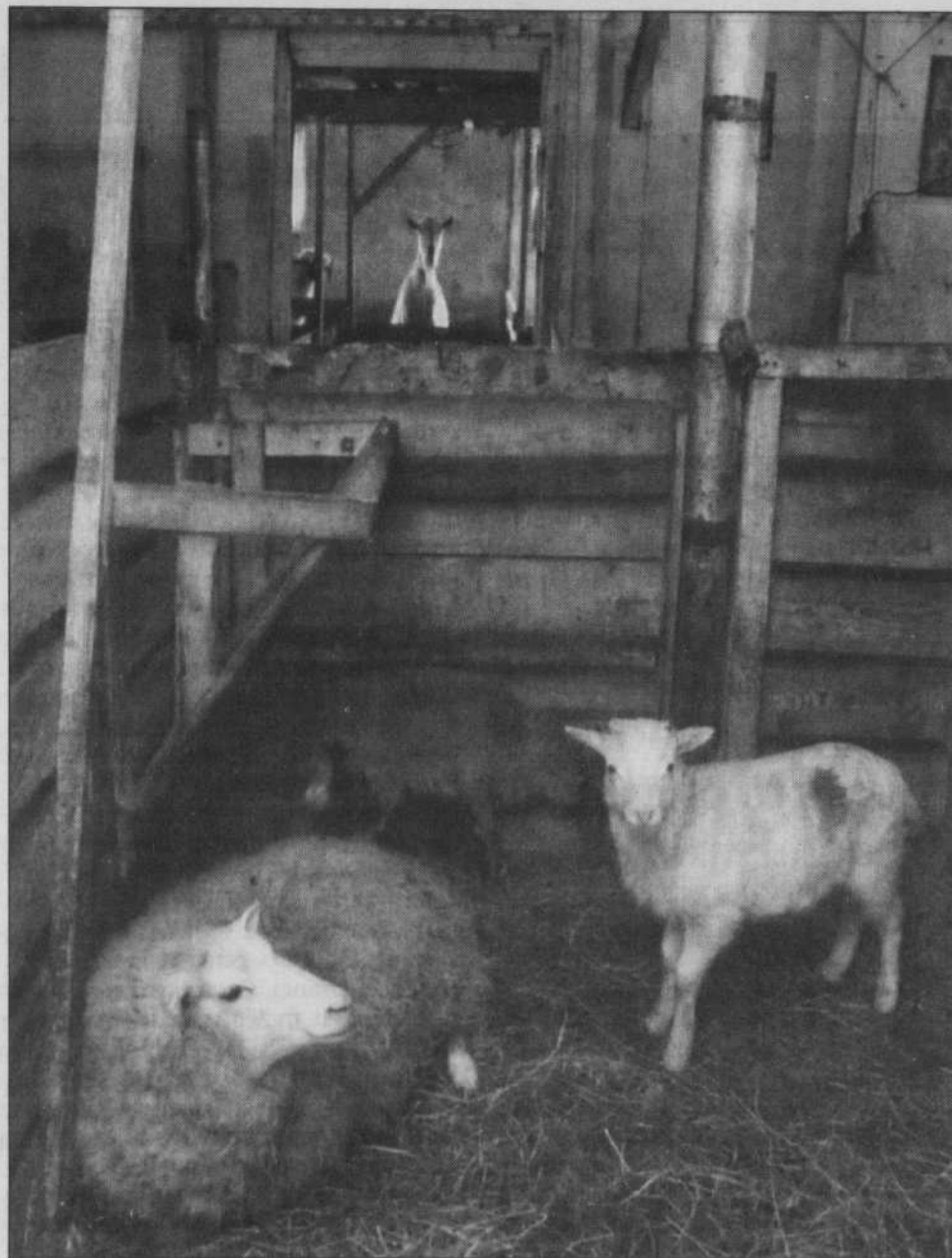
"Many citizens don't realize that many federal MPs are francophones that live outside Quebec," said Paradis. "We are profiting from the

launch of the Canadian Year of the Francophonie to bring this reality to light. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss with our National Assembly colleagues the francophone fact of the country."

Meanwhile, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion said Wednesday Bouchard should calm down. This in reaction to Bouchard's comments in Paris on Tuesday that Quebecers are not well represented by the federal government in cultural matters.

"The federal government has never defended Quebec culture," Bouchard said in Paris Tuesday. "It does not recognize Quebec culture."

Dion told reporters Wednesday that between 30 and 50 per cent of the federal culture budget goes towards French language and Quebec cultural programs.



CATHY GIBSON



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Refuge:

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Goudreau says they ran the refuge together until May 1997 when her husband passed away. Goudreau says without her husband's help, she had to quit her job as a cafeteria worker to care for the animals full-time. Just as she was adjusting to this new routine, disaster struck again - this time fire destroyed her home and five of the animals who lived with her, including a porcupine, a parrot, dogs and cats. Heartbroken again, Goudreau says she began the long and difficult task

of rebuilding. Refuge Mimo has been closed to the public ever since.

Goudreau is finally ready to reopen the farm to visitors this spring. She says she hopes to use the \$2 admission charge to help offset the thousands of dollars it costs to run the refuge.

"I pay for everything out of my own pocket, the admission cost has never completely covered it," she said. "Sometimes people donate food or supplies but not very often, so I must pay."

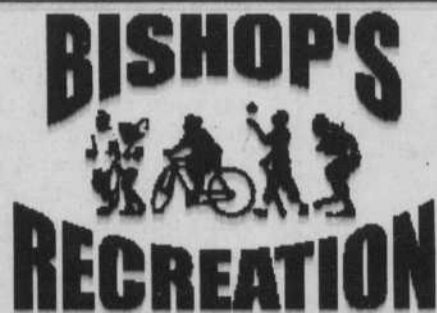
"This is an important thing, to have places like this, to save the animals," she said. "An animal's life is a life nonetheless."

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Laurin's legacy

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Everybody knows it would be hard to sell a case against this custom, but do we have to atone for any unkind thoughts we ever entertained by fabricating fancies bordering on the insane? That's what I think is happening in the wake of Camille Laurin's passing. Believe it or not, some journalists are making out that the man everyone recognizes as the father of Quebec's Charter of the French Language, Bill 101, can be credited with saving Canada from Quebec secession.

In a nutshell, here's how they argue it. 'Bill 101 has made French-speaking Quebecers feel confident enough that their language and culture are secure within Canada that they no longer feel the need to vote for independence.'

It doesn't take a lot of scientific training to know that a theory is nothing more than theory until it has been tested in practice, so let's have a glance at the test results.

Bill 101 became Law 101 in 1977. In 1980, Quebecers voted in a referendum whether to grant or deny the Levesque government a mandate to attempt negotiations with the rest of Canada on granting this province independence and some sort of special relationship with what would be left of the country. They called it sovereignty-association. Forty percent of Quebecers said yes to the idea; 60 percent said no.

A la prochaine, said René Levesque. Until next time.

Next time came in 1995, but with a most important added ingredient.

This referendum didn't ask merely for a mandate to negotiate the best deal available, but to actually declare independence unilaterally if Canada balked at any of Quebec's demands. And, was

VIEWPOINT

DON HEALY

support for this much stronger demand lower than the forty percent for the 1980 version, as the theory suggests it should have been with Law 101 having had 18 years of making francophones more comfortable as Canadians? No it wasn't. Support for the Parizeau government's threat of exercising an act of revolution was within a hair's breadth of 50 percent. The movement had grown stronger by a quarter in 15 years - all of it under Bill 101.

So much for that theory! It's a good thing the proponents of it don't call themselves political scientists.

(And in between, of course, was another referendum begging for Quebecers' support for special status. In 1992, the Bourassa government refused to accept the 1990 loss of its first edition and begged us to back his government's demands for the Constitution of Canada to define Quebec as a distinct society. So did Ottawa and the governments of all the other provinces. It was only the people who were out of step. That notion, 15 years into Bill 101, got 45 percent of Quebecers' votes - up from 1980 enough to spur nationalists on, apparently, but below the growth rate measured three years later.)

So that's how I see it. The longer Camille Laurin's Bill 101 is in place, the more support Quebecers grant their governments for their isolation from fellow Canadians. This doesn't prove that Laurin's legacy hasn't peaked - that it won't carry the movement farther - but to suggest that it might save Canada is an indulgence best left unlabeled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gary Richards doesn't speak for us

DEAR EDITOR,

Regarding Gary Richards and the "The Townships Association" his recent statements leave me wondering just who's rights he and the association are supposed to be protecting.

He does not speak for this household, so "5996."

PHYLLIS GAYLOR
Waterloo

English minority needs to organize and galvanize

DEAR EDITOR,

English Quebec needs support

For 30 years the principal grievance of the Quebec nationalist has in fact been that they have no substantial grievance. No minority in the history of the world has been so generously accommodated. Their ambition of a country of their own is total myth-making and should no longer be accepted. English-speaking Quebec has been subjected to a shocking sequence of provocations. Are you aware that Quebec's Bills 101 and 178 were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Canada and condemned by the United Nations Human Rights Commission? Freedom of expression was defined by Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt as among the ideals to be secured by the successful prosecution of W.W.II. As far as I, and surely all Canadians are concerned, that goal is not compatible with the Quebec's language legislators and language police. The durable status of French in Quebec or elsewhere cannot be strengthened by a sadistic bureaucratic assault upon English, which is the most important language in the world and the language of more than 70 per cent of Canadians. After more than 130 years the French have not lost their language, the fact is that it has improved. The number of bilingual Canadians has been rising at the rate of more than 10 per cent annually and in 1995 had reached over 4 million. In that same year more than two million students outside Quebec were enrolled in French immersion and this has been increasing steadily. How does one deal with prejudices, ignorance and fear? We must not trust Canada's fate to politicians but rely on ourselves, that is why we must have activist with backbone that depend our

individual rights. In 1996, four women including myself, were invited to speak before a audience of 400 in Kitchener/Waterloo, accompanied by 14 others from this area, and this is what one of our members; Eva Scheib stated: "There is a lack of English signs in a supposedly bilingual hospital; curtailment of funding for students who wish to study in English at universities outside of Quebec; loss of faith in a free and non partisan election process owing to fraud and voting illegalities for the three last elections, and blame for the loss of the referendum on ethnic and money. Where do we go from here?" Where did we go since that statement in 1996, no where, she could say exactly the same words today.

These issues must be fought from the ground by individual Quebecers/Canadians. The separatist side is winning there and has been for many years, not because they make better arguments, but because it makes the only arguments. Canadians need to be mobilized and counter those arguments.

Lucien Bouchard is sitting on his perch like a hawk watching the Canadian landscape, waiting for something unexpected to happen so he can justify calling another referendum, we must challenge all of this political correctness, aggressively and relentlessly, which means courageously. When the expected responses come back outraged - they must be attacked more vigorously and shown for what they are. These are the extremist, which is certainly not all French Quebecers including my French mother. The separatists have to be put on the defensive. Person by person the moderates have to be convinced that Canada is a great country now; not what it could be. No promises, no compromises, no excuses, and no apologies for the past. People respect feistiness and detest cowards, especially in Quebec. The Bertrands, Johnsons, and Galganovs' may be crude at times, but at least they have the courage to act in the best interest of all Canadians. We need dispersed effort everywhere, charged by a feisty leadership. There is another referendum around the corner. Enormous amounts of energy could be released, if only it was galvanized.

Speaking as an English-Quebecer who was born in Quebec I have always enjoyed such a rich, varied and creative culture. I have never known anything but a Francophone majority or a Franchophone leader, so to think their language and culture is in danger is just another myth.

RUTH L. MCKEAGE
Lennoxville

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Farnham schools, CLSC declare war on head lice

Farnham elementary not badly hit - Wilson

By Maurice Crossfield

The CLSC La Pommeraiie has joined forces with schools in the Farnham area to combat a virtual epidemic of head lice.

On Monday a large scale operation will be carried out in which all of Farnham's 947 elementary school children will be literally gone over with a fine tooth comb. Those found to have head lice will be sent home for treatment by their parents.

That inspection will be followed by a second inspection on Wednesday. Once again, kids with lice will be sent home to be treated by their parents. When they return to school those children will be inspected again.

"They are relying firstly on the help of the parents, which is essential to put an end to the situation," said La Pommeraiie spokesman Jacques Jobin. "It is the parents who must carefully inspect their children's heads and provide the appropriate treatment if head lice are discovered."

Head lice are usually treated through the use of a special shampoo, purchased at a pharmacy. A second treatment is usually recommended a week later, to kill any nits that may remain. As well, parents are advised to wash bedding, hats and scarves that have been in contact with the child.

For those parents who are unable to afford the shampoo treatment, the CLSC has offered to help out.

Contacted Thursday, Farnham Elementary principal John Wilson said the English primary school hasn't been as severely hit by the lice outbreak as the larger French schools.

"We have had a number of cases reported," Wilson said. "But it is certainly not an infestation or epidemic."

Wilson said parents have been very good about reporting any lice finds. He said they are quick to phone the school, and to treat their children. With 67 students, the channels of communication are fairly open.

"Because of the size of the school it is a lot easier to keep a handle on something like that," he said. "The smaller the group the tighter the control."

However the problem is compounded by the students' activities outside the classroom. Activities like hockey, Scouts, Beavers or just playing with the kid next door add to the risk.

"There's going to be contact with people who may or may not have it," he said.

Wilson said the cold weather promotes situations where students may borrow each others' tuques and scarves. The head lice then spread easily from child to child.

In Farnham's French schools the head lice problem has been ongoing for much of the year. During the March break the three elementary schools were given a top-to-bottom disinfecting. But when the students came back, so did the head lice.

Wilson said in order for the assault on Farnham's head lice to be a success, all students must be checked. From there it is up to the parents to make sure their children are treated, and their surroundings disinfected.

"If they don't bother to do it it's going to come back," he said.

Anyone looking for information about head lice is asked to contact the Info-Santé CLSC line, which in Brome-Missisquoi can be reached at (450) 293-3622, or (450) 263-3622. The line is open 24 hours a day.

BRIEF

Police have description of gunman

Police have a description of the man who shot a Stanbridge East resident on Feb. 27.

On that night Danny Brown, 47, answered a knock at the door of his home. As he opened the door, a masked gunman shot him with a pistol at close range.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord said as Brown lay on the floor the gunman took off his mask. Brown got a good look at him and gave a description to police. The shooter is described as being between five-foot-eight and five-foot-ten. He was of medium build with a long face and shaved

or bald head. At the time of the shooting he had not shaved for a few days. His eyes are set close together.

From the description, police have put together a computer generated portrait of the gunman.

Following the shooting Brown, who lives alone, drove to his parents house for help. He was taken to hospital where the bullet lodged near his spine was removed. He is now recovering from his wound.

Dubord said Brown told police he had no idea who the shooter is. The motive for the shooting is also still unknown to police.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the QPF at (450) 266-1122, or 1-800-461-2131.

March 21, 1999

International Day
against
Racial Discrimination

The government of Québec is making ongoing efforts to promote human rights and combat discrimination in all forms. The Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms testifies to its commitment in this regard.

Section 10 of the Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms guarantees all persons the right to full and equal recognition of their human rights and freedoms, "without distinction, exclusion or preference based on race, colour, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, civil status, age except as provided by law, religion, political convictions, language, ethnic or national origin, social condition, a handicap or the use of any means to palliate a handicap. Discrimination exists where such a distinction, exclusion or preference has the effect of nullifying or impairing such right."

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was established by the United Nations in 1966.

Québec

Public company Eaton's posts \$72-million loss

More stores may close

By Zena Olijnyk
SUN MEDIA

T Eaton Co. Ltd. reported what one analyst called "terrible" results in its first year as a public company, with the once-invincible retailer posting a \$72-million loss on weak sales.

Eaton's chief executive Brent Ballantyne also admitted to analysts in a conference call that, while store closures aren't being contemplated at this point, the company "might have to revisit" the issue in coming months as it tries to further cut costs.

There are leases for about 10 locations that could be exited, company officials said. "We may have to exit some of those stores, but we haven't made those decisions yet," he said.

"The numbers released are absolutely terrible," said Jamie Spreng, a retail analyst with Groome Capital Corp. in Montreal. Sales for the year ended Jan. 30, which had 52 weeks, were just over \$1.6-billion, about \$90-million less than 1997, which was 53 weeks long. Spreng noted they might have been even lower had the chain not engaged in major clearance sales that at least brought people into stores for the huge discounts. When Eaton's first went public in June, the 130-year-old chain forecast a \$58-million profit for 1998. It has downgraded that forecast four times, in December predicting a \$29-million loss. Analysts surveyed by First Call Corp. expected Eaton's to post 1998 losses of about \$40-million. But Mr. Ballantyne said in an interview he was pleased that the company has been able to improve its losses over 1997, a year in which the

firm filed for bankruptcy protection and underwent a major restructuring.

"We are confident that our plan will be successful," he said. Included in the year-end loss for 1998 was an inventory write-down of \$28-million, with \$18-million of that reflecting the discounting the chain felt it needed to get rid of winter merchandise. The other \$10-million was to cover higher than expected "shrinkage" in inventory, a term that encompasses loss or theft of merchandise.

In January, Eaton's closed its stores for two hours on a Monday to take a careful inventory count. "What worries me is that Eaton's looks as if it has its inventory out of control," said Maureen Atkinson, retail consultant with J.C. Williams Group in Toronto. "People must be walking out of the store with stuff on their backs," said another industry source, who did not want to be named.

Eaton's has indicated it will be beefing up anti-theft programs to deal with the problem. The company also said it will take a charge of \$12.8-million, with \$10.7-million of that related to a decision in February to eliminate 270 jobs. This follows a \$25-million charge earlier in the year for cutting staff and exiting categories such as "hard goods" and electronics to concentrate on fashions and "soft goods."

In these priority categories, same-store sales increased by \$145-million, or 13.1 per cent, while those in the discontinued categories dropped by \$138-million, or 28 per cent.

For the all-important fourth quarter, which had 12 weeks and included Christmas, Eaton's had a net loss of \$17.9-million, compared to a net loss of \$48.5-million the same quarter of 1997. Sales were \$477-million, down from \$557.4-million for the year-earlier period, which had 13

weeks. Same store sales dropped 7.9 per cent, while those in the priority fashion categories increased 7 per cent.

"We were disappointed in our 1998 financial results, in particular the lower than expected sales and inventory write downs," said Ballantyne.

Eaton's chief financial officer, Hap Stephen, pointed out the company's balance sheet at the end of the year was in relatively good shape, with working capital of \$98-million compared to \$11-mil-

lion the same time last year. The company has been the subject of takeover rumors, with some suggesting that a U.S. player, such as Federated Department Stores Inc., will carve up the chain, along with some Canadian players such as Sears Canada Inc. and Hudson's Bay Co.

"In some ways, the results aren't as bad as some had feared, so the company could still be seen as an attractive takeover candidate," said Philip Benson, analyst with MMI Group.

Convicted Senators return to upper chamber

By Mark Dunn
SUN MEDIA
OTTAWA

A day after being sentenced to jail and led away in handcuffs, Tory Senator Eric Berntson returned to the bosom of the Senate Wednesday.

Fellow convicted Tory Senator Michel Cogger also stopped by and broke his personal one-year record for absenteeism in the chamber.

Berntson left the Senate through the main door with a security guard and was led to his office. While Liberal Senator Shirley Maheu worked on a newspaper crossword in one corner of the chamber and a frail Liberal Senator Jean Robert Gauthier was assisted to his seat by a page, Cogger and Berntson sat in another corner separated by a desk.

Neither man spoke an official word during Wednesday's sitting as the Senate debated everything from seal culls and snow geese to Sea King helicopters.

Several senators slapped Berntson's shoulder or shook his hand while Cogger sat through much of the sitting slouched with his face resting on his hand. At one point, Cogger got up and chatted with Berntson.

Senate officials say nothing will be done to remove the pair until all appeals are exhausted. That means both

can collect their \$65,000 salaries, \$10,000 tax-free allowances, \$9,000 housing allowances and free business class trips on planes and trains.

"We all agreed that we should not intervene as long as the Court of Appeal has not ruled on both cases," said Tory Senator Gerald Beaudoin.

"The Senate will act properly if the final convictions stick. That will be the moment the Senate must take its position. God, we're not in Nazi Germany in 1933," said Liberal Senator Ray Perreault.

Reform Leader Preston Manning, meanwhile, was down the hall calling for their heads.

"We think the Senate should take some kind of action to indicate its displeasure with their conduct ... whether its censure or suspension," Manning said.

Tory Leader Joe Clark took a softer line and said both senators should be able to collect their Senate pay stubs and continue working until all appeals are exhausted.

Berntson, who Tuesday was sentenced to one year in jail for fraud in a Saskatchewan corruption scandal, said he would resign if he loses an appeal.

Cogger, appointed in 1986 by Brian Mulroney, was fined \$3,000 last summer for influence peddling and given 120 hours of community service.

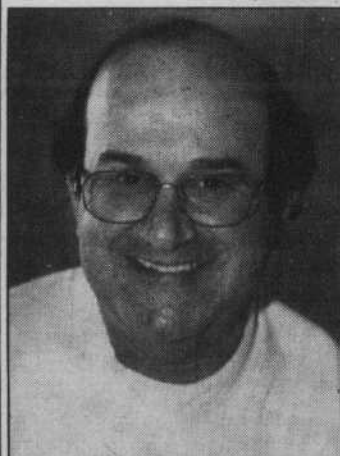


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7th Annual Owl's Head Challenge on Saturday

To benefit BMP Hospital

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
OWL'S HEAD

The folks at the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation are hoping to see a mountainful of skiers and snowboarders participate in the 7th Annual Owl's Head Challenge this Saturday, March 20.

All ages and all abilities - from amateur to professional - are welcome. The event is billed as an opportunity for everyone to have a good time as well as participate in an important fund-raiser. All proceeds go to the BMP Hospital for the purchase of much-needed medical equip-

ment.

Thanks to the generosity of Fred and Lillian Korman, a variety of benevolent sponsors and crowds of enthusiastic participants, former Challenges have amassed nearly \$50,000.

Organizers are hoping that this year's efforts will see this figure climb to \$60,000.

Registration takes place at the Owl's Head Ski Centre until 9 a.m. on the day of the event. The \$40 tax-deductible entry fee includes lift ticket, door prizes and barbecue lunch.

A giant slalom, open to all, starts at 10 a.m.

For further information, call (450) 292-3342 or 1-800-363-3342, or visit the Owl's Head Web site at www.owlshead.com

Champlain Regional College to host symposium on Middle East issues

On Thursday, March 25, Champlain Regional College's International Studies department will host what has become an annual event at the college, its International Symposium.

This year the focus of the one-day conference will be "The Middle East - Conflict and Cooperation."

Speakers will discuss specific topics such as the past and future of Lebanon, how to encourage dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian civil societies and myths about Islamic women.

The conference will also include an overview presentation giving a regional perspective and a panel discussion (including all speakers) on future prospects for conflict and cooperation in the region.

Talks are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m. The symposium is free and open to the public. All are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Rudy Nassar at 564-3666, ext. 628, or Mary Purkey at 564-3666, ext. 621.

Submitted by Champlain College

Tribute To A Friend



Everyone has at least one ray of sunshine in their lives. Mine was extinguished on Jan. 19, 1999. My little friend, Spring, was the most loving and caring little dog you could ever hope to find. He has meant the world to me for almost 16 years. I got him when he was eight weeks old. He was my dog and mine alone. When I wasn't here with him he'd pretend to be whoever else's dog that was here, but as soon as I got home they were soon forgotten. He had been very sick for quite a while and was living on pills and the sheer will to live. But when he came to me and laid his head on my arm, I could see he knew it was time to leave. He has been cremated and now returned to me so I can keep him near at all times. So please, whomever has pets, please love them as much as you can because they sure give you their love. I had Spring's unconditional love for nearly 16 years. So although one ray of my sunshine is gone I have many left in family and friends - especially my almost two-year-old grandson Jacob whom I love very much and will need to see often to fill the emptiness in my life from losing Spring.

Photo and text submitted by Joyce Coupland, Fulford

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Our School's Page

POPE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY



A flurry of activity at Pope Memorial

BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Pope Memorial Elementary School Level 5-6 basketball teams competed well in two tournaments, the last one being the Galt Small Schools Tournament on Friday, Feb. 12.

One game was won and the team remained competitive, giving the other teams a challenge in the last two games.

The boys team members were Shawn C., Steve C., Joshua S., Chris G., Robert J., Michael M., Charles G-J., Maxim D., Thomas C., Daniel C., Bradley W., Anthony A. and Nathan S. The girls team members were Katrina C., Olivia S., Anne-Marie B., Jennie C., Cassandra B., Kaja V.H., Amanda C.C. and Vanessa C. We congratulate them

on games well played.

JOIN THE CLUB

The teachers at Pope Memorial host a series of clubs for interested students at noon hours. This year there will be Drawing, Scrabble, Calligraphy, Sign Language, 'Science is Fun' and Reading to choose from.

Students from all levels will be competing in a Drawing Contest hosted by the Caisse Populaire and organized for our school by Mr. Rodrigue. A prize is given to each classroom for participation, as well as the prizes for best picture.

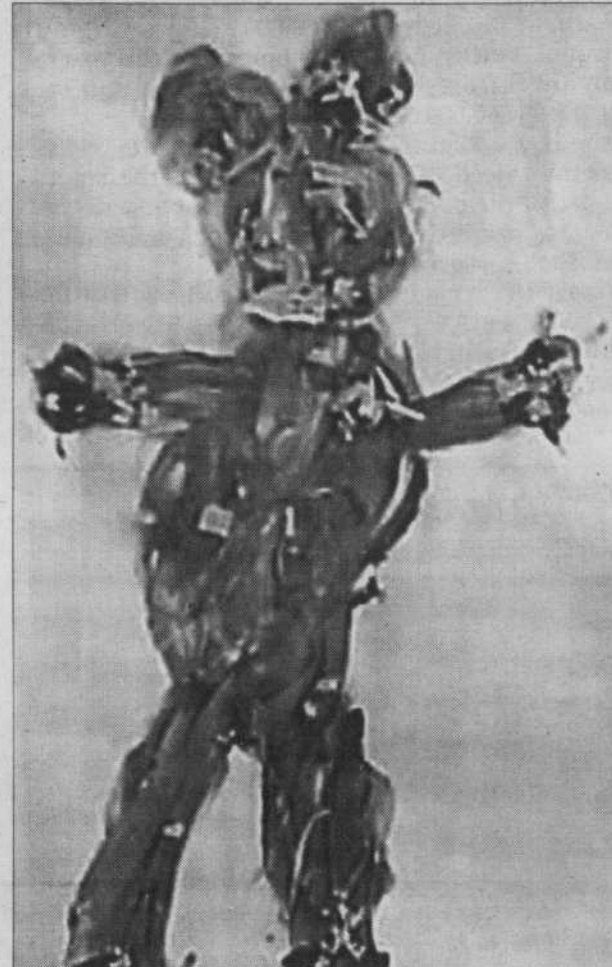
PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Parents' Support Group held a Sock Hop on Feb. 26. Parents volunteered to help supervise the children and sell popcorn and soft drinks. The dance was well attended and the children seemed to enjoy it very much.

The Parents' Support Group will be holding a St. Patrick's Day 500 Card Party on March 19 at the Town Hall in Bury at 7 p.m. to raise money for the music and swim programs. Sandwiches and squares will be served and there will be door prizes. Admission is \$4. Everyone is welcome.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Parents brought in baked



SNOWMAN

Round, Fat, Happy,
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By Kevin C., Level 2

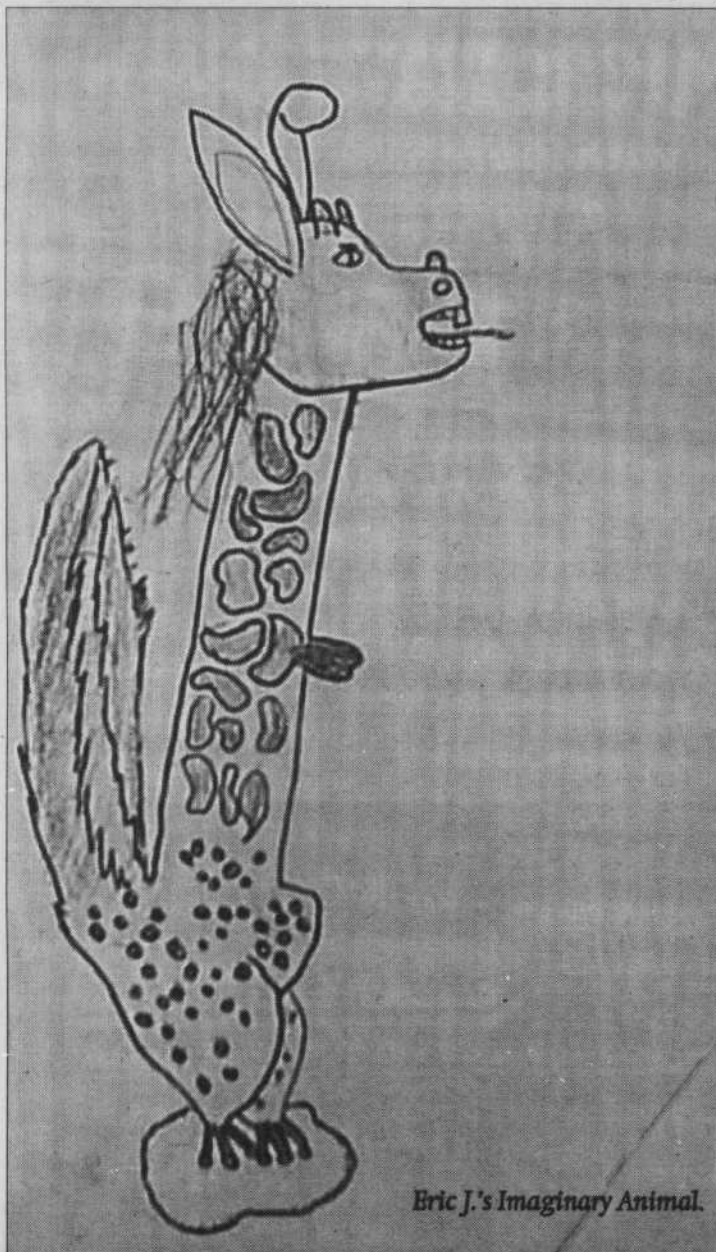
IMAGINARY ANIMAL

This animal is one of a kind, it is a mixture of different creatures of the world, so listen carefully and try to imagine it. The head has a hare's ears, a lion's mane, a cow's horns, a mule's teeth, a rhino's horn on the nose and an anteater's tongue.

The rest of the body has a kangaroo's pouch and legs, a skunk's bushy tail with the design of the skunk on it, a poison arrow frog's feet, a wolverine's spray and last, but not least, a cheetah's design.

If you have imagined this you may turn the page.

By Eric J.



Eric J.'s Imaginary Animal.

goods and fruit during Teacher Appreciation Week much to the delight of the teachers. Also, a "crown" was presented to each teacher to wear during class time! The teachers were also presented with a lovely scroll expressing gratitude for their work with the children. The teachers wish to thank all those involved.

CLASS PLAY

Mme. Castonguay's Kindergarten class has been working on "Boucle d'Or et les Trois Ours" (Goldilocks and the Three Bears) and have painted some pictures of one of the bears (on this page).



Showdown in Halifax

Gaiters begin defence of national title

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
HALIFAX

The defending National Champion Bishop's Gaiters put their title on the line this afternoon when the Quebec champs meet the Brandon Bobcats, perennial winners of the Great Plains Conference.

The two powerhouses open the eight-team tournament with a 3 p.m. (AST) contest in the Halifax Metro Centre. While the Metro Centre is considered a neutral site, the Gaiters will have the support of more than 500 fans.

Bishop's coach Eddie Pomykala knows his veteran squad is going to need all the support it can garner against the explosive Bobcats.

"This is a team that will put us to the test right away," Pomykala said. "We are playing against one of the most athletic teams in Canada. A team that is capable of putting a lot of points on the scoreboard in a hurry.

The two teams met once before, early this year, when the Bobcats downed Bishop's to take third place in the Rod Shoveller Tournament. In that contest the Gaiters led 33-32 at halftime, but fell victim to the Bobcats pressure defence in the second half.

"The key to the Brandon game will be out ability to handle their full-court pressure," Pomykala said. "We must attack the pressure aggressively. We can't be content to just get the ball over the 10 second line, we must score against the pressure. If we can do that we have an excellent opportunity to win the game."

The Gaiters are expected to practice

in the Metro Centre and then attend the All-Canadian Ceremonies Thursday night. As has been the custom in the last nine years, the fifth-ranked Gaiters failed to have a player named to either the first or second All-Canadian Team.

"We are used to the fact that because of split votes between Ryan Thorne and Rob Burns neither player gets selected for an award that both deserve. It is unfortunate because I knew the players and the coaches would like to be able point with pride to a teammate who is an All-Canadian. Certainly both Ryan and Rob have had All-Canadian years and deserved to be recognized as such. But when you have two great players like Ryan and Rob on the same team they split the votes."

Concordia's Jay Prosper, the league's Most Valuable Player was named a CIAU second-team All-Canadian, the only Quebec player honoured this year.

Thorne and Burns finished second and third in the voting for MVP and league all-stars among conference coaches. The last time a Bishop's player was named to the All-Canadian team was in 1989 when guard David King was named to the second team.

Pomykala said individual awards are encouraging but all Gaiters know the best award is the national title.

"We proved last season that you can be shut out of the individual awards and recognition and still win the championship. Our players have committed themselves to the team and have made personal sacrifices for the sake of the team."

For those fans stuck in Lennoxville, you can listen to the game on CJMQ 88.9FM or via the Internet's RealAudio. The key word is www.ubishops.ca

IOC pounds athletes' OATH

By Steve Buffery
SUN MEDIA
LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

Dick Pound and Mark Tewksbury are both former Canadian swim team stars.

But if they were thrown into the same pool today, one gets the impression they would try to drown each other.

Pound went out of his way yesterday in an attempt to torpedo Tewksbury's new athletes' advocacy group - Olympic Advocates Together Honourably.

Pound described OATH's unveiling on Tuesday as a major "belly flop." Certainly not the support Tewksbury was hoping for from Canada's top representative at the IOC.

Pound questioned whether OATH speaks for athletes, as Tewksbury said it will.

The IOC vice-president also expressed dismay that he wasn't consulted prior to OATH's unveiling.

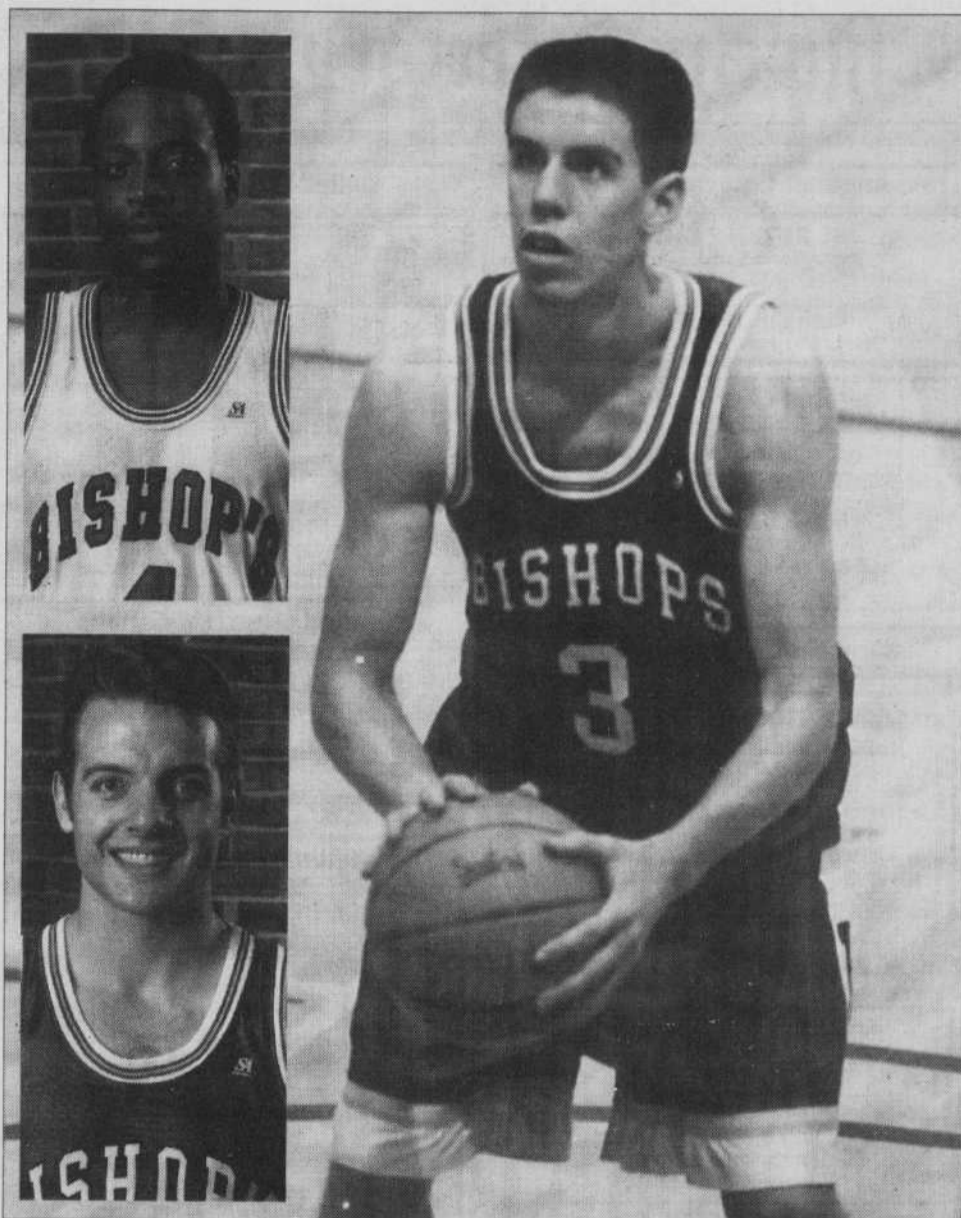
"It does seem to me a rather strange way to try and attract attention," said Pound, of the OATH media conference

held at the five-star Hotel Beau Rivage.

"And I'm not sure of the role of the commercial enterprise that seems to be bankrolling (it)." OATH's seed money and the cost of sending its founders to Lausanne, was provided by Aurora-based Magna International Inc., Canada's largest independent auto parts producer. Pound hinted that OATH, which is intended to be an independent watchdog of the IOC, is already answering to a higher power.

Tewksbury's group, which includes former Canadian Olympians Anne Peel (race walking) and Susan Auch (speed skating), believes athletes are not properly represented by the IOC athletes' commission. OATH also feels the IOC does not spend enough on the stars of their show.

Pound brushed such arguments aside, suggesting that OATH is less democratic and more exclusive than the IOC athletes' commission. Canada's Charmaine Crooks was elected by fellow athletes to the IOC commission at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.



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Ryan Thorne, (inset, top left) and Rob Burns, (inset), finished two-three in voting for MVP. The pair, along with Joel Sherbino, will play an integral role for the Gaiters this weekend.

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Church Directory

Anglican Church of Canada

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
355 Dufferin Street, Sherbrooke
(819) 564-0279
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Patricia Peacock

Anglican Church of Canada

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
LENNOXVILLE
84 Queen St.
Rector: Rev. Keith Dickerson
Sunday
8 & 10 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday School

Assemblies of Christian Brethren

Grace Chapel

267 Montreal St., Sherbrooke
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9:30 a.m. The Lord's Supper
11:00 a.m. Speaker: Mark Strout
Sunday School & Nursery
WEDNESDAY
2:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study

A warm welcome extended to all

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Sunday Lent 5
10:30 a.m. Worship
Sunday School & Nursery
Lunch & Lenten Video after Worship

United Church of Canada

LENNOXVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Corner of Queen and Church St.



Minister: Rev. Jim Potter
Organist: Maryse Simard

Sunday
10:00 a.m.: Worship and Sunday School

Presbyterian Church in Canada

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Organist: Anthony Davidson



Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
Guest speaker: Mr. Steve Walker
Message:
"Is the impossible really impossible?"

Advance Notice
Sunday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday Hymn Sing
A cordial welcome to all

after them. Know in advance that all existing obstacles can be overcome through direction and perseverance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your logical reasoning, coupled with experience makes you better equipped than you may realize to handle complicated, serious developments today. You'll do well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Not expecting something for nothing and assessing situations realistically is always the best way to handle developments. Today this will be especially true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Persons who know how to weigh and balance things in a judicial manner will prove to be your best companions today, while those who have self-serving attitudes will turn you off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Enormous gratification can be derived today from taking on and completing tasks others find too difficult. Don't let their fears influence your abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where your sweetheart is concerned, keep in mind that actions speak louder than words. Let your gestures express your affection today, not empty promises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Those who'll be the most important to you today will be your family. You'll demonstrate this by exerting conscientious efforts to

contribute to their security and well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't hesitate to express your views frankly today, because you'll know how to say what needs to be said in a most humane and kind fashion. Associates will respect you for that.

Saturday, March 20, 1999

Achieving your goals could be closer at hand than you think, so don't abandon your game plan in the year ahead. You'll build the momentum you need to get things going with time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your vivid imagination could visualize roadblocks looming bigger than life today, causing you to be defeated before you even begin. Turn this around with positive thinking. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Play it cool and carefully today if you believe someone is getting the attention you deserve. To do otherwise could cause you to look like an offender.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is nothing wrong in being ambitious and diligent, but unless you soft-pedal your aggressiveness today, people could be inclined to view you as self-serving.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're too reticent or reserved about your abilities, you could allow someone with lesser skills to dominate your life today. Humility can be carried to extremes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unfortunately, you're not in the mood to be rebuffed today, so instead of risking being unable to strike a responsive chord with others, don't present your ideas in the first place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be especially careful how you present yourself to others today. If you come off as egoistical, haughty or sour in any fashion, people whose support you've been counting on could be withdrawn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although you might have planned on getting a lot of tasks out of the way today, if you find yourself slightly clumsy, put them off until another day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be inclined to take a flyer from time to time on speculative things, but this may not be the day to do so, especially on something you know little about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should minor domestic issues erupt today, smooth it over by making concessions. It's far easier to give a little now than trying to make big amends later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The boomerang effect could be operative today, so mind how you treat others. If you try to boss them around, look for authority figures to nail you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't take it out on others if you find yourself broke today. In reality it probably is due to the fact that you forsook your budget previously and now you're paying the price.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Things could go from bad to worse in the home-front today if you don't resolve domestic

squabbles immediately as they arise. Abandon stubbornness about forgiving those you love.

Sunday, March 21, 1999

In the year ahead, extremely rewarding events could occur through dealings you'll have with large, commercial organizations. The ability to penetrate these industries might come through a friend opening doors for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If there is something meaningful you need to accomplish today, don't delegate the job to anyone else. You're the one who will get it done right. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be too proud to accept a favor today. Besides friends need opportunities to repay you for past favors you may have done for them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The secret to getting what you want today is to first focus on what you can give to others. Things have a way of falling into place when we don't concentrate on ourselves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you may be the primary reason why something important is pulled off today, let companions who only have a small hand in the effort share the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although you'll especially enjoy competitive involvements with friends today, keep everything in a light vein. Don't take yourself too seriously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to achieve a specific objective today, you might have to be brave enough to take the bold measures called for to pull it off. You'll be up to the task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Negotiations that you enter into today should work out as well as all parties involved anticipate. Shake hands on agreements as soon as they are reached.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your day will lack fulfillment today if you do things that don't give you feelings of being industrious and productive. Formulate purpose and direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today is supposed to be a day of rest, so do something you find enjoyable and relaxing. You'll discover you will be able to complete jobs more efficiently tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Help others without being asked today, even if it may be a little inconvenient at the time. By doing so for them, it will make you feel good about yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something important you're contemplating might actually come about today through someone you know on a purely social basis. She or he will be the person you need to swing it into action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Through an arrangement you make today with someone you have strong emotional ties with, something fortunate materially might happen for you. You'll make a profitable combination.

Your Birthday

Friday, March 19, 1999

You might be numbered among the fortunate Pisceans in the year ahead who could finally receive rewards for projects or ventures they had written off. Present your wares again.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's not likely that you'll ask for more than you deserve today, but chances are you won't accept less either. Because of your realistic attitude, things should work out well for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No one is going to hand you anything on a silver platter today, but their support can be garnered if what you're involved in is worthy. Speak up when you require their backing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If it becomes necessary, don't hesitate a minute to make a small sacrifice to help improve the position of another. This will not go unnoticed, nor unrewarded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Communication could be the key to your success today. Good networking, contacts, presentation and showing consideration to others might all play a role in what you achieve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Have specific objectives in mind today and diligently go

Births

ST. AMOUR - Teddy and Shirley St. Amour are happy to announce the safe arrival of their first grandson, O'Neil Michael Robert, born Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 8:49 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz., 22 inches in length. Son of Paul St. Amour and Marika Lamarche of Sutton. Third grandson for Pierre and Micheline Lamarche of Otterburn Park, Quebec. Fourth great-grandson for Jeanette L'Heureux of Lachute. Third great-grandson for Helen Coates of Knowlton, fifth great-grandson for Charlotte and Lucien St. Amour of Sutton and the first great-grandson to carry the St. Amour name. Special thanks to Dr. Carol Baltazard and Dr. Denis Lesieur and the maternity staff at B.M.P. Hospital.

WHEELER - Jason and Maryse (Pariseau) are pleased to announce the birth of their precious son, Bradly Jason, on Sunday, March 14, 1999, at the CUSE Fleurimont, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. Bradly is a baby brother for Brent, a grandson for Gloria and Malcolm Wheeler, Ginette Leclerc and Richard Pariseau, and a great-grandson for Douglas Armstrong.

Cards of Thanks

LENNON-DILLON - I would like everyone to know that I have returned home after having spent the past three months in the hospital, after my fall. Thanks to all the doctors and nurses on the sixth floor neurology department of the CUSE Fleurimont Site. Thanks to all the doctors, nurses, and therapist of the third floor Argyle Pavillion. Also I wish to thank everyone who called, sent cards, visited and prayed for my recovery. Special thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Hopps, Mrs. Murdina Matthews, Mrs. Kay L'Esperance, and to the Sher-Lenn Fifty Plus Club for their steady support throughout my recovery. And also special mention to Jackie (the family dog) for visiting me in the Argyle Pavillion and being a companion since I have come home.

Sincerely,
ALICE LENNON-DILLON

MAILLOUX - I would like to thank everyone who supported me through one of the most difficult times of my life, the passing away of my friend and husband, Marcel Mailloux. To Faye Russel, no words can express my gratitude for what you did for Marcel. Thank you for being there for us. To all the people who sent cards, thank you, they were comforting. To all of you who sent food, it was very much appreciated. Thank you. To my neighbours who sent me a beautiful basket of flowers, thank you, I was really touched. To the ladies of the St. Pat's Society of Rose de Lima Church and Maureen, thank you for your time and generosity. I could not have done it without you.

LINDA CROGHAN MAILLOUX

Death

ARMSTRONG, Keith Frederick - At Sanborn Place, Ayer's Cliff, Que., Wednesday, March 17, 1999 in his 77th year. Predeceased by his wife, Myra (Crawford) Armstrong. He leaves to mourn his children, Sandra (Mike Whelan), Vancouver, B.C., Sharon (Robert St-Hilaire), Rock Island, Que., Barry (Rosmarie Joycey), Winnipeg, Man., Brian (Lucille Gauthier), Stanstead East, Que., Betty (Kevin Nolan), Ottawa, Ont., and Bonnie (Michael Kunst), Montreal, Que. Also brother Lorne (Pearl Patrick), Richmond, Que., sister Pearl (Harold Kydd, deceased), Richmond, Que., and predeceased by sister, Beatrice (Roy Blanchette, deceased). Along with grandchildren Lee, Nicole, Kim, Noelle, Anna, Kelly, Sean, Chris, Paige, Charles, Will, and great-grandson Shelby. Also, sisters-in-law Edith Clark and Beverly Lepitre, the many nieces and nephews, fellow Veterans and friends. There will be no visitation nor service and in lieu of flowers, a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

In Memoriam

BRYANT, Gordon and Kay - In loving memory of our dear parents and grandparents. Dad passed away on April 8, 1992 and Mom passed away on March 19, 1994. We often think of days gone by
When we were all together,
You left us with precious memories
That we will treasure forever.
Sadly missed but never forgotten.
LEE, GEORGE AND FAMILY

BRYANT, Kathleen (True) - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and friend who passed away five years ago, March 19.
Loving and kind in all her ways,
Upright and just to the end of her days,
Sincere and true, in her heart and mind,
Beautiful memories she left behind.
Always in our thoughts.
NANCY, ED
ALLAN & CHARLES
(grandchildren)

ROBINSON, Rita - In loving memory of a very dear companion who left us on March 19, 1998.
The Golden Gates stood open
One year ago today,
With farewells left unspoken
You sadly slipped away.
God knew that you were weary
The Hill too steep to climb,
He gently took your hand in His
And whispered, "Peace be Thine".
'Asleep in God's beautiful garden'.
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by
ALLAN

RUSSELL, Bernice - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away on March 21, 1984.
Life goes on and years have passed
But treasured memories always last.
Remembered by
KEITH, JOHN, SHANE and KATHLEEN
Sutton, Quebec

Deaths

CONNOLLY, Leonard - At the C.U.S.E. Bowen, Sherbrooke, on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. Leonard Connelly in his 74th year, beloved husband of Greta Parsons. Loving father of Marlene, Grace, Linda (Brian Maskell) and Christina. Dear brother of Paula Connolly, Claire Connolly (the late Marcel Connolly) and Noella Gauthier (the late Jean Connolly). Brother-in-law of Lucie Trudel (the late Bob Parsons), Maura Parsons (Yvon St-Laurent), Joyce Parsons (Yvon Flageol) and John Parsons (Nicole Roy). Also left to mourn are his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other friends and relatives. To respect the wishes of Mr. Connolly there will be no visitation. Funeral service will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Sherbrooke, on Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 1 p.m. Please note: The family will be at the church one hour before the service to meet family and friends. The family would like to thank all the personnel of the 5th floor at the C.U.S.E. Bowen for the professional care and compassion given to Mr. Connolly. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Quebec Lung Association, 4837 Boyer, Suite 100, Montreal, Que. H2J 3E6, would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel: 819-565-1155.

LAMBERT-SKERRY, Evelyn - At the Foyer Richmond, Evelyn Lambert-Skerry, in her 103rd year. Cherished mother of Dolores Brock and Shirley Snow. Dear sister of Drummond Lambert, Montcalm Lambert, Germaine Lambert, Bertha Pinard. Treasured aunt to several nephews and nieces. Loving grandmother of Eric Brock, Isobel Dybka, Joyce Cinnamon, Brian Brock; Michael, Lynn, Shawn, Sandra (Claus), Andrea and Todd Skerry. Adoring great-grandmother to several great-grandchildren. Family and friends will gather to say their final farewells on Mother's Day, May 9, 1999, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Monday, May 10, 1999 from 9 a.m. at the Houle & Frère Funeral Home, 6088 Main St., St-Félix de Kingsey, tel: 1-800-405-4777. A requiem high mass will be celebrated at St-Félix de Kingsey's church, St-Félix de Kingsey, at 11 a.m., Monday, May 10, 1999, with Rev. Yvon Coté and Yvan Lavigne, co-officiating. Burial in the Skerry family plot in St-Félix de Kingsey Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

GALLAGHER - The Gallagher family wish to thank all our relatives and friends for their kind visits to our mother while in hospital; for their acts of kindness after her death. Sincere thanks for masses, prayers, flowers, cards and donations to the Saint Patrick's Mission Circle. Special thanks to her good friend Freda, to the staff and residents of the London Residence and to the doctors and nurses on the fifth floor of site Bowen.
Her family,
ANNIE, ALPHEE,
REDMOND, LUCIENNE,
MARJORY and MARY


Deaths

MASON, Rodger - Accidentally at Iron Hill, on Wednesday, March 16, 1999, Rodger Mason in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Aurore Irene Lemaire. Dear father of George (Brenda Crack), Jean (Michael Lorish), Perry and Danny (Sheila Caw). Cherished grandfather of Becky, Matthew, Jacqueline, Phillip, Kyle, Emily, Keith, Heidi. His brothers and sisters, William, Alice and predeceased by Herbert, David and Cecil. Also survived by many nephews, nieces, other family members and friends. Visitation will be held at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Que. J2K 2N5, (450) 263-1212 on Thursday, March 18, 1999 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Friday, March 19, 1999 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Iron Hill on Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. The Rev. Serjeantson and Davidson officiating, followed by the interment at the Holy Trinity Cemetery in Iron Hill. Please take note: Saturday, day of the funeral, the funeral home will be opening at 1 p.m.

SAYERS, Wallace - At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Thursday, March 18, 1999, Wallace Sayers in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Liliane Hebert. Dear father of Gordon of Mansonville, Lynne (Madeleine) of Fulford, Leslie of West Brome, Brenda Demaique of Swanton, Vt., Sherron (Roger) of Bondville. Also left to mourn are seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his brother Rubin of Brigham, his sister Maimy of Bedford, many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and many friends. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 21, 1999 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que., tel: (450) 263-1212. Funeral service will be held on Monday, March 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. from the chapel. Interment will be held at Sweet Cemetery in West Brome. Please note: Monday, day of the funeral, the funeral home will be opening at noon.

Card of Thanks

BALL - A little late at expressing our sincere thanks to our children, our niece and nephew Garth and Irene Miles, friends Norm and Lenora Conway and a special thank you to Marg Sylvester for all her work. We would like to thank everyone who attended our 50th Anniversary Party. Thanks also for the cards, gifts, currency and flowers we received. We will always have wonderful memories.
ED & PEARL BALL



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Sinking deeper and deeper into despair

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 20 years. Our children are grown and out of the house. For the last 32 years, I have worked full time without a break. Part of my salary has gone to support my husband's ex-wife and his children. I have never complained.

Here's my dilemma. My job is extremely demanding and stressful. We also own two businesses, which my husband runs. I need a life. I want to garden, cook, take some classes, you name it. My husband and I agreed that when I reach age 50 (I am now 48), I would work part time so I could keep contributing to our retirement fund. Ann, we have plenty of money put away for retirement. We have no debts, own our home and have a vacation home as well.

I told my husband I want to quit NOW. I am stressed out and exhausted. I spend 10-hour days cooped up in an airless office with tinted windows. He wants me to hang in there because it's "only two more years." I can't bear the thought of it. He says I am being selfish.

The bottom line is I am burned out and depressed.

Every day, I feel myself sinking deeper and deeper into despair. If I quit my job, it might be the end of my marriage, but if I don't quit, it will be the end of me. Do you see a way out? — Dying Inside in the Midwest

Dear Midwest: Your letter is a cry for help if ever I heard one. That husband of yours sounds excessively demanding. You need some time off so you can calm your nerves and clear your head. See your doctor about an antidepressant or something to relieve your anxiety. If, after you have had a rest, you still want to quit working, do it. If your husband leaves you because of it, you haven't lost much.

Dear Ann Landers: I am sure you get many letters complaining about rude, crude and abusive sales clerks. I would like to say a word in their defense.

My job is to evaluate clerks. I have a long list of people I observe, interact with and rate according to 30 factors.

Ann Landers

They have no idea who I am. I've been doing this work for

five years and have visited more than 400 "installations," from small convenience stores to large department stores. I have demanded services to which I was not entitled and asked for "extras" the stores were under no obligation to provide. I have been deliberately antagonistic and sometimes downright nasty. I once tried to return an item that had been purchased at another store. The clerk took it and gave me a full credit. I have yet to find a sales clerk who was crude, rude or unpleasant.

When you get letters complaining about sales clerks, I would bet they are from people who have tried to return merchandise that has obviously been used or for which they have no receipt, or the customer insisted the clerk take a credit card that had expired or been maxed out. Please don't print my name or city, Ann. It is essential that my identity not be revealed. Sign me — Mystery

Shopper in the USA

Dear Mystery: It appears from your incognito research that the vast majority of sales clerks have the patience of Job. While a few may be surly and unpleasant, most people would agree with your assessment that sales clerks live by the motto "The customer is always right," even when he isn't.

Gem of the Day: Overheard on the bus: "My boyfriend designed a new car by taking the wheels from a Cadillac, the headlights from a Buick and the radiator from a Ford. Do you know what he wound up with? Twenty-two months in the state pen."

From The Pens of E. T. Writers

The Dream I Had

(For: M-H)

Awoke to the remembrance of a fine beautiful happy dream.

Sitting on couch somewhere idly waiting for you to

accompany me somewhere.

Waiting peacefully, content.

Suddenly you are there, your hand smoothly slips into mine.

The happiest I've felt - in dream and not - in a long time. Your sweet touch, free and mutually wanting what I wish for.

Upon awaking, sad - for I realize it was only a dream,

but happy because we held hands sitting on a couch in some dream land void reality.

J.C.J.
Sawyer ville

Sadness, laughter, and good fellowship end season

The winter season is over, President Don Loughheed opened the meeting by asking for a minute of silence in honour of another well respected ex-Secretary of the Club - Fred Hicks. Fred's dry humour and wit permeated the Club. A very active member of the Club and of the Community, Fred will be much missed. Who will start the spoon tapping? Who will fill in with a funny story when there is a lull in the meeting? Fred: Your example and your humour will be with us for a long time. God Bless You! Harry Brown asked the Blessing reminding us all to keep Fred's family in our prayers.

After supper Roger Tetreault and John Foster led a final sing-song, as usual they picked a real hand-clapper for the final gospel song. "In The Sweet Bye And Bye". Roger reminds us that our faith should be shared with joy and enthusiasm. Thanks Roger! Mac Jubly happily accepted \$61.00 as his share of the half and half. The sick committee advised that Gordon Bown is at Hotel Dieu Hospital, and that Angus McElrea has pneumonia.

Captain Robert Woollerton presented Tramper's pins: One-year pins to John Taylor, Burton McConnell and John Greer. Three-year pins to Lyal Robinson and Mac Jubly; six-year pins to R. Goodhue, and Alf Whittier; 10-year pins to Solon Barnes; 11-year pins to Don Loughheed and Ed Mills; 23-year pins to Bill Lyon; and a 31-year pin to Robert Woollerton. Congratulations Gents. We'll have to wait for next season to know who the winning card players are.

Secretary Cec read the minutes of the last regular meeting. They were approved on a motion by Denis Oakley,



seconded by Phil Kerwin. Carried. Cec then introduced a presentation to Red Party from the Executive and from BlueParty and Snowwalkers.

It had been felt that Red Party needed some rejuvenation. From the vast knowledge of these combined heads of Parties we donated to Red Party the following: Quail Eggs for enhanced libido, Geritol for increased energy, Quick Start for any prostate problems, Viagra for another type of problem, and many other thoughtful and useful gifts. Next year will surely see a restored and renewed Red Party! Bill Lyon then continued the duel of sagas between he and Alan Goodfellow. Something about \$20.00 of pills being sufficient as a year's supply when priced at \$10.00 per pill.

Hon. Treas. Phil Kerwin then presented Mr Rod McIver with a cheque to the Wales Home, in honour of Rollie Dewar, in the amount of \$ 585.00, the offering from 'Church at The Club'. This brings the total amount, gathered to date, to a little over \$1200.00. Any amount left over from the purchase of the 'Oxymeter', will go toward a wheelchair, of which there are never enough.

The election of officers was proposed by Pres. Don. Ken Porter and Jim Davidson acted as scrutineers. The results were unanimous. The executive for the Y2K year are: President: Ron Smith, 1st Vice: Denis Oakley, 2nd Vice: John Fos-

ter, Asst. 2nd Vice: 'Gus' Kermudgy. Others to be reported later. Ernie Kimmis sent best wishes to the Club and Dr. Fulop, of the Geriatric Institute, profoundly thanked volunteers who had given blood for a special experiment requiring never smoked, never had cancer and be over 65.

Denis Oakley then introduced Mr. Bill Stevens and Mr. Ron Moulard, of Dyson and Armstrong. Mr. Stevens spoke on the pros and cons of leasing versus buying a new car. Aply assisted by Ron Moulard they gave many concrete examples and typical price ranges on this complicated subject. They pointed out the most advantageous deals, and indicated the disadvantages of one vs. the other. All in all a most informative discussion where questions from the floor were welcomed and profitably answered. Grant Taylor won a free oil change, then Ron Smith thanked the speakers.

We adjourned to the big hall to join hands and sing Auld Lang Syne. Pres. Don Loughheed then thanked everyone for their participation and help during the year, and wished best of luck to the new executive. The meeting adjourned at 8:59. Members left for a final game of cards or to ask further questions of the speakers.

This scribe thanks all those Record readers who have followed the exploits of the Club throughout the year. I especially thank all of you who have stopped me to say you enjoy our shenanigans. See you next year. God willing.

Respectfully Submitted
Hon. Secretary Cec Blenkhorn.

Birchton Muriel Prescott

The people of Birchton would like to express their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton King and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson.

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Muriel Prescott to help her celebrate her 85th birthday. Hazel Rogers, president of the local UCW, presented Muriel with a lovely corsage. On arrival guests enjoyed a glass of punch. The afternoon was spent socializing. A delicious lunch of sandwiches and birthday cake was served. Muriel was the recipient of a bouquet of balloons, flowers, fruit basket, gifts, cards and many phone calls.

Bain and Darlene Rogers entertained Arthur and Hazel Rogers at their home on Riverview Road in Lennoxville to help Arthur celebrate his birthday.

A group of adults and young people from here attended the World Day of Prayer in Bulwer on March 5 and several from here participated in the service. There was a good attendance.

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: V equals P

'XLX OHC ZEZU NZZT TLAZ KFZ
GFHTZ GHUTX GBY B KCPZXH
BSX OHC GZUZ B VBLU HN
IUHGS YFHZY?' - JZHUJZ JHIZT

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I don't fear death ... when I start to think about it, I order a massage and it goes away." - Hedy Lamarr
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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals C

'RNHNBM RAAEJPL EM HZP
PRAFD BXAMEMU, TNH LYAEMU
RH HZP OFXLP XI R CEMHPA
KRD.' - PFEGRTPHZ TXCPM

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Did you ever feel like the whole world was a t and you were a pair of brown shoes?" - George Gobel
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North 03-19-99
 ♠ A K 10 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J 9 8 7 6 3

West East
 ♠ 9 8 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ J 9 7 3 2 ♥ A Q 8 6 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 4 2 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ --- ♣ Q 10 2

South
 ♠ Q J 7 6 4
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ A K 5 4

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥
4 NT	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

Friday, March 19, 1999

Fact, not fiction

By Phillip Alder

Let's end the week with two deals from real life featuring suit combinations. How would you play today's club suit for no loser?

The declarer was Patrick Huang, from Taiwan. He is the top-ranked player from that part of the Pacific Rim, having first represented his country in the Open Teams at the Far East Championships when only 15 years old.

The bidding was wild, as it often is at the tournament level these days, especially when the weaker side has a big fit and is nonvulnerable. Still, the final contract was excellent.

After taking dummy's heart king

with his ace, East switched to the diamond three: ace, 10, six. Huang drew trumps, then took his other diamond tricks, West playing the two and four, East the five and jack.

The auction suggested that the hearts were splitting 5-5: East needed five for his overcall, and West wouldn't have gone to the five-level without five-card support. Still, how could West, a passed hand, justify bidding five hearts? He had to have a distributional hand. Perhaps the diamonds were 6-3, as the carding suggested. If so, West started with 2-5-6-0 distribution.

In isolation, it is best to start with dummy's club jack. Perhaps East, with Q-10-2, will err by covering with the queen, exposing both the 3-0 split and his 10 to a second-round finesse. If East plays low smoothly, though, you plan to win with the ace.

Huang crossed to dummy with a trump, then called for the club jack. Although East correctly played low, Huang did likewise to make his slam. Brilliant!

Saturday, March 20, 1999

No seven, no slam

By Phillip Alder

You don't make most contracts by cashing aces and kings. Usually you must also turn low cards into winners.

Today's deal is an example. Taken in isolation, how would you play

North 03-20-99
 ♠ A 4
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ Q J 10 9 7 2

West East
 ♠ J 9 8 7 6 ♠ K Q 10 5 2
 ♥ 9 3 2 ♥ Q 10 6 4
 ♦ K J 7 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ 5 4 ♣ 3

South
 ♠ 3
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ 9 8 4 2
 ♣ A K 8 6

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Dbl.
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

this heart suit for three tricks? Then, decide on your line of play in the ambitious six-club contract, given the stated bidding; West leads a low spade.

North's two-club raise was forcing, showing 10-plus points with five or more clubs — an inverted minor-suit raise. After that, South bid out his shape, showing hearts before diamonds in the hope that his partner would read the strength disparity. But my guess is that North expected a stronger hand.

The declarer was Mark Feldman, one of America's best players. Having nine tricks via six clubs, one diamond, one spade and a spade ruff in hand, Feldman needed three heart tricks. The normal approach is to lead toward the jack, hoping West has the queen. However, given East's (ridiculous) double, that wasn't going to work. Instead,

after winning with dummy's spade ace, Feldman played a trump to his ace, then a heart to dummy's eight. East won with the 10 and tried to cash the spade king, but Feldman ruffed, played a club to dummy's queen, and called for the heart jack. If East had played low, Feldman was going to do likewise. But when East covered, Feldman won with the king and cashed the ace, discarding a diamond from the dummy. Have you been keeping track? South's seven was now a winner, on which dummy's second diamond loser evaporated.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Members from the community needed for the A.G.I.R. committee. (Assemblée pour la Gestion Intégrée des Résidus - Waste management group)

The Val-Saint-François Regional Municipality Council (RMC), and the Société de Gestion des Matières Résiduelles du Val-Saint-François (Val-Saint-François Society for Waste Management) are looking for people who are interested in volunteering to serve on a planning and review committee for the Val-Saint-François RMC's Waste Management Plan.

We are looking for four candidates, with one representative coming from youth (16-24 year-old age group)

The candidate should:

- Be a citizen of the Val-Saint-François RMC (including Bromptonville);
- Be socially involved in their community;
- Be interested in the region's environmental development;
- Be interested in working with a group of 15 people to develop a Waste Management Plan.

The responsibility of the committee will be:

- To propose a waste management system;
- To deal with the problems, perspectives, and needs of the Val-Saint-François RMC (including Bromptonville);
- To analyse and study systems and scenarios for better management (reduction of waste at the source, reuse, recycling, development, and disposal)
- To establish the mandate of citizens in the Waste Management Plan;
- To present recommendations to the Society for Waste Management;

If you are interested in becoming involved in this important endeavor, contact Guy-Lin Beaudoin at 1-819-826-1482 or by e-mail (sgmr@moncourrier.com) before March 31st, 1999.

Guy-Lin Beaudoin
 Directeur général



LENNOXVILLE

PUBLIC NOTICE
 SALE OF LOT
 LOT 18-8

The Ville de Lennoxville is requesting offers for the sale of its lot 18-8. The lot has an approximate area of 6 238 ft², of rectangular form. It measures about 50 feet in frontage on St-François Street and about 125 feet in depth. That lot is zoned Ra-40, which is residential for single-family dwellings. Furthermore, this lot is serviced with municipal services such as water and sanitary sewer. Conditions of the sale, including a minimal bid of 10 000 \$, for lot 18-8 are specified in a document available at the front desk of the Town Hall, 150 Queen Street, Lennoxville, Québec, J1M 1J6.

Offers will be received in sealed envelopes identified "VENTE DE TERRAIN-LOT 18-8", until 11:00 a.m., on March 24th 1999. Said offers will be opened publicly at that time, in the Municipal Council Room at the here-above-mentioned address.

GIVEN AT
 LENNOXVILLE, this
 19th day of the month
 of March 1999.

Johanne Henson,
 Town Clerk

AUCTION SALE

on the premises of
 Les Encans d'Animaux Danville Inc.
 Route 116, Danville, Richmond Cty.
 Tel.: 819/839-2781
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103 HEAD OF BEEF CATTLE

Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 12:30 p.m.

Herd from a breeder: 82 head of beef cattle, 30 Simmental with 15 pure-bred, 15 Charolais and 12 Limousin, including: 57 cows, bred by Charolais or Limousin bull, 25 with calves.

Herd from a breeder: 21 head of Simmental and Hereford grade beef cattle, including: 20 cows, bred by a Charolais or Simmental bull, 4 with calves; 1 Simmental pure-bred bull registered with paper qualify by I.A.S.R.A.

Herd come from another breeder: 20 young Charolais and Blonde d'Aquitaine beef cows bred by Charolais or Blonde d'Aquitaine bulls.

These animals are very nice. The females will be confirmed in calf.

TERMS: Cash or bank loan

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1274 South Street
 Cowansville, Qué.

Tel.: 450/266-0670 or 263-4480

Cell.: 450/531-0450

or Fax 450/263-8448

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Stain
- 5 Competitor
- 10 Twosome
- 14 Stable female
- 15 Expunge
- 16 Not fooled by
- 17 Kiln
- 18 Bias
- 20 Catastrophe
- 22 Wanders randomly
- 23 Sugar source
- 24 In that place
- 26 Mountainous
- 29 Meager
- 30 Notes of scales
- 33 Rich cake
- 34 "Who's the Boss?" star
- 35 Booming jet's letters
- 36 Helen's city
- 37 God
- 38 Issue a traffic ticket
- 39 Circle segment
- 40 Butcher's stock
- 41 Give the game away
- 42 Theol. belief

- 8 Nova Scotia clock setting: abbr.
- 9 Lanai garland
- 10 Sorrow
- 11 Brown or Rice, e.g.
- 12 End of din or luncheon?
- 13 Playthings
- 19 Forum
- 21 Lion's locks
- 24 Temporary shelters
- 25 Vague
- 26 R o s e
- 27 "Casablanca" co-star Peter
- 28 Predilection
- 29 Church congregation
- 31 Bar legally
- 32 Kin of Brens
- 34 Distributes cards
- 37 Wooded valley
- 38 Haste
- 40 Polynesian New Zealander
- 41 Suffer defeat
- 44 Ancient Egyptian papers
- 46 Hawks' opponents
- 47 Organic compound
- 48 Shot in the dark
- 49 River of Florence
- 50 Verdi opera
- 51 Graphic beginning?
- 52 Yellowish-brown wood
- 53 New Haven campus
- 55 Coach Parseghian
- 56 Ignited

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Coll. hotshot
- 2 Fuji flow
- 3 City on the Oka
- 4 Perseverance
- 5 Complain
- 6 Very angry
- 7 Diversify
- 43 Comrade in arms
- 44 Corals, e.g.
- 45 Images of gods
- 47 Alleviate
- 48 Relish
- 50 Harshness
- 54 Small potatoes
- 57 Concept
- 58 Poker stake
- 59 Passenger
- 60 Mallard's kin
- 61 Lads
- 62 Video-game company
- 63 Span connection

TMSPuzzles@aol.com

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By Roger Jurgovan Potomac, MD 3/19/99

ACROSS

- 1 Calculated a mean
- 9 Inscribed slabs
- 15 Neighbor of Pennsylvania
- 16 Capital on the Gulf of Mexico
- 17 Sacred story set to music
- 18 Warns
- 19 Illuminated
- 20 College in Evanston, Ill.
- 22 Obtain
- 23 West Point freshman
- 25 Walloping wind
- 26 Prohibits
- 27 Judiciary Committee chairman
- 28 Ben and Bobby
- 29 Muslim spirit
- 30 "Paris, __"
- 32 Whoopi's TV series, "__ Cafe"
- 33 Star of "Major Dad"
- 36 Ultimate car?
- 37 Styx ferryman
- 38 Winning position
- 39 Inventor Howe
- 40 False face

- 7 "Silver Spoons" star
- 8 Himalayan cedars
- 9 Layered rock
- 10 Statuesque
- 12 Becoming slower and broader, in music
- 13 Sensory appendages
- 14 Manhattan area
- 21 Kaline and Jolson
- 24 Stream of electrons
- 26 Intolerance
- 28 Yoked pair
- 29 P o k i n g
- blows
- 31 Son of Seth
- 32 Trunk coverage
- 33 D u t c h
- graphic artist
- 34 Potassium or sodium compound
- 35 Civil War film, "__ County"
- 36 Water tanks
- 38 Weariness
- 40 __ de mer
- 42 Out-and-out
- 43 Appear as if
- 44 Impose a fine
- 46 Early Persians
- 47 Italian port
- 49 M. Descartes
- 50 Improvise on the piano
- 53 "__ Miniver"
- 55 Hard: Fr.

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Lyricist Green
- 2 In truth
- 3 On cloud nine
- 4 Squealer
- 5 Became alert
- 6 Paris station, __ du Nord

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By Bernice Gordon Philadelphia, PA 3/20/99

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