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Suzanne Labbé, Annie Goyette and Guillaume Paul-Limoges discuss the negative impacts of freer trade.

Local groups raise red flag on globalization

Trade issues are tied to human and social development

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

While the free trade zone to be discussed at the Summit of the Americas seems a little lofty and puzzling for average North Americans, the conclusion of such a deal could have a powerful impact on their everyday lives.

That's the warning of a group of anti-poverty activists who are preparing a regional conference to discuss the potential negative spinoffs the deal

could have on human rights and social justice.

Sherbrooke's conference is being organized by Développement et Paix, the Table d'Action Contre l'Appauvrissement de l'Estrie, the Pastorale Sociale group of Sherbrooke's Catholic diocese, Solidarité Populaire Estrie, Carrefour de Solidarité Internationale, and the social work department of the Collège de Sherbrooke.

The interactive conference comes midway during United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), explained organizer Annie Goyette of Développement et Paix which has been organizing annual activities to underline the UN initiative.

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Gerry for Mayor

Should Gerald Tremblay become mayor of the "unified" City of Montreal next November, he would be the first in nearly 50 years to have been elected to another level of government.

Tremblay's immediate predecessor in that regard is Camillien Houde, who not only served in the Quebec legislature and the House of Commons, but served four years in an Ontario prison for inciting the populace to defy conscription. He was promptly returned to city hall upon his release in 1944 and served another 10 years.

Houde, incidentally, was elected for another term to the House of Commons in 1949 while still in the mayor's office. He isn't the only Montrealer to have done double political duty. J.C.C. Abbott, following a career as an MP, went on to become mayor of Montreal (1887-89) while concurrently government leader in the Senate and a cabinet minister. He served a brief stint as caretaker prime minister following Sir John A. Macdonald's death in 1891.

Former Liberal MNA and minister Gerard Tremblay is not quite in the same league of flamboyance as Camillien Houde, nor cut from the same conservative cloth as Abbott.

Indeed, Tremblay's first challenge in the long march to the first island-wide elections next November is to carve out a stronger image. He might start by making sure all local newspapers have a fresh head shot of him. While rumours circulated in recent weeks about his candidacy, several newspapers ran a photo of another Gerald Tremblay, who, ironically, was one of the lawyers hired by the city of Westmount to argue against the Montreal merger.

Gerald Tremblay, mayoral candidate, is also a lawyer, but it's more his business credentials and senior political experience that have convinced supporters he is the right guy at the right time to turf the eclectic "garden engineer" Pierre Bourque from Montreal's stately city hall. Assuming that Tremblay's birthplace of Ottawa

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won't count against him, the former industry minister in Robert Bourassa's government, graduate of Harvard business school, financial analyst and hard-

core economic development wonk, has a lot to make Bourque worry.

For starters, he already has the backing of many of the suburban mayors who will be stripped of their own city halls as of January 1, 2002. One of these soon-to-be erstwhile mayors is Georges Bossé of Verdun, perhaps the most outspoken francophone opponent of the merger forced on the 27 suburbs on Montreal island.

Bourque, it's safe to say, will be persona non grata in the suburbs where he must win some votes if he expects to regain city hall. His resounding win in the last election in the original city of Montreal was due in no small part to the weak and divided opposition he faced - not unlike the Chrétien winning formula.

Tremblay can pretty much count on a sweep of the anglo and allo population of the island, seeing as he stands in opposition to Bourque who is viewed on the western half of the island as a pe-

uiste toady who got his Christmas wish of a bigger city.

The one strike against Tremblay that has surfaced in the coverage of his declaration for mayor is that he chickened out when he had the chance to succeed Robert Bourassa as Liberal leader and premier in 1994.

Tremblay backed off in the face of the seemingly insurmountable support behind Daniel Johnson Jr. Of course, this syndrome is not unknown to the current party in power which is about to crown its new leader without a contest. Tremblay is not in the clear yet for a face-to-face showdown with Bourque.

He still has to convince other pretenders to city hall he is the one to beat Bourque. So far, those are Vera Danyluk, a former Town of Mount Royal mayor who heads the Montreal Urban Community, and Michel Prescott, leader of the party that lost city hall to Bourque in 1994.

In Quebec City, Tremblay's candidacy will be viewed warily. While the creation of an island-wide city of Montreal is practically speaking a done deal, the PQ government cannot be too pleased with the prospect of a popular and unreservedly federalist Liberal in charge of its own creation.

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youth award. The provincial government, through Recyc-Québec, the ministries for the Environment and Industry and Commerce, has teamed with private companies such as Bell Canada, Alcan Aluminum and the SAQ to present these awards.

Winners will be announced on May 31 at Centre Pierre-Péladeau in Montreal.

Candidates may still submit projects until 9 pm on March 9, 2001.

For more information, please call (514) 987-8094 or e-mail organizers at Phenix@coselective.qc.ca. You can also visit the official Phénix site at www.coselective.qc.ca/Phénix/

Weather

Today: Some snow. High near minus 5.
Saturday: Variable cloudiness with chance of flurries. Low near minus 18. High near minus 6. Probability of precipitation 40 per cent.
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Monday: Cloudy with a few flurries. Low near minus 12. High near minus 3. Probability of precipitation 60 per cent.

Ben by Daniel



Police bust Sherbrooke ring of teenage thieves

*Two adults arrested,
10 teens involved*

By Daniel Huot
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke police believe they've broken up a teen burglary ring involved in a series of breaking and entering incidents following a raid on an apartment at 991 Jogues St. on Monday. They arrested a 37-year-old woman, a 23-year-old man and her 17-year-old son after getting a warrant.

The woman will be charged with being in possession of stolen property. Police found stolen stereos, DVD players, computers, microwave ovens and VCRs in the apartment. Meanwhile, the other two suspects were released.

Several more teens will be arrested within the next few days, according to police.

The case began on Feb. 20, according to Const. André Lemire. A citizen tipped off police when he saw two teenagers carrying a long loudspeaker and a huge plastic bag. Once alerted, police arrested the two suspected teenagers and brought them to the station for questioning.

That move soon led to the uncovering of a larger network and Monday evening's raid.

The value of the goods seized is estimated to be worth at least \$20,000. "We've managed to identify most of the equipment thanks to the descriptions provided by the owners," said Lemire. "It's a ring. The teenagers robbed various sectors in the east and west ends as well as in Rock Forest."

The stolen goods were then apparently sold to the woman in exchange for money. Police still don't know where the loot went after that.

They hope the upcoming arrests will help answer many of the unresolved questions. So far, they have some leads.

"We know that the gold jewellery they stole was sold to a Sherbrooke jeweller for \$4 per gram," Lemire said. That amount is cheap for the person who purchased the stolen goods, according to police.

The suspects usually operated in pairs, knocking on the doors of houses where they knew there was no alarm system. If after two minutes of clamouring the occupants didn't answer, they'd typically break into the houses and steal any valuables they could grab.

On one occasion, some of the teens apparently even managed to get away with the goods in a house that did have an alarm system. Police said they were trying to see how much time they needed to get away with the stolen property before they could get caught.

Police now say events leading to the raid allowed them to solve 43 breaking and entering cases. Equipment found in the apartment is linked to six of the 43 cases. They also uncovered how gold was robbed in Windsor and found out how one vehicle was stolen.

Some of the suspects apparently found it more convenient to carry the goods by car than to walk into the municipal bus with some of the stolen property. One of the television sets police seized measured at least 32 inches.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Police gathered nearly \$20,000 of stolen goods following raid. Much of the merchandise was returned to owners before it was fenced.

BRIEFS

MP Diane St-Jacques named vice-chair of gov't committee

Member of Parliament for Shefford Diane St-Jacques was appointed first vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with disabilities, on Feb. 20. "I wanted to work on the areas that really matter to the people of my riding," she said in a statement.



Shefford MP
Diane St-Jacques

St. Jacques formerly held committee positions dealing with family issues.

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Sociologist Dorval Brunelle will speak on March 13

Activists:

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"Half way through the decade, poverty is not decreasing, but increasing from year to year," Goyette points out, adding that growing globalization has led to an increase in poverty in both developing and developed nations.

The groups insist they are not against growing global trade. They just want to ensure that more globalized trade does not threaten social programs, human and workers rights and the effectiveness of environmental regulations.

They also say it's not too late to have an influence on the deal to ensure it respects the sovereignty of nations and their ability to enforce human rights, labor, environmental and other charters and laws.

The Summit of the Americas, which will bring together the leaders of 34 countries in Quebec City in April, will discuss a variety of trade issues including the creation of a free trade zone be-

tween the three Americas by 2005.

The initiative would extend the North American Free Trade Agreement, better known as NAFTA, to the 34 nations in North, South and Latin America.

Negotiating a free trade of the Americas agreement, now known as FTAA, is a priority for the Canadian government which sees huge advantages to Canadian exporters whose products would avoid high tariffs and enter Latin and South America duty-free.

But social activists argue that more liberalized trade would hand over more power to global corporations leaving democratically elected governments with even less control on the enforcement of such things as environmental regulations and labour laws.

And, they warn, the loss of trade subsidies which protect cultural industries would lead to the demise of such industries as Quebec cinema.

Quoting industrialist Percy Barnevik of Avery Boverly Brown, Ghislaine Beaulieu said globalization allows companies total freedom to produce what they want, where they want with as few

constraints as possible.

Beaulieu said a free market depends on four main principles: More liberalized trade, which would get rid of obstacles to commercial and financial exchanges from country to country; the weakening or outright abolition of labour laws such as minimum wage, health and safety in the workplace, consumer protection laws and environmental standards; greater privatization of such common goods as energy and water resources; as well as the dismantling of the social safety net with cuts to education and health care services.

And while free trade will have effects here, it will hit harder in developing countries, comments Guillaume Paul-Limoges of Carrefour de Solidarité Internationale. In Latin and South America, free trade zones have meant modern slavery for workers who often work 60-70 hours a week in difficult and often dangerous conditions for minimal wages.

As the leaders gather, thousands of protesters are expected to converge on the provincial capital to protest the neg-

ative effects of globalization including deepening poverty and social inequities. But while the focus will be on the summit in Quebec City, local social activists want to ensure Quebecers understand the implications of economic globalization here and in developing nations in Latin and South America.

Sociologist Dorval Brunelle has been invited to speak about the Summit of the Americas, which will bring together the leaders of the 34 American nations, as well as the Summit of the People, a parallel conference which will assemble unions, women's groups, international development and human rights organizations, environmental groups and citizen's associations.

Brunelle's talk will take place at the cafeteria of the Collège de Sherbrooke on March 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets to the speech and community supper are \$10 for the general public and \$6 for students and the unemployed.

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Program trains specialized sheet metal workers

50 workers required to fill positions

By René Bruemmer

GRANBY

Skilled sheet metal technicians are in such short supply in the Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska regions, industries are starting to feel the pinch.

"It's getting to the point that our growth is limited by the lack of trained labourers," said Sylvain Dufresne, manager of the CSTM factory in Granby, which produces metal boxes, brackets and electrical housings destined for the automotive, medical and electrical engineering industry.

To offset the lack, which Dufresne says affects nearly 25 local companies in an industry that has seen a large increase in demand since 1998, the Townships Corporation for Industrial Training Inc. also known as SOFIE, announced yesterday the launch of a new program to train skilled sheet metal workers.

Dufresne says at least 50 employees are required to fill current positions.

"The setting up of this program responds to a serious need, because no vocational education centres in the region give this type of training," he said.

In particular, sheet metal factories require technicians trained in computer-aided metal bending and cutting techniques, measurements and reading technical plans. Once a profession employees learned on the job, factories have become so busy resources to train new recruits in the specialized work are scarce.

At a meeting of the SOFIE board of directors eight months ago, Dufresne said it took members, several of whom are from the industrial sector, just minutes to ascertain they were all suffering the same lack.

"We decided we'd either have to pull out, or otherwise we better create some-

thing ourselves."

The training program, designed with the aide of local industries, will be held at the vocational educational centre next to Massey-Vanier high school. It will run for 21 weeks, full time, beginning April 2. Included in that period is a four-week internship with a local company. Students will be trained in two information sessions to be held on March 6 and 13. Anyone interested in signing up can call SOFIE at (450) 263-8822.

Machine press operators typically earn between \$10 and \$15 an hour.

The \$123,000 tab for the new training program is being covered by Emploi-Québec.

The Townships Corporation for Industrial Training Inc was created by local school boards about 14 years ago to respond to the needs of local industries, tailoring training course to their requirements.

In addition, said SOFIE board member Peter Riordan, who sits as a representative of the Eastern Townships School Board, it served as a means of channeling federal government funds, which are generally out of reach for provincially funded school boards, into required programs.

"From the school board's point of view it's great, because it gives more opportunities for young people, and encourages growth and harmony in the community."

Riordan described the industrial training corporation as a "unique beast" that has been recognized and awarded by the federal Ministry of Industry for its innovation and "creative response to industry needs."



RENÉ BRUEMMER

Set-up man Steve Provencher bends metal at the CSTM factory in Granby. Skilled technicians are in such demand in the Townships that the local industrial training centre has developed a new course to educate workers in the science of working with sheet metal.

BRIEFS

Stanstead car dealership back in business

Daniel Huot

The Béliveau & Comeau Plymouth-Chrysler dealership in Stanstead is open for business again. Even after the dealership's main building burned down following an electrical problem on Feb. 18, its co-owners have found an original way to offer their services.

Michel Comeau said he rented a few pumps and a garage to do any mechanical and cleaning work required by customers. He also set up an office in his home's solarium where he receives

his clients.

"We never use the room anyway," he said.

Staff set up the remaining portion of the office in his sister's house. They installed the back-up copies on computers, so most transactions are still recorded.

Comeau said the dealership's insurance company has given them the green light to tear down the rubble from the former building. Construction workers will start building an even larger structure within the next two weeks, increasing floor space from 495 sq. metres to 630 sq. metres. The co-owners hope the new building will be ready by May 1.

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Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth protection workers support Waterhouse decision

DEAR EDITOR,

The following is a letter sent to MNA Pierre Paradis in reference to: the Waterhouse foster home

Having closely followed the reports in the media regarding the Waterhouse foster home situation, I would like to take this opportunity to express to you my disappointment and frustration with the comments attributed to you by the media concerning the competence and integrity that the Centres Jeunesse de la Montérégie (CJM) has shown in this delicate matter.

Allow me to point out to you that the social workers employed at the CJM Cowansville office are, for the most part, residents of your constituency. Some of them are among the population of voters who placed their confidence in you in the last election; expecting in return, that you would represent all members of the community with respect, integrity and fairness in course of your duties as our representative in the National Assembly.

Permit me also to bring to your attention that these CJM employees are fully integrated members of this community who are doing their best to carry out their very difficult professional duties in the best interests of their community and their neighbors. Many of us at the CJM Cowansville office also contribute to the region in other capacities, as we also willingly volunteer our time and energies as individuals and parents in many other areas to the benefit of the community in which we live and work. Yet unfortunately, recently in the media, we have been portrayed as insensitive, incompetent and intransigent bureaucrats who are on a "power trip," and

we cannot help but feel totally vilified by our own member of the National Assembly who appears, if one is to believe the newspapers, to have made these comments in the local press.

The entire staff of the Cowansville office of CJM stands firmly behind the public position taken by our Regional office in the matter of the Waterhouse foster home and this, for a multitude of reasons, far more complex than has been portrayed in the media. Our professional code of ethics, our established practices of discretion and confidentiality as well as our common sense have not permitted us to defend our position adequately in the public forum provided by the media and, as a result, we feel we have been unjustly vilified and criticized in the exercise of our professional duties in the best interests of the children under our protection.

In conclusion, I can only hope that, as our member of the National Assembly, you will accept this invitation to join us in seeking a solution to this matter that is in the best interests of all of the children in need of services under the Youth Protection Act. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to use your privileged position as MNA in Brome Missisquoi to help us sensitize the local population to the urgent need for adequate foster home care in our area. Rather than looking for a guilty party in the Waterhouse matter, may I suggest that we put our collective energies, as well as the power of the media, towards recruiting suitable foster homes that are willing and able to meet our high standards of care for children in urgent need of our communal assistance.

Respectfully yours,

MAUREEN MURPHY

Chef d'équipe territoriale LaPommeraiie
Les Centres Jeunesse de la Montérégie
Cowansville

c.c. Mr. Jean Charest

c.c. Mr. Gilles Baril



Going to church was uplifting experience

DEAR EDITOR,

I was just reading the article, "United Church more accessible with new elevator."

I attended this Sunday afternoon service and enjoyed it very much.

I would like to congratulate the Uplifting Committee, Lloyd and Bev. Findlay, June Lodge, George Horan, Judy Frost, Robert Lemiere, Rev. Jennings, and Marlene Brown for all the hours of hard work they put into this project. It's a pleasure for me to go to church now with this elevator as before my family had to carry me, in my wheel chair up the front entrance of the church.

You all did a great job!

Sincerely,

Pearl Goodenough
Richmond

Women's Centre needs more

Dear Editor,

I would just like to clarify some information you noted in your article yesterday "Women's Centres need...". You mention that the Lennoxville District Women's Centre is asking for a 40% increase in its funding. At the moment we receive less than 44 per cent core funding necessary to fulfil our mandate to serve the anglophone community in the Eastern Townships. We are demanding an increase from \$70,000 to \$165,000 - a far greater increase than 40 per cent. This is a significant indication of how underfunded Women's Centres are and exactly how insignificant the issues of domestic violence, poverty and isolation regarding women actually are when it comes to government priorities.

JACKIE HALL
Lennoxville

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Granby Zoo may house dolphins in new aquarium

People-friendly dolphins have therapeutic effect

By René Bruemmer
GRANBY

If fortune continues to smile on the Granby Zoo, clients may soon be able to swim with the dolphins in its new aquarium.

At a press conference yesterday to announce another season of record attendance at the increasingly popular site, director general Bernard Ricard said a firm has been hired to look into the possibility of constructing a \$10-million aquarium housing several dolphins on the zoo grounds.

"For several years, the Granby Zoological Society has dreamed of increasing its animal collection to include aquatic specimens," Ricard said. "The addition of marine mammals corresponds perfectly to the objectives of protection and education of the Zoo."

Tentatively called the Delphinarium de Granby, the project would include a large pool where visitors could interact with the animals for a fee, bringing in an estimated \$2 million annually.

At the same time, officials are considering opening the pool year-round for a popular form of rehabilitation known as "dolphin therapy" which has been shown to have therapeutic effects for individuals, especially children, with certain disabilities.

Ricard says the majority of expenses for therapeutic visits would hopefully be covered by government insurance and fees charged to non-disabled clients.

Optimistically, Ricard hopes the aquarium could be built by 2003 to coincide with the zoo's 50th anniversary.

Although the zoo is mainly self-financing, generating a profit of \$1.4 million in 2000 that will be reinvested into the centre, the organization would have to look into government financing to cover the costs of an aquarium. Ricard says Shefford MNA Bernard Brodeur and MP Dianne St-Jacques have responded favourably to the

plan, considering the spin-off benefits the centre brings to the region.

The zoo's operating costs last year came in at just over \$8 million, all of which was recouped through ticket sales.

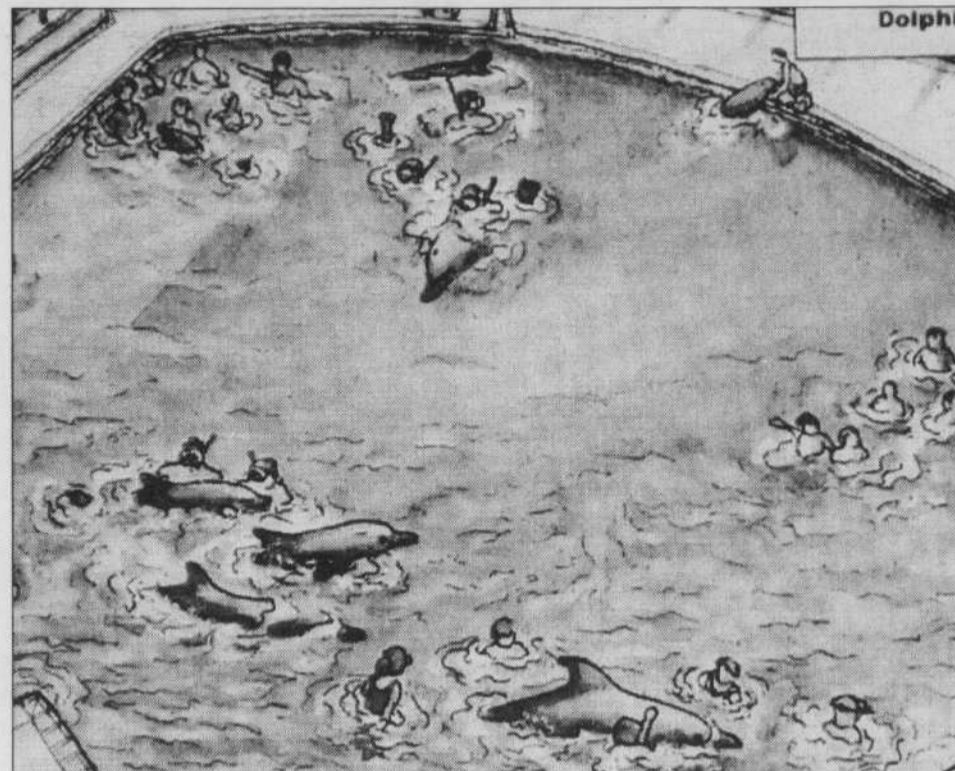
More than half a million people visited last year, an increase of 4 per cent over the previous season, despite a cool, rainy summer that decreased attendance at most other attractions by five to 10 per cent.

The zoo's growing popularity, fueled largely by the second year of the popular waterpark known as Amazoo, has nearly doubled attendance since 1998. With the growth spurt comes problems, notably in terms of traffic jams that saw cars lining up more than 10 kilometres back to Autoroute 10 on a few sunny days last season that had several tourists turning around and going home.

The zoo and local authorities are looking into a variety of solutions, including improved traffic lights, wider access boulevards and increased parking facilities.

For the future, Ricard says the zoo plans to increase its collection of exotic animals and decrease the number of indigenous species. It is also looking into the creation of Zoopôle, a biotechnology research centre to be housed on their grounds and specializing in studies on exotic animals.

And the financial success of its ZOOM@tic boutique and bistro, which opened last summer to sell educational products in Montreal's Old Port sector, has convinced it to become involved in other off-premises projects, including the creation of a \$40-million aquarium in Montreal.



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Our School's Page

STANSTEAD COLLEGE



Janice Wilson and Megan Lil sport their medallions from the Bailly Small Schools Provincial, the most important tournament of the year.

On Friday, Feb. 16, the Senior Girls' Basketball team packed up their bags and headed off to St. Jean sur Richelieu to participate in the most important tournament of the year, the Bailly Small Schools Provincial.

After supporting the senior boys, we had a slow start to our first game against Shawinigan High School, but picked up the pace and won 44-34.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, we defeated Gaspé 56-25. With these two victories, we made it to the semi-finals. The match up was between Stanstead and the defending Bailly champions, St. Patrick's High School from Quebec City.

Last year, the Spartans fell 10 points short to the Irish in the finals. This year, the Spartans got revenge and successfully defeated the Irish by 27 points. This win put us in the finals on Sunday. This was the third consecutive

time we made it to the finals.

This time it was a battle against Shawinigan High and in a hard fought game, we nailed the coffin shut with a 56-36 victory and won the tournament.

The Bailly tournament began in 1973, 28 years ago, and this is the first time in its history that the Stanstead girls have been crowned champions. Special thanks go to the entire boys team for supporting us all weekend and to the fans that came to watch. Thanks also to Michel Bolduc.

Submitted by
Megan Lill

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Coach Erik Van Dyke and the Stanstead Spartans

ROBERT W. BAILLY

Born Aug. 14, 1927, in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Mr. Bailly attended Lunenburg Academy and then Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, from which he received a B.Sc. degree in 1947 and a teaching diploma in 1948.

While there he excelled in basketball, hockey, and softball. His teaching career began at Asbestos High School and the Asbestos-Danville-Shipton School where he was a physical education and mathematics teachers as well as vice-principal and coach. In 1952 he moved to Lachute High School where he served as vice-principal, taught senior mathematics and coached basketball, curling, softball and badminton. He was the founder of Ottawa Valley School Athletics Organization.

He served one year as Principal of Lachute High School. With school regionalization in 1967, he moved to Lakeshore where he joined the staff of Lindsay Place High School. There, he



The Stanstead Spartans nailed the coffin shut with a 56-36 victory against Shawinigan High, winning the tournament.

continued to teach mathematics and coach his beloved basketball until his retirement in 1983. He is married to Isabel McOuatt of St. Andrew East, Quebec, and has two daughters, Ann and Jane. He and his wife live happily in

Pointe Claire, Quebec.

The Bailly Trophy for small schools girls teams was named in his honor in recognition of many years he devoted to promoting and coaching basketball in Quebec schools.



The Stanstead Spartans line up after winning the Bailly Small Schools Provincial, named after Robert W. Bailey in recognition of his many years devoted to promoting and coaching basketball in Quebec schools.

Short skirts demand great legs

If you don't have Tina Turner legs, best to keep them covered

By Jean Fraser
SOUTHAM NEWS

Remember the mini? Well, it's back.

Hemlines are rising for spring, moving high, high and higher, for those who dare.

Choices range from racy Gucci-style slivers of fabric to more sedate pinstripe minis to draped, boy-cut shorts, all worn with a playfully sexy edge.

But if you go there, and many women will, try to remember this: super-short pretty well demands a great pair of legs. Which is why dancers love them, Ally McBeal can't do without them and Ivana Trump can't give them up.

Why short now? Trend analysts like Donegar Group's David Woolf say it's because the stock market is shaky, the economy is spiralling and the industry is bored with long.

Whatever the reason, the warm-weather message is clear: It's time to live it up.

Abbreviated hemlines are making a statement, but leather has polished up its act, moved away from black and gotten into the colour groove.

Shiny new finishes get most of the

credit for the shift from hard to soft. And for leather's fresh appeal.

But when it comes to shine, the cool, glossy glow of pearlized leather is perhaps the most modern.

Not only does a pearly finish shimmer with the subdued glamour that defines spring's best clothes, its low-key, polished shine reflects the understated, casual attitude that is the mindset of spring.

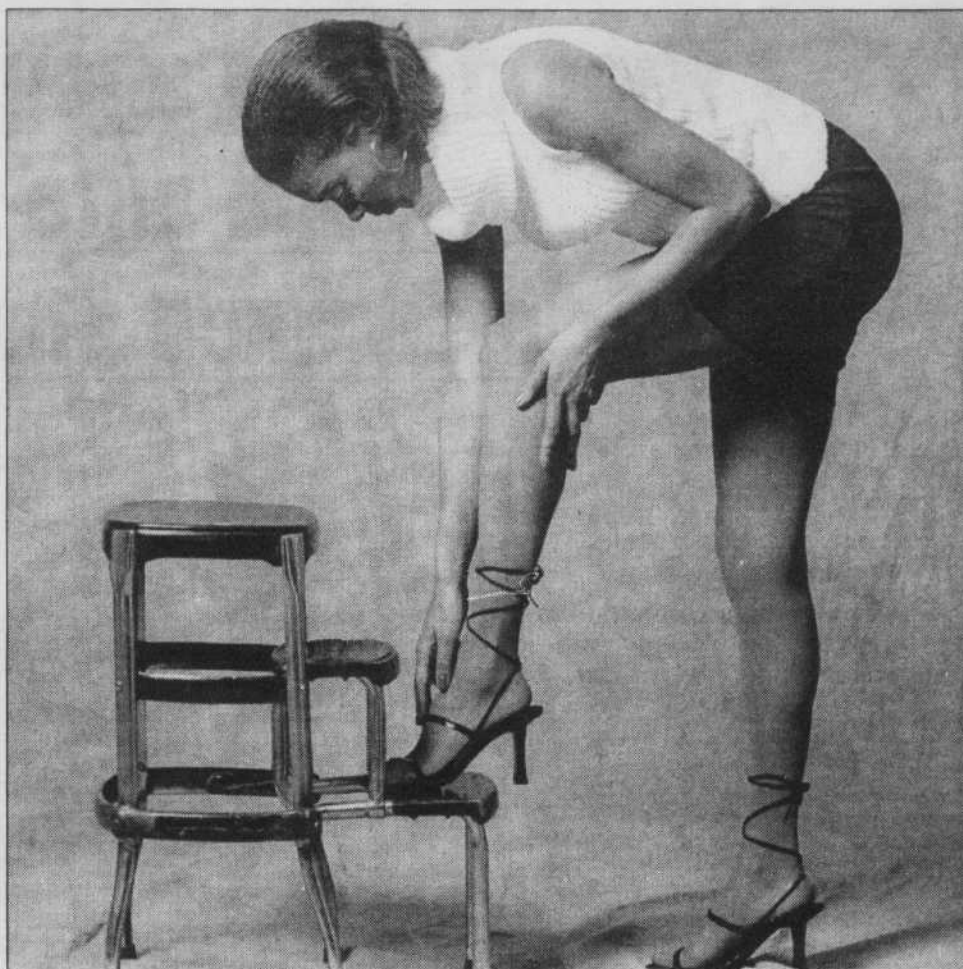
Fashioned into suits like the one featured here, the best pearlized leather combines sleek and sporty with a touch of '80s flash.

But head-to-toe shine comes with a price.

A suit like this demands a certain audacity, a look-at-me courage that calls for more than a pinch of self-confidence. Once that's in place, it's guaranteed to bring out the *Pretty Woman* within.

Signalling fashion's about-face from anything-goes-casual to a more business-like dress code is the industry-wide focus on the waist, played up by belts of every shape and size.


While not as pronounced for spring as it is for fall, the belt is a good all-season investment, especially a wide one made of leather. For a lighthearted spring fling, consider a thin rhinestone hook-up, first seen on the runway at Dolce & Gabbana and Versace and hugely in vogue in New York and Europe.



Spring signals short skirts, longer jackets and plenty of waist detail

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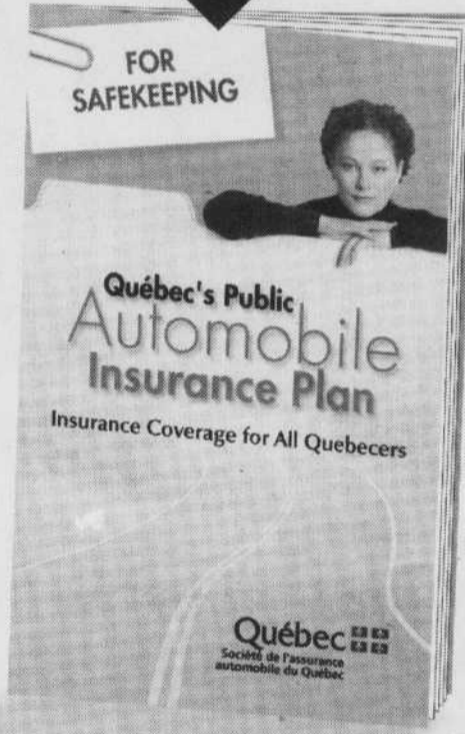
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From the Pens of E.T. Writers

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 In the fields and some in the sand and sap begins to flow.

Farmers again are busy in the fields dreaming of the produce
 All of this years' crops may yield thoughts of corn roasts
 Later on in the year bringing enthusiasm hard work
 And to mothers and children a few tender tears.

Winter has gone those stern winds have blown
 Soft springtime breezes and brooks, rivers begin to flow
 May flowers and violets have suddenly grown and
 The fields have spoken to farmers now crops are to be sewn.

Speaking of birds and bees the bees have started gathering honey
 Birds are now "feathering their nests" new charms of the season are
 There for the rest, in the distance are hills of emerald green
 Smell and aromas of apple blossoms are now in the air again.

The artist's brush is alive with the beauty of the skies,
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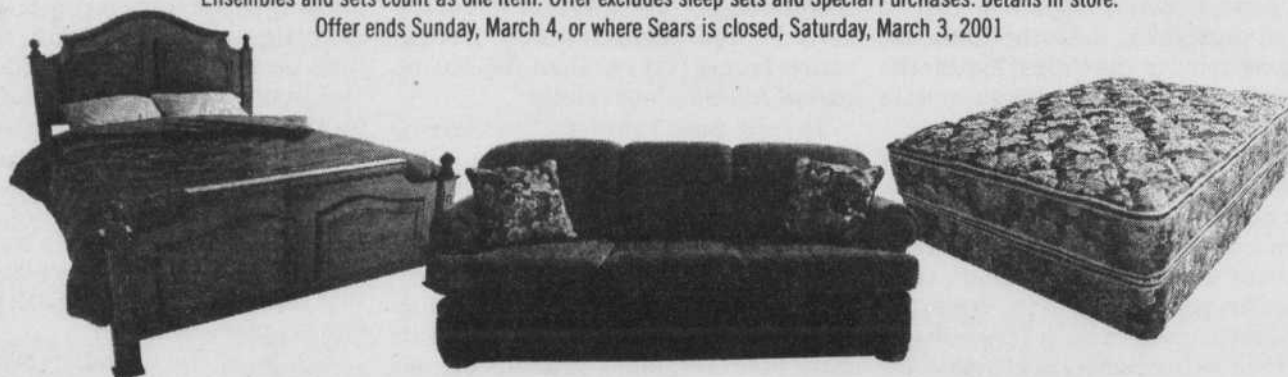
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Asbestos industry hopes for more prosperous times

By TOM SPEARS
SOUTHAM NEWS
ASBESTOS

You enter Asbestos from the north on a highway that cuts a narrow gap between two hill ranges several kilometres long. But unlike most of the surrounding hills in the Eastern Townships, which are steeply rugged and round on top, these are severely flattened: Hills without hilltops.

A closer look at the evenly terraced sides reveals they aren't hills at all. These are gigantic piles of tailings - left-over chunks of broken rock and gravel collected during a century of digging asbestos out of the Jeffrey Mine, a gigantic pit that drops straight down from the north edge of town, a block from the town hall. You can climb onto a windswept platform near the end of First Avenue and look over the whole expanse of the pit that gave birth to the surrounding hills of rubble.

OPEN PIT

Locals don't call the Jeffrey Mine an open pit mine. They see it through the eyes of miners, looking upward from 350 metres below ground level: to them, it's an open sky mine.

Look up or down and mostly you see light grey rock. The hills of tailings sprout a few evergreen saplings, some in patches, some planted in even lines. Below, the pit drops like a quarry - not round, but shaped like a natural lake two kilometres wide whose shoreline has curving bays and points of land. Roads wind up and down the sloping sides. At one edge of the pit, at ground level, stands the mill - an imposing grey building with conveyors slanting up and down. As the mine grew it worked into the town; in 1975 the company bought homes on several streets and dug out the land they stood on.

The mining company has been cutting jobs and production since the early 1980s, owing to one thing after another - the Asian recession, and new materials that compete with asbestos - but mainly because people are afraid to use asbestos today. The fear is that its tiny fibres can lodge in the lungs and cause an otherwise rare type of lung cancer called mesothelioma.

LUNG DAMAGE

Half a century ago, everyone knew asbestos miners were ravaged by lung disease, especially asbestosis - lungs so scarred by the needle-like fibres that they could no longer pass oxygen into the blood. But during the 1970s a danger to the general public gradually surfaced. Exposure to loose fibres from fluffy asbestos insulation or ceiling tiles in schools and factories could cause mesothelioma. Passing through the deepest parts of the lung, needle-shaped asbestos fibres puncture tissue in the pleura, a lining around the lungs, and the injured tissue develops this



FILE PHOTO

The people who work here in Canada's only asbestos mining region say chrysotile, their particular kind of asbestos, has gotten a bad rap.

very aggressive form of tumour, usually decades later. New cases are still appearing, years after the exposure stopped. According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 3,000 new cases a year of malignant mesothelioma are being reported in the United States. The disease is three times more common in men than in women.

But the people here in Canada's only asbestos mining region say chrysotile, their particular kind of asbestos, has gotten a bad rap. Backed by the governments of Canada and Quebec, they argue chrysotile is different from the kind that caused most of the illness, and it can be used safely in concrete, for example. They are launching one of the most ambitious and improbable campaigns in Canadian economic history: to rehabilitate asbestos in the eyes of consumers and bring back to their communities some of their former economic glories.

PROSPERITY TOOK DOWNWARD TURN

Until the 1980s, the town of Asbestos was a place where industrial workers

prospered. You can see this today in the town's housing. Most houses here are simple (a lot of 1970s-style bungalows), yet they stand on large, comfortable lots. A single-family home generally sells for less than \$80,000. Decent starter homes cost less than \$50,000. No part of Asbestos looks seedy.

But the town's prosperity suffered a crippling blow when, beginning in the late 1970s in the United States, the health panic over asbestos caused an incredibly costly burst of activity as building owners ripped the stuff out. Workers who had made or installed asbestos insulation and were ill sued its main producer, Johns Manville Co., for more than \$1 billion US. The Denver-based company, the former owner of the Jeffrey Mine, filed for bankruptcy protection in the early 1980s. The mine has been an independent business since 1983. Insurance giant Lloyd's of London had to pay \$12.6 billion between 1988 and 1992 in asbestos-related claims. New lawsuits still hit the industry from newly diagnosed mesothelioma patients.

Worldwide production of asbestos has fallen to 1.8 million tonnes from four million tonnes a year, and most of today's production is sold in Asia.

Asbestos mining jobs disappeared, a few hundred at a time. In Asbestos, half an hour northeast of Sherbrooke, the Jeffrey Mine used to employ 2,400 people; now it employs 425.

The town relies entirely on asbestos and its byproducts for jobs. Its industrial park has a small diesel motor repair shop and an outfit that makes sheepskin slippers; there are the usual small shops (such as the Jean Coutu drugstore that anchors a small mall), the Quille-o-Rama bowling lanes and the Ben Bon Beigne doughnut shop, but nothing else provides the jobs to be had from digging asbestos, and more recently magnesium, out of the ground.

The population of Asbestos slipped from 11,000 to about 6,500 during the past decade, as workers moved away.

In Thetford Mines, an hour's drive to the east, the asbestos industry accounted for 6,000 jobs at its peak in the 1970s, but only 800 today. Since Thetford Mines is a larger and more diverse centre, with other industries to hire the unemployed, its population of about 30,000 hasn't changed much.

YOUTH EXODUS

"The young people go away to study," says Sandra Vigneux, president of the Asbestos Chamber of Commerce. "And they stay away."

But their asbestos is safe after all, she and the townspeople say. The panic was misplaced - the work of people slandering their community in order to sell substitute products, such as PVC plastic. All the same, to rehabilitate asbestos is a quixotic undertaking because among most public health officials, and the public, asbestos is about as trustworthy as Agent Orange or DDT.

Entire countries have banned it, especially in western Europe, where 10 countries including Britain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark have banned all or most of its uses. Canada recently lost a challenge at the World Trade Organization when France banned imports of asbestos. Canada asked the WTO to rule the ban was an illegal trade barrier. But the WTO upheld France's argument that the ban is legal on health grounds. Canada plans to appeal.

Last week the Canadian Medical Association Journal called on Canada to set up an independent expert panel to examine the safety of asbestos, and to abide by whatever it recommends.

But the miners in Asbestos and Thetford Mines hope to join with mining communities in other asbestos-producing countries, mainly Russia, Brazil and Zimbabwe, in a worldwide campaign to tell people asbestos won't destroy their

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Unsafe mining practices led to many deaths

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lungs. And so two Quebec towns, each too small to field a Junior A hockey team, are planning to take on the World Trade Organization and the force of world opinion.

FEAR MONGERING?

What's wrong with that? wonders Roch Frechette, a retired asbestos miner and former mayor of Asbestos. He accuses the critics of asbestos of "spreading outrageous and exaggerated nonsense that very often reeks of hysteria and disinformation."

Sure, there have been plenty of asbestos deaths. Unsafe mining practices were partly to blame, but that ended 35 years ago. And the townspeople claim the dangerous kind of asbestos is a unique variety imported from South Africa and once used mostly as insulation, not the chrysotile type of asbestos that is mined in Quebec. The two are in fact different minerals entirely, made of different substances which form a different shape of fibre despite their common name. And it is the shape and size of the fibres that is crucial in determining the safety of asbestos, they claim.

They have gained a little ground. The Jeffrey Mine that produced 550,000 tonnes of asbestos a year in the 1970s saw production drop to about 120,000 tonnes, but this year forecasts sales of 145,000 tonnes. Modest economic recoveries in Asia, where two-thirds of Canada's asbestos is bought for construction projects, are probably responsible for this. Last year, Canada exported \$160 million of the mineral.

And the miners have picked up some powerful allies. Federal and provincial governments back the industry with cash (\$215,000 given annually by each level of government to the Asbestos Institute, which represents the industry) and Canadian embassies have helped make contact with prospective buyers.

The dust hasn't settled on the asbestos question yet.

During 34 years at the Jeffrey Mine, Michel Desfosses has driven everything from loaders and tractors to the huge orange 200-tonne Lectra-Haul trucks with wheels twice his height that crawl up and down the sides of the pit. Trucks that move mountains, one load at a time. Desfosses drives one during four 12-hour night shifts each week.

"Not much worse than driving a car in Toronto," he says. "Even though it's bigger."

Desfosses is president of the Co-oper-
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ative des Travailleurs, the workers' cop, which is the backbone of the campaign to revive asbestos.

He believes the key lies in exploiting those uses for asbestos that lock fibres into cement or other materials. This is old, proven technology. Blend asbestos into the concrete and it makes a construction material more able to resist cracking caused by temperature changes or vibration. This blend can be used in building foundations, water mains and sewers - all major uses for the asbestos Canada exports to Asia. And pavement. And possibly even concrete hydro poles. The townspeople hope to persuade Hydro-Quebec these are a good idea.

The key point in the pro-asbestos campaign is that chrysotile asbestos, the type mined in Quebec, is nothing like amphibole, the asbestos that the industry blames for cancers.

Asbestos is a generic name for many minerals that have a fibrous form, says University of Ottawa geologist Andre Lalonde. The word asbestos refers not to any mineral itself, but to the form a mineral can take.

Chrysotile isn't always formed in fibres, which means it isn't always asbestos at all. Sometimes it's just a lump. "I can show you some beautiful lime green chrysotile that's not fibrous," he says. But in the Eastern Townships it formed as microscopic sheets. These sheets carry an electrical charge on one side and curls up, clinging to themselves like a cheap skirt and forming rolled-up fibres - chrysotile asbestos.

To say chrysotile and amphibole are the same is like saying that baking soda and cocaine are both white powder, and are therefore the same substance.

The worst problems in Asbestos and Thetford Mines, Lalonde maintains, were not caused not by anything unique to asbestos. Workers inhaled clouds of dust that scarred their lungs - just as coal miners suffer from coal dust.

"Workers suffered terribly from this condition. But they were not suffering from cancer," he says. The cancer problem, says Lalonde, came from South Africa, where the mines produced crocidolite. And Ontario's Ministry of Labour has traced many lung cancer cases to another amphibole form, amosite, also mined in South Africa.

Mesothelioma did exist in Quebec mining towns as well. Still, one asbestos expert supports the claim that the mining communities have made huge strides in safety in the past 30 years.

"There's been very little - not none, but very little - health impact" from exposure to asbestos in Quebec's mining towns since the early 1970s, says Jack Siemiatycki, an epidemiologist in Montreal. Siemiatycki sits on a committee of Quebec's health ministry, which is drawing up health statistics related to asbestos.

The government of Canada publicly

says the mineral is safe. A fact sheet from Natural Resources Canada says: "Chrysotile asbestos, the most common form of asbestos used in the world and the only kind mined in Canada, can be used safely in products such as building materials, brake linings, and water and sewer pipes. In those applications, the fibres are encased in a matrix such as cement or resin, and cannot disperse into the environment."

The industry claims there have been no health problems in the mines for 35 years, thanks to safety conditions. "The golden rule in the mine is prevention," says Denis Hamel, director of the Asbestos Institute.

But the legacy of asbestos and disease hasn't disappeared with the bad old days when mine workers choked in clouds of asbestos dust.

Chrysotile is indeed less dangerous than other asbestos forms, but it is still dangerous, says Dr. Tee Guidotti, chairman of the environmental and occupational health department at George Washington University. "The conclusion is inescapable: chrysotile is itself a cancer hazard," he wrote in an overview of the health issue.

Guidotti says it's true that asbestos miners have become healthy thanks to modern mining methods, and that Asbestos itself isn't a dangerous place to live, even with fibres from the open mine blowing around. But he says this is irrelevant in deciding if the mineral is safe for industry.

Miners and those living near the mine experience less illness than "end-users" such as people working in insulation factories or brake factories, he says. "When people mine asbestos, they're mining material that's coming out of the ground in clumps. When people use asbestos (in other industries), they're milling and refining it... and all the fibres fracture and become much more dangerous" because they are much smaller, he says. It's only the smallest fibres that penetrate through the lung to the pleura - the lining around the lungs - making them prone to damage and ultimately cancer, he says. The larger fibres that miners inhale don't penetrate that far.

Oddly, the most economically viable part of the Asbestos mine now has nothing to do with asbestos. Magnola Metallurgy is a new company that digs through asbestos tailings - the huge hills of rubble flanking the town - to extract magnesium. It employs 320 workers directly and supports another 100 or so related service jobs.

Saving the asbestos industry "is a pure passion," says Sandra Vigneux, who is smoking a cigarette in the office at the back of her women's clothing store, Boutique Sandra, a converted house where leopard skin is still big. "A passion," she repeats, "because we believe in it, and we think it's an extraordinary natural resource."

For now, says Denis Hamel, president of the Asbestos Institute, the best the industry can hope for sales to remain stable.

Yummy brunch bingo feeds the hordes

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
MANSONVILLE

No matter that the weather was crummy, the food was definitely yummy, according to the seventy-five who braved ice pellets and freezing rain to attend the Citizen Advocacy's Second Annual Brunch and Bingo on Sunday.

The social affair - one of eight Optimist Carnival events - saw a team of volunteer chefs and sous-chefs mixing and flipping pancakes and crêpes, scrambling eggs and whipping up batches of toast.

Others, like nine-year-old Véronique

Hébert, who stirred up a batch of her sweet and sour wieners, brought the remainder of the dishes and trimmings from home - baked ham and beans, muffins, maple syrup, homemade sweet mustard sauce, cretons, jams, jellies and beverages - for the all-you-can-eat meal.

Véronique's culinary contribution received kudos from mom Alison Hannan, who happens to be the executive-director of the advocacy organization. Dad is Jacques Hébert, director general for the Town of Stanstead, who was behind the scenes playing his 'Flap-Jacques' role.



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

Nine-year-old Véronique Hébert stirred up a batch of her sweet and sour wieners at the Citizen Advocacy's Second Annual Brunch and Bingo, one of eight Optimist Carnival events.



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

Helping themselves are the seventy-five who braved ice pellets and cold to attend the second annual Brunch Bingo.



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Gérald Laplume and Jacques Hébert, 'Flap-Jacques,' don aprons and wield spatulas at the Brunch Bingo held recently in Mansonville.

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Cancer workshop

Barbara Bellingham
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Cancer is a fearful word. It is often ignored until it appears as an attacker and claims its victim. In an era of self awareness though, and self advocacy, it seems unusual that this disease still "victimizes". Women in particular, who characteristically do not take a passive attitude to health issues, will surrender to cancer's overwhelming assault.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Network has set its priorities this year to reaching young, rural women about prevention, options and recovery from the different types of cancer that commonly occur in women. Studies show that cancer occurs most frequently in sites that are easily examined and, if found and treated early enough, respond well. But it is difficult to follow and understand the mass of information offered by the health care sector and media network, and it takes great strength to face alone.

Avante Women's Centre, in Bedford, Quebec has invited the spokeswoman for "Diapason", a cancer care support group at Brome-Missisquoi Perkins hospital, to lead a workshop March 8th and 15th. Joanne Jones is an independent nurse consultant who has worked in many hospitals in the Montreal area through

cancer care programs and support groups. She will provide up to date information on testing, treatment, support and prevention of the five main cancers that afflict women.

What will be emphasized is that with a "take action" attitude, cancer need not be fearful, and for those already facing the diagnosis, there is dignity and honour in the battle. Women boldly fight against illness in their children and spouses, but commonly back off when it comes to themselves. Advocates of organizations for cancer in women are trying to educate the population with assertiveness training; to become aggressive through knowledge of this devastating disease. Women who have experienced a confrontation with cancer realize the importance of standing up for themselves, and that there is a huge support system available, just there for the asking.

Organizers of this workshop are hoping for a large attendance. This invitation is open to anyone, and if child care or transportation is an obstacle, Avante will provide both services free of charge with advance notice.

Please call Sheri Craig at Avante, (450) 248-0530 for more information. Workshops will be held on March 8th and 15th at 6:30 pm. The address is 52 Dupont Street, Bedford, room 304.

Impact of mergers on historic Townships

ETRC to hold colloquium

The Eastern Townships Research Centre will be holding a colloquium on the theme "Municipal Mergers: the Social, Economic and Linguistic Impact on Rural and Urban Municipalities of the Eastern Townships,"

Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bandeen Hall on the Bishop's University campus, in Lennoxville, Quebec.

With the new round of municipal mergers expected to be announced early in this New Year, there is widespread concern surrounding the impact of these mergers. The colloquium will bring together an exceptional mix of scientific researchers, governmental representatives and the general population of the Eastern Townships.

The objective of the colloquium is to understand better the implications of municipal mergers. It will offer participants the opportunity to learn about up-to-date research and current developments on municipal mergers. A forum moderated by Ms. Janyne Hodder, Principal of Bishop's University, will follow a morning plenary session (presentations by Gary Caldwell, Michel Poirer (U de S and Heenan-Blaikie) Robert Gravel (Ecole Nationale d'administration Publique) Paul Prévost (U de S and with the mandataire). As well, Dr. J. Derek Booth and Dr. Tom Fletcher from the Geography Department (Bishop's University) will organize a display and poster session for the colloquium. Presentations will be made both in French and Eng-

lish. The day's proceedings will be made available in the 19th issue of the Journal of Eastern Townships Studies (Fall 2001).

Noted professor, Andrew Sancton Ph.D., will present the keynote address. Professor Sancton, a native of Montreal, graduated from Bishop's University in 1968. He attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, obtaining a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Politics in 1970 and his doctorate in 1978. Most of his academic career has been spent at the University of Western Ontario in London, where he is now Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science. Professor Sancton is the author of two well-known books on Canadian local government: *Governing the Island of Montreal* (1985) and *Governing Canada's City-Regions* (1994). His most recent book is *Merger Mania: The Assault on Local Government*, published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2000. His work on the relationship between municipal amalgamations and cost savings won the 1996 J.E. Hodgetts award for the best English-language article in the journal *Canadian Public Administration*. In recent years he has been both a consultant and an expert witness, and acted in both capacities in 1996-97 during Toronto's "megacity" debate and is doing so again during the current controversy in Montreal.

For more information, please call Marie Thibault at (819) 822-9600, ext. 2647.

Internet workshops in English

The "Fondation de la Bibliotheque Memphremagog Inc." is offering a beginners' workshop on the internet for the English-speaking community.

This activity will take place at the Bibliotheque Municipale Memphremagog situated at 61 Merry Street North on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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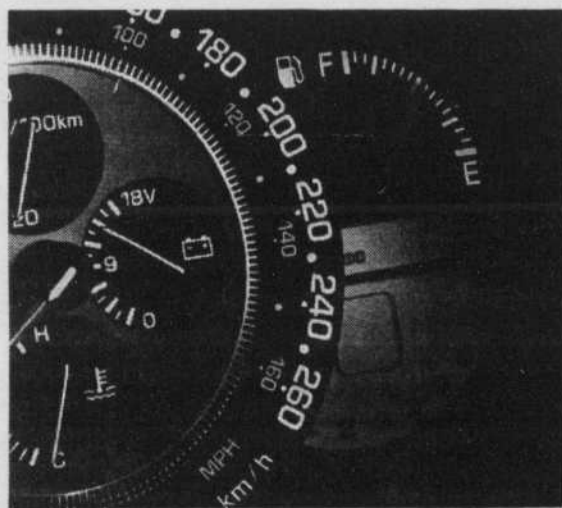
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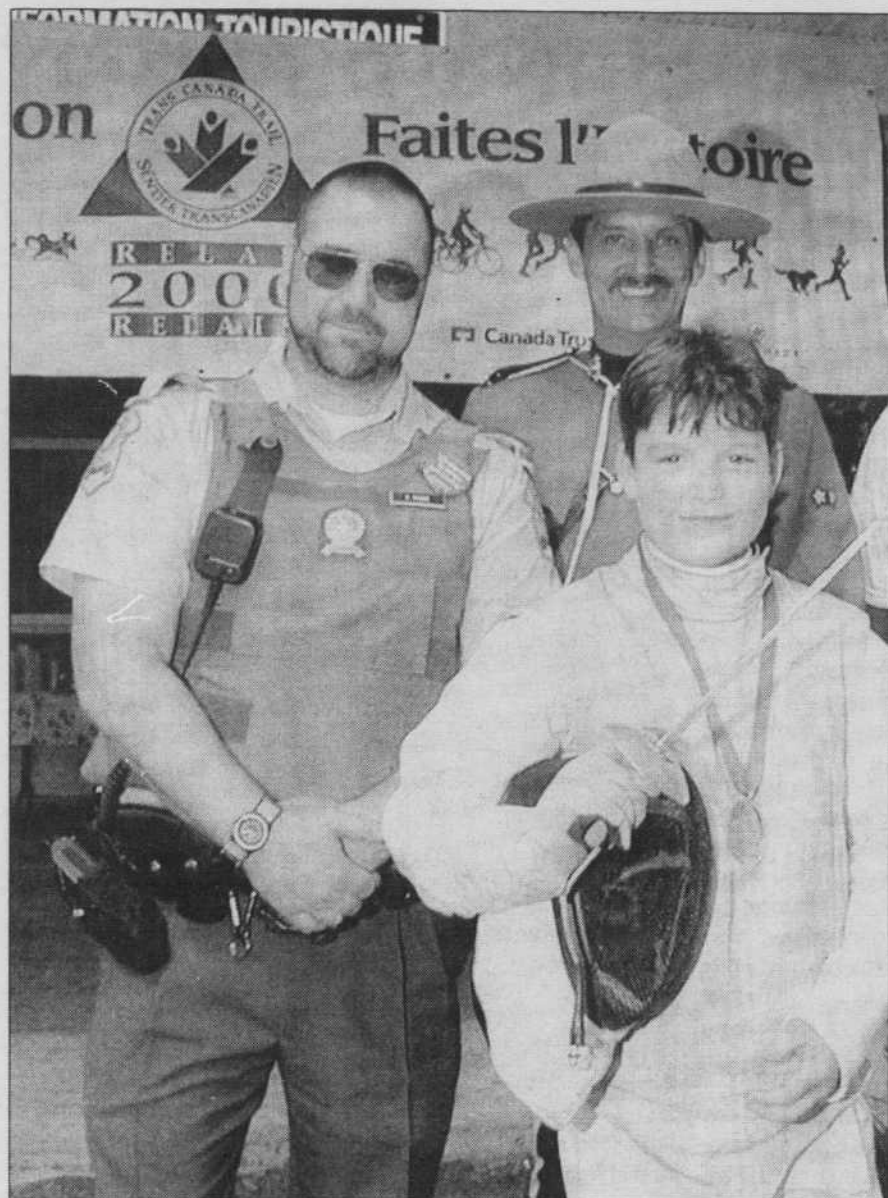
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Waterloo athlete Sébastien Dufresne will be competing in the Jeux du Québec in Rimouski from March 2 to March 10 where he will represent Richelieu-Yamaska for the second time.

Two years ago he represented the region in foil fencing at Trois-Rivières. For those who would like to encourage Sebestien or others competing in the games, log on to <http://www.jeuxduquebecrimouski2001.com> where there is a special section to encourage the participants during the Games.

Submitted by Sylvain Dufresne

Lots on the line for champion curling team

By Tammy Dorman
TVDATA

TSN's schedule is jampacked with more than 55 hours of coverage from the Canadian Men's Curling Championship at the Ottawa Civic Centre, beginning Sunday, March 4. The top 12 men's teams from across Canada gather in Ottawa to determine the national championship, which was first held in 1927 in Toronto.

There's a lot on the line for these teams, as the winners receive not only the national championship but also the right to compete in the world championships and a berth in the Canadian Olympic Trials.

Winners have gone on to successful runs at the world tournament, with 14 of the last 21 Canadian champs winning world titles. Greg McAulay, last year's winning skip, upheld that standard by capturing first at the world championships.

Teams from Manitoba have won 26 of the 70 previous championships, and Alberta has grabbed 18, while New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Yukon-Northwest Territories have yet to bring home a men's national champi-

onship.

• For another kind of fun on ice, check out the hockey coverage on CTV Sportsnet and CBC Television.

Sportsnet opens the action with a QMJHL contest pitting Rimouski Oceanic against the Victoriaville Tigres on Sunday and an NHL doubleheader on Tuesday, March 6. The defending Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils host the Ottawa Senators in the first game, and the Detroit Red Wings travel to the Vancouver Canucks in the night-cap.

CBC airs its usual double dose of hockey on Saturday, March 10, with either Montreal at Phoenix or New York at Ottawa early and Toronto at Vancouver late.

Calling the games are Dean Brown and Brian Haywood in Phoenix, Chris Cuthbert and Greg Millen in Ottawa, and Bob Cole and Harry Neale in Vancouver.

• Even though you probably can't tell by looking out the window, spring is on the horizon. If you need proof, just tune in to the preseason baseball game between American League East rivals Toronto and Boston on TSN on Saturday.

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Sports

B.U. women's team will face Laval Saturday

By Arash Madani

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

MONTREAL

No buzzer-beating miracles were needed this time. Long before the final seconds ticked off, the Gaiters had settled their most important issue to date and had made reservations for the conference final in Quebec City.

No storybook saga for Sharolyn Higgs this time. The fifth-year senior didn't sink the Concordia Stingers with a game-winning bucket as time expired Wednesday night in Montreal. But the Woodstock, N.B. native had one of her finest games as a Gaiter helping Bishop's knock off Concordia 51-42 in the QSSF conference semi-final playoff game for the second straight year.

"It just finally came together, everything worked for us," said Higgs after the game, sitting at the top of the Concordia gymnasium with a smile creeping from ear to ear. "Tonight we really wanted this. The first few minutes we just came out flying and kept the momentum going from there. And to be honest, I don't really think I had a last second shot left in me. I used all of them up here."

It was a year ago in this very arena that Higgs drained a 15-foot baseline jumper from the left corner as time ex-

pired to give the Gaiters a one-point post-season win and then on opening day in November did the same. But on this night, the Gaiters would not be denied a second consecutive trip to Laval for the do-or-die championship game (Saturday, 4 p.m., PEPS Stadium). A fantastic start, a vicious defensive display and all nine players delivering with solid efforts gave the Gaiters their opportunity to knock off the Stingers once again.

"I think we even surprised ourselves with the way the game began," admitted senior guard Lindsey Huff, who is one of five Gaiters leaving Concordia for the final time with a win. "Coming in, we knew we could beat (the Stingers), but the way the first few minutes went - that was a big boost for us."

Yes, it was all purple in the opening moments. The Gaiters won the tap and buried jumpers. They stuck to the game plan, went inside and Melissa Lemay scored. Then Julie Rodrigue scored. Then Catherine Charbonneau waltzed through the key, let loose on a hook shot that had no business going in, and scored. Higgs got into the mix as well. And suddenly, less than three minutes into the ball game the Gaiters led 12-2.

For the better part of the first half, nothing could go right for the Stingers - and the direct correlation as to why had to do with the ladies in purple. The big three for Concordia - first team all conference guard Marie-Pier Veilleux and second team all stars Jessica Manchester and Kristina Steinfort - were contained by the impressive Bishop's defense and Gaiter head coach Rod Gilpin wrote up the game plan to a gem. When the Gaiters followed it, they found success. They found themselves owning the offensive glass, getting two, three, four and even five looks at the basket on trips down floor. Everyone contributed.

Higgs paced the attack with 14 points, Rodrigue added a dozen, Charbonneau with another double double (11 points,

10 rebounds) and the junior small forward, once again, was relentless when soaring for rebounds.

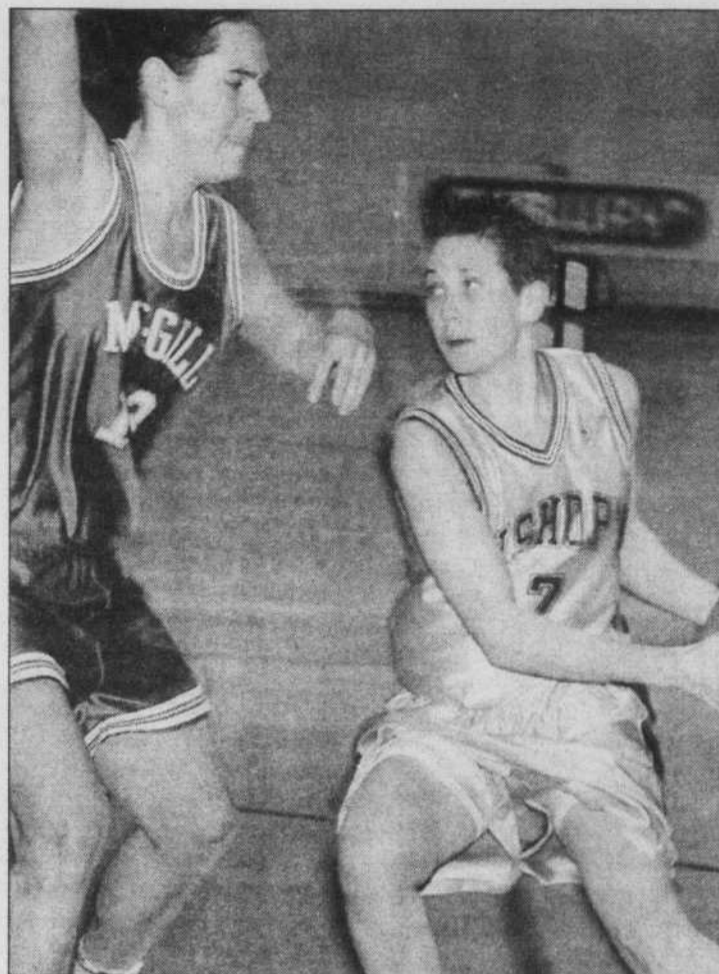
Though both teams shot poorly (Bishop's at a 34 per cent clip and Concordia 31 per cent from the field). The Gaiters were also 0-14 from 3-point range and the Stingers merely 1-9 from beyond the arc. However, three telling statistics reveal why the Gaiters defeated Concordia. The Gaiters shot 83.3 per cent from the free-throw line, missing only three 15-footers from the charity stripe; they out-rebounded a highly touted Stingers front line 40-26 and most important, contained the Stingers to only 42 points.

"That was the biggest thing for me, I really couldn't believe that," said Huff, who is going to have to be a big scoring threat for Bishop's against Laval. "To hold them to 42 points and to really stop their key players was really important."

Once again, Rodrigue did a superb job on Steinfort, holding the former NCAA division I player to only nine points. Manchester was wickedly silent, banging in only six points and being a non-factor in her 31 minutes. Veilleux, who was Concordia's lone first-team all star, made two uncharacteristic mistakes in the final moments - a horrible pass that landed at the Bishop's bench and not in Manchester's hands as well as a charging foul - that iced the win for the Gaiters.

Concordia did make a run of its own mid-way through the second half and cut the Gaiters' double-digit lead to a single point. But with a shade over five minutes left, Higgs canned a jumper from the right wing, some 14-feet out, that ended the Gaiters drought and put them in the driver's seat to victory.

"This is what we can accomplish when we all play together and play as a team," said Higgs, one of only nine Gaiters left on the roster. "This really feels nice because everyone had a part in this."



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Fifth-year senior Sharolyn Higgs had one of her finest games as a Gaiter helping Bishop's knock off Concordia 51-42.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Senior guard Lindsey Huff: Gaiters would not be denied a second consecutive trip to Laval for the do-or-die championship game (Saturday, 4 p.m., PEPS Stadium).

So now comes Saturday and, for the second time in as many years, Bishop's finds themselves a win away from the Canadian Inter University Athletic Union's (CIAU) Final Eight national basketball tournament in Edmonton, Alberta.

Last year Laval closed the book on the Cinderella chapter of the Gaiters' run with a tight three-point win. But a lot has changed since then and the Rouge et Or enter as heavy favourites. The defending conference champs enter the tilt as the nation's second-best squad and at 19-1, Laval has steamrolled over the opposition all season long. The only blemish on their record was a road loss at Laurentian. Laval won both meetings between the teams this season, 79-51 and 67-52.

"But it's not like this is a two-out-of-three series or anything, this is one, 40-minute ball game where just about anything can happen," said Gilpin. "We know we're going to face a lot of zone from them and we have to shoot better and take care of the ball. If this game is in the 40's or 50's, we'll definitely have a chance to win."

Saturday's game will be broadcast live on CJMQ Radio 88.9 FM, beginning with a pre-game show at 3:30 p.m. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m.

Card of Thanks

LAXSON-FOWLER - I wish to thank everyone who visited me at the C.H.U., sent cards, flowers, and those who called, and sent food upon my return home. A special thanks to my family, the minister and the staff at Asbestos and C.H.U. hospitals. A personal thank you to all.
JOAN LAXSON FOWLER

Obituary

**LAURA JANE HUNTER
(nee Walker)**

On January 22, 2001, Laura Hunter passed away after a lengthy illness at The North Park Nursing Home, Toronto, Ontario, in her 89th year.

Laura was born in the Township of Halifax, Quebec, on January 12, 1913, the eighth child of the late John Walker and his wife Ann Jane Burke.

She spent her youth at home with her family, later moving to Lennoxville with her sister Bernice, and from there, she and her sister Bernice, moved to the city of Toronto. There she spent the remainder of her life.

In 1973 she was married to Clarence Hunter, who predeceased her in 1984.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her sister Bernice Nugent and her husband Clarke, nephews Ronald Jamieson (Zelma), his daughter, Cathy (Ron Kelso), their daughter, Tiffany (Andrew Smith) and son Scott Kelso, Rufus Jamieson (Helen), their sons John, Robin and Kent.

She was predeceased by her husband, three sisters, Dorothy, Myrtle, (Mrs. Harold Jamieson) and Olive, four brothers Elmer, Johnathon, Ernest, and Hewton and a brother-in-law Harold Jamieson.

Funeral service was held Thursday from McDougall and Brown Funeral Home. Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens, Toronto.

Bearers were six nephews, Ronald, Rufus, John, Robin and Kent Jamieson and Ronald Kelso.

Those attending were from Oakville, New Market, Whitby, Toronto, Merrickville, Finch, Ontario, and Kinnear's Mills, Lennoxville and Waterloo, Quebec.

Laura will be sadly missed by her sister Bernice and her husband Clarke, her nieces and nephews, her cousins and by all who knew her.

Birth

LACROIX-TARDIF - Chantal and Chris are happy to announce the safe arrival of a beautiful baby daughter, January 11, 2001, Karina Chantal, 7 lb. 11 oz. Thanks to everyone at BMP Hospital. Proud grandparents: Shirley and Maurice Lacroix of Bromont, and Diane and Lloyd Harvey of Cowansville. Proud great-grandparents: Nellie and Adrian Rousa, Cowansville, and Barbara and Junior Harvey, Dunham.

Deaths

ALLATT, Edith Florence (nee Leslie) - Suddenly at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que., on Sunday, February 25th, 2001. Florence Leslie in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Reginald Allatt who predeceased her in 1989. Daughter of the late Lawrence Leslie and the late Edith McKee. Cherished mother of Stephen (Barbara) and Michael (Carol). Predeceased by her daughter, Andrea in 1998. She will be sadly missed by her five grandchildren; Reginald (Philippa), Karen (Chris), Brian (Tanya), Robert (Olga) and Julie, as well as seven great-grandchildren, who entertained her for hours; Thomas, Daniel, Jacob, Hannah, Matthew, Emma and Mark. Dear sister of Howard Leslie, the late Russell and the late Ruth. She is survived by a sister-in-law, June Leslie, brother-in-law, Basil Allatt, as well as several nieces, nephews and many friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where relatives and friends may call on Friday from 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. George's Church, Lennoxville, Que., on Saturday, March 3, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Blake Walker officiating. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. In her memory, donations to The Dixville Home, P.O. Box 90, Dixville, Que., JOB 1B0, would be appreciated by the family.

LAFORTUNE, Wendaline - Suddenly at the Haut Richelieu Hospital, St. Jean, Que., on Wednesday, February 28th, 2001. Wendy Statton in her 32nd year, beloved wife of Michel Lafortune. Dear mother of Norman and daughter of Junior Statton (Ardath) and the late Ruth Cote. Dear sister of Sandra (John) Bainbridge. Also survived by aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 15 Station St., Sawyerville, Que., where relatives and friends may call on Saturday from 2:30 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., and where funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Justin Lowry officiating. Interment of ashes in Eaton Cemetery at a later date.

Death

McLACHLIN, Marjory Herridge - In Ottawa, on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 in her 76th year, after a long illness borne with courage and good humour. Marjory was the daughter of the late Kenneth McLachlin and the late Irene McLachlin, and was a granddaughter of the late Very Reverend W.T. Herridge, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa and the late Marjory Herridge. Marjory was predeceased by her sister Alison (Sonny), and her brother Gordon. She will be greatly missed by her cousin, William Herridge of Toronto and his family, by her nephew James Robbie of Swansea, Mass., by her grandnephews and grandniece and by her many friends, especially those who cared for her during her final illness. Friends may visit at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod St., Ottawa on Friday, March 2, 2001 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. Marjory had been a longtime resident of Lennoxville, Que., and will be interred with other members of her family in Lennoxville in the spring. Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 233-1143.

Death

MOREAU, Cedric - Peacefully at the CHSLD Foyer Sutton, on February 28 2001, in his 79th year, Cedric Moreau former resident of Bedford Qc. He is survived by two nephews, Arnold and Lawrence Moreau. Funeral Mass will be held on March 20, 2001 at 2 p.m. in the St-Damien church in Bedford. Visitation will be held at the Dion's Funeral Home 215 rue Rivière, Bedford on Tuesday, the day of the funeral from 12:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

In Memoriam

ALDRICH, Doris - In loving memory of a beloved sister, aunt and friend who passed away March 1, 2000. You lived your life for those you loved And you will forever live in our hearts. We miss you.

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Horizon Pour Elle would like to thank the family, relatives and friends of Mrs. Marguerite Wood (nee Paquin) for the donations received in her memory.

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The Stanstead North W. I. meets

The Stanstead North Women's Institute met at the home of Irene Shelden on February 1st, at 1:30 p.m. for the annual and February meetings. There were a few members sick in January so the meeting was cancelled. President Gertrude opened the annual meeting by thanking Irene for inviting us into her home and Gertrude also welcomed the two guests, Jackie Tilton and Debbie Smith. President Gertrude started with repeating the Mary Stewart Collect and The Oath of Citizenship in unison. Secretary Velma Eryou read the Roll Call answered by nine members paying their dues. Velma read the minutes of the November and December meetings. Velma moved the adoption of her minutes, all in favour. There wasn't any unfinished business arising out of the minutes. Velma also handed in the annual secretary report for the year, that was sent to county.

Treasurer Ruth Putney read her monthly report, showing a favourable balance. Ruth also read and handed in the annual treasurer's report for the year, which had been audited and completed with a signed statement that the books were in good standing. Ruth moved the option of her report, second by Irene Shelden.

Gertrude read the correspondence. A letter from MacDonald College, Q.W.I. Provincial Office concerning a survey to be completed by April.

The annual conveners reports were read and handed in to the secretary. These had been sent to county Conveners in January. Sunshine Committee report, Ruth reported she had sent seven cards during the year. Phyllis Dustin moved the adoption of the Secretary, the Conveners, and the Sunshine reports. They were accepted as read, second by Elane Wilson. All in favour. Carried.

Gertrude Ketcham had served three years as our leader and president. As her term in office had come to a close, she turned the table over to Phyllis Dustin. Phyllis thanked Gertrude for leading us into the 21st century and congratulated her for a job well done. Then Phyllis presented Gertrude with a gift, which was a china vase, a thank you from the members of the Stanstead North branch. At this time Phyllis gave her President's address. In it she mentioned "let's think positive and work together". Taking on her new duties Phyllis took the chair.

The nominations for the election of officers and conveners were approved and moved by Velma and second by Winnie Dewey. All in favour. The new year 2001 program had been past around and approved with a motion made by Velma, seconded by Elane. All were in favour - carried. This was a little late because it had already been printed in January.

Appointment of representative to County and Provincial Conventions will be Irene Shelden or Phyllis Dustin.

The annual meeting was adjourned

to be followed by the monthly February meeting.

February is Safety month. Motto - Always remember to wear your seat belt. Roll Call: Give a car safety tip.

All the opening exercises had been completed in the previous meeting, so we went into the business concerns of this month. Treasurer Ruth collected for the up keep of the Willows Homestead. Tea money was also collected. A sympathy cards was signed and sent to Helen Routliffe. It was Gertrude's birthday, so we all joined in singing Happy Birthday and wishing her many more. Good wishes were also expressed to Irene Johnston as she and Doug will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary this month.

Conveners reports: Agriculture by Doris Gibson - An article on Don MacMillan's work for the county in agriculture. Don once worked for Sherbrooke Carnation in his early years. He assisted Mr. McDougall with 4-H, calf clubs and judging at fairs. We agreed he was a great man in our community and appreciated all the work he did for our young people and the future of our agriculture. He worked for Agriculture Canada. His knowledge and dedication to his many projects will be missed by the organizations to which he faithfully served.

Canadian Industries by Velma Eryou - A \$4.5 million dollar investment for a research center, Canada food research and development center in St. Hyacinthe. Starting in Spring 2001. It will be the largest of the 19 research centers in Canada.

Education by Irene Shelden - She reported that Sunnyside had a Christmas dinner which included turkey to ice cream. Some 300 teachers, students and family members had a Christmas service at Centenary United Church with carol singing and readings. Irene noted that in competition Sunnyside beat Magog 17 to 6.

Citizenship and Legislation - Gertrude said a new session in Parliament has started. They have voted for a new speaker of the House. Premier Bouchard has resigned. Bernard Landry is running for his position.

Cultural Activities by Elane Wilson - Elane had brought the Memory Book and Scrap Book to the meeting. She has brought much of the books up to date, but needed some questions answered in order to continue.

International Affairs by Elane - Elane had an article on Cross-border smuggling.

International Customs Day gave credit to a seven-year old blond Labrador retriever, trained to sniff out drugs and guns, but ignore food. Canada's sniffer dogs uncovered \$250 million in drugs in 2000. With nearly 700 trucks passing through each day and an estimated 925,000 U.S. visitors. The 22 inspectors at the Stanstead crossing are the third busiest in Quebec.


Safety by Velma - Let it snow!! "Winter

Church Directory

Anglican Church of Canada

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

United Church of Canada

LENNOXVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Corner of Queen and Church St.
(819) 565-8449
 Minister: Rev. Jim Potter
Organist: Maryse Simard
Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Communion
and Sunday School

Anglican Church of Canada

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
LENNOXVILLE
84 Queen St., 819-346-5564
Rector: Rev. Keith Dickerson
Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 9:50 a.m. Holy Communion
Lent Hall Program
Sunday School

United Church of Canada



Plymouth-Trinity

Dufferin at
Montreal,
in Sherbrooke
346-6373

Minister:
Rev. Jane Aikman
Organist:
Pamela Gill Eby

Sunday
Lent I

Discussion after Worship
Sunday School and Nursery



Presbyterian Church in Canada

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(819) 569-3100
Services held at St. George's Church
84 Queen, Lennoxville
Minister: Rev. Blake Walker
Organist: Anthony Davidson

SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Morning Worship
and Sunday School

A very cordial welcome to all!

Safety Tips" * Don't overdo it! Cold weather puts an extra strain on your body. Take lots of breaks. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs. Wear mittens instead of gloves - they allow your fingers to move more freely and keep your hands warmer. Change wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. *Take caution on the ice. Keep your posture straight, by looking straight ahead, it keeps your body in balance. Take shorter steps, long strides throw your center of gravity off. Ice is most dangerous when temperatures start to drop, and snow on the ground freezes. If you're taking a walk, go the warmest part of the day.

Environment by Phyllis - Read an article about "Farm union maps out strategy for the future," stressing that environmentally friendly farming techniques result in more profitable, longer-lasting farms. The UPS's seven priority areas are: Waterway conservation, limiting phosphorous, use of sludge fertilizers, pesticides, proper manure spreading, screens of trees and bushes, soil compacting.

Sunshine - Ruth said the Sunshine fund needed money. Doris moved, second by Irene Shelden we made a transfer to the Sunshine fund. All were in favour. Carried.

We discussed the County meeting to be hosted by Stanstead North Branch, on March 28th, at 10 a.m. The lunch and speaker will be decided at the March meeting. For the March meeting, members will bring a non-perishable item for a food box to be given out locally.

The meeting was adjourned by Winnie Dewey. Irene and her daughter Deb-

bie served a delicious tea with cake, bread, valentine cookies, crackers and cheese. Our next meeting will be on March 1st at the home of Gertrude Ketcham in Stanstead.

Submitted by
Phyllis Dustin (Publicity)

Golden Age Club

WATERLOO

The regular meeting of the Waterloo Golden Age Club took place at the Legion Hall on Monday, February 26th at 1:30 p.m. The president welcomed everyone to the meeting and then the Lord's Prayer was said in unison. Rita McKerrell read the minutes of the last meeting and Helen Ramsay gave the treasurer's report.

An expression of sympathy was extended to Helen Ramsay in the sudden loss of her son.

The president announced that the sugaring-off party would take place on April 2nd at noon at Erablière Leclerc, the same location as last year, and those wishing to attend were invited to sign up.

Winners of the half and half drawing were Reba Hollaway and Lottie Benoit. The special 10 spades bid was not won this week. Winners at 500 were as follows: Alice Denault, first; Lillian Brown, second; Jean Swat, third. Winners at the games table was May Banks. Following cards a luncheon was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will take place on March 12th.

Wilmur Davidson

Many couples split within the first 2 years of marriage

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Please advise your readers before they send a wedding gift to check and make sure the couple is still married. I wish I had.

"Mary" and "Jerry" were high school sweethearts. They went together five years before they married. Everyone thought they were the perfect couple. The wedding was one of the most beautiful this town has ever seen – bridesmaids, ushers, a flower-laden canopy, a string quartet, a harp – the whole nine yards.

I spent a lot more on my dress and the gift than I had a right to, but I was so sure the relationship was rock-solid and that this would be the social event of the year, I went all out. I sent the gift 10 days after the wedding. Guess what? Five weeks after the extravaganza, the couple split. They were divorced the following month. No wedding gifts were returned.

What do you think of this, Ann Landers? I'm signing my name, but please do not print it. – Skunked Somewhere East of the Rockies

Dear Skunked: Back in 1993, the Bureau of the Census predicted that four

out of 10 first marriages would end in divorce. Many couples split up within the first two years of marriage, although a growing number of divorces are occurring among the elderly.

A recent issue of a magazine featured on its cover a photo of actress Courtney Thorne-Smith, radiant and smiling, wearing her elegant bridal gown. There was a six-page spread with Courtney's firsthand account of how she was planning her wedding. Seven months later, the couple separated. Is this a sign of the times? I'm afraid the answer is yes.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married for nine years. My husband had an affair five years ago. He told me about it later, and we have had individual and joint counseling for the past two years. I know I must forgive him and let go of the past if our marriage is to go forward.

The problem is, I cannot trust him, and do not believe I ever will again. My husband continues to lie about little things, such as what he spent money on or where he had lunch. I frequently find out from someone else that my husband

has lied or has neglected to tell me about something.

We have three small children, and

I want them to have two loving parents, but I cannot take the dishonesty any longer. What should I do? – Betty in Ohio

Dear Betty: The habit of lying is often very difficult to break. Why does he persist? Are the consequences of telling the truth too severe? What has come out of the counseling sessions?

Your major consideration must be those three small children. Their best interests must be served. Please don't give up. Talk to your counselor about the best way to handle this, and follow his or her advice.

Dear Ann Landers: All my life, I was told to "mind your p's and q's." I knew it meant I should behave myself and watch my language and manners. However, I have no idea where this phrase originated and why we use it. What exactly is a "p" and a "q," and why must we mind them? – Ramona in Florida

Dear Ramona: My language expert, Alden Wood, a professor at Simmons College in Boston, said the phrase probably originated when teaching children to write. The lower-case letters "p" and "q" are quite similar in appearance. Another possibility is that it started in an English pub. The bartender would keep a running tab on a chalkboard, writing "p" for pint and "q" for quart. He needed to "mind his p's and q's" so that he didn't overcharge the customers.

Happy 83rd birthday

Happy 83rd birthday wishes to Lavina French on March 6. Come and help her celebrate at an Open House on Sunday, March 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the Grapes Residence in Sawyerville. Love and best wishes from the residents and staff.

St. Luke's Church Women meet

WATERLOO
On Monday afternoon, Feb., 19th, St. Luke's Church Women met at 2 p.m., in the church hall with an attendance of eight. The president, Nellie Darling, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

A get-well card was signed by everyone for Theresa Roach, who had fallen and broken her arm.

The minutes of the January meeting were read, approved, and signed. Doris Wilson read her monthly financial report. She moved and Dot de Solla seconded, the adoption of it.

For business there was the matter of card parties. Catherine Lawrence organized the refreshments for the lunch to follow the card party on Saturday evening, Feb. 24, in the church hall.

It was mentioned that the next deanery supper and meeting would take place in St. Luke's Church Hall on Monday evening, March 12th, with the happy hour beginning at 6 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m. It was also mentioned that the Waterloo World Day of Prayer service would be held in St. Paul's United Church this year. It will be on Friday, March 2nd at 1:30 p.m. Readers from St. Luke's Church will take part.

The next St. Luke's Church Women's meeting will take place on March 19th at 2 p.m. in the church hall.

Rita McKerrell adjourned the meeting, the benediction was repeated in unison, and then refreshments were served.

Jean Davidson

North 03-02-01			
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♣	J 7 6	♣	Q 10 9 4 2
South			
♠	A K Q J 5		
♥	Q		
♦	A K J 10		
♣	A K 5		
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

Friday, March 2, 2001

How reliable are your opponents?

By Phillip Alder

Your partner leads a jack, the top card from a sequence. Dummy has king-third, and you have ace-third. When declarer calls for a low card from the dummy, do you win with the ace, or play low?

Perhaps your immediate reaction is that I haven't given you enough information. Too true! But what would you normally do?

Usually you would play low, perhaps dropping the higher of your two spot-cards to encourage a continuation from partner. If you win with the ace, often declarer will score two tricks in the suit: dummy's king and his queen. By withholding your ace, you restrict him to one trick: his queen. Your ace will snuff out dummy's king later in the play.

However, as you rightly surmise, circumstances do alter cases.

South opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. Over the negative two-diamond reply, he rebid two spades to show a strong two-bid in that suit. North's raise promised support with some values. As a rule, he would have at least four high-card points, but five trumps and a king are easily sufficient. South trotted out Blackwood before settling in six spades.

When West led the heart jack and the four was played from the dummy, the fate of the slam rested on East's shoulders. Trusting South, East won with the ace; and a while later West scored a trick with the diamond queen to slam the slam to the floor.

Why did East make this play? Because using Blackwood guarantees at least second-round control of all unbid side suits. So, South was marked with a singleton heart queen.



Engagement announcement

Larry and Andrée (Wuest) Davis of Lennoxville, Que., are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Jason to Kim, daughter of Mark and Lorna (Blair) Troyer of Waterloo, Ont. The wedding will take place on August 11, 2001 in Ontario.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

'TKR YZV HZT HKDBFXAVM AV Z
YBCFZAV HEACAF, SAFX Z HDAIB
... SXBV AF ZEEBZCH AV
ECAVF, FXBCB'H VK HDAIB.'

DZCIKV NCZVJK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Music has ceased to belong to the young ... the rock rebel is defunct. He's meaningless." — Sting
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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
Today's clue: G equals R

'ITXWO DTX'S PMO LWYVW AX Y
RTIW PMS ETIWSAWE AS DAKK
XWNTSAYSW YX YGIAESAVW.'

GYOITXC CMXVYX

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You can say something in a certain spirit, with a smile ... when it appears in print, there's no smile." — Marion Brando
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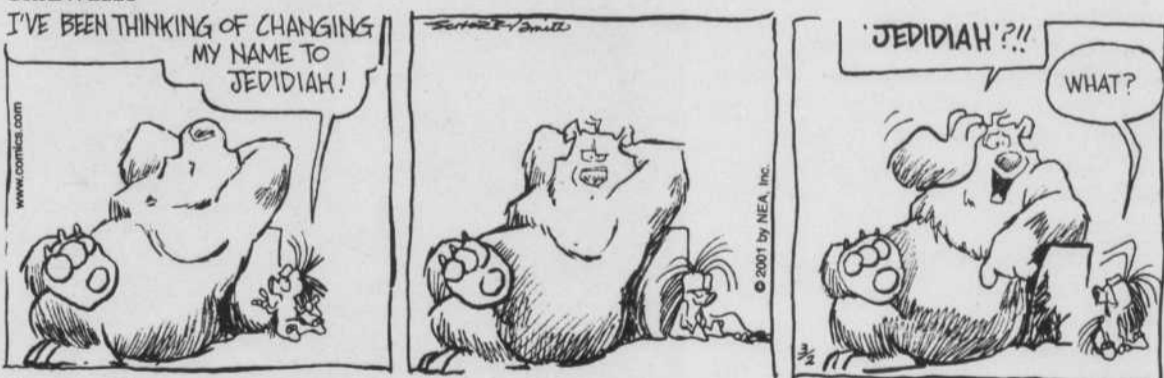
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That lot is zoned Ra-40, which is residential for single-family dwellings. Furthermore, this lot is serviced with municipal services such as water and sanitary sewer. Conditions of the sale, including a minimal bid of \$7,000, for lot 18-8 are specified in a document available at the front desk of the Town Hall, 150 Queen Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, J1M 1J6.

Offers will be received in sealed envelopes identified "SALE OF LOT LOT 18-8", until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2001. Said offers will be opened publicly at that time, in the Municipal Council Room at the hereabove-mentioned address.

GIVEN AT LENNOXVILLE, this 1st day of the month of March 2001. Johanne Henson Town Clerk Town of Lennoxville

Lennoxville Women's Institute meets

Members of Lennoxville Women's Institute held their meeting at Uplands on February 15 with Irene Harrison presiding. The Collect and Salute to the Flag were repeated to open the meeting. The Motto for the month's theme of Publicity was "The strength of the W.I. depends on each member." The Roll Call, "Something interesting you have read about a W.I. meeting" was answered by the nine members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In business arising from the minutes, Donna Davis gave a detailed report of the County meeting held a few days previous. A report on the Valentine baskets was given by the members who had delivered to the various shut-in friends. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance on hand. A motion was made and carried that a contribution be given to the Lennoxville Library for the purchase of children's books, in either lan-

guage. Correspondence was read and included a financial contribution from a member now residing at the Wales Home.

Plans were discussed for our next meeting which will be held at the Grace Christian Home where, after the meeting, we will serve afternoon tea to the residents and will have a sing-along program of Irish music.

Conveners' reports: May Povey for Citizenship and Legislation, read an interesting article on the Lennoxville & District Community Aid and the many services available for senior citizens in the area. For Home Economics and Health: Pat Hurley read an article titled "Note from a Cheesed-off Dietician" outlining the benefits of cheese in the diet. Cheese is a convenient source of calcium, Vitamin A and B12, riboflavin, niacin, zinc, phosphorous and magnesium. Depriving ourselves of its nutritional benefits because of fear of fat is a mistake.

A.N.A.F. Ladies' Auxiliary meeting

LENNOXVILLE

A.N.A.F. Ladies' Auxiliary met for their February 14th meeting in the Wagon Room at the "Hut". Before commencing the meeting, President Emily Smerdon welcomed Kristina Hartwell, the only bursary recipient able to attend. Kristina spoke about her present course of study and her plans for the future. Emily presented her with the second half of her bursary and thanked her for coming to our meeting and wished her success.

Mavis Robertson read the minutes from the January meeting which were moved and seconded as correct. Fourteen ladies answered the roll call. Mavis read thank you letters from three students who had received bursaries, for our donation to the A.G.R.H.S. Christmas Basket Program and for flowers and a poinsettia plant sent.

Sharon Mills gave a summary of our financial activities for 2000. The books have been audited and found in order. Sharon also brought us up to date on the Renovation Fund.

Emily thanked everyone who had worked at the 500 card parties and made sweets. She asked for volunteers for upcoming card parties and reminded mem-

bers of the rummage and bake sale on March 10th, the craft sale and flea market on April 1st, the pre-Easter supper on April 7th and the Spring Bazaar on April 21st.

Elsie Mills and helpers served one funeral luncheon during the month.

Marie Letemplier said that only 14 members and spouses turned out for the Fun Dart Tournament. JoAnne Banfill and Andrew Letemplier were the winners, second place went to Helen Vachon and Ronnie Chaplin and Peter Blodgett and Barb Leonard were in third place. Everyone contributed to a pot luck supper which was enjoyable as usual.

Barb gave reports for the Anniversary and Bazaar Funds. It was agreed that we would have a Silent Auction at the Spring Bazaar and it is hoped that everyone will contribute in some way to make it as successful as last year's.

Emily thanked Colleen Mathews and JoAnne Banfill and spouses for the Valentine decorating.

The meeting was adjourned with our next meeting being on March 14th at 7:30 p.m.

B. Leonard

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

Golden Agers met on Tuesday, Feb. 20th as usual at the town hall, 21 were present.

The club furnished baked beans, hot dogs, ham and a tossed salad, beet relish (Louise Oliver), pickles, (Huguette Levoy), Johnny cake (G. Hamelin), poppy seed cake and apple cake from Hazel Steinbach, delicious with the clubs pears. Ida MacKay celebrated her birthday today and we all wished her a happy one.

Ida MacKay won the half and half game. Also thanks to A. Vintinner for the afternoon drink.

Door prizes went to G. Hamelin, H. Levoy, L. Oliver, Marian and Greg Gauvin, G. Scheinks, J. Laliberté, C. George, M.A. Martel, R. Mossa, R. Marcoux, K. Steinbach, V. Aiken, A. Vintinner, J. Jersey, H. Wiener, E. Ducharme, I. MacKay, L. McCoy, and J. Rypinsky.

500 winners were Cecile Hamelin and E. Ducharme.

Game winners were: H. Wiener, G. Hamelin, J. Jersey, M.A. Martel, Rita Marcoux, V. Aiken, I. MacKay, L. McCoy, J. Laliberté, R. Mossa, A. Vintinner and Marian Gauvin and H. Levoy.

Rita Mossa

Following the reports, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Gwen Parker, convener of International Affairs, presented a very interesting program on the past and present of the W.I., mentioning that February 19 is Founder's Day. She asked us to imagine we are in the year 1897, when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless attended a meeting in Stoney Creek, Ont., to address a group of women on the importance of sanitation in the home and proper nutrition for the growing family. She was introduced by Erland Lee, secretary of the Farmers' Agriculture Organization. He had heard her express her belief that the women should have an organization equal to the men. Thinking of living conditions in the first years, the work was necessarily different. It consisted of educating themselves and improving conditions in the homes, schools and hospitals. The movement reached Quebec in 1911 through the efforts of Mrs. George Beach and with help from the staff of Macdonald College. Now that the government has taken responsibility for many of the social ser-

vices and advancements in transportation and communication, our efforts have broadened in scope, but we still support schools, seniors and community projects.

We began to think nationally when the Institutes across Canada became federated in 1919. In 1915 the movement was taken to Wales by Mrs. Alfred Watt. There she met with Lady Aberdeen, wife of a former Governor-General of Canada. They belonged to the International Council of Women. Through their efforts a rural women's organization was formed, made up of many different rural organizations, so the name Associated Country Women of the World was chosen in 1933. As an international non-governmental organization ACWW is active with the United Nations, and have representatives on the various committees.

Gwen was thanked for her very interesting presentation.

To bring a busy afternoon to a close, members enjoyed refreshments served by Jessie MacKinnon and Nancy Barton.

*Phyllis Worster,
Publicity*

Adult activity day held in Coaticook

Tuesday, Feb. 20 was our Valentine day at the Elie Carrier Centre because Feb. 6 was no day for man nor beast to be outside even if they could get out, and a lot of us couldn't get out without shovelling first and blowing snow second, then to find the car! However Tuesday, Feb. 20 was different and a beautiful day to celebrate Valentine's. The hall was decorated with red valentines, streamers, flowers and good wishes. Eight tables were set with red napkins and centered with a red rose in a short glass vase, thanks to Shirley.

Our exercises were led by Lydia and with a very bad hurting hip she does very well. While waiting for our guest speaker, Shirley and Barbara told of upcoming events we might be interested in. A Weight Watchers meeting to start a program for English speaking persons at La Frontalière, and St. Jean d'Or is putting on a show, live, with exercises and dinner on March 28.

Shirley had brought a "Little Kit To Help Make Life Better." While Frances read from a list of articles, Shirley produced the articles one by one and read from the kit. Frances' first article was a band aid, Shirley held up a band aid and read, "To remind you of healing hurt feelings, either your own or someone else's." Next was a button and Shirley held up a button and read to remind you to "button your lips" to keep from saying mean things about others or talking when not appropriate. A candy kiss was next to remind you that everyone needs a nice treat occasionally. A gold thread: to remind you that friendship is the gold thread that ties together the hearts of everyone. Eraser: to remind you that everyone makes mistakes. Mint: To remind you that you are worth a mint to

your family and friends. Rubber Band: To remind you of hugging and times when you want to give a hug or receive one. A tissue: To remind you to dry someone's tears (or perhaps your own so that you can see the tears of others). Last a toothpick: To remind you to "pick out" the good qualities of everyone, including yourself. This gave us all a little something to think about.

Shirley read a lovely poem, "Friends for Eternity" very appropriate for Valentine's Day. She spoke about the Townshippers' meeting that was held in Coaticook on Feb. 12 which she and Roger and several others had attended.

Our guest speaker Joyce Chagnon from Sherbrooke spoke on violence in men and counselling. Door prizes were chocolates won by Ruby Racicot, an erasable calendar won by Lloyd Mayhew (whose birthday it was that day and everyone sang birthday wishes to), Huguette Simard won chocolate kisses. While we were eating lunch we were suddenly told to look under our chairs for a sign indicating a gift to be won and Shirley was the recipient Later under our dessert plates another sign for a gift was won by Liane Mayhew.

Our dinner was vegetable soup, beef stew with extra vegetables, relish, rolls, cake and ice cream, tea and coffee. While some of us helped clean up in the kitchen others played card games.

When our day started early in the morning there was not many persons there, by noon we numbered close to 30. I am sure we would welcome 30 more at any time so our next get together will be on Tuesday, March 6 at 464 Merrill St. in Coaticook - Hope to see you there and bring a friend, 10 a.m. registration.

Elise Mayhew

Your Birthday

Friday, March 2, 2001

Groups or affiliations can be effective in the year ahead in establishing a network helpful to your work or career. Link up with those who share your interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It'll take only a few caustic remarks to make your household a battle zone today. Everybody in the clan may have his or her rhetorical weapons ready and aimed. Don't be part of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It won't kill you to be tactful and diplomatic today with one who usually gives you a hard time. In fact, it might even help matters if you set a conciliatory tone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Financial involvements could be trickier than usual today, so be sure to think your moves through very carefully before getting involved in anything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should people perceive your intentions today to be too self-serving, those who are usually supportive of your endeavors could back off. Think in terms of "we" instead of "me."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're not careful today, you could inadvertently aim your guns at your own big toe. You might have a propensity for creating unnecessary problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A speculative, far-

out venture might capture your fancy today, but as glamorous as it might seem, it could be nothing more than an unfeasible scheme designed to snare losers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People in general are closely observing others today, not for their good points but to observe every small infraction. It's imperative that you operate at your highest standards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard against inclinations to get drawn into debating every emotional issue that comes along today. Let others make mountains out of molehills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Not from anything you've done but because you're closely associated with one who has offended others, you could catch it from all sides today. Don't let it get you down. It'll pass over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What's good for someone else might not serve your best interests, so be especially careful today not to put yourself in a position where another gets to decide for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Know your limitations today and know when to say "no." If they can get away with it, co-workers will be looking for a patsy on which to push their work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone who is giving away something for nothing isn't likely to come by today. It behooves you to not get taken in by a person peddling these kinds of promises.

Saturday, March 3, 2001

Although you might limit your circle of friends and associates in the year ahead, it will be a much more exciting time for you socially than in the past. Quality, not quantity, is what counts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might finally get a chance to put something to rest that's been troubling you. It'll come from a source that's been hidden from you up until now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You've always been quick minded, but today you might even outdo yourself. You'll have fun with your instant wit when out with pals today, but see if you can use it constructively, as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Happy experiences are in the winds for you today, both socially and financially. Your luck might come from out of the blue, but you'll turn it into something very worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One of the things you do best is take the ideas of others and find unusual outlets for them. Today might offer just such an opportunity to take a new thought and run with it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Two dynamic assets you possess today could trigger some very profitable improvisations. It'll be your keen imagination and splendid resourcefulness that you'll put into play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends are your allies today and will be the first ones to offer

to do for you what they wouldn't necessarily do for others. You won't even have to ask.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something beneficial that'll reap a few unexpected rewards might suddenly develop for you today. Be quick on your feet so that you can act on it instantaneously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's an excellent chance you could meet someone today who will turn out to be a new, fun friend for you. You could meet this person while at a social outing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Changes in your home life that'll be very beneficial for you could come about today through an outside entity. It might happen through someone who has your best interests at heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't dismiss a solution to a difficult situation just because it flashes in your mind from out of nowhere. Usually, these types of answers are being sent to us from a higher source.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something about which you possess an expertise might be called into play today — with substantial compensation involved. The job may come about in a very unusual way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should someone try to play a one-upsmanship game on you today, he or she is going to be in for one big surprise. You'll be a master at outdoing such shenanigans.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient European
- 5 Letters for Nob Hill cops
- 9 Corner
- 14 Plot of land
- 15 "Dies ___"
- 16 Fool
- 17 Greek portico
- 18 Traditional wisdom
- 19 Wide
- 20 Restraint against weeping?
- 23 Want ___
- 24 Hail to Caesar
- 25 O.T. book
- 26 Martin or Rusk
- 28 Very cold
- 30 Eisenhower
- 32 Complacent

- 35 Loose tunics
- 38 Kind of palm
- 39 Makes the current current
- 42 "Dear Me" writer
- 44 Distinct mus. chords
- 45 Fierce fighters
- 47 Follow secretly
- 48 Fury
- 49 Ready for the pitch
- 53 Lacking: suff.
- 55 My goodness!
- 58 Climbing vine
- 59 Silk trap
- 61 Storage room for sobbers?
- 64 Sun-dried brick
- 66 From ___ to stern
- 67 ___ podrida
- 68 Terminate

- 13 Edges
- 21 Fragrant wood
- 22 Potemkin mutiny site
- 27 Lend a hand
- 29 Stalactite's cousin?
- 31 "Hunger" author Hamsun
- 33 Actor Tognazzi
- 34 State off.
- 36 Magical object
- 37 Russian sovereign
- 39 Q-U connection
- 40 Zeta-theta separator
- 41 Vessel for criers?

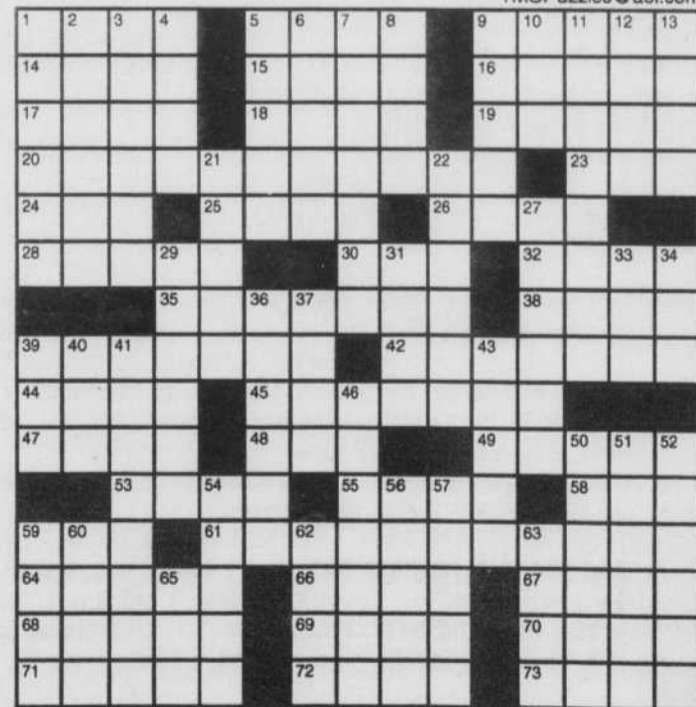
- 43 Exchange
- 46 Opposite of launch
- 50 Singer Holiday
- 51 King Arthur's paradise
- 52 Ruthless ruler
- 54 Series shutout
- 56 V-formation flyers
- 57 Top points
- 59 Baylor U. city
- 60 Idyllic spot
- 62 Oh yeah, right
- 63 Droop lazily
- 65 Youth grp.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

FASTS STAG MARE
 LIARS TAME ORAL
 EDWARD DECUMMINGS
 WEND EAT EROSE
 URAL RITE
 CECILSFORESTER
 PAWED ROAR ENE
 ARID BLOKE MMDI
 LEN GOAD CAPON
 EDGARLDOCTOROW
 ROTE LINT
 AMINO TEL IOWA
 JEROMEDSALINGER
 ARAL SAAR RELET
 REND ERRS STEPS

- ### DOWN
- 1 Braggart
 - 2 Musical span
 - 3 Gardener's scoop
 - 4 Make well
 - 5 Missile berths
 - 6 Facade
 - 7 Part of Alexander the Great's empire
 - 8 Woodland ruminant
 - 9 Mosey along
 - 10 Scand. country
 - 11 Moaning adult?
 - 12 Weight capacity

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Your Birthday

Sunday, March 4, 2001

That added ingredient that you'll need to help you fulfill a secret desire or ambition in the year ahead will be in full evidence in your affairs. It's called positive thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look to friends today to take a sincere interest in your personal affairs, be they commercial, family or social. They'll be on your side, giving you the support you need. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stable conditions should exist today concerning anything that concerns your domestic affairs. However, should either you or your mate resurrect an old problem, sparks could fly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to complete those assignments that require heavy brainwork early in the day before you peter out. It's not that you're not up to them; it's just that your resources are limited today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stick to shopping for household items or essential commodities. Your sense of value might not be as sharp in other areas as they are domestically.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You actually might just get a day today where you'll be free to do what you want to do without too much outside interference. Make a list of what's important to you personally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Provided you're

permitted to do things at your own time and pace, you'll be quite efficient. Your proficiency may lessen, however, if you have others constantly peering over your shoulder.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may become clear to you today that something about which you've been anxious may not be nearly as dire as you had imagined. In fact, there are lots of reasons to be hopeful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The timing is right today to make another attempt at an endeavor that has thus far proven unsuccessful. You'll make it this time around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're an excellent person to give advice today to those who seek your counsel. Don't be hesitant and hold back on what you think is right for them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you'll be especially adroit today at knowing how to use resources at your disposal, problematical endeavors in which you get involved will work out satisfactory.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) That old saying that two heads are better than one will hold true in your case today. A partnership arrangement will enhance your chances for success substantially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you keep your objectives uppermost in your mind at all times today, the goals you set for yourself will be achievable. Let your mind wander off your tasks and it'll be another story.

Lennoxville Golden Age Club

The Lennoxville Golden Age Club held a very enjoyable Christmas party at the United Church Gertrude Scott Hall, with Gerald Bryant as Emcee. He welcomed the members and guests, and called on The Late Bloomers, wearing their Christmas bonnets, to start the entertainment off with the old favorite, Jingle Bells. They continued on with a great selection of Christmas music interspersed with Gerald's Norwegian jokes.

The next item on the program was with Glen Coates at the piano and Chuck Kobelt, as leader, we sang many old favorite Christmas carols. Then Eileen Drew and her Late Bloomers, with Sheila Andrews at the piano, entertained again. Some fine jokesters' stories adding to the merriment.

By now we were getting messages from Santa telling of heavy road conditions, but soon he and Mrs. Claus arrived carrying baskets of oranges to distribute to the crowd.

The chairman invited Ivy Hatch to come forward to present our president, Audrey Frost, with an envelope to show our appreciation for all her work toward the well-being of the club.

Audrey Cunningham came forward with a basket of gifts for the lucky number draw, as follows: Gerald Lowd, Mabel

Findlay, Margaret Bryant, Margaret Falle, John Macdonald, Beverly Nutbrown, Ethel Tweed, Ruby Waldron, May Hodge, Louise Savage, Lucy Blair.

The Happy Birthdays for December were asked to stand for the Happy Birthday song.

The Rev. Jim Potter was asked to come forward to bring greetings and to ask the grace. Then the crowd of 64 and the entertainers filled down to the lower hall to enjoy the bountiful turkey dinner and all the trimmings provided by chef Jean Labreque and his faithful helpers, Lina and Jeannette.

We were served by 10 willing waiters and waitresses from the churches, who looked after the Golden Agers in Royal Style. The hall was seasonably decorated by May Hodge and Joan Abdulla, and table setting by Mabel and Allan Davidson.

Our president, Audrey Frost, presented Jean Labreque and his two helpers with envelopes of thanks for their fine meals during the past year and our deep appreciation.

Audrey closed the afternoon with greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Submitted by
Marion Laberee,
secretary

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Food-coloring plants
- 9 Formed
- 15 Cities in Texas and Kansas
- 16 City in southern Italia
- 17 Bookstore browsers
- 18 Shaw and others
- 19 MacDonald's refrain
- 20 Snow runner
- 21 Acad.
- 22 Eliminator
- 24 Pig's pad
- 25 Be too kind
- 26 Compass pt.
- 27 "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" author Smith

- 29 Greek colony
- 30 Small vipers
- 32 Cleo's river
- 33 Unnatural sleep
- 34 Hunt illegally
- 36 Pooh-bah
- 37 QB Dilfer
- 38 Cat sounds
- 39 Chills
- 41 Macbeth's dagger
- 42 Two quartets
- 43 Day of movies
- 45 Writer Deighton
- 46 Hoarfrost
- 47 Fowl female
- 48 Deceivers

- 9 Serpentine
- 10 Mata __
- 11 To the point
- 12 Defamatory epistle
- 13 Work for a candidate
- 14 Causes despondency
- 20 More sharply inclined
- 22 Distribute a different way
- 23 Nonchalance
- 24 Word with chip or valley
- 25 Cabinet features
- 28 Separates
- 29 Sect member's suffix

- 31 Cliff-base debris
- 35 DDE's predecessor
- 40 Brandy cocktail
- 44 Most likely
- 47 Watered, as the lawn
- 49 Deputized body
- 51 Medieval slave
- 52 Supplication
- 54 Devour
- 55 Avant-garde French sculptor
- 56 Neighbor of Leb.
- 57 Opposite of NNW

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- 50 Roh __ Wu of Korea
- 51 Dawn goddess
- 52 H. Ross __
- 53 "Delaware Water Gap" painter
- 55 Euripides drama
- 58 Anti-knock number
- 59 Appraise anew
- 60 Fitted together in a stack
- 61 Parquet circle

DOWN

- 1 Dolt
- 2 Justice Fortas
- 3 Rescue units
- 4 Smooth and effortless
- 5 Add grass to greens
- 6 Long-range golf club
- 7 Stout's Wolfe
- 8 Draft org.

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