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Mansonville couple suing CUSE for botched bypass operation

*Maximilian Holz paralyzed on
one side*

By Maurice Crossfield

A Mansonville couple are suing the Centre Universitaire de la Santé for a botched coronary bypass operation that left a 74-year-old man paralyzed on one side.

The lawsuit calls for a total of \$800,000 from the CUSE, one of its heart surgeons, an anesthetist and a resident anesthetist. Of that, \$600,000 is for the loss of physical capacity for Maximilian Holz, and another \$200,000 to wife Zofia Holz for decrease in quality of life and the obligation to act as a nurse for her now disabled husband.

The lawsuit states that on Aug. 11, 1999 Holtz was admitted to the Fleurimont site of the CUSE. The following day he was to be given a coronary bypass operation.

But early in the procedure the resident inserted a catheter into the carotid artery instead of the jugular artery. Realizing the error the operation was halted and the doctors decided to wait until Holz regained consciousness before deciding what to do next.

"The decision not to continue was a good one," said Martin Gauthier, the lawyer representing the couple. "But nothing else was done, and when he woke up seven hours later he was paralyzed."

"The suit is based on the fact that they did the wrong artery, but above all it is based on the fact that afterwards nothing was done."

The paralysis was caused by a blood clot that formed around the wound caused by the catheter. It left Holz completely paralyzed on one side and unable to walk. The damage is permanent.

Gauthier said the doctors should have given Holz drugs to wake him up from the anesthetic more quickly, so his condition could be monitored. He said an electronic imaging device known as a Doppler should have also been used to watch for the formation of a clot.

"Instead, they did nothing, and when he woke up seven hours later, it was too late," Gauthier said. "If they had found the problem more quickly they could have done procedures to reduce the problem."

The \$600,000 demanded for Maximilian Holz is also intended to cover future health care and specialized equipment. The lawsuit reserves the right to increase that amount in the future if necessary.

Gauthier said if the case does go to trial it could take up to a year or more before a decision is reached.

Slip Sliding Away!



DAVID ANDERSON/CORRESPONDENT

A trio of kids took advantage of the sunny weather Wednesday and slid to their hearts content at Robinson Park in Waterloo. Sunny conditions are expected to return to the Townships on Saturday.

Single city concept popular

*Lennoxville would retain
its bilingual status under
proposal*

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

A consensus is growing among regional mayors who are now recommending that Sherbrooke area municipalities unite into a single large city divided into boroughs.

After considering the "Trois Villes" concept proposed by Mayor Jean Perrault last spring, local mayors are now discussing a compromise solution that would create one large city with an undetermined number of boroughs.

The earlier "Trois Villes" or "Three Cities" concept entertained the notion of creating three municipalities, including one which would have regrouped the mainly English areas of Lennoxville and Waterville as well as the Massawippi towns of

North Hatley and Hatley Township.

Now the nine mayors on Sherbrooke's regional municipal council (MRC) have agreed on the concept of a single city divided into boroughs - similar to Montreal's South Shore where a single city will include boroughs made up of the current seven municipalities.

The concept now being looked at would create a single large city, which would receive all the taxes and deal with common issues such as infrastructures, urban planning and regional economic development. The administrations of suburban boroughs would deal with such local matters as garbage collection and street cleaning.

Sherbrooke Mayor Perrault, who like many of his predecessors has been dreaming of a regional municipal merger for years, said he is pleased that local mayors are finally in favor of the concept. Of course, with the provincial government forcing the issue, suburban mayors have had little choice in the matter.

PLEASE SEE CITY PAGE 4

Longing for longer hours of daylight

Can't you feel it coming? The days are getting longer. Those months with the short names, March, April, May and June are on the way and our colds and sniffles are getting better. Now if we could only get at least three consecutive days of sunshine we'd be all set.

I noticed the increased daylight hours when I changed the timer on a security lamp to turn on when it starts to get dark. I had to advance the time more than half an hour. That's quite a bit, considering daylight started to lengthen only Dec. 21. Notice my use of "daylight" and not "sunlight".

A quick calculation tells me that the time between the shortest day of daylight, ending at around four o'clock in

December and the longest at ten o'clock in June, is 360 minutes. Divided by 180 days equals two minutes per day. I'll let the experts deal with precision. If the average increase in daylight is two minutes each day, then we have already gained 40 minutes since Dec. 21. It goes fast, doesn't it?

Why do I notice these things more now than when I was younger? Could it be that the activities of a career, raising a family, moving 19 times and being an active sportsman did not give me the opportunity to notice the change? That may be. However, I believe it is because I have to

change the timer on the security lamp now, which I didn't have then.

It doesn't matter that when I look up from my word processor that I can only see a snow bank in front of the basement window in my cozy, paper strewn studio. Nor does it matter that my young Wilson maple tree stands in deep snow up to its lower branches. It just means that there is a lot of winter left to enjoy.

Last Saturday my companion and I decided to take advantage of a brief period of sunshine by taking a walk. We parked near McDonald's on King west and took the bike trail along the rail-

road tracks and crossed the river. At one point we were undecided if we should turn back or continue on and re-cross the river at Parc Jacques Cartier. The nice weather made me suggest we continue on. A suggestion I can still feel in the stiffness of my legs today. Most of the trek was on soft snow, tamped down by a snowmobile, making the walking difficult. We guessed we had walked 11 or 12 kms in these conditions. Not bad considering our combined age is 135 years.

Hampered by a shoulder injury I am unable to get out on the ski trails with you yet. Watch for us in a few weeks when I am healed and the days will be longer. See you there!

OUR MAN THURSDAY



WILLIAM COX

Activity picks up at year end for Sherbrooke area builders

Residential construction posted an active fourth quarter, with 136 starts, or 35 more constructions than during the same period in 1999, for an increase of 35 per cent. These figures were drawn from the latest starts survey conducted by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The results for this quarter go against the trend observed for the last four quarters, when new construction starts were on the decline. In the third quarter, the decrease in housing starts was accompanied by an increase in residential investments with the recycling of an industrial building into retirement housing.

For the moment, activity is picking up mainly in the apartment segment, as single-family home starts remain down.

On a year-to-date basis, the year 2000 ended with a decline in starts of about 20 per cent. The annual volume of construction reached 515 units, down by 130 units from 1999. Out of this shortfall, 70 units are houses. "Single-family home building has been losing speed for three years in the area, and the last time the level of production was so low dates back to the 1981-1982 recession," commented Helène Dauphinais.

During the year 2000, starts increased in Que-

bec's most populated metropolitan areas, namely, Montreal, Quebec and Hull. Like the Sherbrooke area, the Trois-Rivières area sustained a decrease in housing starts (11 percent) in 2000.

STARTS DOWN IN DRUMMONDVILLE AND GRANBY

The year 2000 was marked by a decrease in starts in the Drummondville and Granby census agglomerations (CAs). In the Drummondville CA, the year ended with a total of 331 starts, compared to 386 in 1999. The decline in activity resulted mainly from a lower volume of new houses, as the production of apartments was rather stable. Single-family housing starts, at 205, still remain close to the historical average (215) for the last 25 years, which is rare.

In the Granby CA, the slowdown in starts was mainly felt in the apartment segment, where production plummeted by 45 percent. As for single-family houses, 161 were started in 2000, compared to 174 in 1999. With a total of 285 starts, residential construction remains very far from the historical average for the last 25 years, which stands at 473 units.

CMHC is the Government of Canada's national housing agency.

Training sessions for employers on pay equity

Staff

Quebec's pay equity commission will be holding training sessions in Sherbrooke, Lake Megantic, and Asbestos to help employers develop pay equity plans now required by law.

The workshops, which are scheduled for Jan. 23 and 24, aim to explain the rights and obligations under the new provincial legislation to both employers and workers.

Under the legislation that was passed in the fall of 1997, private, public and parapublic enterprises have till Nov. 21 to come up with pay equity plans which ensure women and men are paid equal salaries for different but equivalent work.

The free three and a half hour training sessions will take place on January 23, and again on the 24th if there are enough registrations. The courses are being offered by

the Commission de l'équité salariale in cooperation with local employment centers and the Estrie bureau of the Conseil du statut de la femme.

In Sherbrooke, the courses will be held at the Centre local d'emploi at 1235 King Street East. In Lake Megantic, they will be at the Centre local d'emploi at 5537 Frontenac and in Asbestos they will be offered at the Centre local d'emploi on Simoneau Blvd.

Because obligations under the law vary with the size of enterprises, one course will be offered for businesses with more than 50 employees and another for those with 10 to 49 staffers. Sessions for small companies will be held in the mornings from 8:30 till noon. Afternoon sessions from 1:30 to 5 p.m. will deal with obligations for larger companies.

To register, call the pay equity commission at 1 888-528-8765.

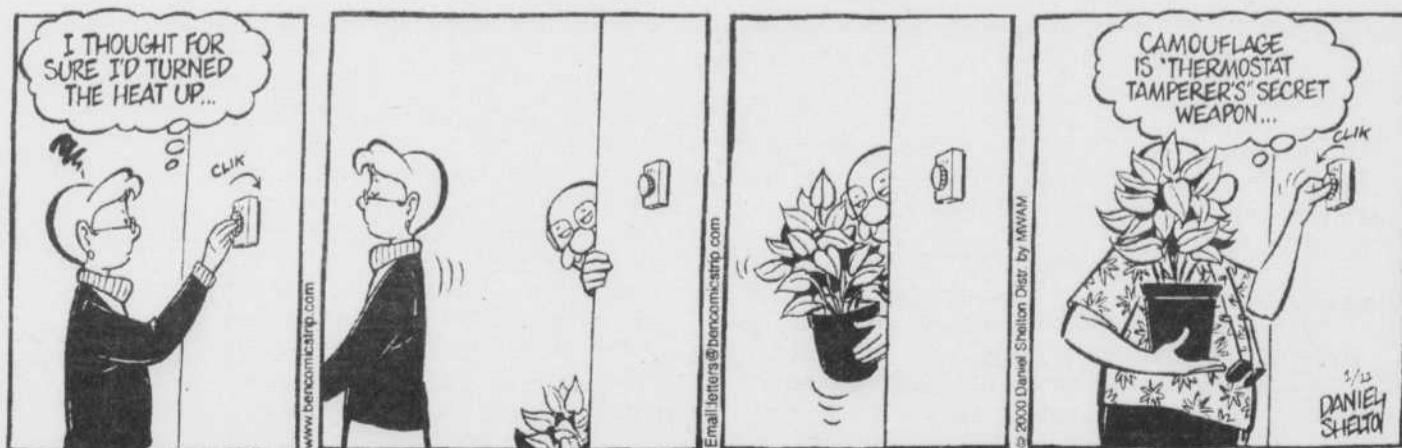
Weather

Today: Flurries. High near minus 2. Winds becoming northwesterly 15 to 30 km/h in the afternoon.

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Saturday: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near minus 18. High near minus 6.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Waterloo tables third consecutive tax-cutting budget

Increased operating costs absorbed by the town

By Maurice Crossfield

The Waterloo town council will continue cutting taxes in 2001, despite the increases in some costs.

"We were elected on a platform to reduce taxes," said mayor Paul Masse at the budget meeting Tuesday night. "We cut them by 24 cents the first year, and 12 cents the next year. This year we are cutting taxes by almost 10 cents, so we're actually 2.5 cents behind."

The basic tax rate for homeowners in Waterloo drops from \$1.47 to \$1.38 per \$100 for 2001. For an \$85,000 house that's a saving of \$80.58.

Most of that saving will be canceled out by the special tax to pay for the



FILE PHOTO

We were elected to bring taxes down...Mayor Paul Masse.

town's new water treatment system. While the cost was expected to be about \$85 per household, Masse said it will actually be \$77 per household for the next

15 years.

During the regular council meeting Masse explained that the new biological water treatment facility is now removing the excess iron from the town's water. By the end of February the plant will be in full operation, removing manganese from the water as well.

Buildings with more than six apartments and non residential buildings will see their tax rates drop to \$1.45 from \$1.47 per \$100. All other tax rates will remain the same for the coming year.

RISING COSTS

The total budget for 2001 is expected to be \$4,515,000. That's a \$281,000 increase over last year. The increase reflects rising costs for the municipality, including a \$100,000 hike in the cost of garbage removal. Despite that increase the garbage tax remains at \$120 per household.

Quebec Police Force protection will cost Waterloo \$10,000 more for the coming year, bringing the bill up to \$325,000 for the municipality of just over 4,000 residents.

For the first time in several years the arena will no longer be coming up short financially. Masse said the Arena Jacques Chagnon will have balanced books this year, with a total budget of about \$300,000.

Also included in the 2001 budget will be a debt repayment of \$606,096 on the capital and another \$259,000 in interest payment. That includes a \$100,000 final payment for the purchase of the municipal garage in 1996. Waterloo will still owe \$2,342,498 at the end of 2001.

"We were elected to bring taxes down to a level where we can breathe," said Masse. "For three years we have managed to do so without cutting any services."

New program aims to tame wild streets of Waterloo

By Maurice Crossfield

The Town of Waterloo will be spending some \$20,000 in the coming year on a new program aimed at cutting down crime and vandalism.

"In Waterloo we've had problems with some young people who write on the walls and vandalize things," said mayor Paul Masse. "It makes it uncomfortable for some people to walk the streets. They're afraid some guy drink-

ing out of a brown paper bag is going to give them an elbow or something."

A prime example happened last June when a member of a group of curbside drinkers got into a dispute with a passerby. Gaston Duchaine died later in hospital from stab wounds, while André Meunier, the man accused of the murder, remains in jail awaiting trial.

To try to find a way to deal with the problem, Masse met with the mayor of

Maniwaki. There a program called Rues Tranquilles significantly cut the level of vandalism and street crimes.

"It's a good project and we're going to make it better here in Waterloo," Masse said, noting that Maniwaki's program has won international awards for its success and originality.

The Waterloo version of Rues Tranquilles (Quiet Streets), will be launched in the spring. It will begin with the for-

mation of a work table made up of young people, CLSC and youth protection workers, municipal officials and the police.

Masse said the program will include such activities as Neighborhood Watch, and students training to be police officers may be hired to walk the streets. The program will also benefit from the input of young people, to get at the root causes of the problems.

Crime rate drops in Waterloo, rises in rest of Haute-Yamaska

By Maurice Crossfield

Though it still boasts the largest number of crimes in Haute-Yamaska, Waterloo was the only municipality to see its crime rate decrease in 2000.

The total number of crimes in Waterloo in 2000 was 134, down from 168 in 1999. Town councillor Patrick Gallagher credited increased citizen involvement for the decline.

"More citizens took things into their own hands and called the police when they saw something suspicious," Gal-

lagher said. "They see the police around and they call them when something is going on in their neighborhood."

Gallagher said the attention raised by the murder of Gaston Duchaine last June may have helped. Some 75 people turned out for a public meeting on security following the murder, sending a clear message to the Quebec Police Force that in increased presence was needed.

Now on many weekends, especially at the beginning of the month, an extra patrol car is on duty in the Waterloo sec-

tor. The first weekend of the month is a time when crimes in Waterloo increase.

"It took two years of complaining about the police," said mayor Paul Masse. "But I'm happy to see some results."

But the crime statistics weren't as rosy in the other six municipalities served by the Haute-Yamaska detachment of the QPF. Roxton Pond went from 49 reported crimes in 1999 to 68 in 2000. Shefford Township went from 71 crimes in 1999 to 75 in 2000. St-Alphonse-de-Granby saw 60 crimes last

year, and increase of 10. St-Joachim-de-Shefford went from 23 crimes in 1999 to 29 crimes last year, while St-Cecile-de-Milton went from 42 crimes in 1999 to 45 crimes in 2000. In Warden the crime rate more than doubled, with two crimes reported in 1999 and five reported last year.

Masse said the lower crime rate in Waterloo hasn't come at the expense of the other municipalities.

"We have been assured that there have been new people brought in, and their work has been reorganized."

BRIEFS

English language session on mental health

Do you or someone you know suffer from some form of mental illness? Are words like: manic depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia confusing to you?

If so you will want to attend an information session Sat. Jan. 20, 2001 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 'New Horizons' Adult Education Centre 2365 Galt West, Sherbrooke where the main topic will be: Introduction to mental illness: reality and myths. Bring your lunch - coffee & juice provided. It would be helpful to have an idea of the number of people interested in this event. To register or for more information call: Townshippers' Association, 566-5717, Ext. 15

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Reaching consensus is a huge step forward: Perrault

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Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel made it clear there are too many municipalities in Quebec and the Parti Québécois government will no longer accept the status quo. In the fall she named a mediator to help local mayors come up with a merger plan that would cut down on the number of municipalities and municipal structures.

Mediator Pierre Gauthier, who has spoken with municipal mayors and officials alone and together, said the current consensus meets with the objectives of the government to reorganize the territory to take into account the future of the region.

"We are seeking a regional consensus on the future organization of the region," he said. "It's not a question of who is annexing who or who is merging with whom, the idea is to look at what the region needs to be a force in the future."

Despite that reassurance, some mayors are clearly reluctant partners in the talks.

"We did not have a whole lot of room to maneuver," commented Ascot Mayor Robert Pouliot, adding that he is not in favor of municipal mergers.

"However, the law obliges us to merge so we decided to work on a scenario that could be agreed upon by a majority of local mayors," he told the Record, adding that he hopes current talks will lead to the birth of an administration concerned mainly with the welfare of citizens.

Pouliot said the single city proposal now on the table is very different from merger discussions of the past which were mainly based on the larger Sherbrooke eating up its smaller suburban neighbors.

"Now we are talking about the creation of an entirely new entity," he said.

Pouliot said that in a new municipality it's important that municipal services be based not only on the capacity of taxpayers to pay - but also on their desire to pay.

"Sometimes you can afford a trip to New York, but don't necessarily want to go to New York," he analogized. "We don't want to go to New York."

Pouliot said he expects citizens to pay only for the services they receive. He said taxes for Ascot residents would go



Ascot Mayor Robert Pouliot



Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault



Lennoxville Mayor Doug MacAulay

down within the new city.

"Based on the phenomenon of rationalizing services, we should see a decrease in taxes," he said. "Taxes must not go up for Ascot residents. Tax bills must be lower with no corresponding drop in services."

Pouliot adds that the merger cannot be accomplished without the notion of parity among taxpayers. That, he said,

will lead to such issues as installing water meters everywhere on the territory to ensure not only that the resource is protected, but also that all residents of the new municipality pay the same amount for the

same service. Currently there are water meters in Ascot and Rock Forest.

Mayor Perrault said the fact that suburbs have accepted the idea of a single city is a huge step forward. He said the concept of boroughs is a good compromise to keep services close to the citizens served, while making the region stronger and more competitive.

"Right now we are competing amongst ourselves instead of other regions of Quebec and Canada," he said.

Perrault said the merger would create better cohesion within the region and offer improved services to the population at a more reasonable cost.

"And the notion of boroughs will keep services like recreational activities closer to the population," he adds.

The number of boroughs for the new metropolitan Sherbrooke and their exact responsibilities have yet to be de-

termined. Boroughs could be made up of current municipalities and city districts, or fusions of some of those to create similar sized divisions that would make sense geographically. Elections would probably send one or more representative from each of the boroughs to city hall.

"We have agreed on the principle, the details still need to be ironed out,"

commented Perrault.

For now, discussions of this scenario have involved only the nine cities which are part of the Sherbrooke MRC. However it could

said the main concern of his council and citizens was to retain bilingual status.

Because the town is more than 50 per cent English-speaking, Lennoxville can do a number of things in English including post bilingual signs, send out bilingual tax bills and have council meeting in both languages. Most Quebec municipalities must follow provi-

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Lennoxville Mayor Doug MacAulay

expand to include a half dozen other municipalities including North Hatley, Hatley Township, St-Denis-de-Brompton, Stoke, Ascot Corner, and Compton which are part of the regional metropolitan census area of Sherbrooke which has a population of more than 140,000 people.

Mediator Gauthier said he has spoken with the mayors of the six other municipalities who do not disagree with the proposal.

"All 15 mayors are well aware of the current process, and none are opposed," he said, adding that so far there has been good participation in the talks. "They all know what's coming."

He said his final recommendation may include some or all of the 15 municipalities that make up the regional metropolitan census of Sherbrooke.

Lennoxville Mayor Doug MacAulay

sions of the French Language Charter and operate exclusively in French.

With a borough of Lennoxville, Waterville and possibly some other English towns, it could continue to offer services in English, MacAulay said.

Gauthier said part of his mandate is to preserve the bilingual status of Lennoxville - a goal that is shared by mayors in the MRC. He said he is also concerned about the bilingual status of North Hatley, although the modalities of how it will be preserved have not yet been discussed.

The new single city concept was discussed during a handful of meetings before the holidays. Mayors are scheduled to talk again on Friday.

Gauthier, who must submit his final recommendations to Harel on Feb. 1, said it will reflect the consensus now being achieved in the region.

Quebec meningitis vaccination failed: study

U of S study finds program did nothing to save infants from deadly disease

By Janice Cunningham

A study authored by researchers at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke and published Wednesday in a major U.S. medical journal has revealed that the massive vaccination campaign against meningitis done in Quebec in the early 1990s may have had no effect.

In the paper, published in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association, researchers show that the program of vaccination offered almost no protection to young children, but was effective for adolescents and young adults, at least for the short term.

It was assumed to be effective for five years but the researchers found that for the older children the effect lasted only two years. For children between six months and two years old the vaccine was virtually useless. In effect, no child is protected against the meningococcal bacteria any more in Quebec.

"We saw an increase in the disease in Quebec starting in the '80s," Dr. Philippe De Wals, author of the study,

explained, "and it hit a peak in the early 90s." The increased number of cases, most frequent in children under two, created a lot of anxiety and, according to De Wals, caused enormous pressure to find an effective vaccine.

"There was a vaccine developed in the '60s, but it had only been tested on U.S. military recruits," said De Wals. "They showed a 90 per cent rate of protection during the period of training."

Unfortunately, the only studies on children had been done in Brazil and there was some indication that protection was inadequate for young children. But the Quebec government still decided to initiate the vaccination.

The targeted population was 1.9 million children aged six months to 20 years old. In total, 84 per cent of this population were vaccinated between the months of December 1992 and March 1993.

The Quebec government then commissioned De Wals in 1993 to evaluate the long-term impact of the vaccine. "Our only regret," he said, "is that we didn't start it a year earlier."

De Wals and his colleagues studied the effects of the program for five years, comparing the frequency of the disease among those vaccinated to those who were not.

They found that the vaccine "provided excellent protection for teenagers," De Wals said. The vaccine was 83 per cent effective for youths 15 to 20 years old, 75 per cent for those 10 to 14 years old but only 41 per cent for children two to nine. They found no proof that the vaccine was effective for children under two.

The mention of meningitis strikes

fear into any parent's heart.

"It is one of the most frightening diseases we know of," said De Wals.

The only studies on children had been done in Brazil and there was some indication that protection was inadequate for young children. But the Quebec government still decided to initiate the vaccination.

"The disease can form in a matter of hours and you can be dead in 24 hours."

The most common forms of the illness include meningococcal meningitis and the more deadly meningococcal septicemia. The latter, which is a form of poisoning of the blood, has a 50 per cent mortality rate. Even those who are lucky enough to survive the illness can suffer grave consequences, such as the loss of limbs.

Every year there are 250 to 300 recorded cases of meningococcal diseases in Canada, especially during the winter months. Usually the cases are isolated. According to De Wals, a few

weeks ago a young girl in Sherbrooke died from the septicemia form of the disease. She had been inoculated in 1993.

De Wals advises parents that if 'petechia,' or blood spots, suddenly appear on their children's skin, to immediately go to emergency. "This is the first sign," he said. Apparently, the spots are not like measles, but appear as tiny pools of blood just under the skin.

The vaccine is

still used for travellers and military personnel. De Wals says that it is very effective when used for adults and for short-term protection.

There is a new, experimental vaccine in use in England since November 1999 which is considered 80 per cent effective for all age groups. However, it is not licensed yet in either Canada or the U.S. There is also a shortage of the vaccine in England and it costs 10 times more than the one that was used in Quebec.

However, it is the best bet if another epidemic should hit the area, said De Wals.

But what are the chances of another epidemic?

According to De Wals, that is like predicting the lottery - they really have no way of forecasting another outbreak. The early '90s vaccination was successful in that it immediately reduced the number of cases of meningitis by radically decreasing the number of the bacteria and thus the amount of transmission.

"Since then, it's been a quiet situation," he added.

Anglos called to jury duty in Granby

Staff

There could be as many as four English language jury trials in the Bedford judicial district for the winter session.

Earlier this week some 36 anglophones were chosen to sit on three juries. In the coming weeks those three juries will decide the fate of a man accused of assault, another accused of growing marijuana and another man accused of making a false declaration. The assault trial begins at the Granby courthouse next Monday.

A fourth English language trial may be held sometime in April. In that case Werner Kyling is being tried in connection with a botched 1994 kidnapping and attempted extortion. Kyling will find out if his case will proceed when he appears in court again next Monday.

In the coming days some 300 francophones will be summoned for jury selection in connection with the murder trial of André Meunier. He is accused of the murder of Gaston Duchaine in Waterloo last summer.

Blood donor clinic in Richmond

A blood donor clinic will be held at Club Lions Richmond-Melbourne Community Centre, 820 Gouin, Richmond Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001 from 4 to 8 p.m.
Objective: 125 donors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smiling service in both languages

DEAR EDITOR,

I'd like to add my two cents worth to this discussion. We have had bilingual service at both the Richmond and Windsor CLSC. Always with a smile too. After two stays at the CUSE I have only praise for the care that I received. Sarge was always spoken to in English and since my maiden name is English they always made the effort to speak English until I assured them that I was indeed a "franglais"! and they could speak either language to me. The diabetic clinic can also be had in English - Sarge has always had very good service from them.

May I add that a smile goes a long way to getting good service in any language.

SARGE & PAULINE BAMPTON
Richmond

Foster homes needed

Dear Editor,

The CNDE/Dixville Regrouping is presently in need of foster families for adults that would welcome intellectually disabled persons into their homes. We especially need this family type resource in Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Ayer's Cliff, Dixville and Coaticook. For each person placed, there is a daily rate financial contribution made between \$25 and \$40.

If you believe in social integration, if you feel that you can provide patience, comprehension and understanding, that you can collaborate with a professional team, give us a call and we will be pleased to answer your questions about fostering.

JEAN-CLAUDE LANGLOIS,
CNDE/Dixville Regrouping
346-0551, ext. 208

Day should fess up

Anybody who paid even passing attention to the recent federal election will know that Canadian Alliance Leader Stockwell Day was accused of having said numerous stupid, hateful and ignorant things in his political career.

Not that it mattered, since we are talking politics here, but the vast majority of Day gaffes are complete fiction. Having looked into his record in detail in the course of researching my book on the former Alberta treasurer, I can say with certainty that Day was victimized by the Liberals and much of the media as the result of a remarkable smear campaign.

That having been said, however, Day, like every politician - indeed, like every person whatever their job - has made a couple of boneheaded statements. And due to one in particular, his reputation as a man of honour and integrity - and as a protector of the public purse - now hangs in the balance. And based on the early returns, it's not looking good for his high moral character.

The whole affair dates back to April 1999 when Day attacked Red Deer lawyer and school trustee Lorne Goddard for defending convicted pedophile Kevin Valley. Goddard, who was acting as Valley's defence lawyer, attempted to use the controversial B.C. ruling striking down child pornography laws as unconstitutional - a ruling currently before the Supreme Court of Canada - arguing that his client had every right to possess child pornography.

Day fired off a letter to his (and Goddard's) local newspaper, the Red Deer Advocate, saying that while Goddard had every right to defend his client, the lawyer's reported statement "went far beyond that. He is reported to have said that he actually believes the pedophile had the right to possess child porn."

That prompted both Alberta Justice Minister Jon Havelock and Premier Ralph Klein to scold Day, the former telling legislative members not to comment on cases before the courts and the premier calling Day's comment "inappropriate."

Goddard certainly thought so. In June he filed a suit against Day, seeking \$300,000 in general damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages. Day said he thought Goddard still needed to "clarify" his personal views, but in August he apologized in a letter to Goddard, a letter which appeared in several Alberta newspapers.

Goddard said that wasn't good enough. In his statement of defence in September, Day said his statements "amount to political comment on an issue of public importance." That same month, Alberta taxpayers learned they

would be paying for Day's folly through the government's risk management fund, sparking a call by the Liberals for ethics commissioner Robert Clark to investigate whether Day was breaking the Conflict of Interest Act by having the fund cover his fees. (Then NDP

leader Pam Barrett had also complained, but her public outrage was short-lived after it was learned that her party too was using the fund to pay her legal defence in a suit brought by a provincial health organization.)

Day had earlier announced plans to raise the funds privately through a citizens' legal defence fund, but Clark said that would be in conflict with the law. Clark also told the Liberals that Day had done nothing wrong by applying to the provincial fund - which pays up to \$1 million to MLAs who are sued while acting within the scope of their official duties - although Clark added that the rules were a bit fuzzy and should be clarified. The following February, a legislative committee did just that.

In the meantime, however, Day did something incredibly odd. In November, despite his earlier apology, he launched a personal Website to defend himself, claiming that Goddard was making "vexatious" and "improper" allegations against him.

And now, of course, we have an out-of-court settlement between the two combatants. Yet even though the public is paying the bill, they don't know how much the bill is. Details of the deal, you see, are secret.

Day - who once voted against a Liberal MLA's use of the fund - has been quite properly hounded about this deal for the past week by the media and opposition politicians alike.

"All parties signed a confidentiality agreement," says Day. "This is absolutely common procedure and it's one that I will respect."

But it is not "common procedure" for such a high profile public figure to have his personal legal expenses paid for by the taxpayers and then refuse to say what the tab is.

Even some of Day's own Alliance MPs understand that. Alberta MP Myron Thompson, for example, told the Globe and Mail, "If the public wants to know something it should know."

Exactly. This hasn't been Day's finest hour, particularly as leader of a party which has promised to clean up the cesspool of Canadian politics. He should come clean and tell taxpayers how much his mistake cost them.

You can bet that if Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's name had been on the defamation suit, Day would be demanding a public accounting.

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Little hope of overturning French asbestos ban: Institute

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
ASBESTOS

Despite the efforts of industry and government, there is little hope of overturning a ruling by the World Trade Organization that supported a French ban on asbestos imports, said Denis Hamel, spokesman for the Asbestos Institute Tuesday night.

"Since the WTO has been in existence, none of its rulings have been overturned," he told an audience of pro-asbestos supporters.

"The best we can hope for is to weaken the arguments of anti-asbestos groups and have the WTO accept more of our arguments that our asbestos is not that dangerous."

The WTO opted to support the three-year-old ban on asbestos last June following a year of hearings by pro-and anti-asbestos groups. The hearings were prompted by protests by Canada and the asbestos industry, which argued the French ban contravened the rules and spirit of free trade as promoted by the WTO.

Both France and Canada are members of the organization.

When it announced the ban in 1996, France argued it did not interfere with free trade because it was put in place for health reasons, not economic reasons.

The French government argued asbestos was the cause of close to 2,000 deaths a year in France and should not be protected by WTO free trade obligations.

Some forms of asbestos have been linked to lung illnesses and rare forms of cancer. Chrysotile asbestos, which is mined in Canada, is considered by industry and government to be the least harmful form.

Canada has appealed last June's ruling, arguing the WTO went beyond its mandate which was to determine if the ban was compliant with France's international trade obligations.

New hearings for that appeal are scheduled for Jan. 17 and 18 at the WTO's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. A decision is expected by next March.

The institute, which is financed by the provincial and federal governments as well as by the asbestos industry, is leading the fight against the WTO ruling along with the Pro-Asbestos movement. The movement is made up of industry representatives and municipal officials from Asbestos and Thetford Mines, where most of the Canadian asbestos is mined.

As its height in the early 1970s, the industry in these two towns employed over 7,000 people and operated 14 mines. Today, less than 1,500 people work at three mines, one in Asbestos and two in Thetford.

Asked why he would tell the movement not to get their hopes up about overturning the WTO ruling, Hamel said he had to be realistic.

"It may be a little discouraging for the



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In the 1980s then QFL leader Clement Godbut, was representing asbestos workers' concerns about the safety of the product. Many of those concerns, though addressed, continue to haunt the industry.

"At the time, we felt we had no choice. If those concerns were not addressed, many of the mines and plants would have been closed years ago because they were dangerous," Clement said this week

people involved, but I felt I had to be responsible and tell them the truth as best I see it," he said after his speech.

"That does not mean we can't defend our industry. The aim should be to have the WTO see our point of view so that future actions and rulings will be more favourable."

He argued one of the reasons for the WTO decision was pressure from environmentalists and other social activists who have repeatedly disrupted WTO conferences with protests that turn into riots, such as was the case in Seattle early last year.

"They caved in to these protesters after Seattle," said Hamel.

"They had been seen as supporters of big industry, so in trying to look more green, they used asbestos as a scapegoat"

He said the industry has a larger threat looming on the horizon. France and 14 other members of the European Economic Union have proposed a total ban on asbestos imports by 2005. Although the loss of trade would be minor, industry officials fear the future ban could convince other countries that buy asbestos, to look for other materials.

Most of the 350,000 tons of asbestos mined in Canada is sold to countries in the Far East, the Middle East and Africa.

What concerns Hamel more is the precedent the WTO could be setting if their rulings based on health and safety are repeated. He argued that other products Canada exports could be the next target of European countries trying to restrict trade.

He said the first to suffer will be Canada's base metal and mining industries.

"Zinc, copper, nickel, aluminum would all become targets of European governments that want to restrict trade and protect their own industries," he

said.

"Already there is talk in Germany about banning the importation of copper pipe from Canada. Experts there are arguing that small amounts of copper are being ingested with the drinking water. But the real reason is they want to promote their plastic pipe industry."

Clement Godbout, former head of the Quebec Federation of Labour who has been with the institute since its inception in the early 1980s, told the audience that substitutes for asbestos have not been studied to see if they also pose a health risk.

"The French companies that made billions using asbestos after the second world war to rebuild Europe and knew it was dangerous have now switched to substitutes because there are no restrictions on their use," he said.

"We know that if the regulations are followed, asbestos can be used safely. But for these companies, that would cost them money so they ban it and sell their more expensive substitutes that have not been tested."

He blamed many European unions for going along with the French substitute industry and supporting the asbestos ban, all the while ignoring any concern over possible health affects of substitute materials.

He also accused richer, western countries of using health and safety as a tool to ban asbestos which he argued is a more economical and effective material for building public infrastructure in the third world.

"Asbestos is a cheap, durable material used in cement piping, something that can provide drinking water for many towns in the third world for a long time at a reasonable cost," he argued.

"But because the Europeans want to force their more expensive, less durable materials on the third world, less of that drinking water will be available.

"More people

are dying in the third world from lack of water than ever died from asbestos-related illnesses."

Godbout admitted to the Record that the fear of asbestos was not helped by Quebec unions that made large publicity campaigns questioning the safety of the fibre in the early 1970s.

"We are now swimming against a tide we helped to create," he said.

"But at the time, we felt we had no choice. If those concerns were not addressed, many of the mines and plants would have been closed years ago because they were dangerous. Many of the asbestos companies reacted too late in addressing health concerns. That did not help the asbestos reputation either."

The Tuesday night supper and meeting was sponsored by the Asbestos area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Sandra Vigneux said a similar meeting will be held in Thetford Mines on Jan. 17 at the Salle Dussault. Those wanting free transportation to Thetford by bus can contact the Chamber at 879-5768.


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Country Music Memories of 2000 (Part III)



MONUMENT

The Dixie Chicks were the undisputed queens of the road in 2000.

2000 was a year of broken records, comebacks, career-making tunes and plenty of events both happy and sad.

The Dixie Chicks were the undisputed queens of the road in 2000. Their six-month Fly Tour wrapped up in December after playing to more than a million fans in 80 cities and setting a new standard for country arena concerts.

The talented trio conquered crowds with their high-octane performances and plenty of good old country music with their own rocking style. The Chicks fascinated both audiences and critics alike with their flashy show. It all culminated in a ratings-grabbing Nov. 20 TV concert special which people are still talking about.

George Strait's tour, titled George Strait Country Music Festival was a roaring success. Strait was joined by Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Mark Chesnutt, Lee Ann Womack and Asleep At The Wheel. The tour this year only included 10 shows but still drew 837,383 fans and grossed \$20,960,723 according to Amusement Business magazine. The tour's fourth edition, including Alan Jackson and Brad Paisley, will get underway in March 2001. Hopefully Strait's tour will come closer to us this time around.

Reba McEntire, on tour with her Broad-

way-styled Singer's Diary show, announced she'll be making the leap to Broadway itself. She is all set to star in Annie Get Your Gun starting this January through May 2001.

In September, 12-year-old Billy Gilman became the youngest singer to land a platinum album. The young singer emerged as one of 2000's rising stars. His performance of Bob Wills' "Roly Poly" with Ray Benson of Asleep At The Wheel at the CMA awards ceremony was breathtaking enough that well-established artists attending responded with a standing ovation. This marked the beginning of a promising career.

In 2000, work began in Nashville on a new \$37 million building for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Country music history's new home is slated to open in May 2001 while the old facility should close sometime at the beginning of the new year.

Loretta Lynn returned with her first album of new material in 12 years, Still Country. The new album on Audium Records is proof the legendary singer can still perform. The year also brought her a minor hitch - Lynn underwent arthroscopic surgery to have torn cartilage removed from her knee. Despite the problem, she never canceled any scheduled appearance.

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COUNTRY CONNECTION



JESSIE AULIS

Can eating pizza help prevent the stomach flu?

No, but the oregano on top can work wonders

Late last summer, one of my major gardening tasks was moving three overgrown rows of Greek oregano; this perennial is one of my favourite cooking herbs.

I usually dry a few pounds every year, and the last couple of years the plants began suffering because of their overcrowded growing conditions.

Ten years ago, when they were first planted, four plants to a row, there were only 12 plants. After digging up and separating them, it was clear they had flourished, the original plants were like little bushes and there were dozens of new plants.

Greek oregano (*Origanum vulgare hirtum*) is one of the easiest herbs to grow. Preferring dry, warm, well-drained soil in full sun, oregano will grow in most any environment.

This herb is easy to grow from seed sown directly into the ground after the danger of frost has passed, or you can start some plants early in peat pots on your windowsill. Germination usually takes about two weeks. Or if you don't have time to start your own plants,

there are many places that sell them already started.

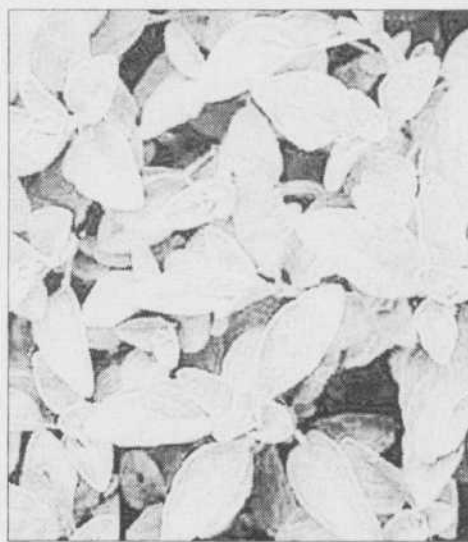
Oregano is well-known as an essential ingredient of Mediterranean cooking, long believed to be a remedy for bad digestion. Its aroma is strong and aromatic; it has a warm, pungent, sort of bitter taste and is prominently used in Italian dishes. Anyone who likes pizza is familiar with its distinct flavor.

The use of oregano does not stop there. While it has been used as a culinary herb for thousands of years, it has also been known to have beneficial effects upon the digestive and respiratory systems, and promoting menstruation, but now

there is new medical evidence that this humble herb may contribute even more to our everyday health.

Oregano's healing qualities are mostly concentrated in the plant's essential oil; this is distilled from the flowering plant. A few drops of this essential oil (which should not be prescribed to pregnant women) placed on a piece of cotton and set in the hollow of an aching tooth will often relieve the pain of toothache. One of the best natural antiseptics because of its high thymol content, this essential oil is also used in aromatherapy.

Last April, a team of microbiological



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Oregano may help your digestive system.

researchers from the Agricultural University of Athens in Greece, reported that the addition of a few drops of the essential oil of oregano to food can help inhibit the growth of *E. coli* bacteria. (Their study specifically dealt with eggplant salads, a frequently eaten dish in their area.)

Researchers are actively investigating whether the addition of oregano will retard bacterial growth to other foods having to be prepared in quantities ahead of time. This is good news, because worldwide, *E. coli* is one of the

predominant causes of both minor and major intestinal disorders.

SOME OTHER HANDY USES

To help stimulate your body's resistance to an oncoming cold and help with the elimination of toxins, try taking some fresh oregano leaves (placed in a little cheesecloth bag tied with a string) and steep in your bath water. Or steep a pot of oregano tea and strain it into your hot bath.

Being an antifungal too, it can be an effective treatment against nail fungus. Because straight oregano oil can irritate the skin, always dilute a drop of the essential oil with olive oil and work a drop of this solution into your nail.

So before you pop that frozen pizza into the oven, or warm up that can of soup, shake some dried oregano on top. You will be enhancing the flavour, while boosting your family's immune system.

Please Note: No one should substitute any herb for medical advice, and if you decide to try using an herbal remedy, always check first with your doctor or pharmacist to see if that over-the-counter herbal product will interact with any condition you may have, or medicine you are taking. And pregnant women especially should never take any herb without first consulting their doctor.

Enduring the labyrinths of persecution and torture

By Louise Abbott
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
KNOWLTON

Espionage ... house razings ... confiscations ... abductions ... incarcerations ... murders. In the 1770s and 1780s, Vermont was in a state of political upheaval. In 1775 Gale became a clerk at the Westminster Court in Cumberland County.

Micah Townsend, a native of Oyster Bay, New York, had worked for a prominent legal firm in that state and had originally supported the American Revolution. He'd had a rude awakening in 1775, however, when George Washington, fearing a British invasion, had ordered his troops to burn all the houses in the Loyalist stronghold of White Plains. Despite his rebel sympathies, Townsend saw his house go up in flames, too. He fled to Brattleboro, where he switched his allegiance to the Loyalists and married Samuel Wells's daughter Mary.

Like Wells, Luke Knowlton had lived in Massachusetts, but in 1773 had moved to Newfane in the future Windham County. The following year, he was named town clerk. He openly opposed the American Revolution and supported New York's jurisdiction in Vermont.

In 1775 an event occurred that polarized Vermonters even more deeply and made life for Loyalists increasingly difficult. It began with a clash at the Westminster Courthouse between New York authorities and Vermonters angry about eviction notices. It ended with the local sheriff and his posse killing two protesters, injuring eight, and taking others into custody.

In retaliation, militiamen from New Hampshire were sent to round up citizens connected with the New York government. Samuel Wells was en route to New York City to sit in the assembly. But Samuel Gale was arrested, released, re-arrested, and only re-released after he'd written repeatedly to authorities and found someone willing to intercede on his behalf with George Washington himself. Gale headed south and worked as a British army paymaster until 1784, when he returned to England temporarily.

After the Westminster Massacre, the Vermont government threw its support behind the Patriots and passed laws to confiscate the estates of Loyalists and impose corporal punishment, imprisonment, or worse on any enemy of the 'cause of freedom'. Between 1776 and 1780, Wells was under house arrest. "The Vermont government," Manson said, "put out a document giving people the authority to shoot Samuel Wells should he leave his farm."

During those same years, Micah Townsend and Luke Knowlton had to go underground to avoid being apprehended.

In 1777 the Vermont government declared Vermont an independent republic.

lic. By 1780, however, the Allens were concerned that Vermont might ultimately be forced to join the American union as part of New York. Ira Allen approached Luke Knowlton and suggested that, if Knowlton would convince his fellow Yorkers to support Vermont's autonomy, they would be given 'a free hand' to pursue counter-revolutionary activities. Knowlton consented. "By early 1781, Manson explained, Vermont had been stood on its head. Political loyalties and rivalries had been completely transformed."

Micah Townsend became Vermont's secretary of state and handed over secret documents about revolutionary troop movements to the British. Samuel Wells and Luke Knowlton worked for the British Secret Service, too, but were betrayed by one of their couriers. A warrant was issued for their arrest. Both fled, Wells to refuge with the Allens and then to New York City, Knowlton to the Loyal Blockhouse on present-day North Hero Island in Lake Champlain.

From 1780 to 1783, the Allens carried on covert negotiations with the governor of Quebec, General Frederick Haldimand, to explore a possible alliance between Vermont and Britain, and even Vermont's reintegration into the British Empire. No agreement was reached, but, as Ira Allen later wrote, 'impressions of friendship remained' between Vermont, Quebec, and Britain.

In 1791 Vermont became the fourteenth American state. The next year, the Eastern Townships were officially opened for settlement. Samuel Wells had died, but his children and their spouses, including Samuel Gale and Micah Townsend, moved to Farnham Township. Although Luke Knowlton received a grant for Orford Township, he chose to stay in Vermont. Several of his children, however, relocated to the Townships; his grandson, Paueaval. Because of their loyalty to the British



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As a Vermont Loyalist, Luke Knowlton worked for the British Secret Service. In recognition of his services to the British Crown, he later received a grant for Orford Township in the Eastern Townships.

Crown, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Micah Townsend, and Luke Knowlton all found themselves caught up in the turbulent events and in some cases, forced into exile for varying periods. They or their heirs eventually settled in the Eastern Townships and left an indelible mark on regional history in the 1790s and beyond.

But it was the activities of the four during the American Revolutionary War that was the focus of Jim Manson's third lecture in a six-part series at the Brome County Historical Society in Knowlton. As he put it: 'You have to understand the early history of Vermont to understand the early history of the Townships.'

In his two-hour presentation, 'From Newfane to Knowlton: The Windham County Loyalists during the American Revolution,' the Cowansville historian vividly portrayed the tumultuous times, citing eye-witness accounts. He read excerpts, for instance, from heartfelt letters exchanged by Samuel Gale and his wife, Rebecca Wells, when Gale was in prison, enduring 'the various mazes and labyrinths of persecution [and] torture.'

Throughout the 1850s and most of

the 1860s, Manson explained, Vermont had been a hotly contested territory, with New Hampshire, New York, and even Massachusetts laying claim to it. It was popularly known as the New Hampshire Grants because the governor of New Hampshire, Benning Wentworth, had awarded land to about 12,000 settlers before Britain finally made it clear that what we refer to today as Vermont was under the control of the government of New York.'

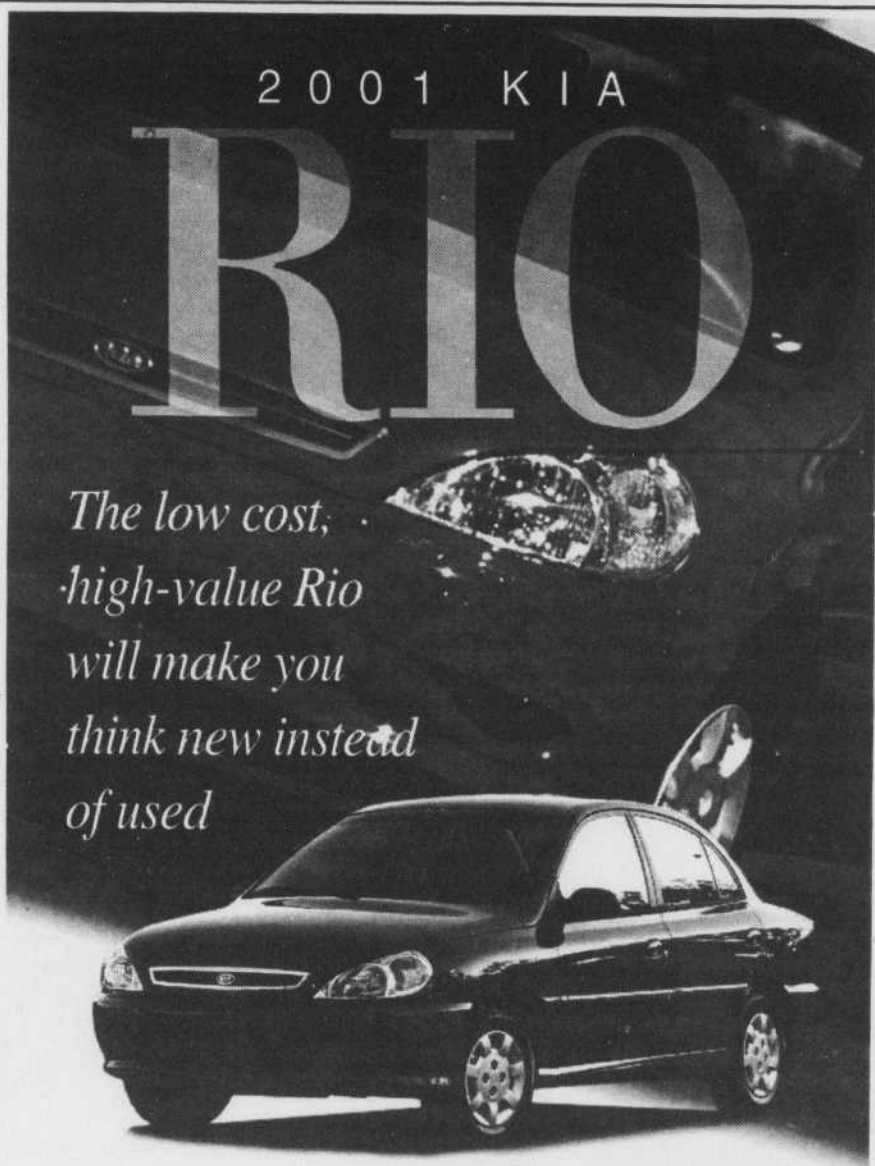
By the 1770s, a spirit of nationalism had arisen and caused a deep rift among Vermonters. "There was an emerging government in Vermont - the Bennington group, led by Ethan Allen and his brothers and Thomas Chittenden. These people regarded themselves as Vermonters and weren't about to accept the sovereignty of the New York government." Most of the settlers west of the Green Mountains supported the Bennington group's radical republican stance.

"The settlers east of the Green Mountains, however, were not only more conservative, but also much more inclined to support New York."

By the mid-1770s, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Micah Townsend, and Luke Knowlton all lived in eastern Vermont. They were Loyalists and predominantly 'Yorkers,' or supporters of New York's sovereignty over Vermont. Samuel Wells had moved from Deerfield, Massachusetts to a 600-acre farm in Brattleboro in 1766. He'd become a judge in the Westminster Court of Cumberland County, later divided into several smaller counties, including Windham. He'd also become a representative to the New York Assembly.

Samuel Galé, born and raised in England, had arrived in America in 1770 as a British army paymaster and married Wells's eldest daughter. He'd joined the ranks of New York government surveyors in Vermont. "They'd survey territory claimed by New York and then shortly after, settlers who'd received title to their land from New Hampshire or Vermont would receive eviction notices so that New York settlers could move in. "Holland Knowlton, founded the town of the same name. Gale was appointed deputy surveyor of Quebec and then Governor Robert Prescott's personal secretary. He became, as Manson pointed out, "the champion of the Loyalists who were being cheated out of their land grants by the Land Committee." Thus the Loyalists of Windham County, Vermont assumed a new role as pioneers and guiding spirits in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

Manson's next lecture - *Frontier Aristocracy: William Smith and the Attempt to Establish a Gentry on the Townships' Frontier* - will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Old Courthouse archives, 15 St. Paul Knowlton. For more information, call (450) 243-6782.



The low cost, high-value Rio will make you think new instead of used

By MALCOLM GUNN
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Kia's button-cute Rio is a leading-edge fuel miser that's guaranteed to ease your pain when it comes to deciding whether to purchase a new or used vehicle.

Most buyers on a limited budget are only too familiar with the drill. You pour through the newspaper classifieds and scan the myriad of ads seeking a used-car bargain. Often it's for a second set of cheap wheels for your spouse or for that teen terror living under your roof whom you'd rather not let loose on your personal pride and joy. Then off you go, map and calculator in hand, to some far-flung nether region, only to find that someone's interpretation of 'clean, low mileage, runs good' is actually a scrap-yard reject that leaks enough engine fluid to be declared an environmental hazard.

Meanwhile the purveyors of low-cost transportation at Kia would humbly suggest you stop by and become acquainted with the Rio. Introduced earlier this year, the Rio is touted as one of the lowest-priced four-wheeled transportation devices on the road today.

Although Kia has only been on our shores for a couple of years, they've managed to develop, at last count, 85 dealers from St. Johns, Nfld. to Victoria, B.C. Also growing is Kia's product lineup, which includes the Sportage SUV and Sephia sedan. And a fourth model,

the Veetra hatchback, is due next spring.

Meanwhile, the latest-arrival Rio, takes over as Kia's price-leader champion. Stickered around \$12,000, this is one entry-level subcompact that merits serious consideration as an alternative to buying used.

Not only that, but the lower the initial MSRP, the more affordable it becomes to tack on your favourite selections from the Rio's options sheet.

The Korean-built Rio's styling can best be described as neo-conservative. In other words, to the untrained eye, the car's rounded, chrome-absent exterior is what's 'in' these days, and will easily pass as originating from a Toyota or Nissan dealer.

The Rio's front and rear suspen-

sion have been kept well away from the passenger area in to maximize interior space. The relatively high roofline combined with four large doors also add to a sense of spaciousness, not to mention allowing for easier entry and exit.

Powering the Rio is a 1.5-litre DOHC four-cylinder engine that produces 96 horsepower. This output is consistent with what Kia, Suzuki and other low-cost providers are using for base power these days.

The powerplant is connected to a five-speed manual transmission, with a four-speed automatic available as an option.

As you might imagine, the base Rio S is pretty much a bare-bones proposition. You do, however, get a floor console, the usual complement of map pockets and cupholders, dual outside mirrors and power front disc brakes. The Rio RS adds power tilt steering, full wheel covers, bodyside moldings, a height adjustment for the driver's seat, AM/FM/cassette stereo and remote trunk release. The top-of-the-line Rio LS comes with S and RS equipment plus power windows, locks and outside mirrors, tachometer and an AM/FM/CD sound system. In fact, air conditioning and an automatic transmission are the only items you can add to the LS.

A low initial investment combined with three years/60,000 kilometres worth of worry-free warranty protection (five years/100,000 km on the powertrain) should make anyone contemplating a used-car purchase to think seriously about what the Rio has to offer.

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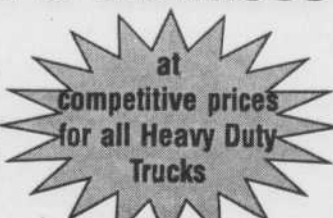
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Judds proved they had the Power To Change

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Doug Stone is like a cat with nine lives. A few years back he survived a heart attack, a stroke and quadruple bypass surgery. In 1999, he was on a commercial flight which skidded off a runway and, in 2000, his one-man ultralight aircraft plunged 110 feet to the ground near Springfield, Tennessee, in March. He sustained only a concussion, a bruised kidney and a cracked ankle and rib.

Country legend Kitty Wells, who performed at the Brome Fair this fall, announced her retirement after 59 years on the road. The Honky-Tonk Angel's stop in Brome was part of the nearly year-long Millennium Farewell Road Show Tour.

Aaron Tippin had his first chart-topper in five years with "Kiss This," co-written by wife Thea. The happy couple also welcomed a new addition to their family in December when Thea gave birth to a baby boy, a new brother for their oldest son Teddy.

Billy Ray Cyrus released a new album in 2000 and opened a string of shows for Brooks & Dunn. The singer and his wife, Tish, also welcomed daughter Noah Lindsay. It has been a busy year for the artist whose songs have started visiting the country charts again.

Linda Davis gave birth to Rylee Jean Scott on Aug. 25. The new baby is the second child for Davis and husband Lang Scott, coming along 14 years after their first daughter. Some things in life are worth waiting for.

Former country singer Shelby Lynne became the critics' sweetheart with her I Am Shelby Lynne album, having washed her hands of Nashville and singing for a rock label.

Her younger sister, Allison Moorer, stayed in Nashville and drew comparable raves for her album The Hardest Part. She's one of the most-liked newcom-

ers of the past year.

A lot happened with the Judds this past year. More than six months after Wynonna's divorce was final, ex-husband Arch Kelly was fined and jailed for violating the couple's divorce agreement by talking to a reporter about the subject.

In August it was mother Naomi's turn to file for divorce, after 11 years of marriage to Larry Strickland. But there was also good things happening with the Judds. Wynonna and Naomi hit the road for the Power To Change Tour, their first together since hepatitis forced Naomi off the road in 1991. We'll remember that mother-and-daughter kick-off of the year 2000 with a giant New Year's show.

To be continued next week!

CONTEST: BALLROOM DANCING

I have a pair of tickets to give away for an evening of ballroom dancing with the wonderful Don Ellis Band (16 musicians) at CERAS (behind the Palais des Sports) in Sherbrooke, Saturday night, Jan. 13, at 8:30 p.m. The band will play tunes from the 40s, 50s and 60s in an atmosphere reminiscent of the great years of Benny Goodman.

To enter the contest and because of the short notice, please fax your entries (name and telephone number) to (819) 569-8167 before Friday, Jan. 12, at 5 p.m. The winner will be notified by telephone Friday night.

Don't forget to tune in to CFLX-FM 95.5 for two hours of country music and the latest country music news every Thursday night between 6 and 8 p.m. Broadcast from CFLX's studio on Dufferin Street in Sherbrooke, Country Club is the show where every song has been carefully selected for your pleasure.

You can make your special request by faxing it to (819) 569-8167.

Our School's Page

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

International Concert

The third and fourth graders of Derby Line Elementary School in Vermont, came to share their musical talents with our students in a variety of ways. Chris Nicotera, their music teacher, did a wonderful job leading them. They sang a beautiful selection of Christmas songs and played recorders (all by memory!). A very touching moment was when the two schools sweetly sang together a Peace Song, done in rounds. Both schools had independently practiced it and the result was a magical moment indeed. Our school proudly sang it in four parts. It was a lovely prelude to the Christmas season.

Christmas Dinner

The whole school gathered to eat a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by our cook, Linda Belanger, and helped by some wonderful volunteers. Everything from turkey to ice-cream was thought of...

Lessons on Perfection

A well done play titled, "How to be a Perfect Person in just Three Days" was performed for the students of Sunnyside and North Hatley, as invited guests. It was funny but had a strong message about being true to ourselves, even if we're imperfect.

A Christmas Service

The school took an hour out of its hectic Christmas schedule to walk to the Centenary United Church in



Sunnyside's lunch-time choir sing the Huron Carol sweetly at the Centenary United Church.

Stanstead for carol singing, readings and to listen to the United Church's minister, Reverend Lise Kesminska, explain some of the many popular Christmas symbols. Sunnyside's lunch-time choir sang the Huron Carol very sweetly, accompanied by four students in Grade 5 on recorders. The music was under the direction of Ron Phendler and Heather Webster. Family members came to share this peaceful time with our students. Afterwards

the school served refreshments to our guests.

Floor Hockey Champs vs. Teachers

On the last day of school before Christmas, the Falcons, the winning floor hockey team, challenged the teachers to a game. It was exciting and close. The game ended in a 3-3 tie and everyone went back to class feeling great. Matthew Shannon was the high scorer throughout the floor hockey season.

"Response to Literature"

Grade 4 students wrote thank you letters to their "true love" for the generous gifts bestowed upon them during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Here are a few samples:

DEAR TRUE LOVE,

Thank you for the gifts. I think it was weird how the swans don't shift into moonlight like in the movie. The ladies dancing tripped over the seven-swans-a-swimming. The drummers drummed on the heads of the six geese and the six geese got headaches and did not lay their eggs.

Corey Belknap

DEAR TRUE LOVE,

Thank you for the partridge in the pear tree. It was delicious. I put the Pipers Piping in my Dad's room to wake him up. Thank you for the golden rings and the two turtle doves. They were beautiful, just like you. Thank you for the swans-a-swimming. They were cool! Thank you for the ladies dancing... my dad liked them, my mom didn't.

Love, Josh Farley

DEAR JOKE LOVER,

Thank you for all the gifts except the eight maids-a-milking. The cows woke everyone in the neighbourhood about 12 times last night! My dad liked the Twelve dancing ladies, my mom didn't think it was funny. Everyone liked the pear tree but the only problem is that there are no pears on it. The town's people ate them all.

Well, that's about it, bye.

Sara Lacroix
p.s..Merry Christmas



COURTESY PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Students from Derby Line Elementary School in Vermont treated Sunnyside to a Christmas choir, before joining the Sunnyside students in a massive duet.



COURTESY PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Teachers took on the school's champion floor-hockey team the Falcons, and played to a draw.

Our School's Page

SUTTON ELEMENTARY



COURTESY SUTTON ELEMENTARY

Around the holidays, Grade 4 entertained students from kindergarten to Grade 3 with a play called Jesus' Birth.



Congratulations and a big thank you to our Fruit Sale Best Sellers. You have done wonderful work and our school is proud of you.



A cross curricular unit using a mask theme was done in the Grade 6 class.



COURTESY SUTTON ELEMENTARY



Casino games were created by Grade 6 students as a culminating activity for the probability unit in math.

Sports

Stanstead College to host Can-Am tournament

ETIAC basketball All-Stars square off against South Shore

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Stanstead College will be the site of exciting high school hockey action this weekend as the Spartans host the Third Annual Can-Am Invitational hockey tournament.

"There are some excellent hockey teams on both sides of the draw and it is possible that a team could go undefeated in round-robin play and still not make it to the finals," Stanstead hockey coach Mike McNamara said in an interview yesterday.

The format features two pools of teams with the Canadian clubs playing a round-robin round against the American teams. The American bracket includes Berwick Academy, Hoosac School, Kent's Hill School and Northwood School.

Action begins Friday afternoon when Stanstead meets Kent's Hill. The finals are slated for 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon

followed by a trophy presentation.

The Canadian schools are Appleby College, King's Edgehill School, Lakefield College and the host Spartans. The Spartans have yet to lose to a Canadian high school team although they needed overtime to pull out victories over Selwyn House and Loyola High School.

They defeated Selwyn House 7-6 in the finals of the Bishop's University Invitational High School tournament and McNamara believes his team must play better defensive hockey in the upcoming tourney.

"We are a defensive-minded club and to give up six goals is not what we normally do," McNamara said. "We need to limit the opposition to two or less goals if we expect to make it to the finals. Everything over two goals is not acceptable."

While the calibre of the tourney is high, McNamara reserved special praise for King's Edgehill School from Windsor, Nova Scotia. "They are the Maritime private school champion and are a very strong team, perhaps the strongest in the field. We expect to have three days of great hockey and want to use the tournament to showcase high school hockey."

ALL-STARS BASKETBALL TEAMS BATTLE

Meanwhile the Eastern Townships Intercollegiate Athletic Association boys' and girls' all-star teams are in Boucherville tonight to battle with their counterparts from the South Shore. The last time these two all-star teams met were two years ago when the ETIAC boys won a thrilling overtime contest while the girls dropped a close game. There was no game last year due to the teachers' work-to-rule tactics.

CAN-AM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

American Division

Berwick Academy
Hoosac School
Kent's Hill School
Northwood School

Canadian Division

Appleby College
King's-Edgehill School
Lakefield College
Stanstead College

Friday, January 12th	Home	vs	Visitor
1:00 p.m.	Stanstead	vs	Kent's Hill
2:30 p.m.	KES	vs	Northwood
4:00 p.m.	Lakefield	vs	Berwick
5:30 p.m.	Appleby	vs	Hoosac
7:00 p.m.	Northwood	vs	Stanstead
8:30 p.m.	Kent's Hill	vs	KES
Saturday, January 13th	Home	vs	Visitor
8:00 a.m.	Hoosac	vs	Lakefield
9:30 a.m.	Northwood	vs	Appleby
11:00 a.m.	KES	vs	Berwick
12:30 p.m.	Stanstead	vs	Hoosac
2:00 p.m.	Lakefield	vs	Kent's Hill
3:30 p.m.	Appleby	vs	Berwick
8:45-10:00 p.m.	Skills Competition and 3 x 3 Mini-Games		
Sunday, January 14th	Home	vs	Visitor
8:00 a.m.	Berwick	vs	Stanstead
9:30 a.m.	Hoosac	vs	KES
11:00 a.m.	Northwood	vs	Lakefield
12:30 p.m.	Kent's Hill	vs	Appleby
3:00 p.m.	Championship Final Trophy Presentation		

There is no charge and the public is encouraged to attend.

Skiing seniors need to stay in shape

SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Question: I am now officially a senior and can enjoy downhill skiing at reduced cost. Now that I have the time, how can I prepare myself for the season?

Answer: It is important to prepare for sports, both recreational and competitive, with a conditioning program, which should begin in the off-season. As you age, your strength and flexibility can no longer be taken for granted, and an exercise program is important to maintain your physical fitness.

There should be a mix of cardio, strength training and stretching to be prepared properly for downhill skiing. A gym-based program gives you access to appropriate exercise equipment, and a qualified fitness instructor or personal trainer is usually available. A home-based program could involve stationary cycling, step machine, treadmill or walking for car-

dio fitness.

Strengthening should include exercises for the quadriceps (quarter-bend squats, leg extensions, leg presses and so on) and hamstrings (leg curls). Upper body strengthening is also important, (push-ups, pull-ups, and dumb-bell exercises).

Stretching should focus on lower extremities, lower back, neck and shoulder stretches.

Investing time in three to four workouts a week for 30 to 45 minutes should pay off with improved energy and stamina on the slopes and lessen the risk of injury.

Equipment should be tuned up and binding tension adjusted by a qualified person.

- Answered by Dr. Rob Gauvreau, a sport medicine physician with the Sports and Spinal Injury Clinic at the Carling Medical Centre, the Carleton University Sports Medicine Clinic.

Stanstead College

Can-Am Hockey Tournament



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Hoosac School
Kent's Hill School
Northwood School



Appleby College
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"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" - Proverbs.

Christmas is celebrated in all christian countries as the birthday of Christ. It is observed by religious services, the exchange of gifts and by merrymaking.

One hundred Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club members and visitors, gathered at L'Epervier, December 6, 2000, for their annual Christmas dinner and entertainment. We were not a rowdy bunch as the definition of "to make merry" suggests, however, we did

celebrate, a spirit of joy prevailed the atmosphere.

Our visitors were: John Sharpe, Lorraine Sharpe, William Sharpe and James Meigs. This was a joyous occasion and we were surrounded by the beauty of the hall, decorated with green and gold garlands suspended from the ceiling. Each table was centered with a miniature tree dressed in glowing colours which blended with the holiday decor.

The origin of the Christmas tree, supposedly, began in early Rome.

Today, the tradition lives on, the Christmas tree stands for all the excitement of the holiday season. Our celebration would not be complete without the evergreen, trimmed with coloured balls, and garlands, lit with flickering lights.

All over the world Christmas foods vary from plum pudding, black pudding, spiced gingerbread, fruit, wine, fried eels, Magi cakes, etc. We enjoyed the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, served by the staff of L'Epervier, a meal fit for a king.

The dessert was the usual birthday cake, brightly decorated in keeping with the season. The November birthdays were: June Brennan, Roberta Clark, Robert Shepherd, Aline Patterson, Gil Mole, Eloise Bishop, Wilson May, Marion Damore and Delma Fowler. December: Cecil Blenkhorn, Lloyd Hyatt, Pauline Mullins and Francoise Maurice. Prior to the entertainment, we paused for a minute of silence in memory of Lloyd Martin who passed away in November. Lloyd will be remembered as a kind-hearted person who was not sparing in his generosity to the Club. We also remembered the sick, Wilfrid Lepitre, Frances Mayhew, Roger and Jean Tetreault and Lillian Bell. May they find comfort and support in the prayers of their Club friends.

A touching presentation took place when four members received their life membership cards, Beatrice Grady, Dorothy Woodman, Beryl Cutler and Lillian Bell (absent). These ladies were honoured for their dedication and service to the Club for over a quarter of a century

founded May 28, 1975. Club members extended their congratulations with a hearty handclap.

Two Coaticook firemen dropped by to receive monies in the amount of \$315.00 along with foodstuffs, collected from members for the Coaticook Firemen's Fund. Each fireman voiced his appreciation for the generosity of the Club.

The day's activities concluded with a sing-a-long with Cecil Blenkhorn on guitar, who energetically led us in the singing of a few Christmas carols and other old favourites.

Greetings of the season echoed throughout the hall as everyone left for home clutching a Christmas cake, a Christmas card and hopefully with a song in the heart.

May the beauty of the season be with you all through the New Year.

Next meeting, January 31, 2001 at L'Epervier.

Submitted by Leta Dustin,
Secretary of the Coaticook Area
Senior Citizens Club



CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys ages 8-19 and Girls ages 10-19 can apply. Players are selected by Invitation only. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704) 568-6801 anytime.

BULWER

Bulwer Q.F.A. meets on Thursday, January 11 at the Community Center at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

DANVILLE

The Danville Curling Club is holding an Open Bonspiel from January 14 to January 20. Anyone wishing to sign up please contact Harry at (819) 839-3381.

SCOTSTOWN

Annual Robbie Burns Night at the Scotstown Hotel, January 27. Piping, Highland Dancing, Haggis, Supper, Singing, Dance. For reservations call (819) 657-4795 or 657-4473, deadline January 23.

LENNOXVILLE

Ham and Turkey Bingo at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

A meeting of the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 15 at Uplands. Lillian Rider will speak on LAHMS - The First Thirty Years.

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$6.00 fee, \$9.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$12.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32 meets

On September 18, 2000 the members of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32 welcomed our President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, Sister Joyce Copping and some of her officers.

The Appointed Officers that attended were Sister Pat Coté, Left Herald, Sister Marjorie Lancaster, Marshall, Sister Gladys Cook, Warden, Sister Thera Devries, D.D.P. of District No. 5 of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec; Brother Floyd Kerr, Grand Conductor and Bro. Everett Arnott of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They were welcomed.

The Elective officers were Sister Shirley Vaughan, Treasurer; Sister Donna Davis, Vice-President of the Rebekah Assembly and Brother Edward Copping, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They were given the honors and seated in the chairs of their choice. Then the Marshall - Sister Marjorie Lancaster introduced the President, Sister Joyce. She was also given the honors and seated to the right of the N.G. All officers had special poems, P.D.D.P. Sister Jean Scott had the honor of pinning Sister Joyce's purple and mauve corsage.

Lodge continued on with the usual business. Sister Shirley Vaughan, Treasurer had received a check for \$200.00 from an anonymous donor. It was placed in the general fund. Our next meeting in October will be the installation of new officers.

Under Good of Order several sisters put on a program for our President Sister Joyce. It was helping the newer members to learn the secret work. Then the N.G. Sister June Royea asked if anyone would like to speak. The Marshall Sister Marjorie and Vice-President Sister Donna spoke a few words. Brother Ed Copping spoke on behalf of the Grand Master Brother Ralph Bernard as he was under

the weather. He brought the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, his own personal greetings and thanked our lodge for all courtesies extended to him.

The President Sister Joyce brought the greetings of the Rebekah Assembly, her own personal greetings and those of her officers. She gave some highlights of the annual meeting she attended in Chicago in August for Sovereign Grand Lodge where we get our orders. She felt that each lodge should take a few minutes at each lodge meeting to learn a few lines of the secret work so that in May all members would get a certificate. Wouldn't this be grand!!

On behalf of Prosperity #32, N.G. Sister June presented Sister Joyce with a little moment of her visit, when opened revealed the three "little bears," her emblem. Silver collection was taken amounting to \$40.71 which will be divided for her projects - Camp Massawippi and the Wish Foundation.

After all this, and lodge was closed, a delicious lunch of sandwiches, squares, and veggies and cake and ice cream were served. All left for home thanking property for their hospitality.

On Oct. 2, 2000 D.D.P. Therese Cayer, member of Riverside Rebekah Lodge #12, Granby, capably installed our officers.

The new executive is as follows: N.G.: Marilyn Mahannah, P.N.G.; V.G.: Margaret Raymond, P.N.G.; Secretary: Elaine Grubb, P.N.G.; Treasurer, Shirley Vaughan, P.P.; Fin. Sec.: Donna Lace, P.N.G.; R.S.N.G.: Jean Scott, P.D.D.P.; L.S.N.G.: Bernice Thomas, P.D.D.P.; Warden: Heather Sylvester, P.N.G.; Conductor: Christina Molenaar, P.N.G.; Color Bearer: Elaine Fowler, P.N.G.; Chaplain: Winnifred Holliday, P.N.G.; P.N.G.: June Royea, P.D.D.P.; I.G.: Phyllis Durree, P.N.G.; R.S.V.G.: Rose

Monteith, P.D.D.P.; L.S.V.G.: Doris Dougall; P.G.: Betty Perry, P.N.G.; R.A.B.: Freda Ruitter, P.N.G.; L.A.B.: Flo Ewings; Musician: Irene Williams, P.P.

Sister Jean Scott escorted the retiring N.G. to center of floor where she presented her with her second P.N.G. plaque and she in turn placed it on the special board. Sister June thanked the Lodge for it and then invited all her officers to dine out with her at the Station Restaurant on Oct. 23rd. After everyone enjoyed their dinner she presented each officer with a pocket calendar for 2001-2002. Just a small gift to say thanks for supporting her during her term as Noble Grand.

June Royea
Publicity Convenor

Compton Mrs. Lloyd Hyatt 835-5484

Mrs. Thérèse Courtemanche, Mrs. Judy Smith of Sherbrooke, Mr. Hertel and Claire Gagnon, Hughie and Betty Macdonald, Dany Macdonald and friend Miss Marie André Houle were all dinner guests of Mrs. Gilberte Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hyatt were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kirby, Jennifer and Felicia in Lennoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Grenier spent a couple of weeks on a holiday in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Macdonald who spent Christmas week at Ste-Anne des Monts have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hyatt were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hopkins in Lennoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hertel Gagnon, Hughie and Betty Macdonald, Mrs. Gilberte Smith were New Year's Day guests of Miss Maryse Courtemanche at Magog.

Danville Marlene Brown 839-2726

On December 16, 2000 a rainy, wet evening, the Youth Group gathered at Trinity United Church before going out caroling around the Town of Danville. Upon their return to the church they played games, sang songs, and had a mediation time. They closed the evening with an exchange of gifts and a pot luck lunch. A great time was enjoyed by one and all.

In honour of Kathleen Smith's 89th birthday on December 20th, Ian and Shirley Smith, Peggy and Jules Blouin and mother Kathleen, gathered at the home of Nancy and Delmar Marston for dinner.

Delmar and Nancy Marston motored to Almonte, Ont., where they stayed overnight with their son, Fraser, and family. The following day, they all journeyed to Oshawa for Christmas weekend with Andrew, Carolyn and Matthew Martson. While they were there, they enjoyed the Festival of Lights at the Cullen Gardens in Whitby. After their return home, Delmar and Nancy entertained Malcolm Marston's family from Fredericton, N.B.

Recent callers at the Brown and Goodenough home were Bill and Linda Lodge of Verona, Ont. Ann and Ellis Clark of Richmond, were New Year's Eve guests at the same home.

The Browns and Goodenough were recent supper guests of Howard and Klea

Mastine of Richmond.

Mr. George Horan has recently returned home from a trip to Calgary, Alta., where he spent Christmas with his daughter.

Mr. Dave Gifford has recently taken up residency at the Wales home.

Sandra Young from Toronto spent Christmas in Danville, with family and friends.

Everyone wishes Mrs. Pearl Jennings a quick and speedy recovery.

On January 3, 2001 some of Golden Rule #13 members motored with Brother Ian Smith, to Huntingville for a delicious casserole supper.

Trinity United Church was the place to be on Christmas Eve. The steps were adorned with candles. Scripture readings were read by different members of the congregation, which, after each a Christmas carol was sung. After the church service everyone gathered on the steps to light sparklers and listen to the music in the steeple, and sing Silent Night.

On December 20th, a cold and blustery night, parents and relatives gathered at A.D.S. Elementary School for their annual Christmas concert. All the students did a great job and everyone enjoyed the evening of entertainment.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and all the best for 2001.

Sher-Lenn Fifty Plus Club meets

Nov. 1 - The President, Irene Decoteau, was in the chair and welcomed everyone. Birthdays for November were Emily Damon, Mae Conner, Evelyn Graham, Brenda MacDonald, Anais Verlinden, Evelyn McGinty. Whist was played at three tables with high captain, Evelyn Graham, Helen MacDonald, Jean McIver, Claudette Cyr with 23 flags. Low captain, Irene Decoteau, Irene Arbery, Jessie MacKinnon, Gerald Decoteau with 17 flags.

Nov. 8 - Held our monthly meeting. 500 was played at four tables with high, Gerald Decoteau at 3840, low, Nancy Barton with 2360.

Nov. 15 - We enjoyed a pot luck dinner. The half and half was won by Helen MacDonald. We spent a joyful afternoon singing with Cecil and Roger.

Nov. 22 - We were welcomed by our president, Irene Decoteau. We had a successful auction in the afternoon and sang Happy Birthday to Anais Verlinden and Brenda MacDonald.

Nov. 29 - 500 was played at three tables with high, Gerald Decoteau and low, Freda McLeod.

Dec. 6 - We were welcomed by our president, Irene Decoteau, we held our monthly meeting. Whist was played at four tables. Evelyn Graham, Pearl Custeau, Gertie Nutbrown, Brenda MacDonald with 26 flags. Low captain George Sirois, Michel Gosselin, Eileen Haltham, Freda McLeod with 17 flags.

Dec. 13 - We had our Christmas dinner. Grace was said by Evelyn Graham. The half and half was won by Eileen Drew. We held our raffle with the afghan won by Priscilla Bowen, turkey by Norma Beaulieu and the box of groceries by Irene Arbery. Irene Decoteau read the birthdays for January which are Madeleine Beaulieu, Marjorie Siveright, Irene Decoteau, Doris Black, Miki Coupland, Peggie Munkitrick, Nancy Barton. An enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to Eileen Drew and friends playing Christmas carols. The president, Irene Decoteau, wished everyone happy holidays and reminded us that the month of January we were closed and we would return Feb. 7, 2001.

Submitted by Nancy Barton

Death



BARRIE, Kathleen (nee Murphy) - Passed away peacefully at her home in Richmond, Que., on Monday, January 8th, 2001, Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, wife of the late Maurice Barrie, in her 85th year. Beloved mother of Judith (late André Camiré) and James (Pierrette Thibault); dear grandmother of Andrea, Robin, Lyne, Stefan, Patrick, Pierre, Andrée, Jacques, René and great-grandmother of Ashley, Vanessa, Austin, Emmanuel, Marissa, Graham, James, Jonathan, Mathieu, Cynthia, Francis, Christopher, Maggie, Daisy, Sophia. She also leaves to mourn her brother, Edward (Ed) (Marie Teevens), Kelowna, B.C., sister-in-law, Sheila (late Harry Murphy), Victoria, B.C., and loving nephew, Mark (Marilyn Mountain and Chelsea, Pamela, Shevon and Ryan). No visitation. The family will be at St-Bibiane's Church on Saturday, January 13th, 2001 at 12:00 p.m., to receive condolences prior to the service commencing at 1:00 p.m. Burial of remains to be held in the Spring. Cremation and funeral arrangements entrusted to Salon Funeraire Yves Houle & Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Que., Pauline Fecteau, director, tel.: (819) 826-3747, fax: (819) 826-3001. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Arthritis Society, will be appreciated by the family.

Death

PEARTON, Jean - Peacefully at St. Francis Manor, Lennoxville, Que., on Tuesday, January 9th, 2001, in her 91st year. Beloved sister of Florence Beairsto and Anne Grady and dear aunt of Henry, Robert and Norman Beairsto, Elisabeth Halliday, James Pearton, Steven and Keith Grady. At her request, she was cremated. No visitation. A memorial service will be held at St. George's Church, Lennoxville, Que., on Friday, January 12, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Keith Dickerson officiating. Interment of ashes in Malvern Cemetery at a later date. As memorial tributes, donations to St. George's Altar Guild would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home. (819) 564-1750.

In Memoriam

CRAWFORD, Alfred - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away January 11, 1999. We cannot bring the old days back, Your smile we cannot see, But we cherish the precious memories Of the days that used to be.

OLA AND FAMILY

Card of Thanks

MACEY - I would like to thank my family and friends for remembering me in so many ways at Christmas time with food, plants, fruit, a Hickory Farm basket, cards, letters, pictures and stamps, and other gifts. It all meant a lot to me. A Happy New Year to you all. God bless. EVELYN MACEY

Sawyerville Jeanne Lowry

Justin and Jeanne Lowry were Christmas dinner guests of Randy, Janice Hartwell and boys in High Forest along with the rest of the family. That night they were supper guests of Jamie Lowry and Pat here in town.

On Sunday Jeanne Lowry went with Justin to Bishopton for Christmas Eve service which was very nice.

Jeanne was at the cookie party at Mary Kirby's, Bulwer and accompanied Janice Hartwell and Faith Harmer home.

Faith and Mark Harmer of High Forest were callers of Justin and Jeanne on Sunday.

David and Jean Crosby from Nova Scotia were business callers of Justin and Jeanne Lowry on Thursday afternoon.

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North 01-11-01			
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♥ A 5			
♦ A K Q J 10			
♣ 9 8 6 3			
West		East	
♠ 8 7 4 3		♠ A 9 6	
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♥ K Q 9			
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♣ Q 7			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
All pass			
Opening lead: ♥ 8			

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001

Southeast to the coast

By Phillip Alder

Wednesday morning, I was chauffeured from Rotorua to Taupo by Neil Dravitzki, who had been the driving force (and running force; he has completed 53 marathons!) behind my classes at Te Puke and Rotorua. There, I switched to the car of Beryl and Terence Bolton for the onward journey to Napier in the southeast corner of New Zealand's North Island. That afternoon, Beryl and I visited two vineyards making excellent red and white wine, Brookfields and Te Mata.

In the evening, only 15 people — from a membership of more than 700 — showed up for a look at the defensive target. The best pair in the room, Cynthia and Ian Clayton, got this deal right.

South opened with a weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points. This still enjoys almost universal popularity in the former British Empire. (Not without reason, in my opinion. One no-trump describes one's hand so well, the weak variety occurs twice as often as the strong, and it is harder to compete against.)

Cynthia correctly led the heart eight: top of nothing. If you lead fourth-highest, you must (should!) have an honor in the suit.

Declarer found the best play, winning trick one in the dummy and immediately calling for a low spade, trying to sneak in the ninth trick while the defenders were still asleep. However, Ian was awake. The opening lead had marked declarer with both the king and queen of hearts. And declarer had dummy's five diamond tricks ready to run. So, the only chance for the defense was immediately to cash four club tricks. Ian rushed in with the spade ace and switched to the club two — success!

Assuming the gossip is true, it has nothing to do with him

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Here's a problem I've never seen in your column, although I have been reading you religiously for years. My family is getting together for a big dinner to welcome my younger sister's new fiance. The fiance's mother will be attending.

I have since been told by a reliable source that this young man's mother produces adult pornographic films. My wife and I have decided not to mention this to anyone in the family, however, we would feel terribly uncomfortable having dinner with her and behaving as if nothing is out of the ordinary.

I promised the family that my wife and I would attend the dinner, but this was before I knew anything about the woman. What should we do? We are — Totally Grossed Out in California

Dear Totally Gressed: Of course you should attend the dinner. How charming of the person who gave you that "background" information on your future brother-in-law's mother. And what, I wonder, did Sherlock Holmes expect you to do about it?

I hope that you and the other guests who might have been privy to the information will not let this in any way reflect on the young man. Assuming the gossip is true, it has nothing to do with him.

Dear Ann Landers: My mother passed

away 10 years ago. At that time, my three siblings and I inherited her house, which was completely paid for. Mom's death was hard on us, and we couldn't bring ourselves to sell her home, even though we all had our own apartments.

Shortly after Mom died, my younger sister divorced and desperately needed a place to live with her two children. She moved into my mother's empty house, and has been there ever since. "Denise" is taking good care of the place, but she has always struggled financially, and we never asked her to pay rent or buy the house from the rest of us. Here's the problem. My husband and I would like to buy our own house this year, and we could really use some extra money. I think it's time to sell Mom's house and split the profits. My other siblings are against this. They say Denise doesn't have the money to buy the house, nor can she afford to pay rent somewhere else. They don't want to throw her out on the street.

Denise has had everything handed to her since she was a child, and everyone treats her as if she were some kind of princess.

My husband and I have worked hard to make a life for ourselves. We have never asked for a handout, and I don't see why we should be deprived so that life is easier for Denise.

My siblings say if I insist on selling the house, it will cause irreparable damage among the family members, and they don't want to do it. I certainly don't wish to cause a rift, but I think Denise is taking advantage of all of us, and I resent it. What should I do? — Being Patient in Boston

Dear Boston: If you sell the house, it means Denise will have to move out — and she and her two children will be in a very tough spot. My advice is DON'T DO IT. You would incur the animosity of your entire family, and the wounds might never heal.

I know you are tempted to give your spoiled sister what she deserves, but the satisfaction would not be worth the damage that would surely result. Take the high road and pass up the financial advantage. In the long run, you will be glad you did.

Happy birthday

Happy birthday wishes to Isabell Bell on Thursday, January 11.

Love and best wishes from the staff and residents of the Grapes Residence in Sawyerville.

Birthday wish

Happy birthday to a great mom and grammy Phyllis Courtemanche.
All our love

Anne and Jacques
Kathy and Martin



Engagement announcement

Cinda Hein and Forrest Brooks would like to announce their engagement. Cinda is the daughter of Dr. RCA Fearon and Myra Currie of Edmonton, Alberta. Forrest is the son of Judy Grapes Brooks of Sawyerville and Dale Brooks of Sherbrooke.

A fall wedding in 2002 is being planned.

The ladies of the Ayer's Cliff Agricultural Exposition meet

The wrap-up meeting of the Ladies Dept. of Ayer's Cliff Agricultural Exposition was held in November at the home of Irene Ride.

The outgoing president, Beverly Patterson, thanked the attending members for their help and support during the last two years.

The new executive for 2001 consists of Barbara Bellows, president; Phyllis Gauthier, 1st vice-pres.; Jennifer MacKinnon, secretary-treasurer; Scottie Miller, craft demo co-ordinator; Sue Davies, Children's Corner Co-ordinator; Ellie Bailey, Publicity.

A much appreciated thank you goes out to our judges and all those who donated prizes.

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle items: a woven tablecloth, pierce-cut lamp, plastic canvas milk can, and knitted sweater.

A special thank you to Michel Lefebvre of Pioneer Corn Co. for the generous donation each year to the Children's Corner.

Thank you to all our members for their participation, and we welcome any interested ladies who wish to attend a meeting in the new year. Watch for notices in the local papers.

Last but not least, thank you to our hostess for delicious refreshments after the meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Bailey

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: K equals U

'ICG ZH, XSWTLWTR WV S BSN
LC ICGRHL MWIH. WL WV S DGN
WT LYH TWRYL, S VLGSTRMHJ

MXKRY.' - RHCGRHV GCKSKML
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Vocations which we wanted to pursue, but didn't, bleed, like colors, on the whole of our existence." - Balzac

KIT N' CARLYLE



HERMAN



"I can't find my ticket. Give me a nice blue one."

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS



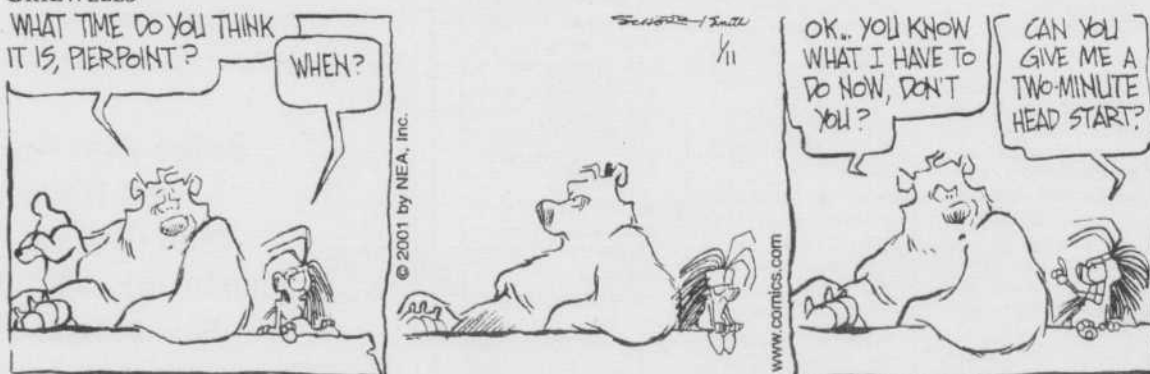
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PUBLIC NOTICE
To persons who are interested and have the right to sign an application to participate to a referendum:

Second project of By-Law No. 727-2000, adopted on December 11th, 2000, to modify Zoning By-Law No. 648-97 and its amendments (industrial uses) (Zone R-3)

PUBLIC NOTICE is given of the following:

- Following the public consultation meeting which was held on December 11th, 2000, the Municipal Council of the Ville de Lennoxville has adopted second project of By-Law No. 727-2000 to modify Zoning By-Law No. 648-97 and its amendments (industrial uses) (Zone R-3).

OBJECT OF THE PROJECT

The object of By-Law No. 727-2000 is to modify the Municipality's Zoning By-Law No. 648-97 (and its amendments) by specifying stipulations concerning norms regulating industrial uses in zone R-3, including storage, height of fences and hedges, parking, etc., in order to acknowledge an already existing situation for industrial buildings already established in Zone R-3, at the end of Mallory Street (including norms of establishment and others).

- That second project contains stipulations which may be the object of applications on the part of interested persons from concerned zones and, as the case may be, from adjacent zones, so that a by-law which contains those stipulations be submitted to the approval of certain qualified electors in accordance with *An Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities*. Information which will allow for the determination of interested persons who have the right to sign an application with regard to each of the stipulations of the project of By-Law, may be obtained from the Municipality, during regular office hours,

that is, Monday to Friday inclusively: from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Description of Zone R-3

Zone R-3 is bordered to the North by Zones Pr-2 and R-7, to the East by Zone Ab-2, to the East and to the North-East by Zone R-4 (Canadian American railway - formerly Canadian Pacific), to the West by Zone 1b-3, and to the South by Zone Aa-4.

A copy of the summary of the second project may be obtained, at no cost, by any person who makes a request to that effect, on the above-mentioned days and times. In addition, the illustration of said Zone R-3 may be consulted at the office of the Municipality, on the same days and times.

- To be valid, all applications must:

- clearly indicate the stipulation to which each application is related, and the zone from which it originates and, as the case may be, mention the zone with regard to which the application is made;

- be received at the office of the Municipality, 150 Queen Street, Lennoxville, Québec, at the latest on the eighth day which follows the day of publication of the present notice, that is at the latest on Friday, January 19th, 2001.

- Conditions to be a person interested in signing an application:

- any person who does not fall under any inability to vote, and meets the following conditions on December 11th, 2000:

- is domiciled in the zone from which an application may originate;

- has been domiciled in Québec for at least 6 months; or

- any sole owner of an immovable property or sole occupant of a place of business, who does not fall under any inability to vote and who meets the following conditions on December 11th, 2000:

- to have been, for at least 12 months, the owner of an immovable property or the occupant of a place of business which is located in the zone from which an application may originate;

- any joint owner of an immovable property or co-occupant of a place of business who does not fall under any inability to vote, and

who meets the following conditions on December 11th, 2000:

- to have been, for at least 12 months, the joint owner of an immovable property or the co-occupant of a place of business which is located in the zone from which an application may originate;

- to be designated, by means of a proxy signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as being the person who has the right to sign the application on their behalf and to be registered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The proxy must be produced prior to, or at the same time as the application.

In the case of a real person: to be of legal age, be a Canadian citizen and not be under trusteeship.

In the case of a legal person:

- to have designated by resolution, among its members, administrators or employees, the person who, on December 11th, 2000, is of legal age, a Canadian citizen, and does not fall under any inability to vote provided for in the Law;

- to have produced prior to, or at the same time as the application, a resolution which designates the person who is authorized to sign the application and to be registered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person who is designated as the representative of a legal person, no one may be considered as an interested person for more than one reason, this, in accordance with article 531 of *An Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities*.

- All stipulations of the second project which will not have been the object of any valid application, will be included in a by-law which will not be submitted to the approval of qualified electors.

- The second project of By-Law may be consulted at the office of the Municipality, 150 Queen Street, Lennoxville, Québec, during regular office hours.

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Danville Nostalgia

In 1901 in Danville there was a furniture industry, operated by Charles Boutelle, a belt factory, and a tannery in the direction of J.L. Goodhue & Co., whose sales extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific; three private enterprises were making carriages; the largest establishment in the Eastern Townships that stocked agriculture supplies was Barnard Brothers Store; The Dominion Clothespin Co., and a newspaper, "Danville Times."

Danville was still recognized as the regional business center. The village went through a period of stagnation. The senior citizens of Danville will probably recall the celebrated cheese market on Station Street, where it was sometimes possible to count up to 200 carriages parked outside the building. In a single day \$42,000 worth of cheese was sold.

Meanwhile, the mining development at Asbestos was opened up and Danville felt some of the effects of the exploitation of the Asbestos mine.

Danville underwent a period of little or no change. From about 1900 it is possible to discern the gradual increase in numbers of French-Canadian citizens. New merchants continued to trade.

In 1898 public services now began to develop. Shipton Light & Electric Power Co. Ltd. pledged to provide the municipality with electrical services. In 1920, the village bought this system which was sold in 1929 to the Shawini-

gan Water & Power Co. Ltd. In 1906, The Waterworks Co., assured some citizens of water supply. Danville Water Light & Power supplies to 710 citizens in Danville and 60 citizens in Shipton. Taking a glance at the history of

Danville we find that our region developed slowly, and had to adjust to changes. A town since 1958 it still possesses its own special charm.

Marlene Brown

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001

Even if you are severely tested in the year ahead, your chances for fulfilling your hopes and expectations are better than usual. Don't let a little stress deter you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be extra careful today, because the temptation to take a financial flyer may be rather pronounced. Lady Luck will not be around to back up your play at this time. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be open-minded as to what others have to say today, but don't be unduly influenced by those who only know how to see the dark side of things. Call your own shots.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Subordinates will perform better and produce more today if you minimize your supervision. Subdue any tendencies to be too demanding of them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are unreasonable and stingy today with a person who treated you generously in the past, you will be cutting yourself off from any further assistance. Be fair and reciprocal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's very unlike you, but today you could have a tendency to drag your feet and continually put off doing what is expected of you. It'll cause you problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The way you anticipate the outcome of events will be the way the end result will be determined today. If you don't want negative elements in your life, you'd better start thinking positively.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today may be the day you'll have to swallow your medicine from past squandering. You could have a hard time making ends meet all because of poor spending habits you refused to break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should the contest appear too challenging for your blood today, instead of strengthening

your resolve, you may be too easily inclined not to try at all. A loss is guaranteed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's difficult for a Virgo to refuse assistance to pals when asked, but today you could take on far more than you can handle. Be cognizant of your own needs and limitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unanticipated problems could pop up today if you go poking your nose into places it doesn't belong. By probing too deeply, you may learn things you'd be better off not knowing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're on especially shaky ground today, so it is paramount that you remain tactful in all dealings you may have with associates who are important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you may not be able to think of distasteful tasks as easy to do today, you must at least think of them as necessary. Don't compound your problems with a negative attitude.

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ACROSS

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- 6 Ramble
- 10 ___ mater
- 14 Of the eyes
- 15 Beverly Archer on "Mama's Family"
- 16 Sugar source
- 17 Steed
- 18 Start of 1977 Digital Equipment founder's comment
- 20 Final stage
- 22 Surrenders
- 23 A Gabor
- 24 Bamboo stem
- 25 Part 2 of quote
- 33 Actress Hagen
- 34 Fly high

- 35 Old World finch
- 36 Racing org.
- 38 Twangy
- 41 Fence loot, e.g.
- 42 Corner
- 44 Fateful day
- 46 Fence's merchandise
- 47 Part 3 of quote
- 51 Singer Fitzgerald
- 52 Former Bruin Bobby
- 53 Frenchman in white-face
- 57 Rebuffed
- 61 End of the quote
- 63 Michael who was Alfie
- 64 Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
- 65 1st letter
- 66 Provide income
- 67 G-men

- 24 Napoleon's birthplace
- 25 Charge head-on
- 26 Of a people: pref.
- 27 Guttural scream
- 28 Air-travel watchdog grp.
- 29 Affirmative vote
- 30 Satellite's path
- 31 Family member
- 32 Sign on a door
- 37 In the style of
- 39 Ruckus
- 40 Sharp fruit
- 43 Slain civil-rights leader

- 45 Some evergreens
- 48 Jewish Jehovah
- 49 City near Hamburg
- 50 Champaign-___
- 53 Singer Edith
- 54 Concerning
- 55 Barak of Israel
- 56 Outer edges
- 57 Adam's last
- 58 Auction actions
- 59 Son of 57D
- 60 Freshly moist
- 62 Wrong: pref.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 68 Pound to a pulp
- 69 Pert

DOWN

- 1 End of all roads?
- 2 "Once ___ a time..."
- 3 Poker game
- 4 Scorches
- 5 Books with pages of a certain size
- 6 Sacred ceremony
- 7 La-la lead-in
- 8 Sour mash
- 9 Docking facility
- 10 Irish Rose's love
- 11 Fewer
- 12 Bill of fare
- 13 At the summit
- 19 Finger-thrower's call
- 21 "___ Lescaut"

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By Alan P. Olschwang

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