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Snowboarder dies at Montjoye over weekend

Advanced boarder hit face, died from injuries

By Kate Shingler
NORTH HATLEY

A 20 year old from Windsor died Saturday after a snowboarding accident at Montjoye ski hill in North Hatley.

Experienced snowboarder Yannick Couture was on an expert run in the hill's popular snow park with a group of friends when the accident occurred.

"He did the first jump. By the time he went to the second step, as soon as he got into midair he lost his balance and the front of his board hit first," explained Montreal Sûreté du Québec spokesperson Gilles Mitchell.

Police will have to wait for the autopsy to reveal exactly how the young man died, Mitchell added.

Couture, who was at the hill on a work-related trip with a small Asbestos-based company, suffered injuries to the face and head.

Montjoye Director General Brigitte Marchand said it was not Couture's first time in the snow park. The accident report described him as an expert snowboarder, she noted.

"He took the second jump with excessive speed and overshot the landing," explained Marchand. "The impact with the ground was violent. His body literally folded in half, and his head knocked the board, which had hit the ground first."

The conditions at the hill on Saturday were excellent, she said, and the runs were being groomed regularly.

The mountain may conduct its own investigation into the death said Marchand, adding it is the first fatality at Montjoye that she knows of. Last month, a Bishop's University student broke his back while snowboarding at the hill.

Marchand said she did not know how many snowboarding related injuries there have been so far this season at Montjoye, but added it is not a dangerous sport.

"The codes of conduct have to be respected; (in this case) there was excessive speed."

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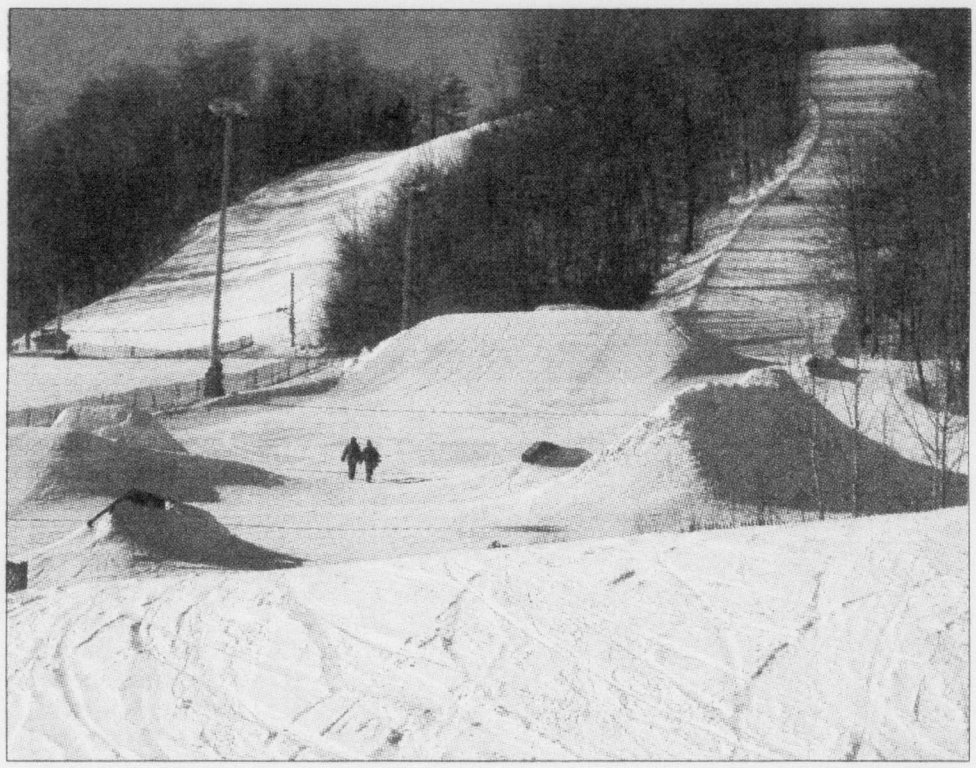


PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The sunny slopes and jumps of Montjoye's snow park proved fatal for one snowboarder Saturday. The hill may run its own investigation of the incident.

Townshippers march for peace

PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Some 5,000 people gathered at Sherbrooke City Hall, then marched up Frontenac Street Saturday to protest the U.S. campaign against Iraq. The protest was one of hundreds around the world that day, and members of Solidarité Populaire Estrie, who helped organize the event, said it was the largest protest march in Sherbrooke history.

Boil water advisory until Thursday earliest

Bacteria found in one of the borough's wells

By Kate Shingler

Lennoxville residents are being advised to boiling their tap water for a minimum of five minutes before drinking it.

The City of Sherbrooke issued a press release late Thursday warning of contaminated water in the small borough. A spokesperson for the area's emergency line system said Sunday evening that the boil order was still on.

Water from the borough's main aqueduct system should not be used to make juice, cook, wash fruits and vegetables, brush teeth, or make ice cubes. Tap water was deemed acceptable for bathing or washing hands but it is not recommended that small children be allowed to take long baths or play in the water.

Borough president Doug MacAulay said that by law the boil order is automatically in effect for one week after any bacteria is found.

"They discovered something in one of the wells," he noted, but said officials did not find anything after testing tap water at the former City Hall and a variety of other locations across town.

MacAulay said that he was told by Michel Cyr, director of the environment and drinking water division, that the quantity of bacteria was not particularly serious, but that the City was on high-alert after the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario and there were new obligatory precautions.

Water is regularly tested by the City three times a week, but in this case supplies are being tested every day, according to MacAulay.

The borough office received a dozen calls Friday inquiring about the boil water advisory, but there have been no reports of sickness, he added.

CANADA & WORLD IN BRIEF

Martin's company linked to Indonesian dictator

OTTAWA

Paul Martin's shipping company has business ties to a controversial power project partially owned by the son of former Indonesian president Mohamed Suharto, the dictator who enriched himself and his family in a 32-year reign of corruption and nepotism.

A subsidiary of Mr. Martin's company, Canada Steamship Lines (CSL), is currently in a 15-year contract to ship coal for an independent electricity producer called PT Jawa Power, a consortium owned in part by Bambang Trihatmodjo, president Suharto's second son.

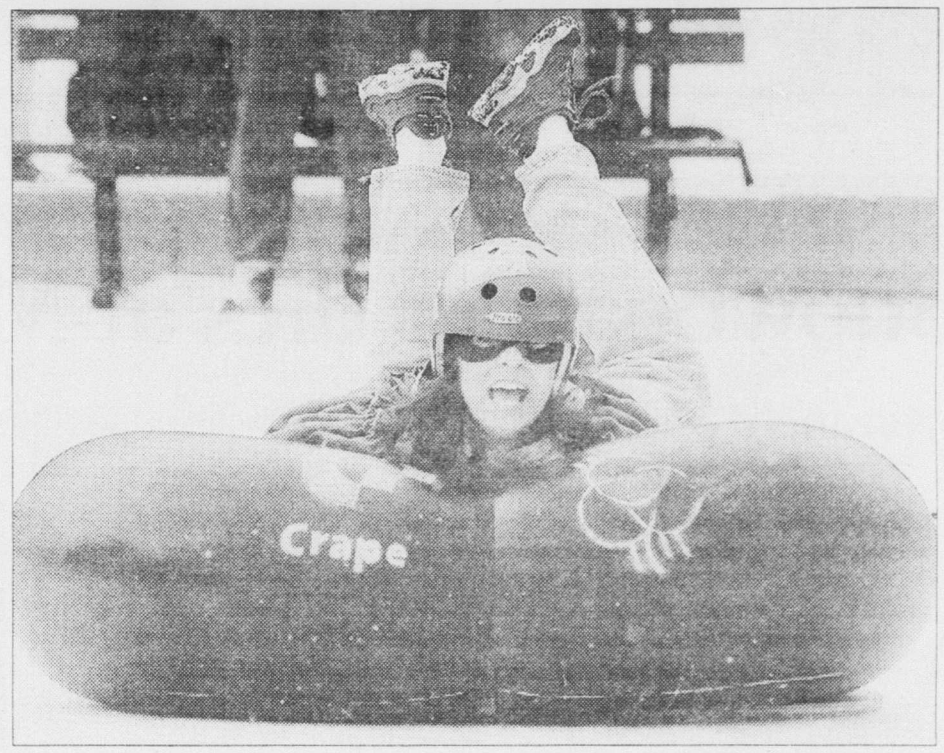
As finance minister and one-time chairman of the G20, Mr. Martin denounced corruption and lobbied for debt relief to help developing countries recover from the Asian economic collapse.

Manley not afraid to say 'no' to voters

OTTAWA

On Tuesday, John Manley presents his first budget. It is the rookie finance minister's one chance to leave an impression in the finance portfolio before he seriously begins campaigning against Martin for the Liberal leadership.

The budget is expected to provide more money for health care, the military and improving the lives of children. Foreign aid, the environment and infrastructure projects, such as roads and water treatment systems, are also expected to get attention, even as Manley attempts to make departments more accountable for their spending and find savings.



CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Cindy Chetley, representing Calgary Laboratory Services, slides across the ice at the Olympic plaza during the Calgary Corporate Challenge Human Curling Championships.

Canada's lawyers are asked to go pro bono

OTTAWA

Canada's lawyers are being asked to donate 50 hours or three per cent of their billings each year to free legal help for the growing number of Canadians who cannot afford counsel.

The appeal for law firms to set up formal policies for "pro bono" work comes from the executive of their umbrella organization, the 37,000-member Canadian Bar Association.

The legal profession and governments have been under fire for caring too much about their bottom lines at a time when access to the justice system is out of reach for many Canadians.

The average hourly rate last year for a lawyer with 10 years experience was $200, according to Canadian Lawyer magazine.

Based on that figure, the bar association's resolution would have each lawyer donating an average of $10,000 in free time each year.

U.S. still talking tough on Iraq despite anti-war protests

LONDON

The United States signalled Sunday it is prepared to begin pushing, perhaps as early as this week, for a new Security Council resolution authorizing "serious consequences" against Iraq for failing to meet UN demands it surrender any weapons of mass destruction.

"Continuing to talk about more time and more time is basically going to relieve pressure on the Iraqis to do what they must do," Condoleezza Rice, the Bush administration's National Security Council adviser, said Sunday, a day after massive anti-war protests around the world.

"Tyrants only respond to toughness. The world needs to pull itself together."

She added that the world was still sitting "in a diplomatic window to look for ways to move forward" on Iraqi disarmament, but added that the time left for talk rather than war would last "weeks, not months."

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Bonus: (36)

	WINNERS	PRIZES
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5/6+	3	$161,210.50
5/6	282	$1,372.00
4/6	13,905	$53.30
3/6	251,225	$10.00

Total sales: $12,747,689
Next grand prize (approx.): $5,000,000

Québec 49 — Draw 2003-02-15

08 16 19 29 38 41

Bonus: (47)

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6/6	0	$1,000,000.00
5/6+	0	$50,000.00
5/6	17	$500.00
4/6	1,080	$50.00
3/6	21,081	$5.00

Total sales: $644,912.00

Double Play Bonus Prizes* — Draw 2003-02-15

				WINNERS	PRIZES
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10	20	24	44	60	$416.67
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6/7	91	$2,395.10
5/7	4,848	$160.50
4/7	103,941	$10.00
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Thursday: Sunny. Low near minus 20. High near minus 6.
Normals for the period: Low minus 17. High minus 4.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

Centres encourage local foster parenting

CJE services include counselling, foster care to 3,407 children

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

While prospective parents are increasingly looking internationally to adopt, the local children's services centre wants to remind Townshippers that adopting locally is an interesting option.

"We have worked to stop the issue of children bouncing from one foster home to another. We want to stabilize their experience by making sure they develop roots somewhere," said Directeur de la protection de la jeunesse (DPJ) spokesman Réjean Dubé while visiting Sherbrooke's Centre jeunesse de l'Estrie (CJE).

"Adoption is the ultimate option where we make sure roots are planted through a legal procedure."

During 2001-2002, the CJE offered various services including counseling and foster care to 3,407 children of all ages.

About 44 per cent of them received those services while living at their own home. Adoption was an option for only 177 children between 1997 and 2002, including 80 that were adopted by Townshippers.

"Every child must know where his or her roots are," continued Dubé. "It is the biological parents' responsibility to assure a child's protection and security. However, it is difficult for many parents, so that is where the DPJ comes in. We support those parents and help them with their responsibilities."

The CJE establishes a life project for each child with the hope of keeping them or returning them to their biological parents.

If the child needs to be taken away from his or her biological parents, then other options, such as a permanent foster home, exist before adoption, said counselor Lise Charpentier.

However, adoption is not an easy option because the DPJ must prove that the child no longer has ties to his biological parents, or that taking that child away from them will ensure his or her security and development.

"There are long lists of people wanting to adopt children," said Charpentier. "But others are willing to act as foster parents for long periods of time, with the hope that someday they can adopt those same children."

Locally, 80 per cent of children adopted are under the age of six. There are currently 40 couples or individuals in the region on the CJE's waiting list.

Charpentier, who believes couples look internationally to adopt because delays might be less lengthy, said that it takes up to one year to adopt a child locally once the prospective parents reach the top of the list; the local process is also less costly, she added.

Province-wide search for innovative entrepreneurs

Staff

The Centre Local de Developpement Brome-Missisquoi is looking for candidates for a province-wide recognition of new businesses.

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Aspiring entrepreneurs can enter in one of six categories: Agrifood, Social Economy, Development, Transformation, Production, Technological and Technical Innovations and Services. To enter, contestants must submit their business plans for consideration by a jury.

All business plans submitted will be judged on the project's realism, coherence, viability and originality. The promoter's aptitudes, skills and the clarity and quality of the submitted presentation will also be used to determine the final grade.

Eligible contestants must be 18 years of age, Quebec residents and must have started a business since April 1, 2002, or are planning to start a business before the end of 2003.

For an application form, visit www.concours-entrepreneur.org. Forms must be submitted along with five copies of your business plan no later than March 31. Entries should be sent to Annick Lefrançois at the CLD Brome-Missisquoi, 749 Principale, Cowansville, Que. J2K 2G7.

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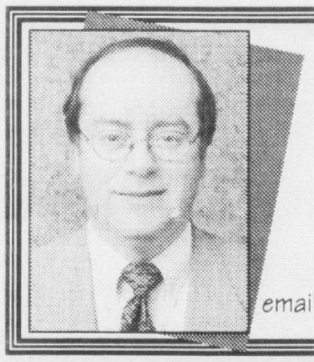

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Auditor General scrutinizes security spending

By Jim Bronskill
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

The federal spending watchdog is probing the government's multi-billion-dollar expenditures on security that followed the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Auditor General Sheila Fraser says her office is conducting a government-wide audit of the $7.7-billion initiative to better protect Canadians announced in the last budget.

Fraser and her staff are also carrying out two studies related to border security, which will look at previously identified difficulties with information systems and the co-ordination of work between the Immigration Department and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

Fraser's efforts should help Canadians determine whether the major federal investments in security that came in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are making them any safer.

The auditor general's office has uncovered numerous problems since 1996 in nine studies that touched on national security information systems and co-operation between agencies.

During the course of these inquiries, audit teams have seen "a pattern of inadequate information to support front-line officials" responsible for national security, Fraser recently told a Commons committee studying proposed anti-terrorism legislation.

Less than three years ago, the auditor general's office found Customs officers, including those at airports, had insufficient data to assess the risk travellers may pose to Canada.

Results of the watchdog's two latest studies of border issues will be released this spring. One will focus on the customs agency's implementation of a new computer system to replace an outdated, infrequently used network.

Fraser told the Commons committee last Thursday that the larger, government-wide audit is "in the early planning phase." But she has already identified six "top-level issues" for examination: where and why expenditures were made, air travel security, human resources, information technology and other infrastructure, the ability to manage a security incident, and government reporting to Parliament on the use of new anti-terrorism powers.

In the December 2001 budget, the federal government allotted $7.7 billion over five years to fund the fight against global terrorism, prevent extremists from finding haven in Canada and ensure the prosecution of terrorists.

Of the money, $2.2 billion was pegged for improvements to air travel security, funded by a $24 surcharge tacked on to each round-trip passenger ticket.

The Senate committee on national security and defence recently questioned whether Canadians were getting value for the fee. It is expected to be slashed in half in the federal budget to be delivered Tuesday.

National security responsibilities are spread across 17 departments and agencies of the federal government, as well as some provincial and municipal organizations.

Some critics have pointed to poor information-sharing among U.S. government and law-enforcement agencies as a hindrance to detecting the activities of the Sept. 11 hijackers before they slammed planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Canadian government has an umbrella project to overcome systemic, cultural and technological barriers to sharing criminal justice information.

However, Fraser suggested, the challenges are formidable. In the criminal justice area, there is an array of legislation, regulations, policies and practices that govern the privacy and security of information.

For example, she said, there are six federal statutes that deal with information management and 10 provincial freedom-of-information and protection-of-privacy acts. There are 11 police acts, and information needed for disease surveillance - which could prove useful in the event of a biological attack - is the property of the provinces and territories.

"There is no generic agreement on information sharing."

Fraser's office is also monitoring RCMP efforts to overhaul the Canadian Police Information Centre, used by police across Canada to check vehicle and driver's licences, criminal records, reports on stolen cars and lists of wanted persons.

"Key police information systems are very old and need to be replaced," she told the Commons committee.

About a dozen federal departments and agencies, from the RCMP to Parks Canada, are hiring intelligence officers, Conservative MP Bill Casey noted in the Commons last week.

"Who is in charge of this security hodgepodge?" Casey asked. "How often do they meet to compare notes?"

Transport Minister David Collenette pointed out that since the Sept. 11 attacks, a special cabinet committee has dealt with security matters. "Each department has intelligence requirements, and that is reflected in the hiring practices."

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Downey seeking ADQ nomination in Sherbrooke

Local businessman disillusioned with PQ, Quebec Liberals

By Kate Shingler
SHERBROOKE

Disillusioned with the Parti québécois (PQ) and the Quebec Liberal Party, local businessman Peter Downey announced Friday that he will run for the Sherbrooke riding seat in the upcoming general election.

President of Usinage Nado, Downey's declaration at the Sherbrooke factory elicited an enthusiastic response from his 70 employees.

A former criminal lawyer, Downey, who will be facing off against Liberal Opposition Leader Jean Charest for the seat, said he worked at one of the MNA's polls in 1988 when Charest was running for the Conservative Party. Downey is seeking the Action Démocratique du Québec (ADQ) nomination in Sherbrooke.

Contrary to Charest's recent comments about the low priority the ADQ places on health care, Downey says his top three issues in the upcoming election will be health, education, and job opportunities.

"Health is our first priority," he said. "The health file in Sherbrooke will be monitored very closely."

Downey, a graduate of the Université de Sherbrooke, said he was prompted to become involved in politics after meeting ADQ leader Mario Dumont.

Calling Dumont "very refreshing, with a way of looking at real problems," Downey said that it is time for the current government to stop delaying problems and help improve this "beautiful area."

Downey, 40, is married with three young sons and lives in Sherbrooke.

Charest not impressed with ADQ competition

Liberal leader says Downey should not comment on region

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

Liberal Opposition Leader Jean Charest isn't impressed with the announcement made Friday by local businessman Peter Downey that he intends to run for the Sherbrooke riding seat at the upcoming general election.

Downey, a former lawyer now working as an executive at a local factory, said he will seek the Action Démocratique du Québec (ADQ) nomination in Sherbrooke. Although the two men do not know each other personally, Charest faced and defeated Downey's father-in-law Dennis Wood in a federal election years ago.

"Mr. Downey is not in the best position to condemn the region," Charest told the media Friday afternoon as the Liberal party's Estrie caucus met in Sherbrooke after learning that Downey had criticized his tenure as a local MNA.

"I am very proud of our results in the region. We have worked hard in developing the region. we don't consider our work as a failure," Charest added as fellow Liberal MNAs Monique-Gagnon-Tremblay (St-François), Madelaine Bélanger (Mégantic-Compton), Yvon Vallières (Richmond) and Robert Benoit (Orford) looked on.

PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Jean Charest says ADQ's Peter Downey is not in the best position to condemn the region.

"I doubt anyone will vote for someone with such a negative opinion of his own region."

Charest said health would not only play a major role in determining the party that will lead the province come this spring, but the issue will also determine the winner in Sherbrooke.

In pre-election campaign mode, Charest criticized the ADQ's insistance on creating what he called a two-tier health system.

"The first concern for a Liberal government will be health," Charest continued. "The ADQ and Mr. Dumont's last priority is health."

BU boarder says jumps should be spaced out more

MONTJOYE:

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The hill and snow park remained open after the accident, which occurred just before 8:30 p.m. Montjoye hosted a ski night Saturday, when runs stayed open until 2 a.m.

The annual late-night celebration had nothing to do with Couture's death, said Marchand.

"The accident occurred within the normal hours of operation. We are usually open until 10 p.m. It wasn't connected to fatigue."

Veteran snowboarder and member of the Bishop's University Boarders Association, Matt Chittick, 21, used to frequent Montjoye, but not anymore.

"Montjoye has a great park, but it is too big for the size of that hill," he said. "It is a very good park in a very small mountain. A lot of people get hurt."

The jumps, he said, should be spaced out more, giving the snowboarder more time to complete the transition from in-air tricks back to the mountain.

"If you go past the (landing), you land flat. It's like jumping off of a roof onto cement."

Chittick, a fourth year Bishop's student said he "got out of the snow park." Now, he and his friends go to Jay Peak, Vt. where there is more snow.

Getting hurt while snowboarding "is a matter of chance," he said. "(Boarders) are all trying to do tricks."

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War's first victim?

VIEWPOINT

DON HEALY

There is an old adage that says the first victim of war is truth, but maybe it's time to amend it. If the lead-up to a war against Iraq means anything, it is time to revise the adage to read 'the first victim of war talk is truth.'

United Nations inspections, such as those underway in Iraq, are, or at least ought to be, designed to assess the level of military capability of Saddam Hussein's armed forces. But are they? To hear George W. Bush tell it, UN inspectors are in Iraq to confirm his version of truth — or else!

Mr. Bush might not recognize it, but Quebecers will surely see that there is an interesting parallel between what is taking place with UN inspections and Quebec sovereignty referendums. The action employed is not initiated to measure, but to promote. Yes, Mr. Bush and the Quebec separatist movement have something in common: neither will take no for an answer.

Another distortion of truth was exercised recently by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell when he delivered a long show-and-tell presentation intended to convince skeptics that Sadam Hussein really is the threat that the President says he is.

But some inconvenient facts apparently got exposed. The information, as presented, was outdated and of questionable value as propaganda. It turns out that some of what Mr. Powell presented was based on writings on Middle Eastern affairs dating back to 1990 and 1991, and the photographs were not necessarily what they were supposed to be.

To his credit, though, Mr. Powell may have been set up. On Feb. 8, the Montreal Gazette reported that London "fesses up" to providing Powell with materials largely lifted, spelling mistakes and all, from various sources. Then, the text was amended by inserting the latest in jargon to make it appear more current and alarming than it actually was.

Now, two more scares alleged to be from terrorists are in circulation. One, a "dirty bomb" threat, to which Americans were urged to buy up all the duct tape and plastic sheeting they could lay their hands on. Secondly, yet another video-tape presumed to come from Osama bin Laden and company.

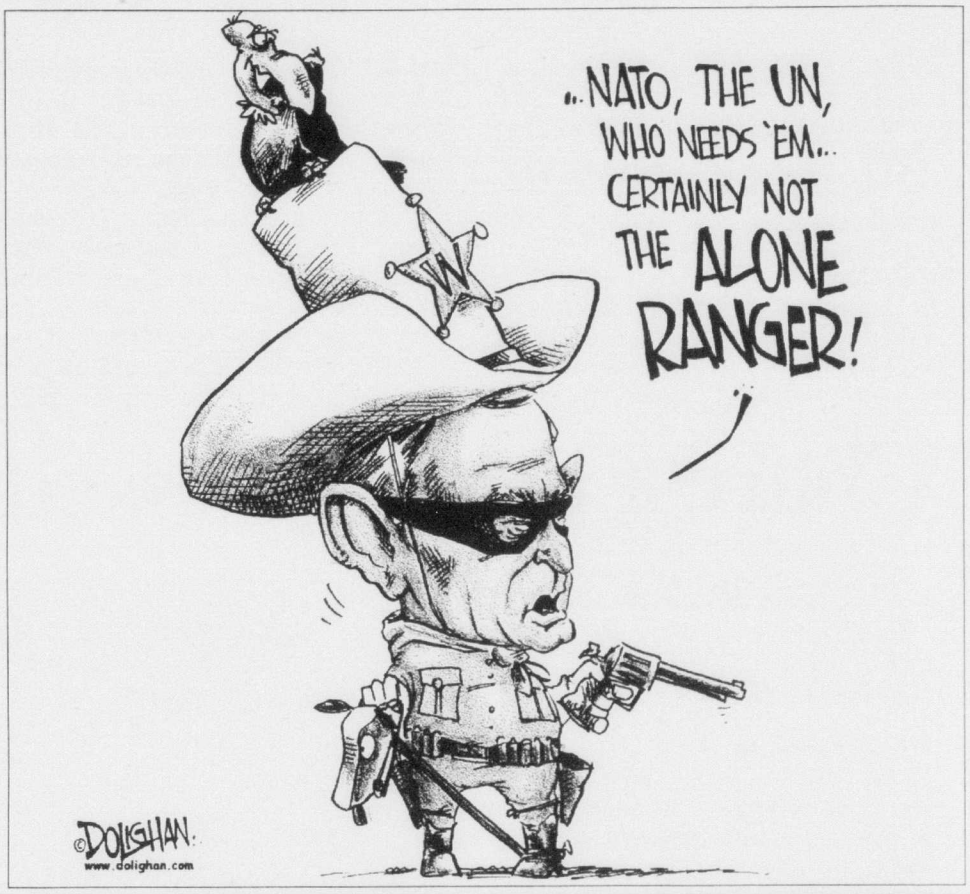
Already, the dirty bomb threat has been dismissed as a home-grown (i.e. American) hoax and, curiously, this time it was the Americans who released the tape first for public consumption, not bin Laden and his lot.

Whatever the sources, the two threats seem to be intended to bolster support for a military strike against, of all places, a country none of the presumed perpetrators inhabit.

It's bound to sound jaded, I suppose, but it's hard to resist cynicism in the midst of a barrage of signals and warnings of questionable origin, but broadcast anyway. Surely it is reasonable to question whether this most timely bin Laden tape, like the dirty bomb, just might also be American-made?

If computer graphics can make a dog run from room to room spraying a deodorizer around before mother and daughter get home and express surprise over the fresh smell, why can't Osama bin Laden be made to say things that 'prove' he's linked to Saddam Hussein?

Nobody who has ever lived through a war can doubt that its first victim is truth. But in light of what we are getting in the lead-up to war against Iraq, everybody had better question absolutely everything they hear about its justification.



EDITORIAL

Just give peace a chance

The voices for peace rose to a thunderous roar around the world Saturday in a populace move to shake some sense into world leaders — dare I say leader — on the brink of war.

In Sherbrooke, some 5,000 people marched, pushed baby carriages, walked dogs on leashes and carried peace signs adding their voices to the chorus.

Sherbrooke's march for peace was one of five throughout the province and about 500 held around the globe.

About 100,000 people, including a number of celebrities, joined the Montreal march, reported to be the largest single-issue demonstration ever held in the city. Liberal MP Clifford Lincoln was there. Singer Bruce Cockburn was there. John, Jeanne and Jo-Ling marched side by side for a cause that supersedes language and cultural.

Unlike many demonstrations, this one carried a positive message, and reinforced the notion that we are, in fact, all one people, part of the same human race, the same global village.

Which is not to say peace activists are imbued with a Pollyanna view of the world. Evil exists.

There is little doubt Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is a murderous tyrant up to his wazoo in the production and distribution of weapons of mass destruction. He is an imminent danger to world peace and a brutal leader to his people.

He is not the first, nor will he be the last, corrupt force to threaten the delicate balance between war and peace. His buddy Bin Laden is still holed up in a cave in the hills of Afghanistan, and the North Koreans are busy finding new uses for plutonium. That makes it all the more important for those who value democracy never to abandon the search for peaceful solutions, to deal with cruel and oppressive despots and the threat to world peace.

It's unconscionable that those who place such a high value on human life would resort to victimizing innocent people, already living under the iron rule of oppression, simply because of where they live and who they are. Human beings must never become incidental, collateral damage.

Evil leaders thrive best when conditions are poorest for their people and threats against them are strongest. Economic sanctions that plunge the already destitute further to the depths of despair bring a smile to the face of dictatorial leaders. They need do nothing more than prod the fires of dissent and point an accusing finger at those who impose such hardship.

There is some truth to the adage if you want to avoid war, feed the enemy. On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of global citizens prepared a veritable feast of peace. Let's hope it was enough to whet the appetite of those hungry for war.

SHARON McCULLY

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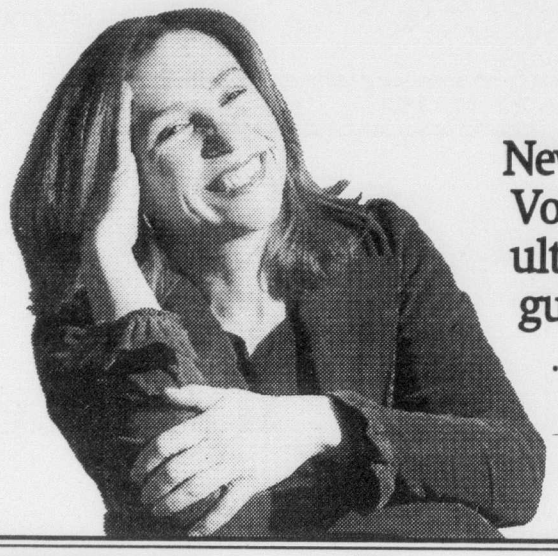

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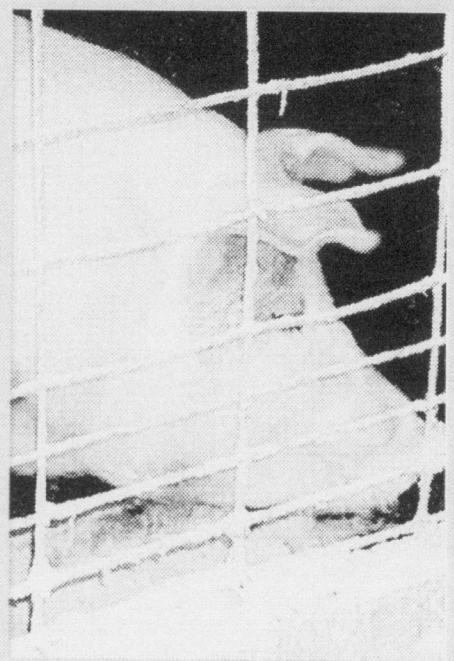

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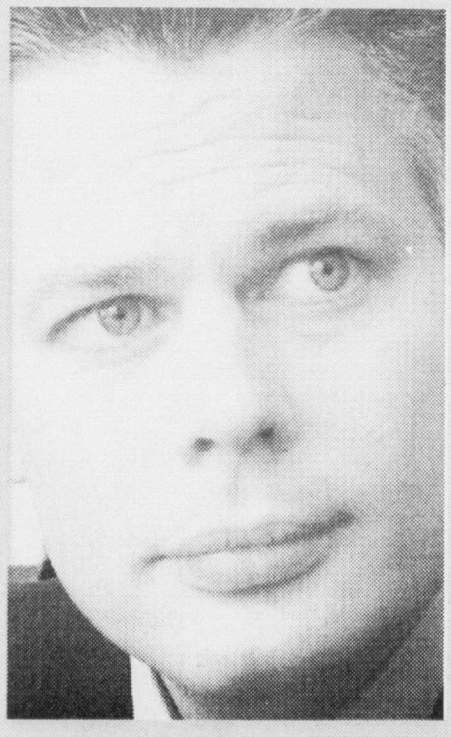

Symantec Canada GM Michael Murphy says the threat of viruses is multiplying.

Old faith brings new arrival

Syrian orthodox community gets new leader

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

The church is his now.

One month after arriving in Canada, the Reverend Michael (Reiad) Chamoun is now focused on playing an active role in bringing the Townships' small yet determined Syrian orthodox community together every Sunday.

"I feel like I am totally free now and can give all my heart and time to God," the 32-year-old ordained monk told *The Record* recently from the basement of Sherbrooke's St-Ephrem Syrian Orthodox Church. "There is an emptiness in our heart. We need to fill it with true love, love for people and God."

Chamoun wants to see the community's small church filled to the brink, much as it was decades ago when members of 100 families filled every pew in the colourful building.

He intends to visit his parishioners in their homes during the next few months to discuss their faith and hopes regarding the Church. Eventually, Chamoun hopes, bible study classes will bring parishioners of all ages, especially children, back to the house of worship. He believes there are now about 30 to 50 families spread out across the region that still attend mass.

Last year the Patriarch, who fills the same role for the Syrian Orthodox as the Pope does for Catholics, asked the relatively young Chamoun to take over the orphan parish of St-Ephrem.

The small church, located on 13th Avenue in the Townships' largest city, had been without a reverend since the November 2001 death of the Very Reverend Carim Karma.

"I said to him, 'I am your son and I trust in your love. Whatever you decide, I will obey'," a cheerful Chamoun said, also aware of the challenge he faces in filling the shoes of the man who opened the church more than 50 years ago.

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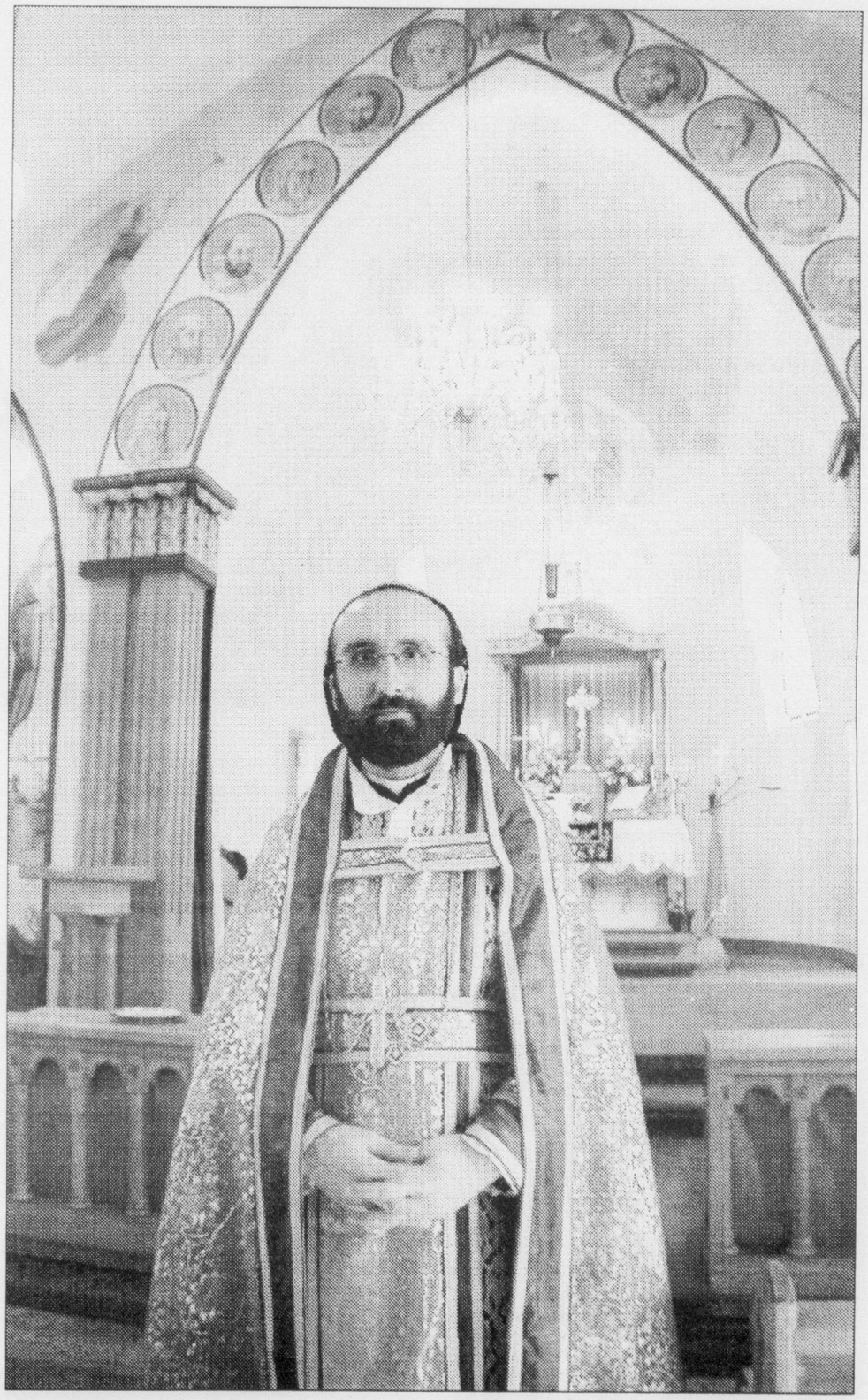

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Generation Today

Seeing the world through a new set of eyes

Ulitmate insider to world of girl talk

By Juliet O'Neill
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Of all the weird, wonderful, crazy and catty observations Josey Vogels has written about female friendships, she singles this out as the most important: "Don't take them for granted."

She did once, finding herself in the kind of relationship with a man that led to neglect of her gal pals, none of whom were too shy to complain. "Luckily, I got out," she says.

At age 38, her closest friendships - "tier one" she calls them - remain intact. But she looks back on it as a close call.

Vogels is a Canadian syndicated sex and dating columnist, speaker and author of the hot seller, The Secret Language of Girls. It's a cheeky and chatty book about how chicks bond, billed as "the ultimate insider's guide to the world of girl talk."

Her timing – 2002 – was good, coming amid a surge in appetite for books exploring women's relationships. It offered a young Canadian woman's alternative to the bestselling American book on mature female friendship, I Know Just What You Mean, by Ellen Goodman and Patricia O'Brien.

Girl talk, Vogels writes, is an ancient language. "I can just imagine the gals kicking back at the cave, munching on a bowl of seeds and berries, admiring each other's loincloth. 'Where did you get that cute little number? I've never seen one made from wildebeest before."'

It's all in good fun and aimed at the audience that enjoys Sex and the City and Bridget Jones, products of a post-feminist popular culture in which women are presented as smart and sexy, gutsy and gorgeous - equal to men without having to act like men.

It's the end of an age of denial, Vogels said in an interview. "Feminism has evolved," she said. "For a long time, we were looking outward at all the things that were against us. Men were against us, we were against men, institutions were against us and all of that, and we fought that fight and we're still fighting that fight," she said.

SOUTHAM

Josey Vogels, a Canadian syndicated sex and dating columnist, speaker and author of the hot seller, The Secret Language of Girls, says don't take girl friendships for granted.

"But there was a change where we asked, why are we still fighting against who we are as women? I was getting sick of the idea that anything that is considered `girlie' or wanting to do things that are traditionally feminine is somehow less valued or weaker. I really felt like a celebration of the things that are traditionally feminine along with celebrating gains that we've made that I think are important."

The Montreal-based Vogels, whose columns My Messy Bedroom and Dating Girl appear in several large Canadian papers and a number of smaller magazines and newspapers, says that guys just "don't get" a lot of what women do or say. She dubs as SLOG - the secret language of girls - vocabulary ("I'm totally PMSing.") and rituals (such as shopping) that women share.

"I've been writing about relationships for about eight years and my column was born out of conversations with female friends about relationships and sexuality and that's what we spend a lot of time talking about," Vogels said.

"I've always had unique friendships with women and always relied on that community of women for everything. There's just sort of a special bond that women have and I wanted to explore it, have some fun with that self-reflective thing that women love to do. We love to talk about ourselves."

Vogels said her research did not produce any surprises, but she was fascinated by the history of "insular communication" among women.

"I always realized how women had been excluded from male society, but I didn't realize the extent and how it really played itself out through the way women developed their own kind of communications," she said. "The other thing that was interesting was the universality of experiences with other women."

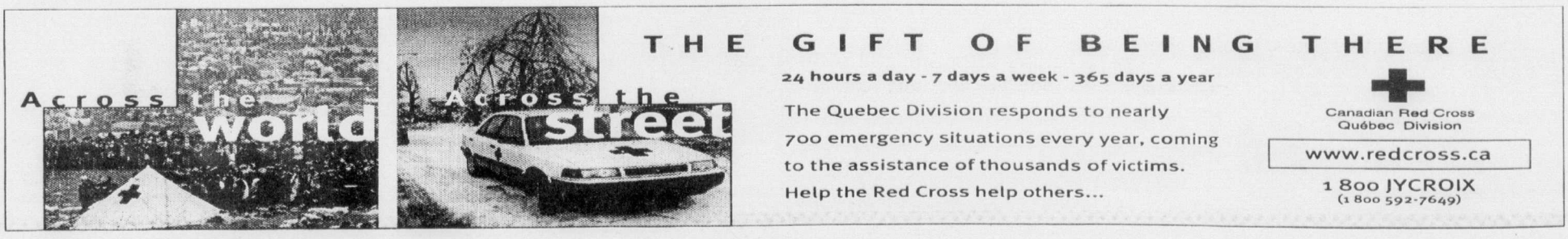
While women bond by communication, and talk is the currency of friendship, it is also their best weapon, she found. Studies had shown boy bullies use fists for physical wounds, while girls use words for emotional wounds. "Right from grade school when women are in little cliques - `We like you today but we don't like you tomorrow' - women really use the bond we have to turn on each other as well."

Vogels says one of the most difficult experiences a woman can go through is the realization that a friendship has changed, is no longer healthy and that it is time to end it or find a new way to enjoy it.

"Losing a good friend can be even more sad and heartbreaking than breaking up with a man," Vogel writes. "There's always another man out there. But as we get older, we're less sure that we'll be able to create the friendship bond with another woman."

Vogel said her own top tier of friendships include four close friends, one of them dating back to childhood. They try to get together at least once a week and stay in e-mail and phone contact two or three times a week.

She gets together two or three times a year with her "tier- two" friends - people she was close to at university or other specific periods in her life but who went their separate ways. "We always pick up where we left off," she said.



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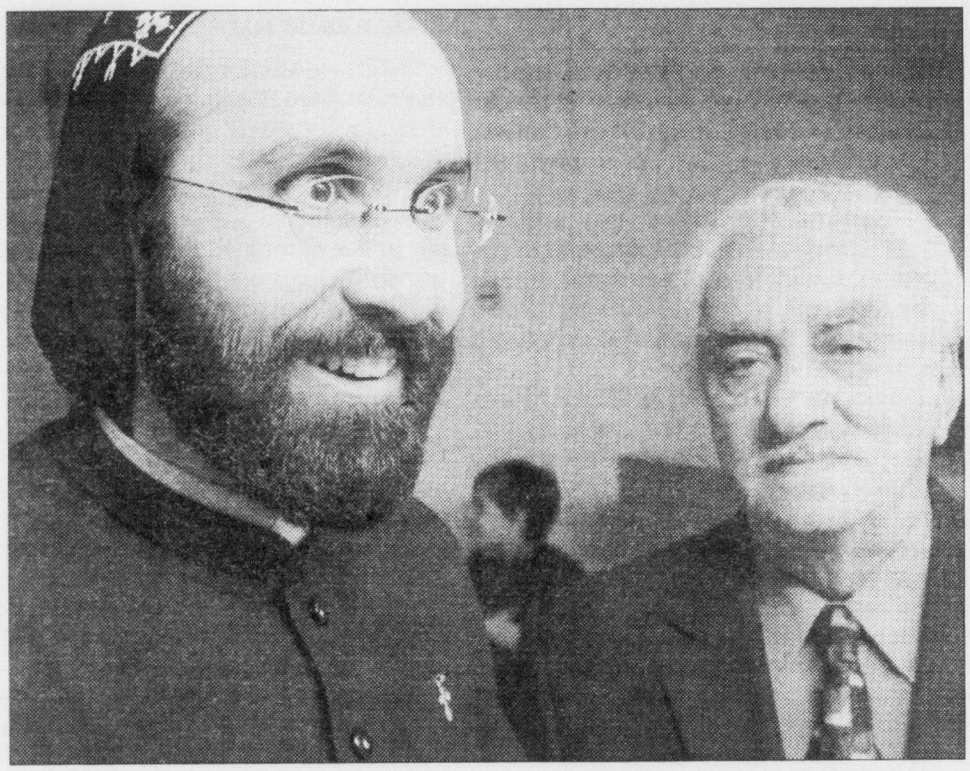
Chamoun heard his calling at a young age



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CHURCH:

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Born in Hafar, near Saddad in Syria, on Dec. 26, 1921, the Very Reverend Karma attended St. Ephrem Seminary for the Syrian Orthodox Church in Zahle, Lebanon where he finished his theological studies. Prior to his final vows, he married Marie Naoum Karma in 1943.

Ordained in 1952, he was assigned to serve the community in Sherbrooke. The Sherbrooke institution became the first Syrian Orthodox church in Canada.

The Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch the Apostolic was established in the year 37 by St. Peter, the chief of apostles in Antioch, the ancient capital of Syria.

The priest is considered the spiritual father of every member of the family that belongs to his congregation. His relationship with each person must be deep and strong.

A tolerant and peaceful man, Karma also participated in the 1964 Ecumenical Council of Sherbrooke, which promoted dialogue and unity among the Christian Churches of the region.

In 1991 at the 35th Annual Archdiocese Convention, Karma received the Holy Cross medal in recognition for his devotion and his services to his church and the archdiocese.

"People were lost," remembered longtime parishioner Evelyn Komery. "Not everyone takes time to see how other parishioners are doing or just to spend a few moments visiting. The Church always brought them together."

Chamoun, who speaks English, Greek, Syrian and Arabic, spent three years studying civil engineering in Syria before attending a seminary in Greece for five years, where he received a degree in theology and also taught history of the Orthodox Church for two years.

He said that by the age of 17, he had heard what he described as a calling from above.

"I got a calling from God and realized I could not live without serving him," he said.

"Besides, my mother got tired of me by the time I was 18. She had worked so hard to help me in my education. But she encouraged me to be a monk. I felt I wanted to give myself to God, not live for material things."

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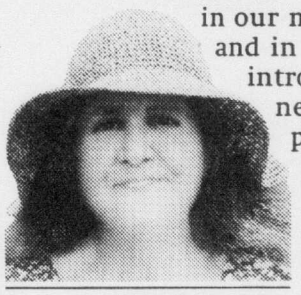
Unearthing treasures in your own backyard

Which little piggy went to market?

Seems like the sun can't come up without hearing of another drastic change in the food we so take for granted.

Thirty-five years ago, when I became pro-organic, the only things we had to be concerned about were the chemicals on our fruits and vegetables. Then came hormones and antibiotics in our milk and meat, and in the 1990's the introduction of genetically altered produce. Now it is the meat itself that brings questions of safety to mind.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

When we shop there's a lot of information needed to select safe and healthy food for our families. This has become a challenge for those of us who are really into researching this information. I can't even imagine how confused the average consumer is. Two weeks ago we added another potential danger to the list. Do we know where the pork we are buying comes from? Did the wrong piggy go to market and wind up on our grocery counter?

On Feb. 6, The Food and Drug Administration announced that from April, 2001 to January, 2003 some 386 offspring of genetically engineered pigs from the University of Illinois were sold to a livestock dealer. It is believed that this dealer could have sold them to be used as food.

FDA Deputy Commissioner Dr. Lester Crawford said these animals were not to have been released without FDA approval, and that this action could have violated regulations requiring the university to destroy all pigs involved in the research. He also said, "We don't' believe these animals to be a public health risk."

WHERE DID THESE PIGS COME FROM?

As an ongoing scientific experiment to find out if pigs could be genetically bred in such a way that they would grow faster without the use of antibiotics, new genetically altered pigs were created at the University of Illinois.

While some of these pigs were altered using a synthesized gene as an insulin-like growth factor designed to improve digestion, others were altered with a cow lactation gene in hopes of both improving the piglets' digestive abilities and increasing the mother's milk production. Some of the pigs had only one of the genes while others were given both.

The University insists that multiple tests have shown that the offspring of the genetically altered pigs did not inherit the foreign gene, and are not genetically altered, but the FDA said that they could not verify these findings.

Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Bill Murphy said that the university had discussed its testing program with the agency since 1999. He said it was thorough, and that he was surprised to hear them say they never knew those pigs were going to be marketed. The University did not think they had to get permission to sell them because those pigs were the grand- or great-grandchildren of the originally engineered sows that were being sent to market, while those that did inherit genetic changes were kept for study.

ARE RULES MADE TO BE BROKEN?

While we wait for the FDA to find out if the meat from these pigs entered the food chain or not, there is no doubt that the safeguards set up by the agency failed.

This was not the first time that genetically engineered pigs were eaten. According to The Associated Press in 2001, three transgenic pigs created at the University of Florida were supposed to be destroyed when a technician stole them and gave them to a butcher where they were made into sausages and served at a funeral.

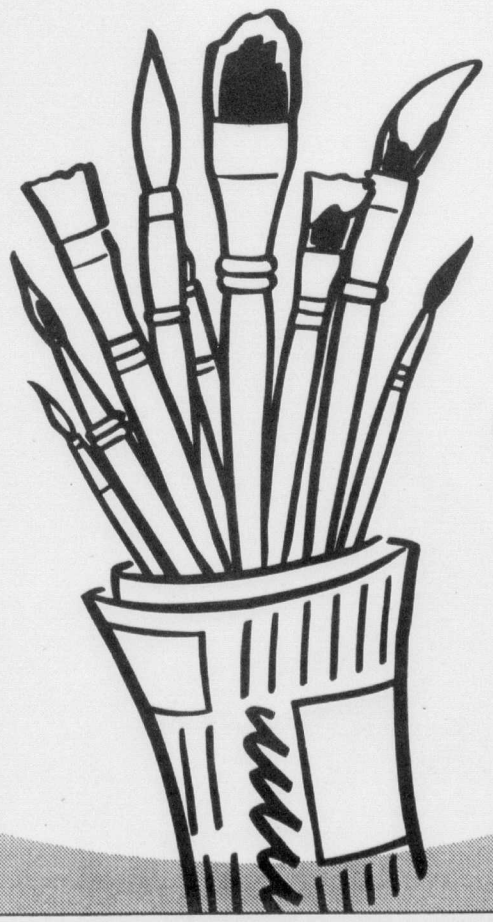
The FDA insists that there is no reason there would be a residue in the meat; however, they are concerned that the genetic mutation might have been passed on to the offspring from the engineered sows. The University of Illinois could be facing a stiff penalty, researchers could be fined and all future research into genetics at this university could be suspended.

This is only the latest of several instances that call into question whether regulations are adequate to protect the public from a food supply being flooded with engineered plants and animals that produce drugs and other potentially dangerous products.

Up until now, we have seen genetically modified crops that have been approved for human consumption, but NO animals. Both American and Canadian Scientists are eagerly awaiting government approval to market their new 'Enviropig'

While a report by the National Research Council last year has urged the agency to be cautious in allowing foods from transgenic animals into the market, the drug agency is now evaluating an application for the first genetically altered animal for use as food: salmon engineered to grow quickly.

Do the arts flourish in your newspaper?



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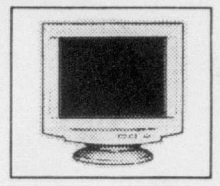

Slammer worm highlights need for extra vigilance

By Steve Makris
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

Last month's massive worm attack on business computers underscored a chilling reality made all too clear by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

It's not the size of the weapon that counts, but how and where it is used.

The SQL Slammer worm (officially known as W32/SQLSlam-A) that clogged thousands of computer servers worldwide was smaller in size than a few typed sentences.

Although all one had to do to rid their computer of it was to reboot, computers running the vulnerable Microsoft SQL server 2000 database program would have instantly been attacked again.

If only computer managers had followed Microsoft's advice six months ago on fixing a particular software glitch with a simple free download patch.

But the software giant didn't even follow its own advice. Microsoft servers, too, were crippled with the massive Internet traffic jam.

"Computer users don't worry about viruses until they are hit themselves, losing all their valuable information," said CompuSmart's Rick Volman. "Even after they buy a new PC with an antivirus program, they become complacent over time and don't update or renew their virus protection."

There is a lesson to be learned here: Assume the worst and be prepared.

SQL Slammer took minutes to affect 200,000 computers. And although it was contained in a few days, more viruses and worms will be heading towards millions of home and business computers and finding easier pathways than ever before.

"Documented computer vulnerabilities in 2002 were 81.5 per cent higher than the previous year," said Michael Murphy, Canadian general manager of Symantec, maker of the popular Norton Antivirus and Internet Security software programs.

About 60 per cent of the problem is due to more sophisticated tools used by virus writers, according to Symantec's Internet Security Threat Report, released earlier this month. But computer programs that are more vulnerable than before do not speak well for the software industry, either.

Experienced computer users have long known that new software programs, even from reputable companies, are error prone and have to go through a maturing phase with regular updates.

Microsoft officials often take the blame for errant software, but they say the onus also falls on customers to update their computers.

The report also points to a growing threat of blended virus programs, whose payloads can deliver several different types of blows to an infected computer.

Spoofing redirects your outgoing e-mail to someone else without your knowledge. As with spoofed Web pages, which detour unsuspecting Web surfers, e-mail spoofing can be recognized if one pays attention to the recipient's complete address, which will have additional characters.

Popular computer pastimes like instant messaging with programs such as Microsoft's MSN Messenger, and peer-to-peer file-sharing programs like Kazaa, let computer viruses and worms in more readily.

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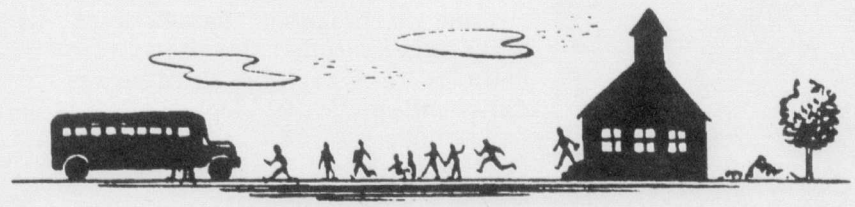

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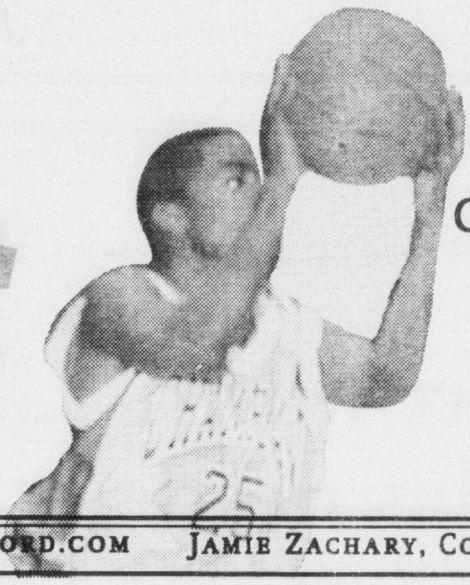

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Castors move was no snap decision: Just, Courteau

Lewiston community welcomes QMJHL team with open arms

By Dan Hickling
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
LEWISTON, MAINE

Mark Just, the owner of the soon to be ex-Sherbrooke Castors, admitted to having harboured some conflicting emotions.

So, too, did QMJHL Commissioner Gilles Courteau.

Not that those pangs were strong enough to derail the impending move of the Castors to Lewiston, which was announced at a press conference held at Lewiston-Auburn College. But strong enough to suggest one thing. That this relocation, which was formalized last Thursday during a conference call among league owners, was no snap decision.

"I think (the community) is starting to realize that the team is (gone)," said Just, following the media scrum. "We're not happy about that. There's nothing satisfying about that. We wanted to make it work there.

"We weren't looking around to run out of town. We would ask ourselves, 'what can we do to make this work.' In many ways, I feel like I've failed in Sherbrooke.

"But sometime's you're in a place where some things are right and some things are wrong. We've turned the page. We think this is going to be great. I have no reason to doubt that. There's a lot of energy here."

Courteau expressed similar ambivalence. He said it wasn't easy to separate his excitement about finally establishing an American beachhead for the QMJHL from the realization that the league's "Q" quotient was being diminished by two.

"I had kind of a mixed feeling, after we had our meeting and we approved the relocations," Courteau said. "What I mean by mixed feeling is that it was a sad day losing the two great cities of Montreal (who are moving to Charlottetown) and Sherbrooke from the league. But to relocate the franchises was still a positive answer to the matter."

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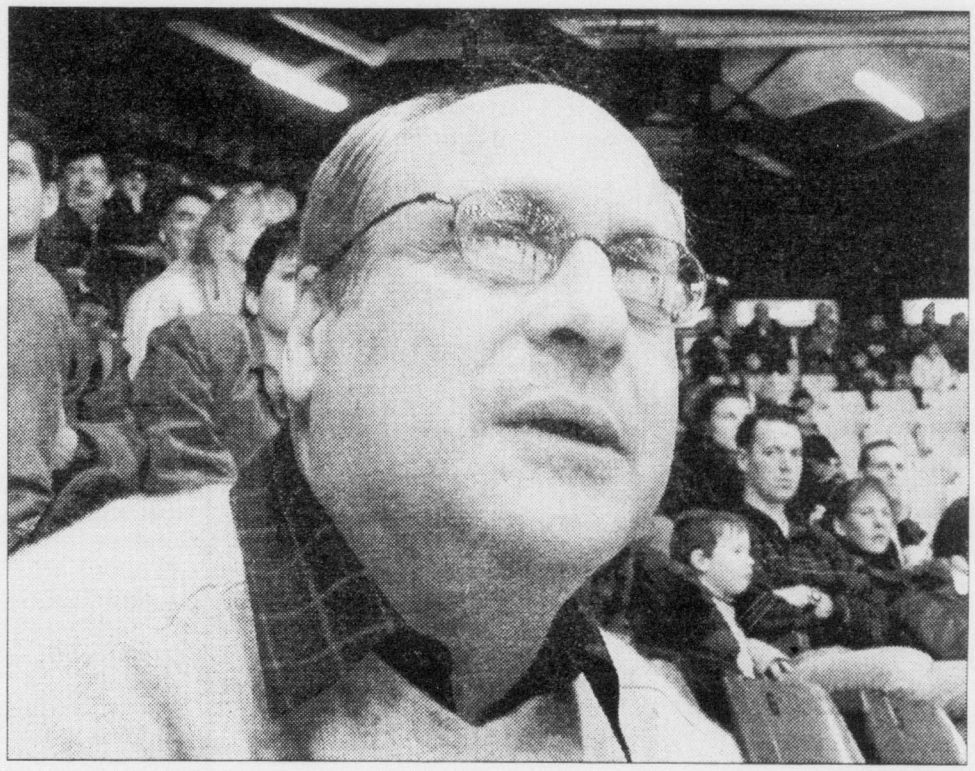

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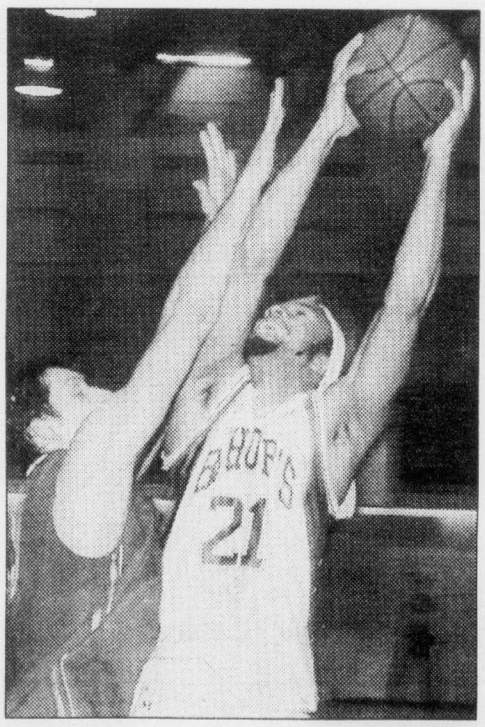
Castors majority owner Mark Just says the decision to move the QMJHL team to Lewiston was a difficult one, adding that he feels like he's failed in Sherbrooke



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

In Phil Miguel's final regular season home game he scored 15 points in a losing cause.

Gaiters lose, but still playoff bound

By Scott McLean
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENNOXVILLE

It was their Bishop's swan song. In front of their home fans, who had supported them for so many years, Paul Stephens, Phil Miguel and David Suzuki bid farewell to their loyal "rowdies" as they played the final home came of their respective university careers Saturday at Mitchell Gymnasium.

Gone are the days of Miguel's dreadlocks flying through the air as he astounded fans with his thunderous dunks and spectacular blocks.

Gone the clutch three-point shooting and tough defence of Paul Stephens, and gone is the ever-agile Suzuki who, although small in stature, could always seem to find a way to make something happen with a surprise pass or unique lay-up.

A night earlier, however, the Gaiters still had an opportunity to host a home playoff game, and to keep the magic alive in the craziest building in all of CIS basketball for just one more game.

But that was not meant to be, as the Gaiters blew a first-half lead, ultimately losing to the Concordia Stingers 68-53.

As he has done so so many times in his Bishop's career, Miguel led the Gaiters in scoring and rebounds with 15 points and eight boards, but to no avail as Concordia clinched second place in the conference with the win.

Captain Suzuki was disappointed with his team's showing.

"It was just a matter of not putting in enough effort, enough intensity. Our biggest problem has been playing with a fire, with some passion this season. I don't think it bothers some people to lose enough, that feeling that you get when you lose. The key for the playoffs is going to be lighting a fire under this team."

With the playoff picture decided, the Gaiters returned home Saturday to take on the Laval Rouge et Or, who had taken all four games this season against Bishop's.

It looked like the Gaiters were poised for the upset, as they took the lead out of the gate. Led by back-to-back three pointers from the departing Stephens, the Gaiters led by as much as seven until two minutes left in the first half.

But a late first half rally by the Rouge et Or was all it took for Laval to get their fifth win against the Gaiters this season, leaving Lennoxville with a 77-57 win.

Once again, the question lingers: If the Gaiters meet Laval in the conference finals, is anyone to believe that Bishop's has a legitimate chance at pulling off the upset?

"That's the question," said Suzuki. "You can look at the scoreboard all you want, but in reality this was a two-minute game."

CEGEP BASKETBALL

Champlain men lose must-win game

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain Cougars men's basketball team's playoff hopes have been put on life support after splitting a pair of league games this past weekend.

The Cougars began the weekend with a 95-85 win over the John Abbott Islanders on Friday in a game that was much closer than it should have been.

Champlain had a 20-point lead with less than 10 minutes to go when the Islanders rallied to cut the margin to just two points, 85-83, with three minutes remaining in the game. However, the home town Cougars finished the game on a 10-2 run to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

J-D Robitaille led all scorers with 23 points, while Chris Blackwood notched 18 points and added nine assists. Sherbrooke native Sam Johnson added 11 to the winning cause, while Sefton Barrett and Tyrone Fells had 10 points apiece.

It was a different story the following night as the Cougars blew a 13-point lead and dropped a decision to the first-place Montmorency Nomads.

Champlain, getting strong performances from Blackwood and Sherbrooke's Pierre-Alain St. Laurent early on, jumped out to a 21-8 lead. The Nomads narrowed the gap to 44-38 at halftime, and coasted through the second half en route to the win. The Cougars were without the services of Robitaille, who suffered an ankle injury in the John Abbott win.

The loss now means the Cougars must win their final game against the Vanier Cheetahs next weekend in Montreal, and get some help from other teams.

On the women's side, Champlain improved their record in the CEGEP AA League to 7-6, and moved closer to a playoff position with a convincing 70-32 win over Granby.

Ayer's Cliff native Jessica Frappied had her best game of the season with 13 points, while Sherbrooke's Valerie Frenchette added 11. Susan Magwood of Lennoxville and the Knowlton dynamic duo of Stephanie Kay and Jessica Harvey had nine points apiece for the Cougars.

The Cougars are home for a key contest against the third-place CEGEP Sorel-Tracy this Friday.

"This is an important game for us and one in which we need players to step up," head coach Stu Gear said. "Lately our bench has been outplaying our starters and we need everyone to contribute this Friday."

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Lady Gaiters win at Concordia, lose to Laval

By Scott McLean
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

This past weekend could be considered a science experiment for the Lady Gaiters, as head coach Rod Gilpin made the decision before the weekend to revert back to an offence that was seen in the first semester.

On Friday night, Bishop's had their final regular season showdown with the Concordia Stingers, the team that the Lady Gaiters will face in the semi-finals on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

The team struggled at first, falling behind to the Stingers, but rallied back to tie the score at 58 with a minute left in the contest. And once again, in only her first season with the Lady Gaiters, rookie sensation Anouk Boulanger took control, hitting three key foul shots in the final minute en route to a 61-58 Bishop's win.

Saturday night, however, the team was not so lucky, as they fell behind early to the Laval Rouge et Or, and could never catch up. The team's focus all year long when they face the third-ranked Rouge et Or has been to outbattle them inside and outrebound them on the boards.

On Saturday they did exactly that, outrebounding Laval 39 to 28. But poor shooting was once again the Achilles heel for the Gaiters, as they shot a paltry 15 of 56 from the floor, ultimately losing 64-48.

"We just weren't sure when to attack," said Gilpin. "It was an improvement over our last game with Laval, and I was happy with the defensive performance in the second half."

Catherine Charbonneau, who added 12 points and eight rebounds in her final regular season home game, was disappointed with the performance after the game.

"We were working with a new offence last night and tonight, and things are just starting to gel. Defensively we still have to work on it, and there will be a lot of stuff to work on this week in practice."

Bishop's now only has one regular season game remaining, next weekend's match up with the McGill Martlets.

JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY

Cougars' win keeps streak alive

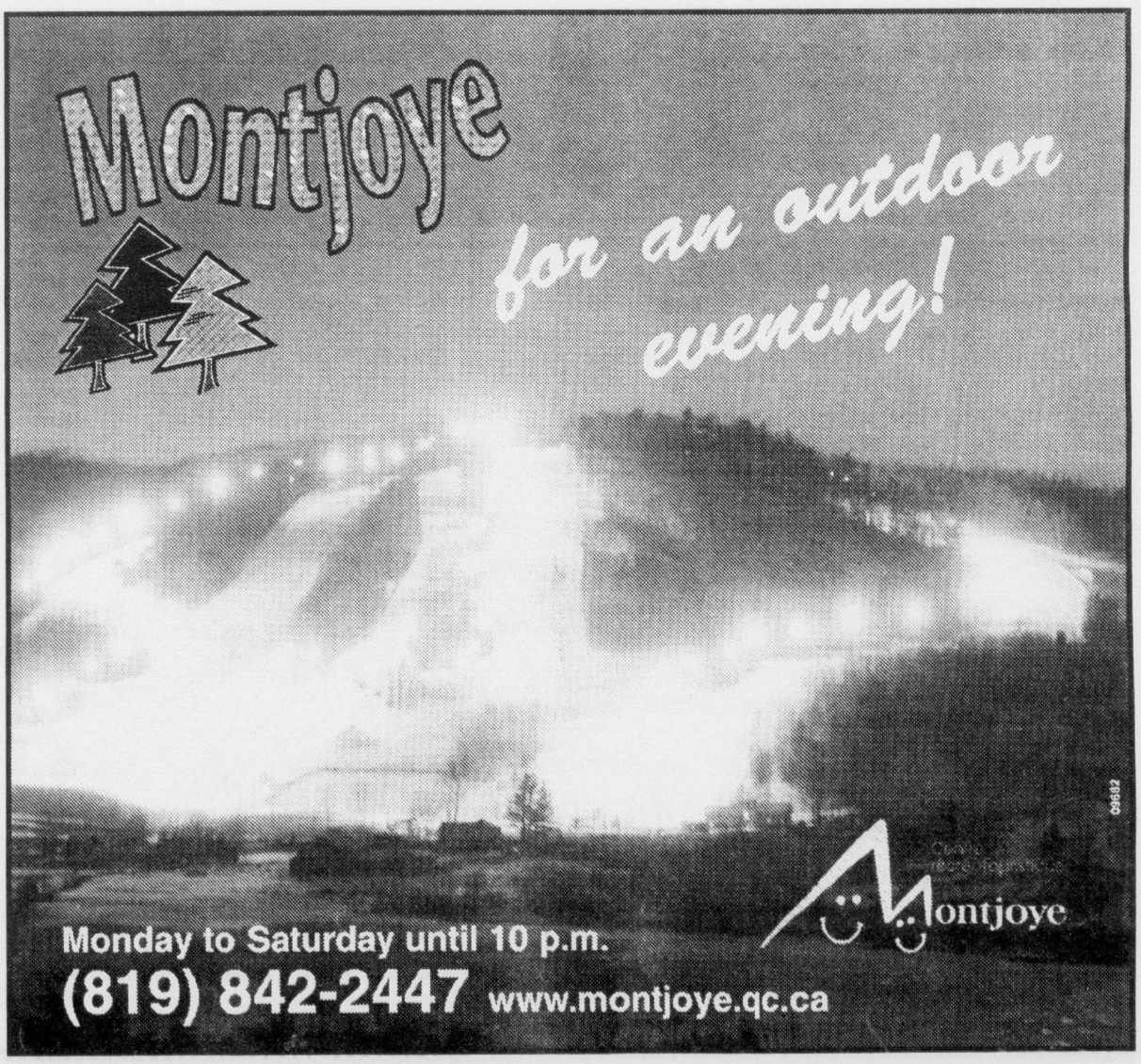
By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain Cougars hockey team made it 17 wins in a row this past weekend as they blanked the Coaticook Frontaliers 8-0 Friday night in Quebec Junior AAA action.

Team captain Pierre-Luc Gosselin and Mathieu Pelletier scored two goals apiece, while Jerome Lissier, Jean-François Gagnon, Chris Smith and Alexandre Carignan added one goal apiece.

Jason Smith saw little action as he was called upon to make just 19 saves en route to his 20th victory of the season.

The Cougars winning streak was put to the test Sunday night when they played a road game against the Éperviers de Contrecoeur. Contrecoeur has enjoyed the most success against the first-place Cougars with a 1-1-1 record to date. Results were not available by press time.



THE RECORD SPORTS

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Klassen's weekend ends with bronze

Cindy Klassen's medal collection continued to grow Sunday as the 23-year-old world champion from Winnipeg placed third in the women's 3,000 metres at a long track speed skating World Cup competition.

Anni Friesinger of Germany earned her second gold this weekend after crossing in four minutes 11.04 seconds. Her compatriot Claudia Pechstein was second in 4:14.77 while Klassen, who won Canada's first all-around world title in 27 years last weekend, was third in 4:16.83.

Greta Smit of the Netherlands was fourth in 4:18.04, Clara Hughes of Winnipeg fifth in 4:16.83 and Kristina Groves of Ottawa seventh in 4:20.65.

Tara Risling of Medicine Hat, Alta., was 16th. Tiffany Hughes of Cambridge, Ont., was fourth in the B group race.

Venus captures first victory of season

American Venus Williams beat Kim Clijsters of Belgium 6-2, 6-4 Sunday in the final of the Diamond Games for her first victory of the season.

Williams, who did not lose a set in the tournament, used an overpowering serve and near-flawless backcourt game to defend her title.

Williams' serves topped off at 189 km/h, while Clijsters' serves reached 150 km/h.

"I put a lot of pressure with my serve," Williams said. "I was always able to force the point."

Clijsters agreed.

"She was simply far too strong on the important points," Clijsters said. "Her first serves made a lot of difference."

If Williams wins the Diamond Games in any of the next three years, she can claim the diamond-encrusted trophy racket worth $1.07 million US, which goes to the first triple champion in any five-year span.

Canadian mogul woes in Japan

Canadian mogul skier Stéphane Rochon led all Canadians with a ninth place finish Saturday at Inawashiro, Japan.

Marc-André Moreau finished 11th, while Drummondville's Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau didn't make the final, winding up 28th.

American Travis Cabral won the event, eclipsing Rousseau in the overall points standing by a current score of 512 to 504.

"I couldn't stay in control in the middle of the course. It was very steep," said Rousseau, who nonetheless remains confident about the overall World Cup season title.

"I'm confident for the rest of the season. I lost the yellow jersey for one week, but I have every intention of getting it back next week."

Next week the tour heads to Madarao, Japan.

On TV

MONDAY

• **NHL: 7 p.m.,** New York Rangers at Ottawa Senators, CBC.

Around Town

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QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY

Halifax blanks Castors 2-0

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Two second-period goals by Petr Vrana were all it took for the Halifax Mooseheads to defeat the Sherbrooke Castors at the Palais des Sports Sunday afternoon.

F-P Guénette assisted on both goals for the Moosehead as the Castors dropped their first since the announcement they would be moving to Lewiston, Maine was made last week.

On Friday, the Castors rallied for a 8-7 win that moved the club three points ahead of the Val d' Or Foreurs in the battle for first place overall in the QMJHL's Lebel Conference.

But the question of the day was how the Sherbrooke fans were going to react following the confirmation of the franchise's move.

"The crowd was not very good. It didn't seem to be more than 1,000," said veteran goaltender Drew MacIntyre. "You can't blame them for being upset and staying away. But hopefully they will come out and support us during the playoffs."

MacIntyre knows that for the first time in his four years with the club the Castors can go far in the playoffs, and realizes that fan support is a big factor in the post season.

"The fans have been disillusioned, first with the trading of all the draft picks two years before I got here and then we haven't been that a good a team the last few seasons," MacIntyre said. "But we have a chance to win everything and we are playing good hockey."

Rookie Alex Bourret's 10th goal of the season with just 65 seconds left in regulation time tied the game at 6-6 and set up some overtime dramatics by import defenceman Richard Stehlik.

Stehlik scored his sixth goal of the campaign, and second in the game, at the 3:44 mark of the overtime period.

Sherbrooke's other goal scorers included Mathieu Wathier, Jean-François Plourde, Pierre-Alexandre Parenteau, and Vladislav Balaz.

CASTORS:

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At first glance, the arrival of the Castors (which will be renamed) is being received very positively by Lewiston's thriving hockey community. For starters, it means that the Central Maine Civic Center, which is the hockey home of both Lewiston High School and St. Dom's Regional High (which between them have captured 16 of the last 25 state championships), will receive a $2 million US renovation.

For another, it will bring to the region the best caliber of hockey it's seen in nearly 30 years. That in turn should inspire more kids to take up the game.

"I think the biggest impact will be on the youth level hockey programs," said St. Dom's coach Bob Boucher, now in his 23rd season.

"Those levels will probably start growing again because they've been depleted over the past couple of years. They'll have (this team) to look up to and see what kind of future they can look forward to.

"For the high schools, it will make for a nicer facility, and a lot better for all of us."

And how will Boucher feel if one of Lewiston's blue chip midgets chooses to go the QMJHL route instead of playing for him at St. Dom's?

"I think it would be just great to see that happen," he said. "I think it's nice to see kids moving forward, and I think that's the whole idea behind (this.)"

Will the QMJHL succeed in Lewiston? There's no doubt, not in the mind of Lewiston High senior assistant captain Kirk Bolduc.

"This is a great hockey town," he said. "And this is exciting hockey. Hopefully it will bring out some of the older Franco-Americans to watch the games. And hopefully some of their crowds will come out to watch the high school games."

In fact, Bolduc is so stoked that he's already begging to become part of the team.

"I hope to try out for the team and make it," he said. "I'd like to prolong my hockey career. I know it would be a lot of hard work, but it's my desire to play hockey, and as long as I want it, I think I can do anything."

Anything, he said, includes adjusting to the highly physical QMJHL style. After all, fighting is unheard of in high school hockey.

"I love the rough game," Bolduc said. "I'm a guy who likes to go in the corners. I'd like to be a scrapper on (that) team. I'd do anything just to play."

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MONT BELLEVUE
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open Trails: 8/8

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

MONT ORFORD
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
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Open Trails: 53/54
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Open Trails: 20/20

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Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
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Open Trails: 42/43
Lift Hours: N/A

SKI BROMONT
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
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Open Trails: 46/46
Lift Hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 20
Open Trails: 53/53
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JAY PEAK (VERMONT)
Snow, last 24hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 27
Open Trails: 75/75
Lift Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deplorable Distrust

In his moments of greater inspiration
When faced with mankind's sad demerits,
The poet must retain his deep propensity:
In the heights of his mind's aspiration -
So patient - at his word processor he sits,
While he delves into his soul's intensity.

To himself, time after time he must ask -
In what sort of acid does humanity bask?
Are we encrusting His message of love with rust,
As nation after nation expresses ardent distrust?

How to illustrate in a few selected words,
And in a language of humanistic resolutions...
From the time when man chased animal herds,
Why wars still continue from lack of solutions?
Solutions to start from an unselfish heart,
To forget the past, to build integral futures
Where men of goodwill will each do a part
To cover the old scars and heal new sutures!

What is more brainless to change the depths of a soul
Than to use mundane energy to protract an old rage!
When will the love of fellow man become the main goal?
Two thousand years ago. He gave mankind the message...
Yes! love from within - not blinded by worldly greed;
For it is only from the compassion living in everyone
That all hearts will talk with trust to plant the seed,
And let mankind's bliss shine on like the eternal sun!

It is time man heeds the presence of His greater power,
It is time man's time on Earth shows He was understood,
It is time man - each and everyone - sniffs every flower,
And respects how every bit of life exists for man's good;
Such a waste to spend the life for the grasp of money,
Such a waste to covet the world if beauty lives next door,
Much is His reward to those in a fair search of honey;
Keeping trust in Him, free from worry of being poor!

G. Lawrence Brown

In Memoriams

BARR, Geraldine Stockard - In loving memory of our dear mother on February 16, 1996.
Always loved and remembered.

BELL, Lylie Reed - In loving memory of a dear Mom.
In a quiet country grave yard
Where the gentle breezes blow,
Lies the one we love so dearly.
You never said goodbye to us
You did not see the tears,
But you left us precious memories
We will treasure through the years.
FRED (husband)
BRENDA (daughter), REG
MALCOLM (son), BRENDA
GRANDCHILDREN
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

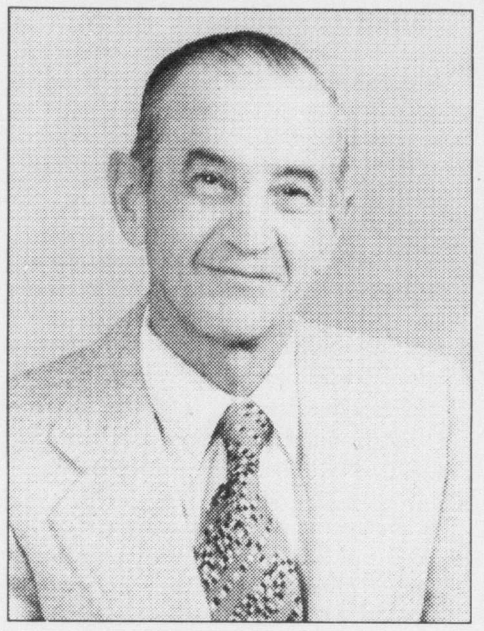
LOCKWOOD, Stuart and Gladys - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away February 26, 1983 and a dear dad and grandfather who passed away February 17, 2002.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever.
Always loved and remembered.
JANET (daughter)
BRIAN and JANICE
(grandchildren)

ROBINSON, Wesley - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 17, 1975.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
You lived your life for those you loved
And those you love remember.
Lovingly missed by family.
BILL, NORMA
STEVEN, SCOTT

Cards of Thanks

BELL - Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. For the many cards, gifts, flowers, telephone calls, letters, special dinner, and birthday cake from Judy and staff at the Grapes Residence.
Thanks,
ISABELL BELL

Death



BEAULIEU, Henri-Louis - At the CHUS Hotel Dieu, Sherbrooke on Saturday, February 15, 2003. Henri-Louis Beaulieu, in his 86th year, beloved husband of Liliane Dubé of Lennoxville. Loving father of Marcelle, Ginette, Jean-Guy (Lucie), Micheline, Suzanne, Luc (Martine) and Yvan (Rachele). Cherished grandfather of Catherine, Alexandre, Patricia, Maxime, Jean Pascal, Annie, Marie-Eve, Anne, Etienne and Antoine. Dear great-grandfather of Laurence and Charles-Emile. Brother of Antonio (Yollande) and Georgette (Royer). Brother-in-law of Cécile (Léopold), Pauline (Hertel), Cécile (Valmor), Viviane (Adelbert), Gisèle, Gabriele, Roland, Benoit, Bertrand, Claire (Lussier) and Anita (Emile), also survived by many nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel.: (819) 565-1155, fax: (819) 820-8872. Visitation on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and on day of the funeral from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Funeral service will be held at St-Anthony's Church, Lennoxville on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., followed by cremation and the interment of the ashes at the St. Anthony Cemetery, Lennoxville at a later date. As a memorial tribute, donations to the CHUS Foundation, 580 Bowen South, Sherbrooke, Que., J1G 2E8 would be appreciated.

Deaths

HUNTING, Ruth (Blaes) - Peacefully on February 11th, 2003 at the age of 79, dear wife of the late Gordon Hunting, survived by sister, Gaby, nieces, nephews and family from Germany. She will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives and everyone that knew her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Lung Fund at the McGill University Health Centre, 2155 Guy St., Suite 900, Montreal, Que., H3H 2R9. The funeral service will take place at the Mount Royal Funeral Complexe, 1297 Chemin de la Forêt, Outremont on Tuesday, February 18th, at 2 p.m., followed by interment on Friday, February 21st at 2 p.m., at the Malvern Cemetery, Moulton Hill road, Lennoxville, Que. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Homes, (819) 564-1750, 1-800-567-6031.

WILSON, Mescal - At the CHUS Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que., on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 in her 82nd year, Mescal Mildred McBurney, beloved wife of the late Eric Wilson. Loving mother of Wayne (Gwen), Larry (Anna), Wilma, Pamela (Bob) and cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her brother, Malcolm and sister, Rowena Mattison and was predeceased by Arman. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 15 Station St., Sawyerville, Que., where friends may call on Monday, February 17, 2003 from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m., and Tuesday, February 18, 2003 from 1 - 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Pastor Walter Gawa officiating. Spring interment in Eaton Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to Eaton Cemetery Assn., c/o Mrs. Sylvia McComb, 400 Rte. 253, Cookshire, Que., J0B 1M0 or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Card of Thanks

TURNBULL - I am sending out a big thank you to all those who sent me get-well wishes during my stay in the hospital. The ones who came to see me and a special thanks to my neighbours who done so much while I was in the hospital. Thank you to the Hotel Dieu doctors and nursing staff and assistants. It all helped to make my recovery possible.
ROBERT TURNBULL

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Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

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Opening lead: ♥ 10

Monday, Feb. 17, 2003

Calculating the lie of the cards

By Phillip Alder

Everyone expects experts to excel — but sometimes coups are produced by "unknown" players. This deal gives both sides a chance to do something surprising. Look at the North-South hands. You are in three no-trump after West opened one heart. West leads the heart 10 and East puts up the jack. How would you plan the play?

If the dealer opens one of a suit and it is followed by two passes, the fourth player is in the balancing seat. If he overcalls one no-trump, it is weak, showing a good 11 to 14 points. And if he jumps to two no-trump, it is also natural (not Unusual), promising 19 to 20 points. With 15-18 points, the balancer must start with a takeout double, planning to rebid in no-trump on the second round.

South has six top tricks: two hearts (given trick one) and four clubs. So, he must drive out both pointed-suit aces to establish the other three tricks that he needs. However, there is a snag.

Suppose South wins the first trick and leads a diamond. West wins immediately with the ace and expels declarer's heart ace. Then, when South plays a spade, West grabs the trick and cashes the rest of his hearts to defeat the contract.

Karen Condie, from Vero Beach, Fla., realized that there was only one chance. She let East win the first trick! And when East had to shift, Karen still had her two heart stoppers and could dislodge West's aces in safety.

Finally, note that if West had been psychic, he would have led the heart king at trick one. Then, he would have been a step ahead and defeated the contract.

He obviously cannot be trusted

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am 20 years old and a junior in college. My older sister, "Beth," recently became engaged to "Rick," and asked me to be a bridesmaid. Beth and I always have been close, and we tell each other everything. However, I don't know how to tell her that I am also in love with Rick.

Shortly after the engagement was announced, Rick and I had a sexual encounter. It happened only once, but I'm sure he still wants me. I would like to be honest with Beth, but I'm not sure my motives are pure. If she knew about our fling, it would hurt her and she would dump Rick. Then he could be mine.

Don't get me wrong, Annie. I love Beth, but it would break my heart to participate in this wedding. Should I grit my teeth and endure the ceremony? Should I tell Beth I can't be a bridesmaid? If she asks why, should I let the facts slip out? I need some guidance. — Hurt, Confused and Waiting for a Light in my Life

Dear Hurt: Rick sounds like a snake in the grass, and frankly, you don't sound much better. A loving sister does not sleep with her future brother-in-law and hope the engagement dissolves.

Talk to Rick. Insist that he admit to Beth he's been unfaithful, otherwise you will tell her. If she is willing to forgive him, and she still wants you to be part of the ceremony, grit your teeth and stand by her. If she dumps him, good riddance. Rick is not worth the mess you both have caused. He obviously cannot be trusted.

Dear Annie: My wife offered to host a baby shower for my niece, whom we absolutely adore. To make a long story short, when my niece gave us the guest list, it contained 35 names. We do not own a mansion, Annie. We have a decent-sized house, but it cannot possibly accommodate 35 people for a shower. We phoned my niece, and told her there were too many people on the guest list and she would have to trim it a bit.

My niece informed her parents of our request. Mom and Dad then decided if our house was not big enough for the crowd, we should simply rent a banquet hall. Not only will that add to the bottom line, but we cannot afford to have this circus catered, so my wife will be making all the food and desserts at home, and transporting the stuff to the banquet hall. This is a serious imposition.

We thought a baby shower was a celebration of birth, not a gift parade. What should we do? — Chicago

Dear Chicago: You are under no obligation to be bullied like this. A shower is whatever the hostess decides she can afford. While the mother-to-be supplies a guest list, it should be within the limits set by the hostess.

Inform your niece that your wife will host the shower in your home, as originally planned, and that she must trim the guest list. If this is not satisfactory, tell her, "We're so sorry we cannot give you the shower of your dreams, and we promise not to be offended if you ask someone else to host it."

Dear Annie: I am a 16-year-old girl, and I have a moustache. At school, I am tormented over the hair, but I'm afraid to get rid of it because it might grow back even worse. Is this a common problem? What should I do? — Hairy in Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Vancouver: Everyone grows hair on the upper lip, including women, and in some instances, the hair is dark and coarse. Most women shave, wax, bleach, use a depilatory, or have laser hair removal or electrolysis for more permanent results. Talk to your mother or any adult female for assistance and instructions.

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

Hatley Centre Women's Institute

Hatley Centre Women's Institute members met at the Community Centre, North Hatley on Feb. 4th for their monthly meeting. February is Sunshine month and the motto was "Let a Smile be your umbrella."

President, Françoise Williams, chaired and opened the meeting with the Collect and Salute to the Flag.

The roll call was answered by the members bringing a stamp for the Sunshine Convenor.

The new program books were distributed and included were forms for day registration, tours and information on the workshops regarding Convention 2003.

The minutes were read the secretary, Janet McLellan and approved.

The Treasurer, Helen Johnston, gave the financial report.

In observance of Founder's Day, Feb. 19th, a donation will be forwarded to the Hoodless Homestead.

Agriculture, Helen reported that a farmer in Richmond was losing calves because of illness from an unknown cause, to be investigated. She cautioned us against feeding the deer. Their digestive systems cannot tolerate food other than their regular diet.

Canadian Industries, Cascade Paper of Kingsey Falls is the largest producer of box board and handles tons of scrap paper a year.

Education, Margaret Belec reported school news, and noted, a Christmas play, basketball tournament, John Haller is the coach for the boys and girls teams, a project on North Hatley and a ski day at Quebec Lodge. Governor General, Adrienne Clarkson had visited Bishop's University. Computer courses are available at the Lennoxville Women's Centre, Computer help can be obtained on request at the North Hatley library.

Cultural Activities, Francoise reported that World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Barnabas Church on March 7th at 3 p.m. Prayers are held at St. Elizabeth Church every Thursday at 7 p.m. The United Church will hold their Chowder supper on April 12th.

We will serve tea at the Connaugh Home on St. Patrick's Day at 2 p.m.

International Affairs - Françoise commented on the shuttle Columbia's disaster Françoise is a former employee of the Canadian Space Agency at St. Hubert.

Publicity, Janet reported that our meetings have been published, and read the article from the Record on Frances Taylor, in whose memory a bursary is presented each year.

Sunshine, Ethel had received thanks for Christmas cheer from the Connaught Home and Nora Pocock.

Françoise had attended the Community Centre meeting and reported they will be sending a donation to Convention 2003. Meals on Wheels could use some more drivers to deliver meals. Meals are served on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Our annual Garage/Rummage Sale will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. It was decided to also have a food table.

Following adjournment, a delicious tea was served by the hostess, Ethel and a social hour enjoyed.

Florence Wilson won the draw.

Next meeting March 4th.

Janet McLellan

85th Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to Marguerite Cotton of the London Residence who celebrates her 85th birthday on February 17.

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Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Mary Emmett of Waterloo on being 90 years young on February 19.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: N equals M

"M NMY NMK RDW, YMFDLYP NMK ZDPW MYR BMJJ, EIF MY DRWM JDAWP LY. DRWMP GMAW WYRIZMYTW HDFGLIF RWMFG."

– VLGY B. SWYYWRK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "How can you govern a country (France) with two hundred and forty-six varieties of cheese?" — Charles de Gaulle

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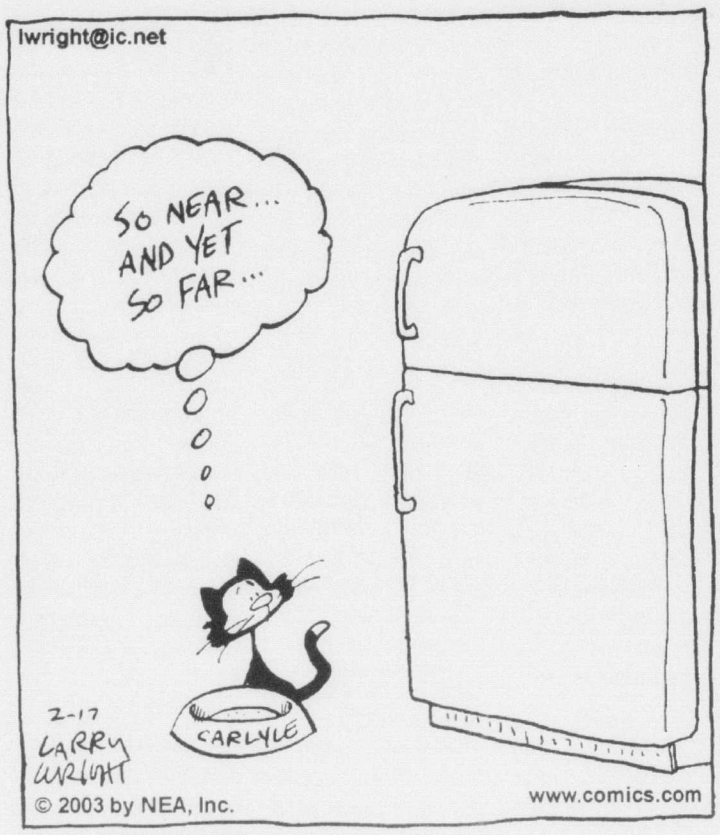

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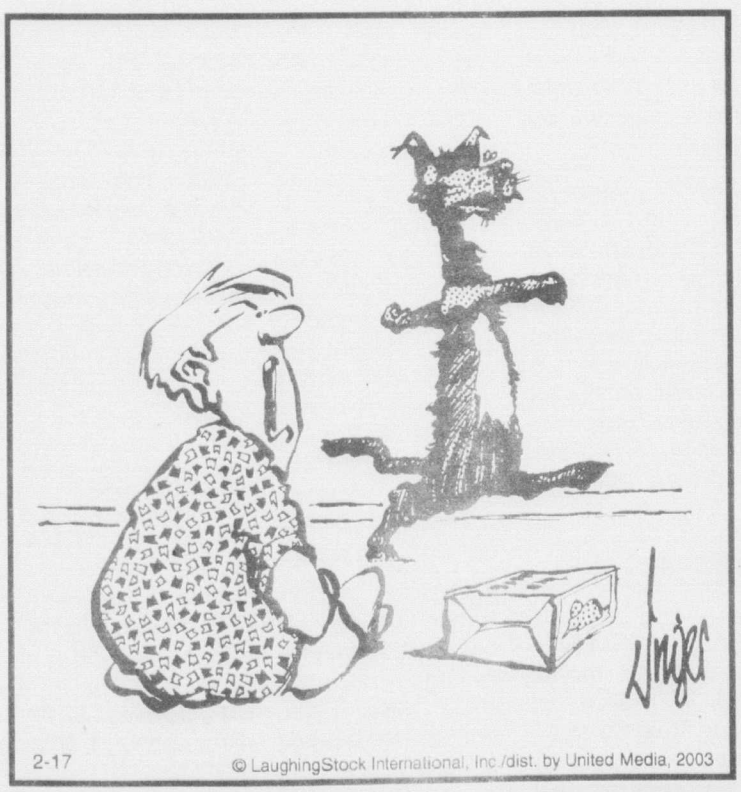

"He's swallowed my clockwork mouse!"

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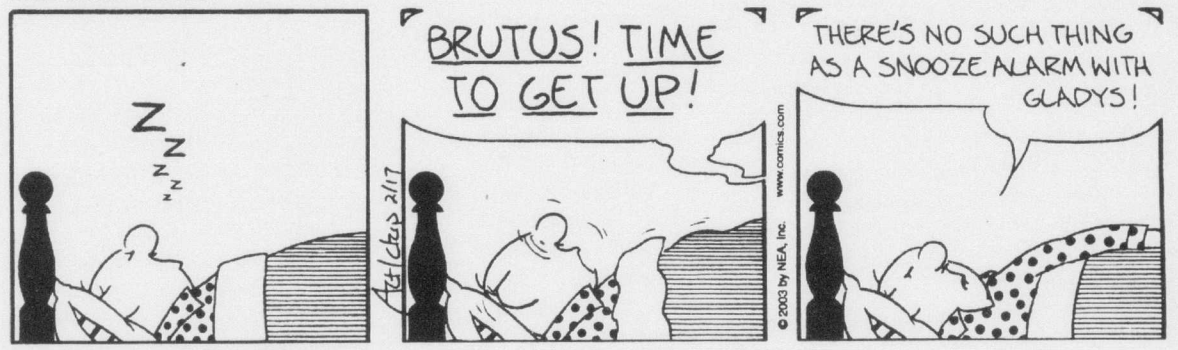

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Annual Vestry Meeting held

COMPTON

Members of St. James Church met on Sunday evening, February 9, 2003, at the home of Delma and Richard Fowler in Moe's River. Following a service of Holy Communion, the annual Vestry meeting was held. Canon Curtis Patterson chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after a slight correction were accepted.

All officers were re-elected.

Following our fundraising campaign last summer, we were able to make some major repairs to the church.

July 21, 2002, was a day of celebrations, as we marked the 175th Anniversary of the building of the first St. James Church.

Celebrations got underway at 10:30 a.m., with a special church service, conducted by Canon Curtis Patterson, with Rev. Ronald Smith as guest preacher.

This service was attended by approximately 100 people.

In the afternoon, a play was enacted, depicting what might have taken place all those many years ago, as members gathered to make plans for the building of the first St. James Church.

The financial report showed a favourable bank balance.

Following the adjournment, refreshments were served, and a social time was enjoyed by all.

Sue Nichols

Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 17, 2003

Unexpected circumstances may unfold in the months to come, holding a great deal of promise for you in the year ahead. You may actually make a total U-turn from where you were previously heading.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – You might want to toss out your schedule today and fly by the seat of your pants. Spontaneous activities will stimulate your senses and may end up holding the greatest promises for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – It won't be anything special that you do today that enables you to satisfactorily tie down a project that has heretofore eluded you; it'll be an outside development that comes out of nowhere.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – A surprise drop-in either at your home or at work could be bringing good news to you today. Even if the person is disruptive, you'll be glad she or he stopped by with the tidings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – An opportunity of a unique nature could come out of nowhere today and give you a chance to relay important information to a person who is in the position to do something about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – People stop and listen to you today, because your happy frame of mind has you saying uplifting things that elevates their spirits and spurs them on to successful fulfillments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Something in which you're involved with others could undergo an unexpected change for the better today. The results will bring benefits and success to a project that was sputtering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Anything you can do today to mix and mingle with others would be to your benefit. A chance encounter with someone new could develop into a valuable association.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Instead of turning out to be a blue Monday for you, everything should go exceedingly well at work today. Something might occur that could have a beneficial influence on your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Activities that may be a trifle daring but innovative will inspire you today. If the opportunity for such an adventure doesn't present itself to you, be imaginative and stir something up yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – A ho-hum day could suddenly turn into an exciting one for you with a phone call from someone you've been hoping to hear from but never thought you would.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Being a fast thinker with outstanding judgment today makes you a person who will know how to implement what you conceive and take it to a successful conclusion. Don't sit on your duff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Take positive measures to act on something that you have been mulling over in your mind lately. Once it's implemented, you will be glad you took action on it.

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ACROSS

1 Big rigs
6 Cook
10 Left without words
14 Over 21
15 Word after town or dance
16 Culture medium
17 Vacillating Joel?
20 Individual
21 Commotion
22 Sea off Corfu
23 French cleric
25 Teensy tormentor
26 Break in the action
29 Gear tooth
30 Gabs
34 Cove
35 Crisp toast
37 "Run[illegible]ay" singer Shannon
38 Old-fashioned Rich?
41 Fury
42 Works with a beam
43 Cager Shaq
44 Croat's neighbor
46 You bet!
47 Huggable
48 Guessed figs.
50 Put on a scale
51 Very drunk
54 Publicize
55 Horizontal barrier
59 Dexterous Travis?
62 To be in Tours
63 Stridex target
64 More aloof
65 "Doe, a __ ..."
66 Revolutionary time on earth?
67 Perplexed

DOWN

1 Old adages
2 Actress Falco
3 Comic Martin
4 Doomed
5 Hog home
6 Reprove mildly
7 Saintly glow
8 Cornering pipe
9 Passing quickly
10 Overly fastidious
11 Jamaican fruit
12 __ fide (in bad faith)
13 __ Mawr College
18 Collars
19 Long, fluffy scarf
24 Synthetic rubber
25 Olympic medals
26 Old-time music systems
27 Habituate
28 Wood for pilings
29 Relinquishes
31 Said further
32 Piano part
33 With guile
35 Erato and her sisters
36 In connection with
39 Routine
40 Perform with subtlety
45 Drinking spree
47 Dashing Grant
49 Wild blue yonder
50 Bill attachment
51 Molt
52 London gallery
53 Concerning
54 Actress Paquin
56 Black cuckoos
57 __ fixe (obsession)
58 Vega's constellation
60 Top card
61 Narrow inlet

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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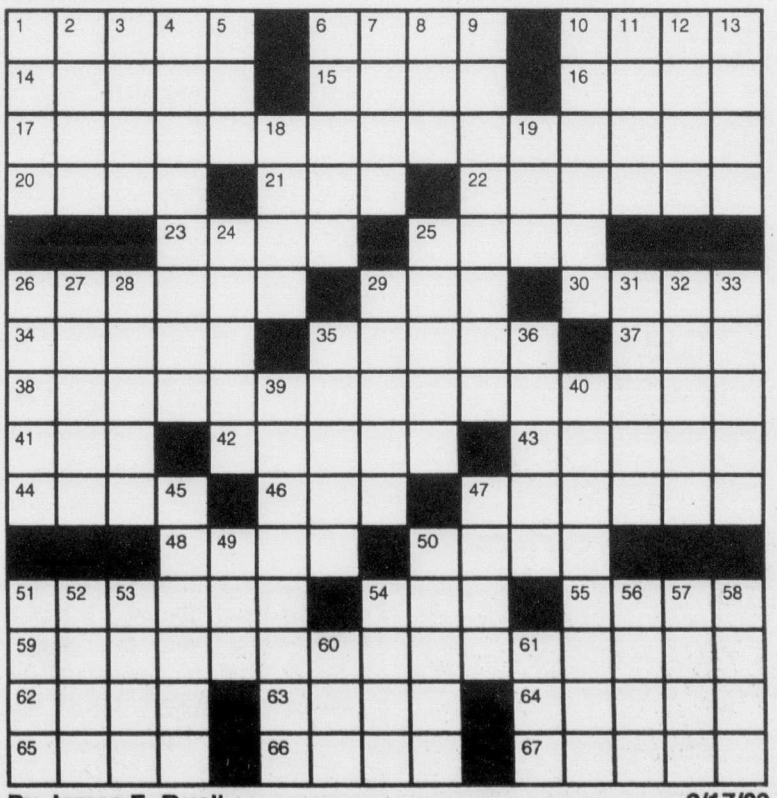

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