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MRC granted right to participate in Coventry hearings

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Townshippers have won the battle, but not necessarily the war as they were granted full-party status Tuesday night at public hearings by the District 7 Environmental Panel into the expansion of the landfill in Coventry, Vermont.

Backed by the City of Sherbrooke, the Memphremagog Regional Municipal Council (MRC) argued that it should have the right to participate in the hearings because the landfill could jeopardize the quality of water in Lake Memphremagog, which is the main drinking water reservoir for some 150,000 people in eight municipalities including the 120,000 residents of metropolitan Sherbrooke.

After a brief confab, the three com-

missioners ruled the Memphremagog MRC qualified for full party status under both of two necessary criteria: that the municipal group had a direct interest in the result of the hearings as well as the resources and ability to assist the commission in evaluating the project.

The upshot of the decision is that the MRC will be able to fully participate in the hearings, cross-examine experts from Casella Waste System which is applying for the permit to expand, as well as the right to appeal the commission's ruling within 30 days of an eventual decision expected before summer.

Lawyer Andrew Raubvogel, of the Burlington firm of Shems Dunkiel Kassel and Saunders, Burlington Vt., who was hired to represent the MRC's

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Memphremagog Regional Municipal Council (MRC) warden Roger Nicolet and Sherbrooke mayor Jean Perrault have a word before making a presentation to an environmental panel in Coventry, Vermont.

Health care mergers opposed

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

It's pretty much unanimous. Seniors, anglophones, hospital workers, nurses, health care professionals, geriatric researchers and specialists - even their own administrators and board members - are all opposed to a forced merger of the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute and the CLSC de Sherbrooke to create a local health care network.

That was the general consensus at hearings yesterday by the Agence de Développement des réseaux locaux de la santé et des services sociaux de l'Estrie,

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Chairman of the orientation committee Gérard Tousignant, agency chair Denis Paré and DG Michel Baron hear presentations.

Province-wide sweep nets car theft network

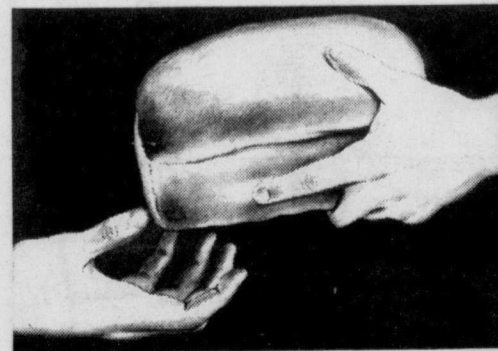
Arrests in Weedon, Fleurimont

By Maurice Crossfield

Three Townshippers are among the nearly 60 people arrested Wednesday morning as police broke up a car theft ring with apparent ties to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

In all, some 400 police officers conducted 40 raids in 28 municipalities as a part of "Operation Occasion." Officers from the Sûreté du Québec were helped by their Ontario counterparts as well as the RCMP and various local police forces.

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Quebec asks Ottawa to keep chrysotile off UN list

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Quebec government is asking Ottawa not to put chrysotile asbestos on a dangerous chemical list now being promoted by the United Nations.

In a motion passed Tuesday afternoon, all 125 members of the Quebec legislature asked Ottawa to "firmly oppose" any move to have the fireproof fiber become part of the Rotterdam Convention.

The convention's list includes toxic industrial chemicals and pesticides, as well as five types of asbestos that are considered dangerous for human health. Chrysotile, which the Canadian Asbestos industry and the provincial and federal governments considers safe to use if handled carefully, is presently not on the list.

But recently, the European Community and Chile requested that chrysotile be added, given that it has been banned in Chile and in many of the European states.

If added to the list, the three mines in the Eastern Townships would face more



FILE PHOTO

MNA Yvon Vallières says putting chrysotile on list would damage already fragile industry.

red tape and higher insurance costs in order to export their product abroad. The convention requires yearly export permits to countries that "agree" to import the fiber.

Yvon Vallières, who along with fellow Liberal legislative member Laurent Lessard, proposed the motion last week, argued any move to add chrysotile to the convention's list would harm Quebec's already fragile asbestos industry and do nothing to prevent future health-related asbestos diseases.

"Chrysotile is not harmful if it is handled with care," he said.

"The asbestos diseases of the past were caused by poor working conditions and by using more toxic asbestos fiber types which are now banned from use in Canada."

Other critics of the convention, such as Asbestos Institute head Clement Godbout, argue that European and South American countries want asbestos taken out of the market and replaced by substitute materials presently being manufactured in those countries.

"They have had a vested interest in getting asbestos banned in France and Chile and other countries," he said.

"They know our fiber is safe and effective

and economical, whereas their products are not, but they do not have the guts to compete in a fair and open market with us."

The asbestos mines are located in Thetford Mines and Asbestos and employ about 1,000 people. In recent years, these mines have had frequent shutdowns because of poor demand in Asia, South America and Africa.

The fiber is also a problem for the Quebec government's health department, which launched a study last year that showed asbestos-related lung cancer cases are increasing in the province.

The study has been criticized by Vallières, Lessard and the Asbestos institute as being unscientific, misleading and supported by the anti-asbestos lobby.

Lessard had vowed during the last provincial election to have asbestos-substitute materials studied to see if they pose a health risk for workers. So far, there has been no news of any study being launched by the health department.

Town says extinguisher firms intimidate residents

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
DANVILLE

Door-to-door salespeople who tell residents their extinguishers and fire alarms need "inspecting" are going too far, says town manager Michel Lecours.

"We permit door-to-door sellers in our town but we can't control how they sell their products," he said.

"Be wary of anyone who says they have to inspect your house. The only people allowed to inspect a house are municipal officials and firefighters, and people are usually warned in advance of such procedures."

Lecours was answering queries made by resident James Pye, who was disturbed by the way a Drummondville company tried to sell him a fire extinguisher.

"He came in and said he had to inspect my extinguishers, then he said they were no good and had to be re-

placed," said Pye.

"When I was working, part of my job was to inspect fire extinguishers and what this salesman told me was garbage."

Pye said the salesman told him older powder extinguishers were no longer any good because the powder had caked up and would block up the extinguisher when it was needed. He added the salesman questioned the effectiveness of his fire alarms, arguing they needed replacing.

"You can have a 20-year-old powder extinguisher and it is still good as long as the CO2 starter is still charged," he said.

"These people are trying to scare you into buying their more expensive extinguishers by saying the one you have is no good and cheap and won't protect you in an emergency."

He said one elderly woman was intimidated enough that she bought a

large, expensive extinguisher from the salesman that she did not need.

"When she learned about this sales gimmick, she complained to the company and got her money back."

Mayor Jacques Hémond has advised residents to make sure any door-to-door sales representatives show their sales permit from the town.

"They are not allowed to demand an inspection," he said.

"These sales pitches are not condoned by us. If this happens again, we urge the resident to file a written complaint to the town hall and we will investigate."

Hémond added that without an official complaint, his town cannot take any action against the sales representatives.

This is not the only ET town that has been plagued by phony fire inspectors. In Stanstead, municipal officials had to warn their residents via the local news-

paper that such sales tactics were not authorized by the town.

Stanstead residents complained of sales reps who were fast talking and highly convincing that claimed they were sent by the municipality to check on fire extinguishers and alarms.

Many residents, according to town officials, believed they had to comply with the inspections for fear of breaking municipal fire code regulations.

According to Ed Boisclair of the Stanstead fire department, only authorized firefighters from the town are allowed to inspect a home for possible fire hazards.

"These sales reps don't claim to be firefighters, but they don't properly explain why they want to see your extinguishers and alarms," he said.

"The resident should ask a few questions about who these people represent before they decide on whether to show them their house."

Weather

Today: Sunny. High 8.
Friday: Cloudy. Low minus 9. High plus 5.
Saturday: Cloudy. 30 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 7. High plus 1.
Sunday: A mix of sun and cloud. Low minus 8. High plus 4.
Normals for the period: Low minus 3. High 8.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



U of S students to ride city bus for free

Bishop's won't raise fees to cover costs

By Leah Fitzgerald
SHERBROOKE

Universities with this perk are few and far between in Canada, literally — Victoria, Halifax and Ontario — and Sherbrooke just joined in. The perk is free mass transit in the city with a valid student ID.

Students at the Université de Sherbrooke will ride buses in Sherbrooke for free starting in September, 2004 with a valid student ID.

"This is a way to integrate students even further into our city," said Bruno-Marie Béchar, rector of the Université de Sherbrooke. "We hope this project will extend to other universities in Quebec and Canada."

The Société de Transport de Sherbrooke (STS) and the Université de Sherbrooke signed the agreement Wednesday morning to finalize the \$850,000 per year deal.

"This is only the beginning," Béchar said. "We hope this snowballs all over the country."

So far, there are about 10 universities with the U-Pass system: the University of Victoria, which was first, St. Mary's University in Halifax, Queen's University, Trent, McMaster, the University of Guelph and the University of Western Ontario. Those universities got the U-Pass system, mostly because of lobbying by student unions.

In this case, though, the push came from the Sherbrooke, ville des étudiants committee, the driving force behind the decision to create what's known elsewhere as a U-Pass. City councillors Bernard Sévigny and Rouleau both are on the committee, along with Lennoxville borough councillor Tom Allen. The committee also has administrative and student representatives from both universities, and both CEGEPs.

Béchar said the student unions are



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Sherbrooke City Councillor Jean-François Rouleau, Université de Sherbrooke rector Bruno-Marie Béchar and Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault sealed a deal yesterday to make it easier and more affordable for college and university students to take advantage of everything the city has to offer.

behind the pass, but have not voted yet because the university hopes to find sponsors for the program willing to offset some of the cost.

Alain St-Jacques, president of the Regroupement des étudiantes et des étudiants de maîtrise, de diplôme et de doctorat de l'Université de Sherbrooke (REMDUS), said the students are happy with the idea.

"It's a progressive idea," he said. "It's worth considering."

St-Jacques said the students are in talks with the university about the potential cost, if any, to the students.

"They have to go through our consultation model, and it has to go to referendum if there's a cost," he said. "It could definitely be less expensive than the current bus pass."

Champlain College, the Collège de Sherbrooke and Bishop's University all have the opportunity to opt into the

agreement in the future.

Bishop's, though, isn't interested in taking part.

"We're hoping to work something out," explained Jean-François Rouleau. "They would have to take this to a student referendum."

Bruce Stevenson, dean of student affairs at Bishop's, said the student fees are already high enough - \$538 per year for a full time student - that more money for a bus pass isn't even a consideration for this coming fall term. The fees, according to Macleans magazine's annual university poll, are in the top 10 per cent in Canada.

"We haven't had a full time student in my office asking for a free bus pass," Stevenson said. "About 80, maybe even closer to 90 per cent of students live within walking distance of campus."

About 1,500 of the 2,000 full time students attending Bishop's live either on

campus or in the apartment buildings on Little Forks in Lennoxville.

The rest tend to live in Lennoxville itself, within a reasonable walking distance of the university.

Stevenson didn't know exactly how many students actually use the bus system now to venture into Sherbrooke, but said that a late night downtown shuttle put in place by STS last fall to serve Bishop's was used so little it was cancelled this year.

As for potential costs for the students at the Université de Sherbrooke, students at the University of Victoria kicked in \$102 each for the 2003-2004 school year to pay for their U-Pass. At St. Mary's, students paid \$110 for their passes. Since a monthly student pass for STS is about \$40, or \$480 for the year, even a \$100 per student would be a big savings. Even for students who use the bus only infrequently, a pass at \$100 would be worth the investment, since 40 rides at \$2.50 per ride at the regular fare would cost the same.

Those aren't the only savings expected.

Béchar said the university expects that this, along with more improvements to the bus routes with students in mind, could help reduce the university's need to build more parking lots, and reduce road maintenance costs on campus.

The university wants to continue with environmentally-friendly policies. Béchar said that having fewer cars at the campus will mean less traffic on University Boulevard, and less greenhouse gases in the air.

Rouleau said they expect use of the mass transit system in Sherbrooke will increase by 20 per cent. Students already make up 58 per cent of the overall riders, with 24 per cent of those coming from the university, to make up 14 per cent of the overall number of riders. The two colleges will have the option to join the Université de Sherbrooke's agreement, which is for five years, renewable at the end of the contract.

BRIEFS

Machine will test newborn hearing

As of this fall, newborns at the Granby Hospital will be routinely tested for deafness. At a press conference Wednesday the Granby Hospital Foundation and Operation Enfant Soleil announced the purchase for the hospital. The machine will allow doctors to determine if the infant can hear properly.

"Studies show that children with hearing deficiency who are diagnosed shortly after birth and who receive adaptation/readaptation treatment before the age of six months develop better language and communication skills," said Nancy Beaulieu, head of the Granby Hospitals neonatal unit.

This year Operation Enfant-Soleil will be providing \$9.2 million worth of equipment for hospitals and organizations that help young people in Quebec. Of that

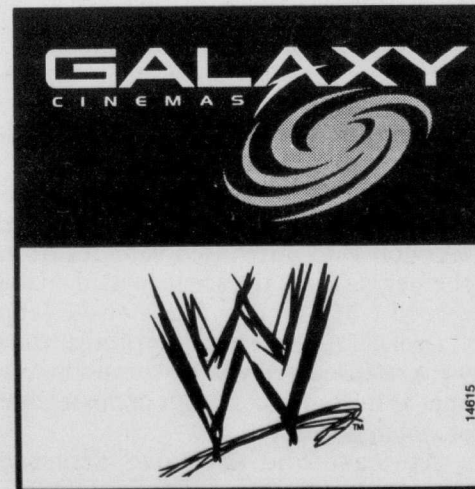
amount \$26,400 was put towards the hearing tester.

Waterloo DG steps down

The Waterloo town council has accepted the resignation of the municipality's director general.

At the monthly meeting Tuesday night, Jacynthe Matteau submitted her letter of resignation, citing personal reasons for the decision. Matteau was initially hired in October 2002 as town treasurer, later taking on the director general's job as well.

At the age of 29, Matteau had already held the director general's position in St-Alexis-des-Monts before coming to Waterloo. At the council meeting Matteau said she had no immediate plans for her future.



Imagine Bromont offering educational holidays

Staff

If you're looking for an educational vacation, a new institute in Bromont may be what you're looking for.

Imagine Bromont was launched Tuesday, offering week-long "learning stays" in the culinary arts, golf or horseback riding. Want to become a golfer? A horseback rider? A chef? This may be for you.

For the aspiring chef aged 10 to 17, the Culinary Institute of Bromont will teach students the ins and outs of professional cooking, preparing meats, salads, appetizers and so on. A variety of cultural foods will be presented, and students will

also get to visit agri-food facilities in the region.

Adults can spend a weekend learning how to prepare foie gras, duck and other menus, supervised by an experienced chef.

If golf is more your style the golf package will put you under the instruction of a PGA professional for the week. The 10 to 17-year-olds get a week of expert instruction, while adults can enroll in a dream weekend to improve their game.

The Bromont Riding Centre learning stay will feature three hours of horseback riding every day, as well as theory ses-

sions and workshops. Adult learning stays also include lots of riding, as well as handling and stable management training, all under the tutelage of qualified instructors.

Staying at the Auberge of the Chateau Bromont, the learning stays all end with a chance for the participants to show off their new skills to friends and family.

"Furthermore the participants will be pampered by an afternoon of discovery where they will be able to try another discipline of their choice and discover new horizons," said Paul Caccia, spokesman for Imagine Bromont in a press release.

Educational tourism is a growing phenomenon in North America, combining education and recreation. Imagine Bromont is itself a non-profit organization, made up of regional and national partners including the Bromont Riding Centre, Brome Lake Ducks, the Quebec Professional Golfers Association and Inter Golf.

Prices range from \$995 for the week-long young people's packages to \$399 for the weekend adult stays.

To learn more contact Imagine Bromont at (450) 534-2006. Or on the Internet at www.imaginebromont.ca

The Record garners 21 nominations

Staff

Your newspaper — which, we'll be the first to admit, sometimes has a spelling mistake in it, or, (and God forbid this most grievous of errors should ever happen again) messes up the TV Guide — has, in spite of all its faults, pulled in the most nominations at the Quebec Community Newspaper Association Awards once again this year.

The Record received nominations in all of the editorial categories for this year's QCNA Awards, including best overall newspaper, best front page, best editorial page, best feature page, best sports section, and best special section.

Reporters from The Record also earned 14 individual writing nominations, and student reporter Liam Roberts is nominated for his editorial cartoon depicting "bovines of mass destruction" trying to cross the border.

Roberts, who worked at the paper for three months last summer, also received three writing nominations, including a nomination for best news story for his piece on a vigil held last summer in North Hatley for the Colombian refugees. Roberts was also nomi-

nated in the best business feature category for his profile of Sherbrooke's typewriter king, John Philius Mathias.

The Record's own veteran powerhouse muck-raker Rita Legault earned three writing award nominations, including one for her in-depth investigative report on the ACI call centre in Sherbrooke. Her other nominations were for a story on David Francey, in the arts category, and a story on the region's endangered wild garlic, nominated in the recently-added environmental category.

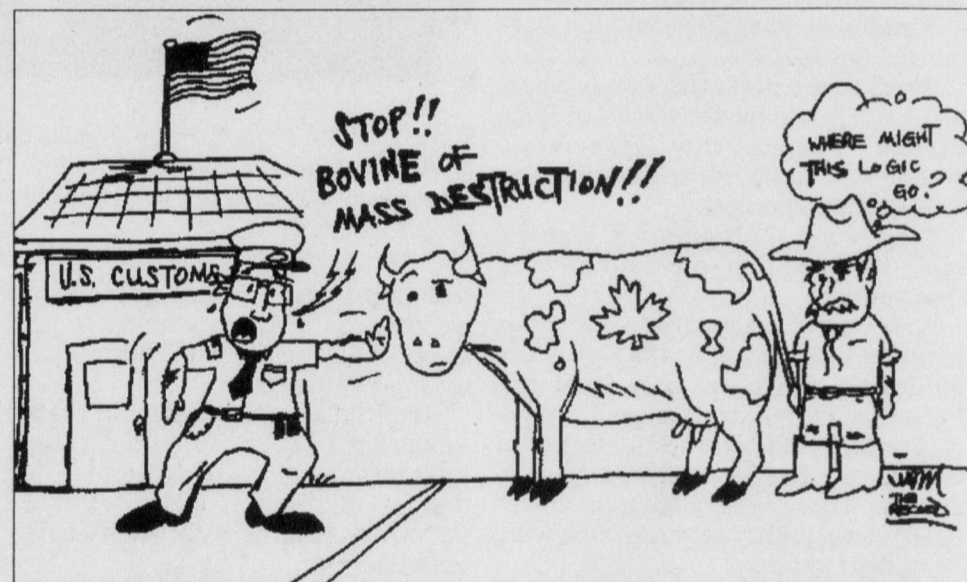
Former Record reporter Kate Shingler, who sadly moved on to a spot in front of the bright lights as a reporter for Global TV, received three nominations for her writing: one in the new education category for her story on the Eastern Townships School Board's laptop initiative, one in the sports category for her story on the Montjoye snowboard park, and one in the Arts and Entertainment category for her story on photographer Marie-Claude Pelchat.

Record reporter-turned-correspondent editor Nelson Afonso is nominated for two writing awards in the municipi-

Wednesday does have clear ties to the Hells Angels: Police say Paul Porter, 41, was the leader of the car theft network. He is also believed to be the head of the Ontario Nomads, the elite chapter of the Hells Angels.

Police say the network operated by stealing new or nearly new high-end vehicles from dealerships at night. The trucks and sport utility vehicles, including Mercedes, BMW and other high-end marques, would then be equipped with new serial numbers and sold in North America. Others would simply be shipped to Europe for sale, without even changing the serial numbers.

SQ spokeswoman Const Chantal Mackels said the 18-month investigation showed the group was also involved in drug trafficking. Along with \$1.2 million worth of stolen vehicles police seized computers, \$21,000 in cash and weapons.



LIAM ROBERTS

Liam Roberts was nominated for best political cartoon for this offering.

pal/civic affairs category and the community health category, and reporter Tom Peacock is also nominated for two awards, one in the environmental category and one in the arts and entertainment category.

The Record's editor Sharon McCully is nominated for an editorial award for

her scathing commentary on the decision by Hydro-Quebec to ban flying the Canadian flag at one of its buildings in Sherbrooke.

The QCNA awards will be handed out at a special ceremony in early May at MacDonald College. McDonald? McDonald? Anyway, one of those...

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SQ spokesman Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said the SQ arrested a 40-year-old Fleurimont man, who will be charged with theft, conspiracy to commit theft, possession of stolen goods and gangsterism. Ruel did not say what the man's connection was to an organized criminal gang.

Meanwhile police arrested a 46-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman in Weedon who purchased vehicles from the network. On the scene, police seized a Ford F-350 pickup truck and a Jeep Cherokee. After being questioned, they were released and will be summoned to appear in court on charges of possession of stolen goods.

At least one of those arrested

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COVENTRY:

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interests, argued the MRC had a direct interest in the outcome of the proceedings.

Appearing before the third hearing on the merits of the application, Raubvogel also reminded commissioners that the MRC could not have applied for full party status before the fall deadline because it was not aware of the hearings until a newspaper report in February.

The American attorney argued the MRC represents tens of thousands of citizens and that it is the municipal authority that manages regional infrastructures and land use plans. He noted that, along with the City of Sherbrooke, the MRC represents eight municipalities who draw their drinking water from the lake and that south of the border, the interests of that many people would be represented at the hearings by a state authority.

"That is as direct an interest as you can find under Act 250," he said. Act 250 is the state legislation that sets 10 criteria applicants must meet to get authorization for an landfill. The criteria includes the protection of water sources, which is the main criteria under which the MRC will challenge the expansion application.

Raubvogel told commissioners the MRC wants to ensure facilities are in place to prevent water pollution and noted it showed good faith in preparing for the hearings by hiring independent environmental consultants to review the application. He said the MRC plans to present a full study to commissioners and that it would be able to present testimony that would help them understand the potential impact of the landfill on drinking water users at the other end of the lake.

Casella's lawyer said he had reservations about the MRC's direct interest in the proceedings but agreed it could present expert testimony and, for that reason, did not object to their being granted full party status.

The only other individual or group with full party status at the hearings, landfill neighbor Edward Pepyne, has desisted after he resolved his issues with Casella.

Pepyne, who had been concerned about the odours, noise from traffic and pollution in the Black River said Casella has agreed not to use the south approach from Airport Road and will increase cover on the dump to control air pollution.

For the Black River, Pepyne told The Record that Casella has agreed to do more monitoring for pollution in the wetland and that it will remove the old cars and other waste from the unlined landfill encroaching on the wetlands and put it in the lined landfill.

"I was standing up there all by myself with no support for Orleans County," Pepyne said noting that, at the time, there was little support from Canadians concerned about the dump. Pepyne said Casella has addressed his concerns and said he did not reach a financial agreement with the waste management com-



LEAH FITZGERALD

A large contingent, many from the Townships showed up at the environmental hearings in Coventry.

pany.

MRC warden Roger Nicolet said he was pleased with the decision which will give them time to prepare for the next hearing in early May.

"It gives us the leeway to try and document credibly what we have to say," he said, noting the MRC will have to establish the nature of its concerns over the quality of drinking water.

The MRC hired the engineering firm of Teknika to analyze Casella's application. He said Teknika is also seeking technical backup from experts at the University of Sherbrooke and some American consultants.

"They've been working full speed since we gave them a mandate," he commented.

Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault said he expected more objections from Casella on their participation in the hearings.

"Our strategy worked faster than expected," he commented, adding he believed their lawyer was just making introductory remarks.

While he would not comment on whether or not the intervention by Townshippers will be able to limit the expansion of the landfill, Perrault said the Canadian contingent will ensure the quality of water in Lake Memphremagog is maintained by ensuring the site is well monitored throughout its operation and after it is closed.

"The garbage contained there will continue to live after it is closed so we have to ensure that if the permit is given it doesn't affect the quality of water today and tomorrow."

Nicolet and Perrault were joined at the hearings by a number of local mayors and councillors including Magog Mayor Marc Poulin and Councillor Bernard Tanguay, the chairman of Sherbrooke's environmental committee. Concerned Canadians once again outnumbered the number of American neighbors at the hearings which were also attended by representatives from Environment Quebec, a number of local ecologists including members of Memphremagog Conservation Inc, as well as numerous Quebec media outlets.

At Tuesday's hearings, Casella offered testimony on the impact of the landfill on the municipality and on local roads and

highways.

Larry Lackey said the town of Coventry receives 2.39 cents per ton of garbage buried there. That's a little more than a half million a year right now.

Later, during the public comment period, the chairman of the selectman from Coventry - the tiny hamlet is too small for a municipal council - stood up to say he was strongly in favor of the expansion and commented on all the good Casella is doing for the community.

Lackey said garbage trucks arrive by

state highways so there is no impact on local roads. He noted the hauler's license, registration fees and fuel taxes more than make up for their wear and tear on roads.

The landfill, which is next to the airport, needs a permit from the Federal Aviation Authority due to the danger of seagulls on planes. He said Casella is doing a study on rebuilding runway to move air traffic further away from landfill operations and another on relocating the airport.

That raised the ire of one neighbor who complained the plans would be landing in his backyard.

"You people sit up there, you don't care about what happens to neighbors or people in Canada," he said, charging that Casella was turning the area into a big dump.

"I'm telling you, you are not going to put any airplanes in my backyard," he ranted, threatening the panel and causing a short recess in the proceedings as hearings coordinator Chuck Gallagher attempted to calm him down.

Casella Waste Systems is seeking a permit to expand its lined landfill by some 44 acres and increase the annual capacity from 240 000 to 370 000 tons. If the expansion goes through the landfill, which is already the biggest in Vermont, would end up accepting most of the waste produced in the entire state

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Household mould : get rid of it!

The ministère de la Santé et des services sociaux has just published a leaflet containing complete information on the effects of mould in the house and on ways of dealing with it. Mould is a form of microscopic fungi which are present in nature and which are carried into the house by air currents, humans, or domestic animals.

Once inside, mould can grow if there is enough water or humidity present and nutritive matter such as wood, cardboard or plasterboard. When mould is present in small quantities and is eliminated on a regular basis, it generally presents no serious problem. However, when it grows more extensively, it is dispersed through the surrounding air in the form of breathable particles which can, in certain cases, result in health problems.

To find out more about the effects of mould on the health, as well as on how to detect or avoid it, obtain a copy of the leaflet *Household mould : get rid of it!* available free from Communication-Québec at 1 800 363-1363, or by going to the Internet site : www.msss.gouv.qc.ca.

The 2004-2005 fishing season

The Société de la faune et des parcs du Québec wishes to announce that its pamphlet containing sport fishing regulations for the 2004-2005 season can be consulted at the following Internet address : www.fapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

The pamphlet in paper form containing a summary of the fishing regulations for the 2004-2005 season as well a calendar of the various fishing seasons are available at permit outlets. These items will be distributed on a priority basis to those persons obtaining a fishing permit.

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Community Forum

Save 'our' Geriatric Institute

The English-speaking community has a special interest in the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute, fuelled by both history and need. So the proposed merger or integration of the Geriatric Institute and the CLSC of Sherbrooke, based on Bill 25, really caught the attention of Townshippers' Association.

How would this reorganization affect the bilingual designation of the Institute's Argyll Pavilion? Would the board of directors still have the same level of English-speaking representation? What would happen to the Institute's vocation to serve seniors?

These questions were the focus of a brief that Townshippers' Association presented last evening to the body

charged with carrying out the reorganization of health and social services in the Estrie region - the Agence de développement de réseaux locaux de services de santé et de services sociaux (Estrie). A resumé of the brief follows.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

The Estrie English-speaking community has extraordinary health-related needs. Almost 20 per cent of the community are age 65 or older, and it is aging twice as fast as its French-speaking counterpart. The English-speaking community has the highest proportion of seniors of any regional linguistic community in Canada, and many have great gaps in their social support net-

work. A health care system that is responsive to their needs is often a matter of life or death.

THE SHERBROOKE HOSPITAL'S LEGACY

The Sherbrooke Hospital was incorporated in the 1890s, and it was a hard blow to the English-speaking community when it was replaced by the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute in 1996. However, since Sherbrooke Hospital had been designated bilingual, the Argyll Pavilion of the new Institute maintained its bilingual status.

Townshippers' Association asks two questions that have not yet been addressed by the Agence. In the event of a merger or integration, what would happen to the property that belongs to the Geriatric Institute in virtue of its transfer from the former Sherbrooke Hospital? And what would happen to the Sherbrooke Hospital Board of Governors?

REORGANIZATION OF THE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM

The proposal to create seven 'instances locales' or local authorities along the lines of the MRCs seems logical, but the local authority of Sherbrooke is problematic. It appears evident that the CHUS will be excluded from this local authority because of its regional mandate. Merging or integrating the Sherbrooke CLSC with the Geriatric Institute, as is proposed, threatens the Geriatric Centre's very identity and its capacity to carry out its mission.

Our primary concern is that aging English-speaking persons continue to receive health care services in English.

We ask that no measures be taken that would jeopardize, either now or in the future, the Geriatric Institute's linguistic designation under section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING REPRESENTATION

The proposed merging or integrating the CLSC and the Geriatric Institute presents the twin threats of diminished representation and diminished services in English. And it is exactly the most vulnerable segment of our community that is on the front lines - seniors who are ill.

The Agence's consultation document notes that since 1995, the number of public health care institutions in the Estrie has gone from 39 to 14. This has had an unfortunate side-effect for the English-speaking community. It has diminished the representation of the English-speaking community on decisional bodies. If each of two merging boards of directors has one English-speaking member, the merger usually means one of the English-speaking representatives is lost.

In the case of any regrouping, we ask that the charter of the new entity guarantee at least two English-speaking individuals be included on the board of directors.

FOCUS ON GERIATRICS

Our concern is that by merging the Institute with the CLSC, the Institute's special focus on geriatrics would be diluted, lost or underfunded.

Seven out of 40 geriatricians in the province of Quebec work at the Geriatric Institute. What would entice those professionals to remain in Sherbrooke if the research and teaching status of the Institute were compromised? What would become of the researchers, the employees, the students and the four million dollars in research funds if the IUGS ceases to exist in its present form?

We therefore ask that no measures be taken that would jeopardize the Geriatric Institute's unique mission as a distinct geriatric care and research centre.

ARTICLE 26 OF BILL 25: A SEPARATE ENTITY

We urge the Agence to respect Article 26 of Bill 25, which recognizes that an institution may not be included in a local authority because of "the complexity involved in integrating those services or consolidating them with the other services provided through the local authority, particularly considering the size of the territory served by the institution, the number or capacity of the facilities situated in the territory, or the sociocultural, ethnocultural or linguistic characteristics of the population served."

In this connection, note that the Geriatric Institute serves the entire Estrie region, as does the CHUS.

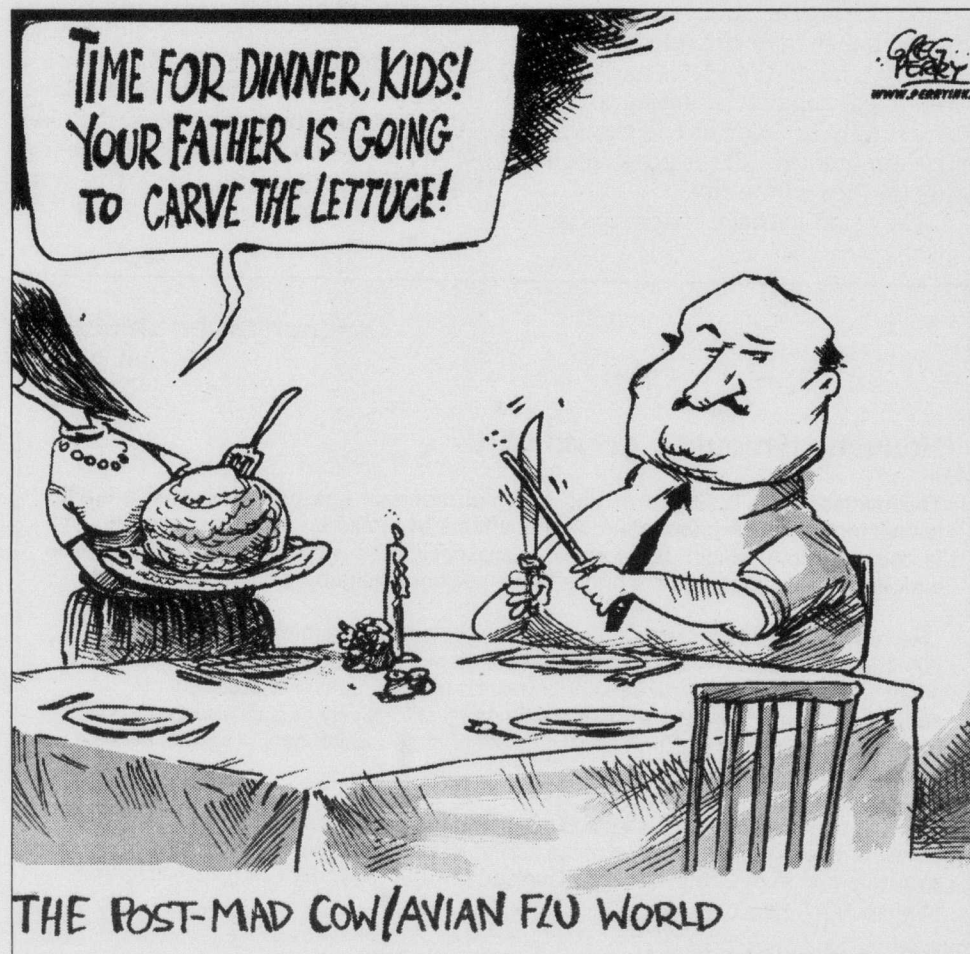
The Geriatric Institute is the only centre of its kind in the region, and indeed is only one of four such geriatric centres in Canada.

The Geriatric Institute has a mandate to serve a linguistic minority which is particularly aged.

The Agence's proposal places these three pillars of the Geriatric Institute's identity at risk. These three factors are strong arguments for exempting the Geriatric Institute from merging. We fail to understand the apparent lack of will on the part of the Agence to take these factors into account.

We therefore ask that the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Sherbrooke be retained as a separate entity, "hors instance locale," on the same footing as the CHUS.

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Kia's new Spectra offers impressive ride and performance in an economy car



In addition to Kia Spectra's features and competitive price, it comes "bundled" with free oil and filter changes for the original owner.

By Paul Williams For CanWest News Service

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The advertising campaign will exhort you to "love your Kia Spectra." Judging from a brief road test here, the all-new 2005 Spectra, starting at \$15,895, could well entice buyers into a long-term automotive relationship of the Korean kind.

The compact car segment is a continuing challenge for manufacturers. How do you offer a car with lots of features for not a lot of money? It's a contradiction, when you think about it — wanting more for less — but that's people for you.

Enter Kia, sharpening its pencil and taking on industry leaders such as Honda and Toyota. Since its first full year of sales in 2000, Kia Canada has staked a claim in the budget segment of the market. With 100,000 vehicles sold to date, including cars, sport-utilities and vans, the Korean maker (owned by Hyundai) appears to have resolved the contradiction.

"And that's with no repeat business," points out Bill Porter, newly appointed president of Kia Canada. "We haven't been in Canada long enough to have repeat customers, so all our sales are what we call 'conquest' sales. By 2007, we're aiming for sales of 50,000 vehicles per year."

The new Spectra should help. Developed at a cost of \$250 million US, built in Korea and sold in Canada as the Spectra sedan and Spectra5 wagon (it's called the Cerato in overseas markets), the car has a longer wheelbase and is wider and taller than the model it replaces. Styling is conservative but distinctive.

Built on a new platform that will be used on future Hyundai Elantras, the new Spectra is powered by a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder motor with dual overhead camshafts that makes 138 horsepower and 136 pound-feet of torque. The previous Spectra had a 1.8-litre engine rated at 124 h.p. and 119 lb.-ft. of torque.

And in addition to the comprehensive five-year/100,000-kilometre warranty already offered, the Spectra comes "bundled" with free oil and filter changes for the original

owner, with no limits on time or mileage.

Like other Kias, the Spectra copies good ideas from several cars and integrates them into a distinctive but conservative package. The excellent instrument cluster, for instance, reminds me of the current Honda Accord's. It's not electroluminescent like that car's, but its appearance is quite similar. In the doors, supplementary cup or bottle holders are built into the map pockets, another Accord feature.

Overhead is the drop-down container for your sunglasses, a device found in products from several Japanese competitors. At the rear, the trunk design is inspired by the previous generation Audi A4. Huge rear lights will keep you visible.

It all works very well. The spacious interior is bright, comfortable and nicely upholstered. The seats offer good support and there's even some welcome side-bolstering. The cabin is smartly designed, with light and dark tones of the same colour (grey or beige) contrasting between the dashboard, door panels and carpets to give an expensive-looking effect. Rear seating is comfortable, with generous legroom. The trunk is large and useful.

Standard equipment includes a CD/audio system (with four speakers in the base version, six in others), vehicle immobilizer, tilt steering, tinted windows, centre console armrest and height-adjustable driver's seat.

The base model has manual remote mirrors, however, and it's odd how a small thing like that remains in memory. Perhaps if the controls for the mirrors were precise, rather than vague, they wouldn't have left such a negative impression. A \$1,800 convenience package adds most of the expected amenities, including power, heated mirrors, plus air conditioning, power windows and locks and four-wheel disc brakes.

On the road the Spectra's power, ride and handling are very impressive for a small economy car. The first thing the driver notes is the peppy engine that brings the car to highway speeds quickly and smoothly. Based on my stop-watch test, acceleration from 80-120 km/h took 7.5 seconds, which is quite acceptable.

The second thing noticed is the quietness in the cabin at 100-120 km/h. Kia has been

working to reduce cabin noise by filling hollow body components such as the sills, for instance, and making effective use of insulating technology. This pays off, with little noise inside and barely audible wind noise from outside.

The wide track and independent suspension (MacPherson struts in front and multi-link at the rear) contribute to excellent handling.

Anti-roll bars are standard front and rear, as are gas-charged shock absorbers. The speed-sensitive rack and pinion steering is sharp and has good feel when turning. There's little body roll in corners, and while this isn't a sports car by any means, the Spectra's precise handling is surprising for a vehicle in this class.

Both four-speed automatic and five-speed manual do a good job in normal conditions, although the automatic can make somewhat choppy shifts when surprised (when accelerating hard and suddenly taking your foot off the gas, for instance). If Canadian buying habits are followed, the manual shifter will not be the most popular option; this engine-transmission combination is very effective, with a light clutch (not as light as a Civic's, but close) and direct shifts.

Safety features include the "intelligent" air bags mandated for new models and, on the EX Luxury, active headrests that move forward in a collision to reduce head movement. Anti-lock brakes and electronic brake distribution are standard on top models, optional on others except base.

Look also for the Spectra5 five-door hatch version, which debuted at the Vancouver Auto Show this week. Targeted at a younger market and meant to compete with such recent hatches as the Mazda3 and Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback, the Spectra5 has 16-inch wheels and sportier packaging compared with the sedan. Metal-look trim panels inside and side-sill mouldings outside contribute to the sporty image. Pricing details have not been released.

Kia added a supercharger, 17-inch wheels and tinted windows to the special bright yellow Spectra5 it brought to show writers at the Spectra sedan press introduction. Unfortunately, we were unable to drive this particular vehicle, but it gave an indication of what the company has in mind for future products.

This report is based on a presentation by the manufacturer, which paid the writer's travel costs.

SPEC SHEET

2005 Kia Spectra

Type: Compact sedan, hatchback
Price: \$15,895-\$21,095 (sedan); price for the Spectra5 hatchback (shown at right), not yet available
Available: Sedan, on sale now; Spectra5, June
Notable: Quiet ride, big range of standard features

THE RECORD Book'em, Dano

WASHINGTON (AP*) — The U.S. Senate today introduced new anti-piracy legislation that will target the most rampant violators of copyright infringement in North America.

"We cannot tolerate these menacing malefactors of misappropriation running roughshod over the accomplishments of our assiduous artists who stand to lose coveted capital on their copyrighted work," said Sen. Fritz Hollerings (Rep - SC). "These cultural corsairs have no respect for the capitalistic constraints of creativity and we will no longer allow them to get away with giving it away."

Hollerings was referring, of course, to public libraries.

"These libraries are devious," said the senator, who has also championed a bill to prevent newspaper subscribers from passing on their copies to sisters/nephews/postal workers. He is perhaps most famous for backing the Ebert Bill, which forces mandatory thumb-ectomies on film reviewers who give away endings.

"Do you realize that these libraries purchase a single book, then let anyone read it? For free!" said Hollerings at a press conference co-sponsored by the Publishers Interested in Gigantic Sales (PIGS). "The technical term is 'borrowing.' Well, if passed, this new legislation will see library users 'borrowing' some considerable coin to pay fierce fines. I say we throw the book at 'em! Get it? Throw the book?"

The new legislation will not directly target libraries since it is not illegal to purchase books and store them on shelves. Nor is it illegal to invite people in to look at your books. But once the books are borrowed or "shared," then they technically become stolen copyrighted material, with publishers and authors losing out on the potential sale of those books.

The legislation is receiving the support of such notable authors as Stephen King and John Grisham, who joined Hollerings at the press conference.

"When I think of Danielle Steel having to sit through another winter in her Aspen chalet wearing last year's diamonds, why I get the willies," said King, who said he would be a "gazillionaire" instead of just a billionaire if it weren't for libraries.

"I'm no lawyer," said Grisham, "but it seems to me library users can't have their tort and eat it too." Reporters were unclear what Grisham meant.

The legislation will see the creation of so-called "Book Clubs" consisting of literary sleuths who will patrol library parking lots looking for patrons leaving with "borrowed" books.

By clearly spelling out legislation, the U.S. Senate hopes to avoid the embarrassment that arose last fall after FBI agents stormed a home in Westchester, Maryland and arrested a 12-year-old girl who had borrowed from her library a copy of Harry Potter and the Zit Cream of Zanzibar. Public outrage forced officials to drop the charge of possession of copyright material with intent to commit literacy.

"It was a pickle," said Hollerings of the boondoggle. "But you can't make potato salad without chopping a few dills." Reporters were unclear what the senator meant. Grisham was no help with this one either.

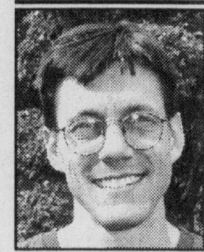
Hollerings brushed aside criticism that in fact libraries actually promote literacy, that they expose readers to authors they might otherwise never come across, and that those readers might go out of their way to purchase that author's next book. The senator also did not buy the argument that libraries bring exposure to authors, thereby improving their chances of long-term financial success.

"That's like saying kids downloading Britney Spears songs from the Internet might accidentally be turned on to Etta James," said Hollerings. "It's just not going to happen. And speaking of getting turned on, ain't that Britney Spears a cutie-patootie?"

With that, the press conference quickly drew to a close, but not before Sen. Hollerings plugged his autobiography Freedom's Just Another Word For 'Nothing Left For You,' due to be published this July (175 pages, \$73.99 retail).

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Carl F. Eisan is up for the challenge

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Carl F. Eisan is looking forward to the challenge. "I am very happy to be here and look forward to working with people in the community. I was very impressed by the history of this small town when I first visited Stanstead several years ago, while attending a Townshippers' Day Celebration," said Eisan, the person hired recently to lead both the Stanstead Historical Society and the Colby-Curtis Museum.

"I look forward to the opportunity of accessing the vast knowledge that my predecessor, Mrs. Monique Nadeau-Saumier, has placed at my disposal. I have been very busy the last few days trying to take in as much as I can about the area and the people who live here before I really get down to work."

Eisan takes on the role of director/curator of the well-known institution — an important part of the area's history.

"I feel that my various experiences with travel and knowledge of other cultures helps to give me a well-rounded view of the world and a better understanding of the people in it," said Eisan, who travelled extensively throughout his youth because his parents were in the military.

He also worked in Mexico and India as an English teacher.

Eisan realized immediately that he arrived at a busy time of the year.

"With the 75th anniversary of the Stanstead Historical Society coming up and an active membership drive underway, I have certainly come at a very busy time for this institution," he said.

Eisan came to Quebec from B.C. some 15 years ago, taking his Masters' Degree in Museology from Laval University in Quebec City and working in the private sector as consultant to museums.

He is a member of the Canadian Museums Association, the International Council of Museums and the American Association for State and Local History.

He has been employed for the last 10 years as curator of the J-A Bombardier Museum and as manager of the institution's museology and archival services.

"I am told that Mrs. Monique Nadeau-

Saumier, well-known in the Townships and in museum circles, is widely credited with having put the Colby-Curtis Museum on the map," continued Eisan, aware that the Colby-Curtis is the only museum in the entire MRC of Memphremagog.

The Stanstead Historical Society was founded in 1929 by a group of residents from both Stanstead and Derby Line, Vt.

"As I look around the museum, I find it to have a lot to offer and look forward to making it an even stronger force within the community. Although the Stanstead Historical Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary, I feel it is also a celebration of the town itself and the people who have lived here in the past and who live here now," he said.

"Without the support of its surrounding residents, a museum such as this one could not survive. Just the fact that the museum only has a few employees and the Board of Directors has almost 20 says a lot to me about the strength and dedication in the hearts of those who live in this area to preserve and promote their local history."

Since the retirement last fall of Nadeau-Saumier, The Stanstead Historical Society and the Colby-Curtis Museum have been operating under the supervision of Board member and interim director Harry Isbrucker.

Thanks to the impressive collection of heritage objects and archival material housed at the museum, it has become the central reference for family historians seeking to trace their roots.

"Because of this early history and the special and intertwined relationships that exist among the people that live on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border, I would like to see the museum take on a more openly international role," concluded Eisan. "Even though there is a border that divides these two countries geographically, that has not stopped people from working together and I see no reason why it should be a problem at this time. I also would like to develop more partnerships with other institutions which would enable us to share information and expertise."



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Carl F. Eisan gets a feel for his new job as director/curator of the Colby Curtis Museum and the Stanstead Historical Society.

Fest to include truck pull, hobby show

There will be a roaring good time this May 29 in Stanstead as the fifth annual Border Fest welcomes the region's truck-pulling competition.

For the first time, L'Association des Tireurs de l'Estrie will participate in Stanstead's annual celebration of its heritage. The truck-pull is expected to draw crowds from across the Estrie region and from both sides of the Canada-U.S. border that hugs this community.

"In past years, everywhere we've competed — Coaticook, Cookshire, Brome, Ayer's Cliff — the event has

drawn between 3,000 and 6,000 people," said association member and Stanstead resident Donald Labonté, who owns a modified 4x4 with Stanstead East resident Marcel Francoeur. "It's always very much appreciated by the spectators and the organizers of the fair. We thought this would be a good activity to attract new visitors to Border Fest."

The truck pull is expected to include 35 modified trucks from the region, Ontario, and Vermont, some of them modified with up to 900 horsepower engines.

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Cultural Committee chooses new name

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

FOR the last several weeks discussions have been going on to resurrect Stanstead's Cultural Committee. Those who have shown an interest in this project have decided that it would be in everyone's interest to begin the process of acquiring their own charter, separate from that which previously existed.

On April 3, a group who would like to see more attention being drawn to the talented people who live in this area gathered at the Stanstead Town Hall to put their heads together to form a plan.

The first item of business was to choose a name for the group. Even though some words have a similar connotation in both French and English, it was decided that the organization would now be referred to as the CAN/USA Cultural Forum (le Forum Culturel Frontalier).

"The purpose of this organization is to provide information about talents within the area. This refers to people who are artisans such as knitters or quilters as well as artists and illustrators — its open to everyone," said Bachar Shbib, a film director who recently moved to the area and is producing his

next film in Stanstead.

"One of Stanstead's cultural assets is that it is on the Border of the U.S. and Canada and we have the Haskell Library/Opera House which is already well-known as an international treasure.

"It seems only natural to invite our Orleans County (Vermont) neighbours to join efforts with us to promote the area."

Possibilities were discussed as for the best way to get the message out to the public that the committee exists, what its purpose is and that those involved are determined to succeed. Plans were made to contact those in charge of Borderfest 2004 to see if there was any

place left to display work done by artists in the area.

The idea of a smaller 'come and meet the artist' activity was discussed with plans being made for another larger venture to be held sometime in August.

An interim Board of Directors was installed so the process of acquiring a charter could begin. Peter Kilburn was named chairman. Kim Prangley, Jean Harris and Jane Crane-Foote were also elected.

Kilburn brings his experience working with the Stanstead Historical Society, while Prangley has worked with international institutions. Both Harris and Crane-Foote are artists.

New antibiotics tougher on strep throat

By Sharon Kirkey

Canadian pediatricians are being urged to rethink the way they treat strep throat, one of the most common bacterial infections in children.

A major new study has found a new class of antibiotics is three times more effective than "gold standard" penicillin at eradicating the germs that cause strep throat.

The findings, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, go against guidelines that for 50 years have pushed penicillin as the treatment of choice for strep throat, despite studies beginning in the early 1980s that show an increase in the number of sore throats not cured by penicillin.

The new research, based on a review of 35 studies involving more than 7,000 children, found the odds of treatment failure were nearly three times higher with penicillin than with a newer generation of antibiotics called cephalosporins.

Lead author Dr. Janet Casey, a University of Rochester Medical Center pediatrician, says many doctors who still preach penicillin first "aren't in the trenches anymore seeing sick children every day."

In an interview, Casey said she has noticed a growing number of children who finish their penicillin, "and with-

in 24, 48, 72 hours they're right back where they started."

Meantime, a second study, also published in *Pediatrics*, warns there's not enough evidence to prove a strep infection can trigger tics or psychiatric problems in children.

A potential link surfaced several years ago, when researchers from the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health discovered that, in some children who had an abrupt onset of obsessive-compulsive disorders or Tourette's syndrome, their problems appeared soon after an infection with group A streptococcus.

Some doctors suspect antibodies a child makes against a strep infection may attack healthy cells in the part of the brain that controls motor movements. But Dr. Roger Kurlan, a neurologist at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, says strep infections are so common, it's rare for a child never to have had at least one.

Kurlan, co-author of the *Pediatrics* report, said in a statement that tics "wax and wane."

"Often times patients come in to the doctor's office soon after their symptoms have peaked, so it proves nothing to show that a child's symptoms subsided after they saw a doctor and were treated with antibiotics. It's quite possible that doctors could give such chil-

dren a green-bean diet and the children would get better."

In rare cases, streptococcal infections can cause rheumatic fever — inflammation of the heart and joints — as well as kidney damage.

Casey reviewed the medical literature, pulling together studies involving children aged six months to 18 that compared a number of different cephalosporins against penicillin. Overall, she found the newer drugs had a far better "bacterial cure rate."

One theory is that other bacteria that live in the mouth and tonsils pro-

duce an enzyme that breaks down penicillin, so it becomes ineffective, and that humans may have more of these enzyme-producing organisms than we used to.

The World Health Organization and other groups recommend penicillin, or its related cousin, amoxicillin, known by children as the "banana medicine" because of

its flavour, as the front-line treatment for strep throat.

"Cephalosporins may very well be more effective therapy and should be included in the guideline recommendations," Casey says. "They should be considered an option for first-line treatment."

The drugs can cost about four times as much as penicillin for a 10-day course of treatment. But older, "first-generation" cephalosporins cost about the same as penicillin.

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Also new this year will be an exhibition of collectibles, ranging from model trains and miniatures to hockey cards and dolls. Organizer Robert Sheldon says already he has 40 exhibitors lined up for the one-day showing.

"A lot of people have collections but they don't know about this yet," he said. This will be the fifth year that Border Fest has kicked off the summer festival season in the Eastern Townships, celebrating life on the border through music, food, fellowship, and day packed with family-oriented activities. The theme of this year's festival will once more be "Proud of Our Roots."

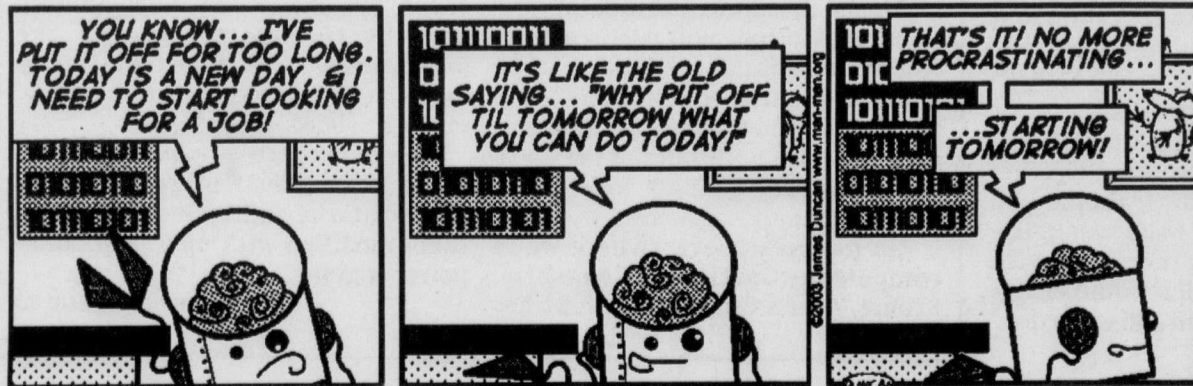
"It's going to be exciting to have a number of new aspects," said Border Fest president Harvey Stevens. "More and more, the community is becoming involved. This is their event."

The day will begin again with a 5-K run along the trails and streets of Stanstead. With about 75 runners last year, this race is growing in popularity and proving to be a good warmup for the running season. Following the race will be the always popular parade. Dozens of organizations are expected to be represented in the event, which always is sure to have a few surprises.

The official opening ceremonies will follow. And then visitors will have the afternoon to take part in activities, play games, visit artisans' kiosks, take in the exhibitions and the truck pull, and of course enjoy music and good food throughout the day.

The Border Fest committee has been meeting since last fall to plan this year's event. Volunteers are always needed and anyone is welcome to attend committee meetings with their ideas and willingness to make Border Fest 2004 the best ever.

Robob by James Duncan



Fecteau likes being his own boss

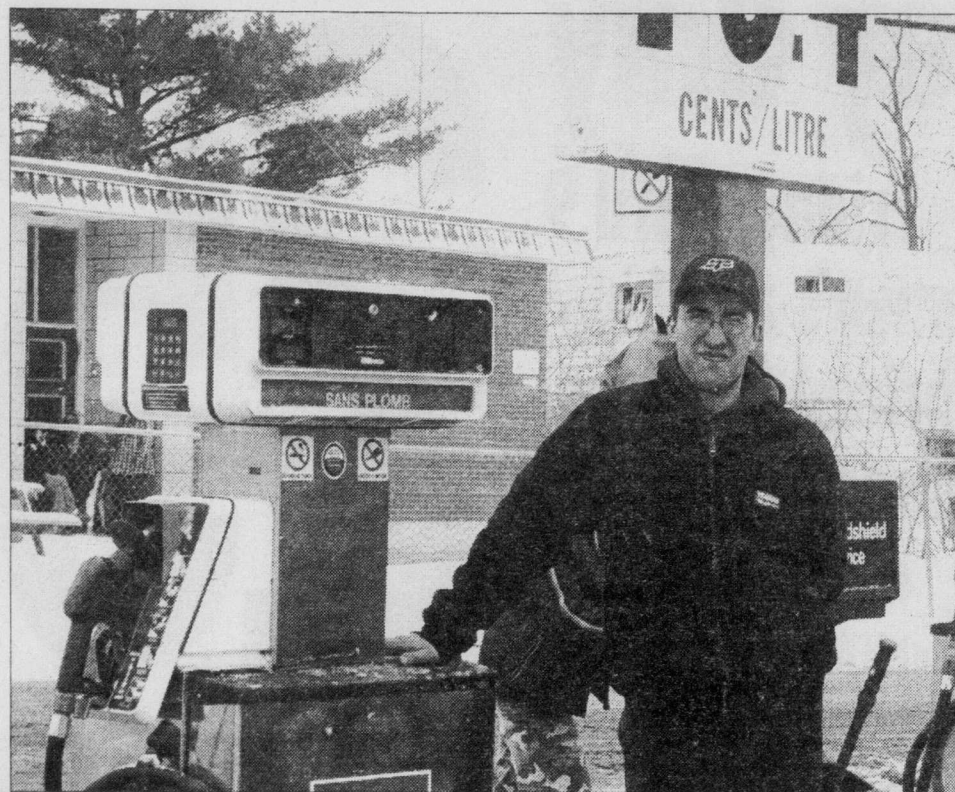
By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Who says that you can't be young and successful? Paul Fecteau is one young man whose positive attitude and determination have led him to own his own business. It was exactly two years ago this April that Fecteau decided to take the leap and purchase the former L.P. Garage in the Beebe sector of Stanstead.

Fecteau is pleased to be able to give back to the community that he grew up in. Already a well-informed person, Fecteau keeps his mind open to suggestions.

One such suggestion he received from a former employer was 'put 90 per cent of your energy into your business but to be sure to keep 10 per cent for your family life.'

"Customers would rather come into a business and be greeted by a smiling, good natured person than an old grouch," said Fecteau, adding that he first became interested in machinery as a kid while hanging out with his dad. "He had his own heavy machinery business and did his his repairs. I do, however, think that my business style is more like my mom's, who ran a Sears outlet for several years. She al-



NANCY NOURSE/CORRESPONDENT

Paul Fecteau is celebrating the second anniversary of his small business.

ways had a good relationship with her customers and loved to chat with them. I too find it much easier to talk

to people than to do mechanics."

Fecteau brings a background in small engines to the business, as well

as several years of apprenticeship with dealers such as l'Ami Denis and Gagné Lessard in Coaticook.

His intuition about the area needing a place for small engine repairs seems to have been right on as he recently hired an extra hand to keep up with the work.

One of Fecteau's favourite topics is ATV vehicles. The garage does mechanics on everything from ATV vehicles to weed wackers. Garage L.P. and Marché P & S Pellerin are the only two places in the area where you may purchase memberships for the local ATV Club.

"Sure, I have lots of ideas for improving the business, but I have decided to take it slow and easy, making necessary repairs to the building and steadily building up my clientele," he said.

His repair shop deals mainly with regular auto repairs (75 per cent), but also special engines and mechanisms. The garage was previously owned by Dollard Lussier and Georges Paquet.

"Thanks to them, I have been given a chance to do something I really like and be my own boss as well. I do love a good challenge and I guess that is just what I will be facing for the next 25 years," concluded Fecteau.

Councillors disagree on Weir Park issue

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Sending a representative to an information and training session, purchasing four cellular phones (four less than originally discussed) and supporting Centenary Church's month-long 200th anniversary celebrations were among the points discussed at this month's Stanstead Council meeting.

Council was approached by two members of the Centenary Church congregation, Valerie Glover and Marilyn Jones, asking for the support of the Council for the month-long celebration planned for the 200th anniversary of this historic church.

Council members discussed various plans and requirements necessary to

hold a village-wide garage sale to coincide with a special concert to be given by renowned tenor Jim Dundass at the Church on June 5.

One major item on the agenda was a discussion on the need to find ways to attract people to the area and to keep those residing here from moving away — an issuing that is discussed at length almost every year.

Suggestions varied from encouraging businesses to set up in Stanstead (even a small business employing only a few people would still result in more people living and working in the area and hopefully buying property as well) to the possibilities of offering welcome tax refunds and other incentives to young families.

What was otherwise a reasonably

calm council meeting got a little huffy when council members disagreed on a resolution to support Weir Park.

While all agreed that the issue was a worthwhile one, some members wanted to restructure the agreement of co-operation that is now in existence to include a balance between work supplied and financial aid to the project, or at the least a guarantee that aspects of the original agreement be respected.

Residents of Stanstead have long enjoyed the opportunity of using the beach area and town equipment and resources for a moderate sum.

Due to the rise in cost of equipment and resources, the organization in charge of the beach has in-

creased what it asks of the town.

There were some in attendance who felt that the amount being proposed for this year was unreasonable considering the fact that all Stanstead parks are open to the public and the town supplies some equipment and labour used in the upkeep of Weir Park. The resolution was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting.

One other important topic for the evening was a resolution passed allowing for the annual hazardous waste collection to take place on June 19.

Councillor Matthew Farfan will be in charge of the details for this event.

BRIEF

Niles concert postponed

This weekend's concert at Café Santé featuring Larry Niles has been postponed. The musician will instead perform at the Stanstead location next week — Friday, April 16.

Niles last played in Stanstead in February with percussionist Jacques Robert and stand-up base player Guy Breton.

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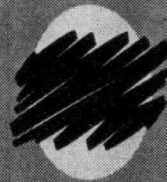
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HEARINGS:

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formerly the Regional Health Board, to look at the proposed organization of local health care networks in the region.

The Réseaux locaux de services de santé et de services sociaux are being forced by Bill 25, the controversial Liberal bill adopted last December that aims, among other things, to abolish Regional Health Boards and replace them with local decision-making bodies.

Local CSN union president Janvier Cliche commented that it is somewhat paradoxical that the Liberals, who were fervently opposed to forced municipal mergers by its Parti Québécois predecessors and even passed legislation to allow town and cities to demerge, is now forcing health care institutions to merge with little or no public consultation.

Most participants in Tuesday's quickly organized hearings, especially health care workers, were fiercely opposed to Bill 25. Workers, who have already lived through a multitude of mergers and reforms over the past decade and a half, complained there is little or no time to deal with change before the next reform and institutional upheaval is imposed.

Most participants in the hearings were also and angry about the rushed and limited consultation.

"What is this urgency to act so fast when it is detrimental to the consultation process by the public that is the most concerned with the quality of services?" asked Jean-Guy St-Gelais, president of the Commission des aînés et des retraités de l'Estrie. The local organization of seniors and retired people also noted they were not invited to be part of the orientation committee that decided upon the regional organizational model.

St. Gelais wondered why, contrary to other regions, the Estrie region was look-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Representatives of various interest groups told the commission they hoped the fusion of institutions would not negatively impact services.

ing at a single model. He also remarked that seniors, who are the largest consumers of health care services, are skeptical about structural changes and concerned that the current upheaval could lead to a decrease in health and social services.

CSN president Cliche and representatives of the affiliated Fédération de Santé et des Services Sociaux (FSSS) echoed those fears, remarking that changing structures will do little to resolve problems if services are not better organized and properly funded.

The union leaders as well as an association of hospital managers also issued a warning about the effect of yet another reorganization on human resources and the population.

The Association des gestionnaires des établissements de santé et des services sociaux said hospital managers and mid-

managers are already overwhelmed by organizational changes and the agency and institutions must be aware of the effects of the changes they put in place.

On a positive note, there was general acceptance for the model proposed for MRCs outside the metropolitan area, especially groups in those areas. There, CLSCs and government-run nursing homes as well as small regional hospitals, where they exist, have already merged into Centre Régionale de Santé and are ready to take on the additional responsibilities of local health care networks.

But agreement on the MRCs took up little time in discussions as most groups showed up to dispute the model for the Sherbrooke area where the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke is exempt from a merger, leaving the Sherbrooke Geriatric University Institute and the CLSC de Sherbrooke to join and create a local health care network.

Most groups said they favored the integration of the CLSC into the Geriatric Institute rather than a forced merger.

Dr. Réjean Hébert, dean of medicine at the University of Sherbrooke and former head of the Center for Research on Aging at the Geriatric Institute, insisted it was the best measure to ensure better services to the population, to preserve the Institutes recognition as a university institute as well as the Institute's mission and reputation as a national and international center for research on aging.

Agence director Michel Baron, the former dean of medicine, agreed, remarking that a voluntary regrouping is preferable to a forced merger not only because it would preserve the university mission of both organizations, but also because a friendly marriage has a better chance of success than shotgun nuptials.

But Baron warned the two institutions will have to act fast because he believes the law would force them to merge rather than integrate. Baron also com-

mented that government officials have said any integration between the two would be recognized as Sherbrooke's local health care network.

Geriatric Institute chair Suzanne Philips-Nootens said the Institute is open to a mutual agreement to integrate the CLSC which would allow it to improve services for elderly people losing autonomy, to preserve the institute's regional mission to provide specialized services in geriatrics and gerontology as well as the university mission of the both CLSC and the Institute.

Philips-Nootens said it would also allow the preservation of the Research Centre on Aging affiliated with the Institute, which director Hélène Payette insisted needed recognition as a university Institute to continue to thrive and grow. Payette said the centre is unique in Canada because it integrates both the research facility with a teaching hospital where elderly patients are treated.

The former board of the CHSLD Estrie, which just integrated the Institute, said a new merger with the CLSC would be "inappropriate and unnecessary". Board chairman André Paradis said a local health care network does not need yet another merger and could easily operate through service agreements between the CLSC, the Geriatric Institute and the CHUS.

Philips-Nootens added that an integration of the Geriatric Institute with the CLSC would also allow the institution to preserve the corporation of the Sherbrooke Hospital in conformity with past promises to the English-speaking community.

After The Record went to press later in the evening, Townshippers' Association was scheduled to present a brief in which they also insisted the Institute be maintained as a separate entity, like the CHUS.

If not, the anglo-rights groups insisted that any merger not threaten the linguistic designation of the Institute which has official bilingual status. They also asked that any new entity guarantee a minimum of two board members selected from the English-speaking community. (A resumé of Townshippers' brief can be found on page 6.)

Also speaking yesterday evening were members of the Commission Médicale Régionale de l'Estrie - one of the few groups vocally opposed to an integration of the CLSC into the Institute arguing that the mission of the CLSC to provide front line services could be overwhelmed by the Institute. In a brief to the commissioners, Drs. Serge Béliveau and Louise Baril said they disagreed with the concerns of the Institute's board and insisted the missions of both institutions must be preserved in any merger.

A resume of all presentations as well as written briefs presented to the public hearings will be available soon, Baron said.

Final proposals on local health care networks that will operate in the Estrie region must be submitted to Health Minister Philippe Couillard by the end of the month.



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Hockey still Canada's sport

Sherbrooke's Sarah Vaillancourt wins gold

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

While hockey fans across North America prepared this week for the first round of the National Hockey League playoffs there was a strong reminder in Halifax that hockey is indeed Canada's game. Our country's women's national team won its eighth consecutive World Championship by defeating the U.S.A., 2-0.

The win was redemption for both the team and goaltender Kim St-Pierre. Canada was on the losing end of a 3-1 decision to the Americans in a preliminary round game but came up big in the gold medal game.

Although she did not see any game action, Sherbrooke native and team alternate Sarah Vaillancourt also took home a medal. The 18-year-old Vaillancourt was the youngest player on the team.

St-Pierre, who tended nets for McGill University's men's hockey team this past year, bounced back from her rough outing against the U.S. Saturday with her best effort of the tournament. She made 26 saves.

Hayley Wickenheiser, who played in a European men's pro league the last two years, opened the scoring with a second period tally and defender Delaney Collins added an insurance marker in the third period.

"I don't know of too many teams in this country who have won eight championships in a row," Wickenheiser told the media.

"It's not easy at all to go out there and play in front of these kinds of crowds and there's the pressure to continue. This team just finds a way to do it all the time."

Canada had the benefit of a loud supportive crowd as Halifax demonstrated once again that it is one of the country's best sports cities.

The Maritime city, which established record attendance numbers for the 2003 men's under-20 tournament, also set an attendance record for the women's event with 94,001 paying cus-

tomers for the event, eclipsing the previous mark of 66,783 set at the 1997 women's world championships in Kitchener, Ont.

While Canada's power play failed to produce any points, its penalty killing was excellent. They held the Americans scoreless on four power play opportunities — three of them in the final period.

"I thought our penalty kill was huge for us," Canadian head coach Karen Hughes said. "They didn't get the kind of chances they often get against us."

The Americans entered the game shorthanded — forwards Krissy Wendell and Shelley Looney were forced to sit out with injuries while team captain Cammi Granato saw limited ice time due to an injured knee.

The U.S. was also victimized by the referee and goal judge who both disallowed a goal by Natalie Darwitz that would have cut Canada's margin to 2-1 with just over five minutes remaining in the game.

Replays showed the puck entered the net and exited so fast that Finnish referee Anu Hirvonen waved the play on. When the Americans complained at the next stoppage of play Hirvonen phoned the goal judge, a neutral International Ice Hockey Federation linesman, who backed up the original call.

Since video replays are not used at the World Championships, the American squad had little choice but to play on.

"I'm not saying the outcome would have changed, but for the fairness of all of us, whether it's Sweden, Finland, Canada or U.S., we deserve instant replay," Granato said.

Granato, who played her college hockey at Concordia University in Montreal, had a point but there was no denying that Canada was the better team Tuesday night and once again found a way to beat a very good U.S. squad.

Winnipeg native Jennifer Botterill led the tournament in scoring and was chosen tournament Most Valuable Player. Forward Jayna Hefford was named to the all-star team. St-Pierre and Hefford were chosen the best goaltender and forward respectively by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Sweden, who lost to Finland 3-2 in the bronze medal game, will host the 2005 championships.



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Support for Team Canada in Halifax was enough to set a new attendance record for the event. Forward Jayna Hefford (left), among the tournament's top scorers, was named to the tournament's all-star team.



NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Few playoff teams have
worry-free goaltending

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Flyers lose Desjardins for playoffs

The Philadelphia Flyers will not have defenceman Eric Desjardins for their playoff series against the New Jersey Devils.

Flyers general manager Bob Clarke says Desjardins will undergo surgery after complications developed with his broken right forearm. The procedure will keep him sidelined for the rest of the year.

"The plate in his arm broke while playing catch with his son," said Clarke, who got the bad news Tuesday night. "The doctors feel it was weakened before and just by playing catch, it broke."

Clarke says the doctors are unsure how the break occurred and likely won't know the reason until they perform the surgery.

Leafs' Domi could sue over radio joke

Lawsuits might be flying before pucks in the Ottawa-Toronto NHL playoff series. It all started Tuesday afternoon with banter by an Ottawa radio station host that turned into suggestions that Maple Leafs enforcer Tie Domi hits his wife. Don (Dandyman) Romani of The Team 1200 apologized Wednesday, calling his remarks a failed attempt at humour.

While the Dandyman was eating crow 400 kilometres away, Domi's agent Pat Morris was working up a head of steam. He called the comments "slandorous and line-crossing," while Maple Leafs GM John Ferguson Jr. called them "potentially actionable." Romani apologized on air Wednesday.

Nolan takes another stab at Rangers

Ted Nolan plans to take another stab at the New York Rangers head coaching job. According to the Newark Star Ledger, Nolan has hired a consultant to help him put together a high-tech presentation which he plans to personally deliver to general manager Glen Sather.

It's the third time Nolan has made a serious pitch for the job. He was interviewed by Sather for the vacancy in 2002, losing out to Bryan Trottier. Nolan also attempted to get in touch with Sather last summer before the GM elected to add the title of head coach to his duties. Nolan believes his coaching style would be a good fit for what the Rangers are trying to accomplish this time around.

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- **HOCKEY: 7 p.m.;** NHL Playoffs, round one, Ottawa Senators at Toronto Maple Leafs, Game 1, CBC, RDS. **7:30 p.m.;** New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers, Game 1, TSN. **10 p.m.;** St. Louis Blues at San Jose Sharks, Game 1, TSN.

FRIDAY

- **GOLF: 4 & 7 p.m.;** PGA Masters, second round, TSN.
- **HOCKEY: 7 p.m.;** Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins, Game 2, CBC, RDS. **9:30 p.m.;** NHL Playoffs, round one, Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche, Game 2, TSN. **10:30 p.m.;** Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks, Game 2, CBC.

Around Town

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By Jim Matheson

Quick now, how many teams going into the Stanley Cup tournament can honestly say their goaltending is just fine? No prayer beads. No doctors on call. How many?

New Jersey? Check.

Montreal? Check.

Dallas? Probably.

The Stanley Cup champion Devils have Martin Brodeur, who covers a lot of warts. But can they repeat with just Patrik Elias and March's NHL Player of the Month, Scott Gomez, getting it done offensively?

And on the defensive side, how will they fare without captain Scott Stevens to match the other team's top guns?

The Canadiens are a wild-card, as Anaheim was last year, but they have Jose Theodore. He could be this spring's Jean-Sebastien Giguere and will get some MVP votes, even if he looked mortal in surrendering five goals in 15 shots in that big game with the Islanders last week.

The Stars have Marty Turco, who would have logged 78 games this season if he hadn't smacked Ryan Smyth in the kisser a couple of weeks back and got suspended. The jury is still out on Turco because in his first kick at the playoffs last spring, he got out-jiggied by the Ducks.

Only three teams can say they have a goalie who's won a Stanley Cup ring. Brodeur has done it three times in Jersey. The Leafs' Ed Belfour won in Dallas and the Blues' Chris Osgood got it done in Detroit. Belfour, as hot as he's been lately, has battled a bad back all season and he's only one goalmouth collision away from sending the Centre of the Universe into a major crying jag.

Osgood, the Defensive Player of the Month for March, has only a 17-18 playoff record the last five years and couldn't hold a 3-1 playoff lead over the Canucks last spring.

Never has the NHL playoff scene been so unsettled in the net, with so many teams trying to go the distance with unproven like David Aebischer (35 playoff minutes) in Colorado, Andrew Raycroft (zippo) in Boston and Miikka Kiprusoff (157 minutes) in Calgary.

"Yeah, but unknowns have done it. Look at Patrick Roy ('86 in Montreal) and Ken Dryden ('71 in Montreal). History is on the side of unproven guys," said Phoenix coach Rick Bowness.

"You could find another goalie making a name for himself," agreed Oilers GM Kevin Lowe.

Other teams may go with tag-teams, like Nikolai Khabibulin and John Grahame in Tampa Bay; Robert Esche and Sean Burke in Philadelphia; and Evgeni Nabokov and Vesa Toskala in San Jose.

Khabibulin (15-18, 2.65 GAA) has been very ordinary when the games count most at playoff time and Esche, while the Flyers titular No. 1, has played exactly 30 playoff minutes. Nabokov has been terrific this year but has an 8-8 record in the playoffs with a 2.59 average.

Then there are those teams forced, because of injuries, to rely on veteran backups. Manny

Legace in Detroit is 30 years old but he's only had one mop-up, 11-minute playoff stint for Dominik Hasek a few years ago.

"I am a little nervous," admitted Legace.

Can a team go all the way with only C-plus goaltending? No. Two rounds, tops.

"In playoff hockey, it starts and ends with goaltending," said Lightning coach John Tortorella.

"Goaltending has a lot to do with confidence. Goalies are a lot like pitchers. There's a lot going on in their head," said Islanders defenceman Adrian Aucoin. "When you do see a guy faltering in net, you want to keep peppering him."

"The first couple of games in the first series will dictate the overall view of the guys in goal — if there's any questions. If there's no weak goals in the first two games, a team is usually fine. If there are, then it's in your mind as a player the rest of the playoffs," said Coyotes captain Shane Doan.

Can Patrick Lalime, who stumbled in a rut and sprained his knee in Toronto 10 days ago, get over a Jekyll-and-Hyde year in Ottawa? Can Dan Cloutier, who's been very good in the last two weeks, get the knockers off his back after failing to get the Canucks past two rounds the past two years? Can Khabibulin, who's looked more like a picket fence than a "Bulin Wall" the last while, hold the fort in Tampa — or does Tortorella rotate his guys, as Minnesota did with Dwayne Roloson and Manny Fernandez last spring?

"We may have the best tandem in the league but do I have concerns? Yes, I do," said Tortorella.

Lalime got the Senators to the third round last spring, but people have been jamming Ottawa call-in shows, ripping him for weeks. Cloutier has had problems with his groin and the Vancouver braintrust seems to have lost faith in backup Johan Hedberg.

"There's whispers of concern about Lalime and in Vancouver, until they do it, there'll be question marks with Cloutier," said former Calgary GM Cliff Fletcher, who rode Mike Vernon to a Stanley Cup in 1989, beating Roy.

The Flyers always go into the playoffs wondering about who's in goal. Other than Ron Hextall, who won a Conn Smythe Trophy in 1987 when Philly had a terrible run of injuries and still made the final against the Oilers, and Bernie Parent, who won back-to-back playoff MVP awards in '74 and '75 when Philly won its two Cups, they're never good enough. John Vanbiesbrouck couldn't do it and Roman Cechmanek was vilified.

This year, Esche and Burke are under the gun, but Burke could be a nice safety blanket if Esche can't do it.

"I don't want to be the guy who's here just in case," said Burke. But he may be just that.

Esche, who's never played a single playoff minute, is coach Ken Hitchcock's guy.

"He has to learn to embrace the pressure like Eddie (Belfour) did in Dallas," said Hitchcock.

—CanWest News Service

Fidelity #33 Rebekah holds successful card party

On March 26, the Rebekahs held a successful card party at the home of Bernard Laberee on Rte. 143.

Marion Cox coordinated this party and we are very happy that she did. We also thank Bernard for allowing and welcoming us into his lovely home. He made us feel right at home and his sister also advised us around the kitchen - many thanks. Thirty-six persons participated in the game and that left a few of us to get lunch ready.

Winners were: Lady's high, Dot Archer; lady's second, Gertrude Cor-

riveau; Lady's low, Thelma Picken; Men's high, Chester Hartwell; Men's second, Doug Johnston; Men's low, Lloyd Smith; 10 of anything, Ruby Simpson; 9 no-trump, Debbie Smith; and Skunk, Fern Harvey.

The winner of the grocery box was Alan Bullock, and of the pretty towel-bar, Bernice Crawford.

Several door prizes were drawn for and lucky winners were: Evelyn Keeble, N.G. of Fidelity #33; Ruby Booth; Alan Bullock; Harris Olsson; Johnathon Smith; Fern Harvey; Ruby Booth; Fern Harvey; Janet Pepin; Gertrude Corriveau; Dot Archer; Thelma Picken and Jackie Gosselin.

We thank everyone who attended and look forward to seeing all of you again on April 17, at 1:30 p.m. and on April 24 same time, same place.

Profits from these parties go towards school lunches, camps, arthritis society of Quebec, and many other worthy causes, in our area.

Thanks again to Bernie, marian, and all who helped in any way, and especially to our card-players who truly make this worthwhile.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple, Publicity

Windsor

Mrs. C. McCourt 845-3416

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Watson were in St. Albert, Ont., to spend the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Cindy Watson and boys.

Friends of Michael Watson were sorry to hear of his illness and wish him all the best with his recovery.

Mrs. Gwen Betts has returned to her home in Ontario after spending a few days with her sister Norma Perkins. Norma accompanied her as far as Kingston, Ont.

Cemetery Meeting

GOULD

There will be a combined cemetery meeting of Lingwick Protestant Cemetery Co., Marsboro Mills Cemetery, Stornoway Cemetery Co. and Lewis Cemetery Association on April 22, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Chalmers United Church Hall, Gould. Interested persons welcome.

Miriam Holland

Card Party

STANSTEAD

On Friday March 12 another very successful card party was held at Bernard Laberee's home.

Debbie Smith welcomed everyone and card were played at 10 tables. After much laughter, scores were added up.

Marion Cox received the ladies high prize, with Ruby Booth claiming ladies second. Gents high went to Doug Johnston, with Rupert Huckins taking Gents second.

9 No Trump was claimed by Rupert Huckins, Bernice Crawford took hom the skunk prize. A trick taken with the 4 of clubs was claimed by Jane Curtis. The secret score went to Julia Callaway.

Door prizes were claimed by the following. Jane Curtis, Fern Harvey, Royce Wallace, Bernice Crawford, Marion St.Onge, Allan Bullock, George Peasley, Irene Shelden, Helene McVeay, Fern Lapointe, Clarence Rolleston, Meryl Nutbrown, Louise Peasley and Healena McComb.

Three items were drawn a lovely hand made bed throw donated by Rupert Huckins was won by Gertrude Hetherington. A hand made moon lamp was made and donated by Ruby Simpson was won by Helena McComb. A box of Laura Secord chocolates donated by Janet Pepin was won by Bernice Crawford.

We had a birthday boy in the house today. Syd Davis was presented with a birthday cake and card and everyone sand "Happy Birthday" to him.

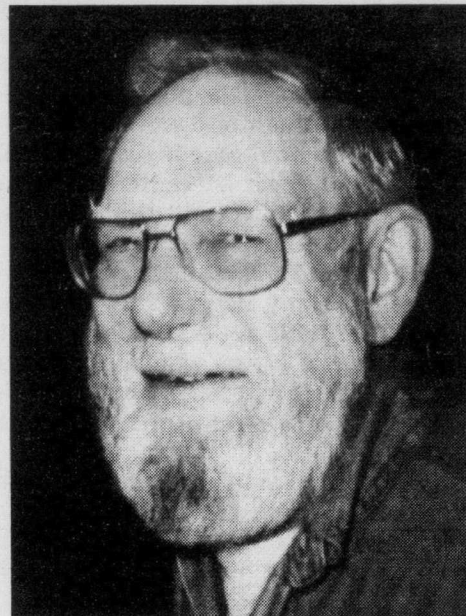
Debbie thanked everyone for coming, bring food - prizes. She thanked Ruby Simpson and Dot Archer for all their help.

A big thank you was given to Bernard Laberee for the use of his home.

D.Smith

Deaths

AIROLDI, Donald - Husband of Pauline Proulx. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 12, 2004 from 12 - 1:30 p.m., at the funeral home. The funeral service will be held on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 2 p.m., in the Ste-Bibiane's Church in Richmond. Centre Funéraire Yves Houle & Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Pauline Fecteau, director.



LYSTER, Leroy 1938-2004 - Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, Leroy Lyster in his 66th year. Dear companion of Dot Hess and beloved father of Linda (Don Harrison), Laird (Sylvia) and Les (Judy). Treasured grandfather of Amy, Craig, Jamie, Katie, Amanda, Andrew, Samantha and Ryan. Sadly missed by Lorraine Moore, mother of his children and predeceased by his parents: Philip and Vivian and his brother, Lorne. Leroy also leaves to mourn his brothers and sisters: Philip Jr. (Doris), Shirley, Sharon (Tommy), Sheldon (Marilyn), Gordon (Linda), Carolyn (Calvin) and Allan (Sheila), along with his sister-in-law, Lorna, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale South, Richmond, where friends may visit on Thursday, April 8, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m., and on Friday, from 1 - 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Friday, April 9 at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Reginald Jennings officiating. Interment in the Pierce Crossing Cemetery. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Leroy...Gone Home.

In Memoriams

BRYANT, Gordon - In memory of a very dear dad, friend and grandfather who passed away April 8, 1992.

Life goes on and years pass by,
But memories of you will never die.
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.

In sweet remembrance,
NANCY & ED
ALLAN & CHARLES
(grandchildren)

DEZAN, Lawrence - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away sixteen years ago, April 8, 1988.

Time may pass and fade away
But silent thoughts and memories stay.
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you are always there.

Sadly missed by
MADELEINE (wife)
RICKY & EILEEN DEZAN
(son & daughter-in-law)
JOYCE & ERIC LITTLE
(daughter & son-in-law)
CHRIS, CHERYL and
CRYSTAL DEZAN
ALLYSON LITTLE
(grandchildren)

QUINN, Osborne - In fond and loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, Osborne, who passed away April 8, 1997. His great-granddaughter, Rachel Alma Gillam Lang, was born on December 2, 2003.

You gave us years of happiness
Then came the sorrow and tears,
But you left us beautiful memories
We will treasure through the years.

THE FAMILY

Card of Thanks

COATES - My thanks to the many people assisting in my recent surgery. The staff of Hotel Dieu, Doctors Mario Viens, Peter Molliner, Danielle Fisch, and all those who were of help, deserve great thanks. Special thanks are due to the Rev. Canon Keith Perry-Gore who transported me to the hospital, and my sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Coates, who retrieved me from the hospital. My thanks to those representatives of the Anglican Church that chose to not visit me in hospital.

FATHER GLENN COATES

RATES and DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

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Please find another place to live immediately

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship for nearly four years. "Max" and I became engaged eight months ago, but in the time we have been together, we have broken up three times, and the reason is his daughter, "Meg."

Meg is 28 years old, does not want her father to be happy with anyone and has, in fact, destroyed many of her father's previous relationships. I have never done anything to make Meg dislike me. I actually have bent over backward to try and please her, but she insists on making our lives miserable. Max loves his daughter very much, but since our engagement, she has stopped calling or visiting, refuses to attend family gatherings and sends him nasty, hateful letters.

Six months ago, Max told me to move out because he needs his daughter back.

I had sold all of my possessions to move in with him. I had no car, no job and no money, so I wound up living with my daughter and her family. It was really difficult, but I finally found two jobs and bought another car.

At the moment, I am back with Max, but it's only temporary until I can find a place of my own. Max says he misses me, loves me and does not want to lose me, but Meg comes first. Also, I discovered Max had a date with another woman in the few months after I moved out.

What do I do? Meg is disrespectful, manipulative and self-centered. She has her own life. Why can't she let us live ours? — No Contest in New York

Dear New York: While children are always important, Meg is a grown woman, and Max should not allow her to dictate his choice of future wife. Since he has made it clear that her wishes come before yours, this relationship sounds doomed.

Please find another place to live immediately. Suggest to Max that he consider counseling so he can learn how to stop being manipulated by his daughter.

Annie's Mailbox

ter. If he is willing and you want to wait it out, that's your choice, but otherwise, move on.

Dear Annie: I'm a 17-year-old girl, and my parents divorced four years ago. I haven't seen my dad in a long time, and I miss him a lot. I have a hard time concentrating because he is always on my mind. I'm always depressed. I have lots of friends, but I just can't seem to get along with my mom. We are always arguing. Please help me. (P.S.: Will you please publish this so that maybe my father will read it?) — Unhappy in Kansas

Dear Kansas: We understand that you miss your father, but it is his responsibility to keep in touch with you. It also means your anger is focused on your mother, who no doubt has her hands full as a single parent.

Talk to your school counselor or a favorite teacher, and ask for help working out your problems with Mom. If you can e-mail or call your father, do so. Let him know you miss him and would like to spend more time with him. But please don't cast Dad as your knight in shining armor. That impression is unrealistic

and sets you up to be disappointed and hurt. You deserve better.

Dear Annie: An ex-co-worker calls me at home two to three times a day, and if I don't answer, she keeps at it until I pick up. We used to be friendly, but I no longer have much in common with her. I have Caller ID, but I hate monitoring all my calls, and I don't know how to get her to stop. Any suggestions? — No More Phone Calls

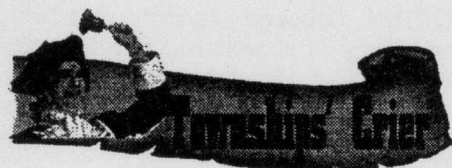
Dear No More: If you have Caller ID, you can probably block this ex-friend from phoning. Find out. Then tell Ms. Redial to please stop calling so often. If you aren't willing to do that, change your phone number and make it unlisted.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Happy Easter

to Florina Drew
at Grace Christian Home

from your family and friends



LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church Street: Good Friday service on April 9 at 10 a.m. and Easter worship on Sunday, April 11 at 10 a.m. Rev. James Potter, (819) 565-8449.

STANBRIDGE EAST

12 annual Sugaring Off Party at the Richard "Owl Hoot Maple Farm", 85 Ross Road in Stanbridge East. A fundraising event for the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation. April 10, 2004. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Donation at the door. Donation includes: Taffy on snow, see a Blacksmith demonstration, Wagon rides, listen or dance to the music of Canadian fiddlers. Items for sale from the: Bake table, Maple Products and Snack-bar. Home Maple Syrup pies and fresh made doughnuts on the spot. A wonderful afternoon for the whole family. For more information call (450) 248-3616.

RICHMOND

The Richmond 4-H Club will host its annual card party on Saturday, April 17 at the Richmond Legion beginning at 7:30 p.m. Door prizes, draws, light lunch. Everyone welcome.

SHERBROOKE

A Spring Salad Bar Tea will be held in the Church of the Advent Hall, Bowen Ave. South, on Saturday, April 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ham, salads, rolls, cakes and squares. Food table.

SHERBROOKE

Mission Circle Buffet Salad Supper, St. Patrick's Church Hall, Saturday, April

17, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged. Sale of home baking, crafts and jewellery. Everyone welcome.

MELBOURNE

Community Vacation Bible School 3rd annual Fundraising Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, April 17, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1169 Route 243, Melbourne. Get a preview of the summer 2004 VBS theme: Lava Lava Island - Where Jesus' Love Flows. Family rates. Children 5 and under: free.

LENNOXVILLE

St. George's Church Hall, Military Whist, Friday April 16, 7:15 p.m. Lots off prizes and lunch. All welcome but please call F. Chaplin at (819) 564-2906 for table reservation. Sponsored by the Parish Guild.

BULWER

Bulwer Q.F.A. will meet on Thursday, April 8 at the Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. All welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

ABERCORN

All Saints Anglican Church, Abercorn will hold an Easter Sunday Service on April 11 at 9:15 a.m. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Monthly meeting of both the Men's Unit members and Ladies Auxiliary members of A.N.A.F. Unit 318 on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. (A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville). All members are welcome to attend.

NORTH HATLEY

Parish of North Hatley. Come and be part of our Church family, St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley. Good Friday: Joint service with the United Church at 10:30 a.m. Easter services: St. Barnabas, North Hatley at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and St. John's, Waterville at 9 a.m.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville Curling Club will be

having the Closing Barbecue Dinner (steak or chicken) on Saturday, April 10 at 6 p.m. All members and guests welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

A dessert card party, hosted by Ladies Lennoxville Curling Club, will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. To reserve a table, please call Jean MacDonald (819) 346-7921. Everyone welcome.

COOKSHIRE-BURY

Thursday: Seder Supper starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by Pot-luck Supper and the Last Supper at St. Peter's Church Hall, Cookshire. Good Friday services at St. Paul's Church, Bury at 10 a.m. and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bishopton at 3 p.m. Saturday Easter Eve Service of the new Light and the first Easter Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, Cookshire at 7 p.m. Welcome everyone.

CHERRY RIVER

Cherry River Gospel Chapel Conference, April 30, May 1 and 2. Guest speaker: John Hoag. Friday night, 7 p.m.: at the Chapel. Saturday at Parkside Ranch: 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast, 3 p.m. service followed by supper; 6:30 p.m. evening service. Sunday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Chapel. Information: Ron (819) 843-3492. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Due to April 12 being Easter Monday, there will be no Senior's Get-Together at the Community Centre in Lennoxville. We'll be back April 26 same time.

LENNOXVILLE

Thursday, April 15, 2nd annual "Adopt-A-Book" campaign at the Lennoxville Library from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. To continue until Saturday, April 17. Everyone welcome.

SHERBROOKE

Les Artisans Sculpteurs des Cantons, a non-profit organization, will hold its

annual Wood Carving Show, featuring more than 30 carvers and artists, on April 17 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and April 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sercovie Hall, 300 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke. Free entrance and parking. All welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Celtic Crossroads Concert on Saturday, April 17 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Amédée Beaudoin Community Center in Lennoxville. Featuring: Pipers, dancers, storytellers, singers, fiddlers and the Galt Band. Proceeds for the Galt Band Trip to Scotland in June. Admission charged. Wear your kilt and support a good cause!

MAGOG

The churches of Magog invite you to join in a Good Friday March procession on Friday, April 9 that will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church, proceed to St. Luke's Anglican (10 a.m.) and end at Eglise Saint Patrice at 10:30 a.m. Following the final brief service, there will be a reception of Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee in the church hall. The Good Friday March is a time of silent worship. Those who share in the walk in silence feel a unity in Christian hope.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"MCJZ OD ZCW FOFZC DBRHCFYFB KYRHJXWT ZY J ZOF HJF JVVWB COZ HVJBWT YF J CAXTB-UAXTB JFT J RWRXYB?" - EJXV EXJAD

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "Bravery never goes out of fashion." - Thackeray "Courage is being scared to death - and saddling up anyway." - John Wayne

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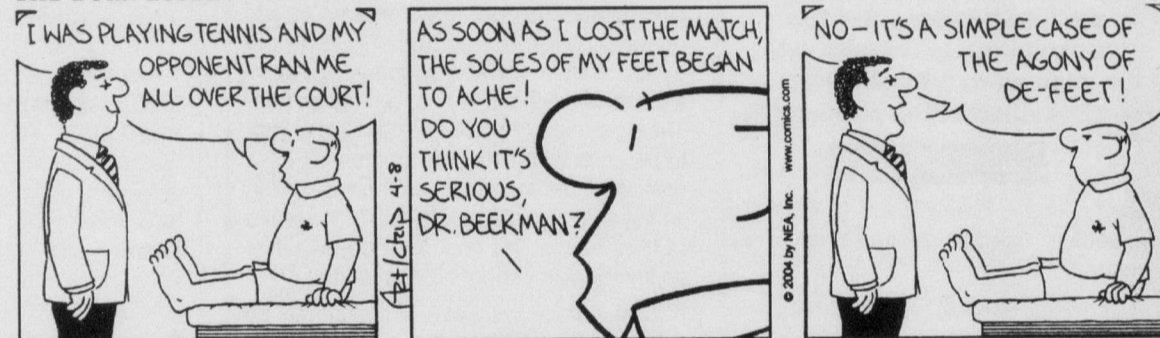
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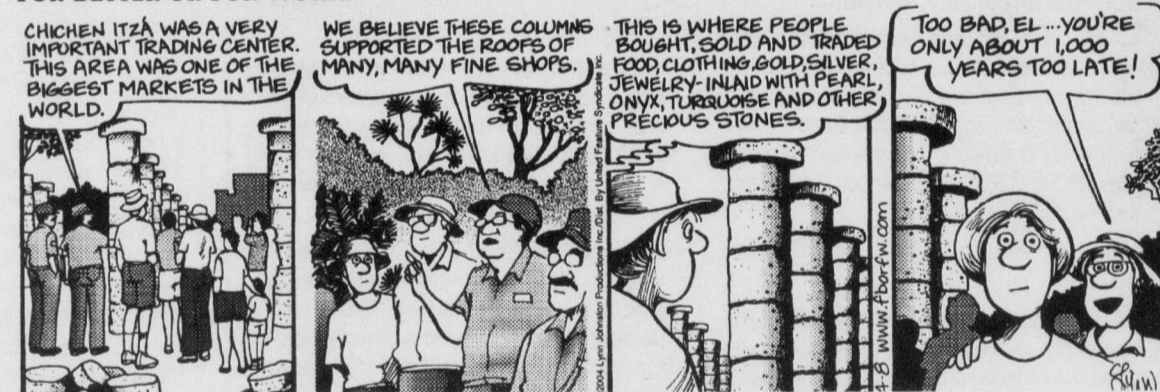
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THE BORN LOSER



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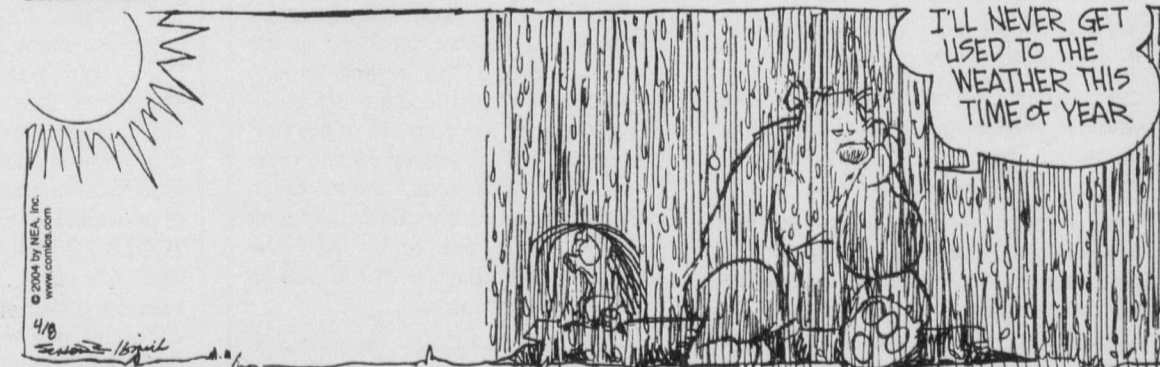


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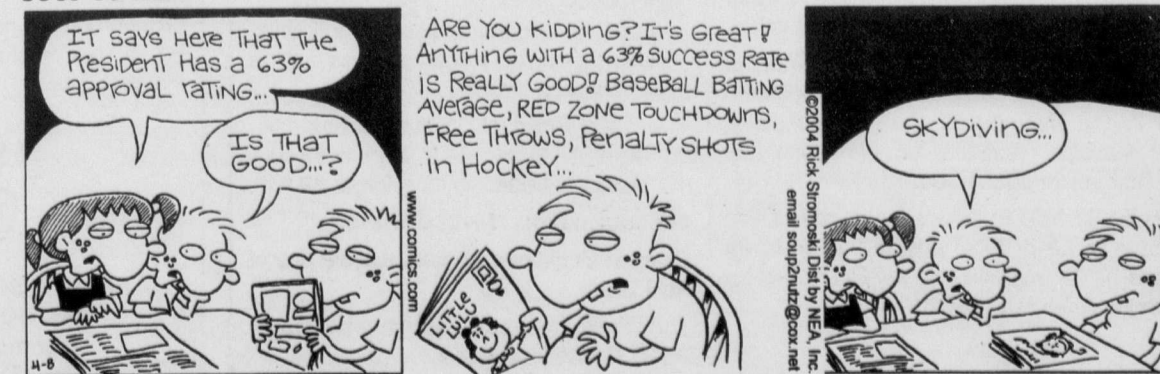


"Just relax and get your memory back. Don't lay there worrying about the fifty bucks you owe me."

GRIZWELLS



SOUP TO NUTS



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Cookshire-Eaton

PUBLIC NOTICE

Revision of the referendum list within the context of the consultation of citizens with respect to the territorial reorganization of the municipality

Sector Newport

Public notice is hereby given by M. André Croisetière, directeur général / secretary-treasurer :

- The referendum list of the sector concerned was tabled on **2004-04-06**.
- It will now undergo a revision.**
- To be a person qualified to vote and to have the right to be entered on the referendum list of the sector concerned, a person must not, on **2004-03-01**, have been found guilty of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice (within the last five years);
- and must meet one of the following two conditions :**
 - be a natural person domiciled in the sector concerned and have been domiciled for at least six months in Québec;
 - have been for at least 12 months:
 - the sole owner of an immovable on the territory of the sector concerned;
 - the sole occupant of a place of business within the meaning of the Act respecting Municipal Taxation, on the territory of the sector concerned.
- Sole owners and occupants having several immovables or places of business in the sector concerned by the referendum poll will have to be entered at the address of their immovable having the highest real estate value or their place of business having the highest rental value.**
- undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a place of business within the meaning of the Act respecting Municipal Taxation, on the territory of the sector concerned.

PLEASE NOTE: Natural persons will also have to be of legal age on **2004-05-02** and hold Canadian citizenship and not be under curatorship on **2004-03-01**.

IMPORTANT

The co-owners or co-occupants shall have designated, by means of a power of attorney, signed by the majority of them, a person to exercise their rights.

The co-owner (natural person only) who already has the right to be entered on the referendum list as a domiciled person, the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a place of business cannot be designated. The co-occupant who already has the right to be entered on the referendum list as a domiciled person, the sole owner of an immovable or the sole occupant of a place of business or the undivided co-owner of an immovable cannot be designated.

A legal person will have to designate by resolution a person from among its members, directors or employees to exercise its rights.

- A person qualified to vote who changes domicile in the sector concerned or who has seen a change, since March 1, 2004, in the capacity under which he is a person qualified to vote, must request a change to the referendum list.
- A person qualified to vote, who at the time of signing the register, no longer meets the conditions that make him a person qualified to vote, must ask to have his name struck from the referendum list.
- In the case of an application for entry concerning a person domiciled in the sector concerned, the person making the application must indicate the previous address of the domicile of the person whose entry is requested and must present two documents, one of which mentions the name and the date of birth and the other, the name and the address of the domicile of the person whose entry is requested.
- The referendum list may be consulted and the applications for entry, striking or correction must be presented to the board of revisors at the following place(s), on the following dates and at the following times:

1452 Road 212, Island Brook	
April, 19 2004	10 h to 13 h
April, 20 2004	19 h to 22 h

For information : (819) 875-3165

Given at Cookshire - Eaton, this 8th day of April 2004

The directeur général / secretary-treasurer
André Croisetière, o.m.a.

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AUCTION SALE

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ANTIQUES TO BE SOLD: Victorian Walnut rocker; Pine 4 drawer chest w/carved pulls; Pine 4 drawer chest (w/bracket foot); Victorian walnut sofa w/Grape carvings; 2 Pillow Back chairs; Wing back chairs; Oak rockers; Rose MacLeay Painting (Spring Thaw); Iron & Brass Bed; Flat top desk; Pine dovetailed blanket box (repaired); School desk; Cupboard Top; Copper boiler; English bone china cups & saucers; Limoges pieces; 22 pce Susie Cooper; Pressed and cut glass; Royal Copenhagen Xmas plates; Sterling Silver flatware for 8; Sterling Silver dish & tea spoons; 27 pieces of Centennial Rose dishes; Approx. 30 Wade figurines; Frames; Prints; Books on Antiques; Silver plate pces.

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KITCHEN & COUNTER HELP required for Cafe Inn, Knowlton. Call (450) 243-0069 ask for Bill or Tracey.

SENTINEL GESTION IMMOBILIERE has a job opening at the Sherman Residence in Scotstown for a 32 hour shift (night and weekends). The job description is to help out the residents, prepare their meals, do daily chores (cleaning and laundry) and help the residents for breakfast. This job opening is for June 4 but training would start almost right away. Please send us your resume by fax (819) 564-8306 or by email to sentinel@sentinel.qc.ca to Diane Aube before April 30, 2004.

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CARS

2003

LINCOLN TOWN SIGNATURE, full equipped, roof, beige, 12,000 km.
LINCOLN TOWN SIGNATURE, full equipped, roof, grey, 16,000 km.
FOCUS SE, automatic, beige, 12,000 km.
FOCUS SE, auto, green, 8,000 km.
CROWN VICTORIA LX, full, gold, 21,000 km.
FOCUS SE SPORT, auto., beige, 12,000 km.
TAURUS SW, full, 8 passenger, white, 15,000 km.

2002

MUSTANG, V6, auto, convertible, grey, 21,000 km.
MUSTANG, convertible, auto, fully equipped, white, 21,000 km.
MUSTANG, V6, auto, hardtop, auto, leather, grey, 37,000 km.
FOCUS ZX3, standard, mags, Zetec, green, 17,000 km.

2001

FOCUS SE SPORT, auto, beige, 34,000 km.
LINCOLN LS, V8, leather, auto, fully equipped, grey, 17,000 km.
TAURUS SEL, 24 valve, fully equipped, remote starter, green, 39,000 km.
SUNFIRE SLX, 2 door, 4 cyl., standard, grey, 51,000 km.
FOCUS SE, manual, air, grey, 22,000 km.
FOCUS SE, standard, air, grey, 44,000 km.

2000

FOCUS SE, auto, red, 62,000 km.
FOCUS SE, auto, gold, 42,000 km.
TAURUS SW SE, 8 passenger, fully equipped, green, 67,000 km.

1999

TAURUS SE, auto., full, 5 passenger, beige, 67,000 km.
ESCORT SW, auto., air, grey, 100,000 km.

1998

ESCORT LX, auto, air, red, 122,000 km.

1997

TAURUS SW GL, black, 101,000 km.

TRUCKS

2003

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Thursday, April 8, 2004

Make entries and extract thorns

By Phillip Alder

The opponents' trumps are often thorns in your side during the card-play. This can be especially true on deals where you cannot afford to remove them early in the play. But sometimes you can combine trump extraction with trick establishment - as in today's layout.

How would you plan the play in seven spades? West leads the club queen.

Many pairs with good memories use Roman Key Card Blackwood, which allows one to uncover not only the four aces, but also the king and queen of trumps. Here, though, because South knows of 10 or 11 combined trumps, he does not need to worry about the spade queen. Even if her majesty is missing, she can be expected to drop.

South cannot be sure about the fate of his low diamond, but he knows North has at least five hearts.

You have only 12 top tricks: seven spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. You must establish a long heart in the dummy. But here you will have to ruff two hearts in hand. That re-

quires three dummy entries: two for the ruffs and one to get to the winner. Now that the club ace has been removed from the dummy, you need to use all three of those top trumps - you must not draw a round of trumps.

The play goes: club to the ace, heart to the ace, heart king, trump to dummy (entry one), heart ruff high, spade to dummy (entry two), heart ruff high, trump to dummy (entry three). Now cash the heart jack and discard the diamond seven. Terrific!

04-08-04

North: ♠ A Q 10, ♥ J 6 5 4 2, ♦ Q 6 4 3, ♣ A

West: ♠ 9 6 5, ♥ 8 7, ♦ K 9 5 2, ♣ Q J 9 8

East: ♠ —, ♥ Q 10 9 3, ♦ J 10 8, ♣ 10 7 6 4 3 2

South: ♠ K J 8 7 4 3 2, ♥ A K, ♦ A 7, ♣ K 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Military meal
- 5 Math subj.
- 9 Molten rock
- 14 Sore spot
- 15 One of the Chaplins
- 16 Well worker
- 17 Casual talk
- 18 1965 PGA champion Dave
- 19 Have faith in
- 20 Span at the Masters
- 23 Merry month?
- 24 Peer Gynt's mother
- 25 Agatha's contemporary
- 27 Get lost!
- 31 M. Descartes
- 33 French play part
- 37 Illegal activities

- 39 Narrow inlet
- 40 Common vetch
- 41 Site of the Masters
- 44 Lively dance
- 45 Start-up buttons
- 46 Millstream channel
- 47 Fashion magazine
- 48 ___ and kin
- 50 Matheson in "Animal House"
- 51 Golf gadgets
- 53 Saturn model
- 55 Saturate
- 58 Garb at the Masters
- 64 Mirth
- 66 See ya!
- 67 Nonentity
- 68 Usher's path
- 69 Three-spot

- 21 Titles
- 22 Legendary ones
- 26 Dine al fresco?
- 27 Frighten
- 28 Mean
- 29 Star in Orion
- 30 Good-luck charm
- 32 Physicist Mach
- 34 Shut up!
- 35 Outline
- 36 Moray catcher
- 38 "Dracula" author
- 42 Licorice liqueur

- 43 Entertainer Massey
- 49 Used innuendoes
- 52 Wading bird
- 54 "Love Train" singers
- 55 Wound coverage
- 56 Louisville's river
- 57 Miguel's money
- 59 Merit
- 60 Russian ruler
- 61 Vegas gambling game
- 62 Son of Aphrodite
- 63 Oodles
- 65 The Loop loopers

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Speed-of-sound measure
- 2 Sound reply?
- 3 Uneven hairstyle
- 4 Stiff hair
- 5 Pyramids and mausoleums
- 6 Lion, at times
- 7 Calvary initials
- 8 Fragrant bloom
- 9 Highway lodging
- 10 Televis
- 11 Dejected
- 12 Flat-topped elevation
- 13 Pretentious

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News and Views of St. Andrew's

MELBOURNE

A new year brings new beginnings and changes. The year 2004 left us sad with the passing of Roy Douglas Livingstone (elder) on October 12, 2003 and elder Marie Jeanne Helene Laroche-Reed, on November 12, 2003. Two weddings were celebrated during the year and one baptism: Ryan Alexander Sambo, son of Mario Sambo and Lisa Jane Hughes. Mrs. Sandra Truax Johnston joined our community of faith in December of 2003. Rev. Mark Godin celebrated a covenant renewal service on February 1st, 2004. Our annual meeting was held on February 15, 2004.

Commemoratory plaques were presented to retiring elders Auke Devries and Vera Hughes. Our organist Ann-Haines Clark has been busy planning hymns and

choir practices looking forward to Lent and Easter. Ann is also working on a banner depicting the Holy Spirit. Several members have enjoyed a Bible Study and discussion on the Lord's Prayer. On February 21st, the Presbytery of Quebec (Presbyterian Church) met at St. Andrew's Melbourne. On the 24th of February we celebrated a combined Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday service, with guest readers from St. Anne's Anglican Church and the United Church in Richmond. On March 5th, we joined (with members of the local churches) the United Church in Richmond for the World Day of Prayer; with Ann Clark, as guest speaker. On the 14th of March, the English service was held at 10:30 a.m., followed by a pot luck congregational meal and sugar on snow. The French service followed at 3 p.m. We celebrated communion with out shut-ins

The Fortier family in February, The Perron family in March and The Harpers in April. We plan to visit the Foyer Richmond with communion on the 2nd of April.

Passion - Palm Sunday, will be celebrated with a procession and waving of palm branches, and special readings. Maundy Thursday at 6:30 p.m. a special saeder supper, followed by communion; a time of meditation in the garden and the shrouding of the sanctuary. On Good Friday, St. Andrew's Melbourne can join St. Andrew's Sherbrooke for worship at 10 a.m. or a church of your choice. Easter Sunday will begin with a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m., followed by coffee and muffins. The 10:30 a.m., service will be bilingual. Come and worship with us or at a church of your choice.

Submitted by Estelle Blouin for St. Andrew's, Melbourne

Lennoxville Women's Institute

The regular monthly meeting of Lennoxville W.I. was held at Uplands on March 18. First Vice-President Thelma Picken called the meeting to order at 11 a.m., opening with the Collect and Salute to the Flag. The Motto for this month's theme of Health and Community Living was "Happiness is like jam, you can't spread a little without getting some on yourself." The Roll Call - "Name what you like to put on your toast" was answered by the six members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In business from the minutes, plans to celebrate the branch's 90th anniversary in June were discussed. Arrangements had been made to have a local ladies' group serve a dinner - other plans will be finalized by the committee. Several items in regard to the annual Provincial Convention were discussed, raffle tickets were distributed and forms for delegates to complete were given to those involved.

The Treasurer's report given by Gwen Parker showed a satisfactory balance on hand.

Correspondence read included "Thank You" card from two of our members, information about Friendship Day and an invitation to take part, information requested re the Q.W.I. newsletter, information from the Borough of Lennoxville re Volunteer Action Week. It was moved by Marg Williams, seconded by Gwen Parker that Thelma Picken look into the nomination of the W.I. branch for their volunteer work. Carried.

In new business, Marg. Williams

Ladies Auxiliary Br. 15 Military Whist Party

On Thursday, March 25, 2004 the Ladies Auxiliary held another very successful card party at the Legion Hall in Richmond with 24 tables in play. Very encouraging to have so many of you good folks supporting us.

When the time came for the prizes to be awarded we had one table with 29 points namely - Jacques Dubois, Paul Rioux, Armand and Jeannine Labarre. A tie for second place with 27 points namely Mona Garrett, Gerald Fowler, Gerald and Marie Bethe Skerry, Jeanne D'Arc Jutras, Robert Paquet, Marcel Langlois and Rita Belanger. The low with 16 points went to Gordon Redburn, Donat Morin, Cecile Lemieux, Hugh Lancaster.

Grocery boxes were claimed by Shirley Smith and Marge Lancaster.

Door prizes: Iona Patrick, Elizabeth Mastine, Marie Bethe Skerry, Rita, Donat Morin, Gordon Redburn, Jean Storry, Rose Marcotte, Donald Davidson, Wanda

asked if the group would be interested in supplying and serving lunch to a group meeting at Hatley United Church on May 1st. All members were in favor. Next on the agenda, Gwen read information received from the Provincial office outlining various resolutions that would be presented at Convention. It was felt that we should support these resolutions.

At this point, the meeting recessed for lunch, reconvening at 1 p.m.

To continue briefly, Gwen presented correspondence from the provincial office, outlining information to be brought up at convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Members then visited Grace Christian home, visiting with the ladies and serving afternoon tea. During our visit we were very pleased to present Irene Harrison, now in residence there, with an Abbit Pritchard throw in recognition of her many years as an honoured member of our branch.

Phyllis Worster, , Publicity

Your Birthday

Thursday, April 8, 2004

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Unless you take pride in your work today, you might as well take the day off. Your performance would fall far below your usual standards and may even cause a setback.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Forego temptations today to put the bite on friends to bail you out of something that is threatening to cost you far more money than you thought. Eat your own losses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Promises you had made to others that are due today will not be taken lightly. If you renege on your pledge, there will be unfortunate consequences you'll not be happy to undergo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Thinking you can postpone duties today could be more costly than you thought. They'll mess up your schedule later when you attempt to squeeze them in, and lose you some business as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Although material conditions may be showing signals that things are improving for you, it is far too premature to become extravagant or wasteful. Make every dime you make count.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Poor judgment, radical behavior and self-serving methods will collectively contribute to your downfall today. Success is hard enough to come by without using self-defeating tactics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Think before speaking today because there are indications that you could let the cat out of the bag regarding something that should be kept confidential. You won't want to be responsible.

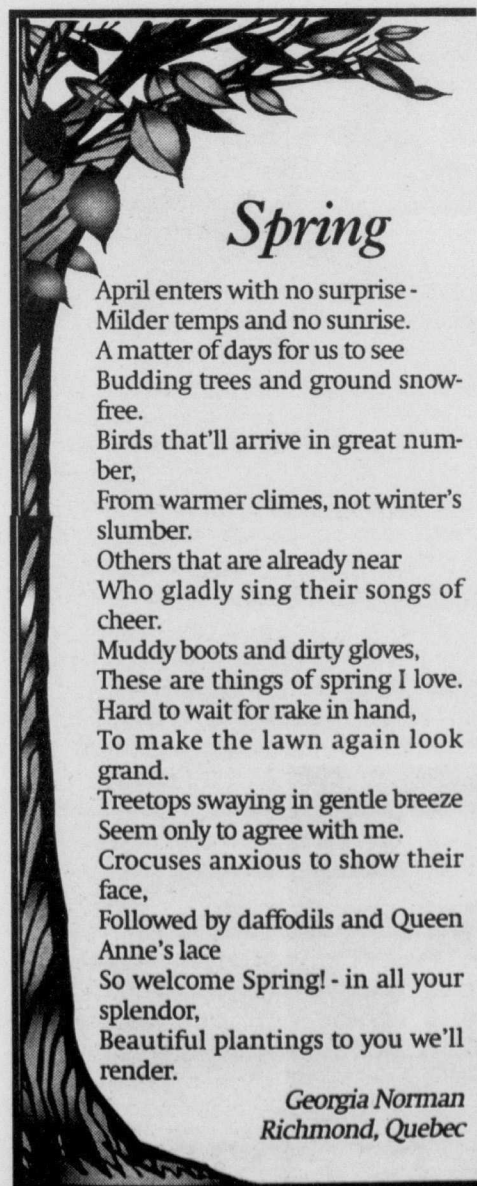
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - It will be important that you keep friends or associates out of your business or personal financial affairs. They may want to help, but the probability is that they will hinder you in the process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - This is not a day to slack off on your career-related obligations. One mistake or missed opportunity concerning career matters could hold dire consequences if you are undisciplined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - There is a possibility today that someone who recognizes your weaknesses will know how to manipulate you in order to take advantage of your generous nature. Don't snap at the bait.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Don't think you won't be held accountable for something entrusted in your care today if you are irresponsible in handling it. If repairs have to be made, you'll have to foot the bill.

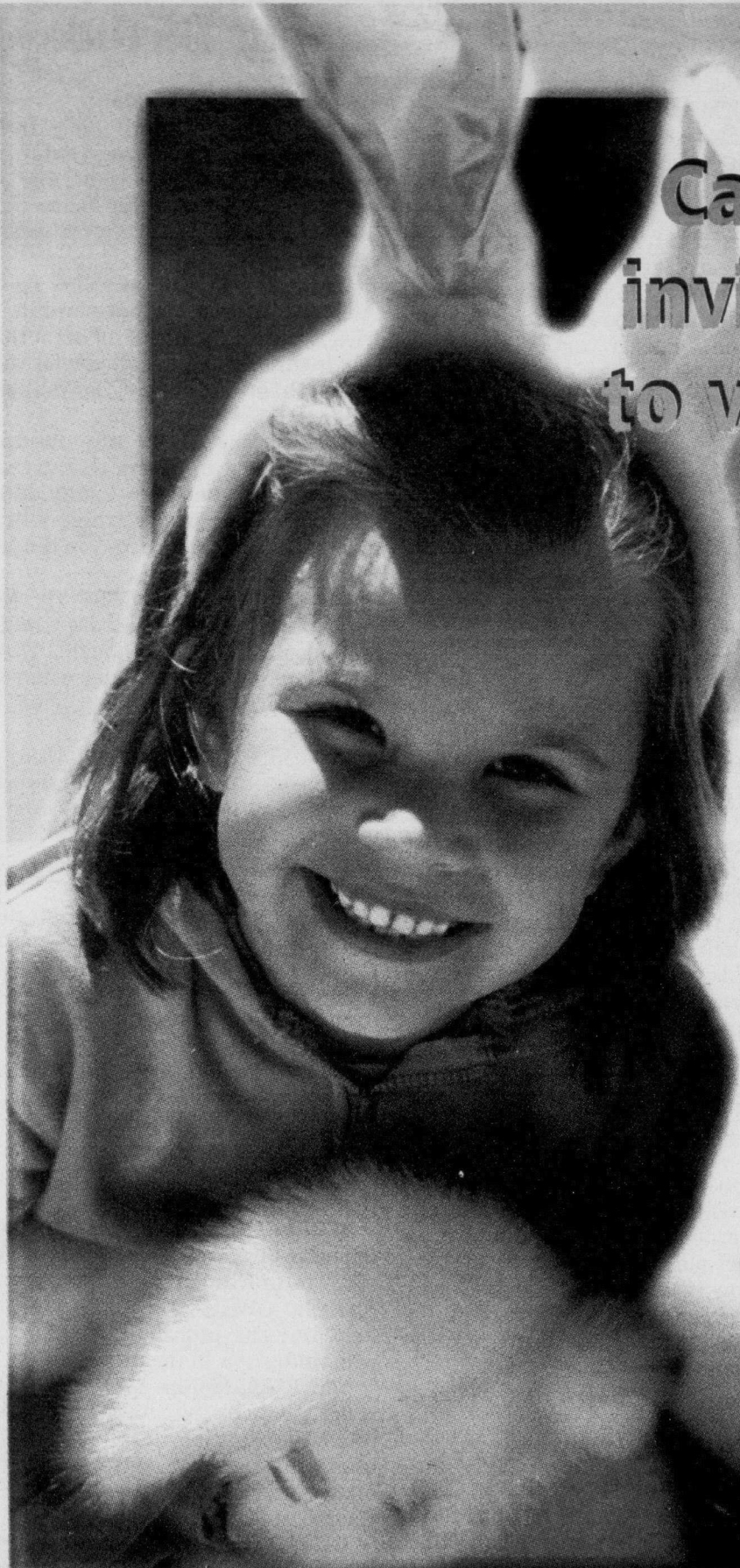
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Catering to big wheels today, hoping they will do something for you to further your personal ambitions, will prove to be a big disappointment. You'll have to create your own success.



Spring

April enters with no surprise -
Milder temps and no sunrise.
A matter of days for us to see
Budding trees and ground snow-free.
Birds that'll arrive in great number,
From warmer climes, not winter's slumber.
Others that are already near
Who gladly sing their songs of cheer.
Muddy boots and dirty gloves,
These are things of spring I love.
Hard to wait for rake in hand,
To make the lawn again look grand.
Treetops swaying in gentle breeze
Seem only to agree with me.
Crocuses anxious to show their face,
Followed by daffodils and Queen Anne's lace
So welcome Spring! - in all your splendor,
Beautiful plantings to you we'll render.

Georgia Norman
Richmond, Quebec



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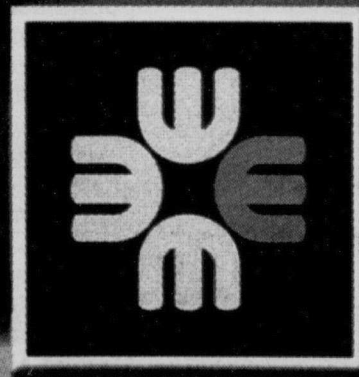
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