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Côté brother describes sexual initiation

Editor's warning: The testimony related in this story is extremely graphic and not appropriate for immature readers. We do however feel strongly that the story must be told. Parental discretion is advised.

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Serge Côté described Monday how, at the age of five, six or seven, his father initiated him and his older brother Donald to sexually abuse their younger sister Isabelle, who was about four-years-old at the time.

Côté was testifying at the trial of Renald Côté, the 51-year-old Magog man

charged with rape, incest, sodomy and a host of other violent crimes against his only daughter.

Côté and his sons Serge, 24, and Donald, 26, have been in jail since they were arrested June 21, 2001 and charged with five dozen counts of sexual assault against Isabelle Côté over a 17-year period that ended while she was being treated for ovarian cancer at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke.

Côté also faces sexual assault charges against a teenage friend of his daughter in 1999 or 2000 and a pair of charges against another young victim in 1997. The charges against the two sons are being dealt with separately.

During testimony on Monday afternoon, Serge Côté said that one day he and his brother, who was about eight at the time, were watching television when their father called them.

"He told us to meet him in the bedroom, he had something to show us," Côté said, adding that his father proceeded to penetrate his sister, then told his brother Donald and him to take turns doing the same.

"I didn't react. I did what my father told me to do."

As Renald Côté watched from the prisoner's dock gritting his teeth, his youngest son described a second event in the bathroom on top of the washer.

Côté said that while he and his brother held their sister's arms, his father penetrated her again. Then his father switched places with Donald. When it was his turn, Serge Côté had to use a step stool because he was too short.

"He told me to go faster and slapped me on the head when I didn't go fast enough," he told the judge and jury in a barely audible voice.

Côté described how his father also slapped him behind the head to push him to learn his math homework. He said his father often took a belt to both boys' behinds too.

During the abuse, both sexual and physical, his mother was never around, he said. He never talked about it with his mom, nor did his siblings.

"I didn't dare talk. I was afraid of my father."

Serge Côté said the trio repeatedly gang raped his sister over the next few years, initially at his father's insistence, and later at the suggestion of his brother.

He said he and Donald would also assault their sister. One time, they tied her with a rope - at her insistence, he said.

"Donald went to get the rope from the garage. We tied her hands behind her back and we each took a turn."

Côté said he and his brother often used objects to penetrate the sister's vagina. Once he used a small branch "about the size of a Bic lighter". Another time he used a knife.

"It was a butter knife we used to cut bread," he said, adding that when he was playing along her genital lips, he cut her. "When I saw her bleed, I stopped."

Côté said his sister didn't say anything during or after the event which occurred when he was 12 or 13 and she was about 11.

Côté also described an event where he and his brother urinated on their sister. "Whatever my brother did, I followed so he wouldn't turn around and hit me," he said.

"I don't know where our parents were," he said, adding that he also abused his sister alone a couple of times.

Serge Côté said that when he was 14 or 15 he realized what he had been doing to his sister was wrong. He said he regrets his actions, and if he could go back he would change things.

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Cow of the Year



BRUCE PATTON/SPECIAL

Four years ago, dairy producers, Paul and Laura Enright and their family relocated to the Compton area from Brome. On Saturday evening, they were among some 400 Holstein breeders who attended the annual awards banquet of the Sherbrooke Holstein Club. Among their herd is one particular cow designated 'Valleyclan Anthony Linda', pictured above with her owners. This 13-year-old Holstein, has already calved 11 times, and is due to calve again in January for her 12th lactation. On Saturday, she was named the cow with the 'highest lifetime production', having produced 151,510 kg of milk over 11 years, the equivalent of five semi-trailer loads of milk.

Her owners were also honoured to have this animal chosen by those in attendance as the 'Cow of the Year'. The Sherbrooke Holstein Club includes the territory between Bromptonville and the U.S. border, from north to south, and from east to west between La Patrie and Lake Memphremagog.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Crown prosecutor Hélène Fabi exits the courtroom after hearing testimony from psychiatrist Catherine Allary, who reported incidents at the hospital to police.

Health minister says money needed to cure system

Somboddy should tell premier

It was fascinating to hear Health Minister François Legault say last week that "we're deluding ourselves if we think that improvements in efficiency will solve all of our problems".

The fact is, he said, the health system needs money.

Did anyone think to alert Premier Bernard Landry?

Around the time in March 2000 that Landry, then the finance minister, was trying to explain he had let \$842 million in federal health transfer funds sit in a Toronto account for a year without touching any of it, he had quite a different view of the situation.

The problem of the health system, he said, "is not simply a problem of money, it's a problem of planning, of management".

It's odd how yesterday's political truth can become today's political delusion. But we're expected to have short attention spans.

Then, Landry was embarrassed about stories about his \$842 million stash and had to make it appear that the health system was in good financial shape. He wanted to hold on to the money of course to give himself maximum flexibility in sticking to his zero deficit and to allow for income tax reductions.

The PQ's political agenda has since changed, having finally realized that its hatchet job of the health system has contributed significantly to its unpopularity.

But it's taken an agonizingly long time.

The eagerly awaited report from Roy Romanow's commission on the national health system may be one reason for Legault's new analysis of the problem. The report is expected to confirm the view held by almost everyone involved with health care that the system needs money.

The federal government in particular will likely be fingered for starving

health systems across the country. That will be good news for Quebec and every other province.

But, argue the opposition Liberals and ADQ, that shouldn't absolve the PQ government from blame for its own policy choices of the past seven years.

Quebec's immediate needs, Legault said in outlining his action plan, require \$1.8 billion. Those needs are grouped into four major priorities: front line services, which need \$842 million; home care and homes for the aged, \$456 million; prevention programs, \$241 million; and reducing surgical waiting lists, \$234 million.

On top of that, he said, the system needs an increase of 5.2 per cent just to keep up with rising costs. But because Quebec's economy is growing at a slower rate than that, the shortfall amounts to another \$300 million.

Legault wants to spend the next couple of months touring the regions and meeting with the various players to ensure there is agreement on his priorities.

Then, with an election campaign just around the corner, he wants to debate financing.

The PQ is juggling with the idea of creating a special health tax, supposedly temporary and which would go into a dedicated health fund. It would appeal to the solidarity of Quebecers, in order to "save" a publicly-financed health system, in opposition to ADQ's position in favour of substantial privatization. The Liberals, somewhat in the middle, have called for major increases in public spending, supported by limited private sector involvement.

If Legault's plan unfolds as he would like, it should make for a rich campaign debate.

LAST SCHOOLS

Those with a long political memory will recall that when Jean Garon was PQ Education Minister in 1995, he made great mileage out of his promise to ensure that a village's last school would

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not be closed.

"Yes, les écoles de Jean Garon, as we called them. It was a very interesting experience because it showed what happens when the population gets behind a project," said Jacques Lussier outside the doors of the recent summit of the regions in Quebec City.

Lussier is the Mayor of Sainte-Clotilde-de-Beauce and he wonders whatever happened to the PQ's firm resolve of 1995 to save the last school of small towns.

Not invited to the summit, Lussier showed up anyway, hoping to get the issue discussed. His town of 600, whose last school was closed this year by the school board, is leading a new campaign to convince the government that saving last schools is essential for maintaining the vitality of rural life.

The issue was never discussed at the summit, a fact noted by Bonaventure Liberal MNA Nathalie Normandeau. It's hard to talk about community development, she said, when basic services aren't available, including access to a family doctor and maintenance of small town schools.

In the past decade, 140 schools have been closed and today, there are about 400 towns with schools counting less than 100 students. Of those, about 100 have 50 students or less, which is the minimum set by school boards to keep a school open.

Lussier came to the summit with a proposal supported by 121 towns at the recent convention of the Quebec Federation of Municipalities.

When a school board is threatening to close a school, it would give the municipality the right of "opting-out", that is, it would assume responsibility for managing the school and receive compensation equivalent to the amount received by the school board.

Thus, it would not cost the government any more money, and the municipality would be committed to maintaining Education Ministry standards.

"Keeping schools open is a basic con-

dition to keeping regions alive and dynamic," Lussier said. "When the last school closes, it's impossible to have any projects for future development because people go, businesses go."

So far, Education Minister Sylvain Simard has not shown much support for maintaining "les écoles de Jean Garon". Municipalities, he said, have no business getting involved in education.

Meanwhile, a committee headed by the head of the Federation of School Boards, André Caron, and the president of Solidarité Rurale, Jacques Proulx, will file a report on the issue in December.

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CLARIFICATION

A story which appeared in The Record Thursday, Nov. 21 on the relocation of the historic Anglican Church in Inverness requires some clarification.

The decision to move the church was made after a dispute over ownership of the land on which it currently stands. The owner of the land surrounding the church maintains he is also the owner of the land on which the church stands and took out an injunction in September preventing parishioners from carrying out much needed work on the church's foundation. In order to qualify for a government grant for heritage churches, work on the foundation had to be completed by December of this year. Parishioners opted to move the church 500 feet north of its present location rather than fight the injunction. The storied church which celebrated its 120th anniversary in November 2001, expects to be sitting on its new foundation at the corner of Gosford Road for its traditional Christmas service scheduled for Dec. 22.

Weather

Today: Increasing cloudiness followed by 30 per cent probability of flurries in the afternoon. Partial clearing in the evening. Cold. High near minus 3. Winds becoming westerly 15 to 30 km/h in the morning.

Wednesday: Snow showers. Low near minus 7. High near minus 3. Probability of precipitation 60 per cent.

Thursday: Variable cloudiness. Low near minus 9. High near minus 5.

Friday: Snow. Low near minus 7.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Police officer found guilty of sexual assault

Defence attorney plans appeal

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

Former Asbestos cop Stéphane Couture was found guilty Monday of sexual assault for fondling the breasts of a female student officer in March 2001.

"The fact that he (Couture) believed he had consent to do it, and in his mind she gave her consent, is not a defence," Quebec Court Judge François Marchand said as he read from his 20-page ruling.

The 32-year-old Couture, a 10-year veteran of the police force, was arrested and charged in May last year following an investigation by the provincial Justice department's Internal Affairs office. He was then suspended from his duties without pay.

During the trial, Couture told the court that his female colleague gave him consent when he touched her breasts on March 11, 2001.

Couture said a conversation during patrol about bullet-proof vests led to a discussion about the victim's breasts, which she jokingly told him he could see back at the station. While on the witness stand, Couture denied he had acted improperly and could not recall seeing the victim uncomfortable.

He said she "played the game" very well and seemed genuinely open to show-



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Asbestos cop Stéphane Couture was found guilty Monday of sexual assault.

ing him her breasts.

"This is the first time in a sexual assault case that I've seen a judge disregard testimony that the victim herself helped take her clothes off," said Couture's lawyer Conrad Chapdelaine, referring to testimony that the victim had helped take off her own bullet-proof vest. The victim said on the stand that she could not remember the event.

While he had not discussed the matter

with his client yet, Chapdelaine said he expects to appeal the decision within 30 days.

Judge Marchand favoured the victim's story in a trial that essentially came down to a battle of he said, she said.

Among the facts Marchand said influenced his decision was a conversation the victim had with her best friend during her dinner break on the evening in question.

Nervous and in tears, the victim told

her friend about her partner's comments and her fears of seeing him again after her break.

He also pointed to the fact that officers arriving at the station after the crime described the victim as being in a state of panic. Also, the victim quickly left the station after the incidents and headed to her friend's house where she said she had almost been raped.

"We are very surprised, this decision is very disappointing," said Chapdelaine outside the courtroom. "We believe the judge erred when he disregarded the accused's testimony. There was no foundation for his motives."

The victim told the court that Couture made her uncomfortable during the pair's shift by asking her about previous experiences and preferred sexual positions.

She said Couture then forced himself on her when he caressed her breasts in the conference room of the police station.

During the trial, Couture admitted to regularly making sexually explicit comments to female colleagues on the job, including commenting on the victim's buttocks two weeks prior to the alleged incident.

Couture said the comments were meant as jokes and were not uncommon at the police station.

The maximum sentence for sexual assault is no more than 10 years. Couture has no prior arrest record.

Local DJ to host AIDS awareness week

By Kate Shingler

On-air, local radio host Nancy Allaire is used to a large audience, but yesterday, IRIS ESTRIE, a local AIDS information and intervention centre, introduced the 102.7 FM DJ as the spokesperson for the week-long, international event to educate the public about the disease.

"I wanted to be the spokesperson for AIDS awareness week because I think it is essential to talk about this illness, which continues to destroy and ravage lives every day around the world. Telling it like it is touches thousands and thousands of human beings - young people, women - it is for me a step in the direction of prevention."

This year's theme is stigmatization and discrimination: Live and let live. The seven-day event will include an information kiosk at Galeries Quatre Saisons today and tomorrow, an IRIS ESTRIE open house tomorrow from 10 to 4 p.m., and an information session at the Belvédère shopping centre Saturday. The week will culminate in a spiritual celebration on International AIDS awareness day, Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Résidence de l'Estrie chapel at 4 p.m. followed by a buffet meal.

Allaire, who hosts a weekday show on 102.7 CITE Rock-Détente from 9:30 to noon, said the campaign is important because AIDS is an issue which affects everyone.

"We are all in the same boat, it concerns all of us, me and you. Pointing the finger at certain groups in particular is a waste of time. AIDS did not disappear like magic just because the media have been very discreet, almost mute, on the subject for the last few years!"

Allaire's radio station will host AIDS awareness information clips throughout the week in an effort to encourage people to break the silence over the disease. "We have to realize that AIDS exists. By talking about it we do not give strength to the disease, but to ourselves!"

IRIS ESTRIE is working with the CLSC, a provincial AIDS organization, and several local and provincial community coalitions on the awareness drive. It was founded in 1988 to inform and educate people on anything related to AIDS. The group now employs 15 people.

"For me, prevention is the ultimate weapon against AIDS," said Allaire.



COURTESY IRIS ESTRIE

Sherbrooke radio host Nancy Allaire will help raise awareness of AIDS by 'telling it like it is.'

BRIEF

Support programs exhibition

Staff

Owners and managers of businesses in Brome-Missisquoi will be able to learn more about various financial and technical support programs at a special exhibit Wednesday.

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. visitors to the exhibition will be able to meet representatives of 15 various governmental organizations to discuss financial aid and technical support, ranging from the Centre Local d'Emploi de Brome-Missisquoi to the Business Development Bank of Canada.

Centre Local de Développement Brome-Missisquoi coordinator Isabelle Brochu said the exhibition was the result of meetings between the CLD and small businesses in the spring.

"Many entrepreneurs expressed this precise need for aid and support to develop their businesses," she said. "We hope this activity will respond to that need."

The exhibition will take place at the Brome-Missisquoi MRC headquarters, 749 Principale, Cowansville. For information contact Sonia Picard at (450) 266-4298, ext. 222.

Asbestos workers, officials take to the streets

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
ASBESTOS

In an effort to get the provincial and federal government's attention over the recent shutdown of the Jeffrey asbestos mine, the town of Asbestos is planning a shut down of its own on Wednesday afternoon along with a march by most of its residents.

"This a march of solidarity to show the two governments that the whole town stands as one and should not be ignored," said Rodrigue Chartier, head of the local miner's union, which is organizing the march.

"We want both governments to help us find work for those laid off or help them get an early retirement like they have done for other communities in the past.

"And if the two governments don't

want to help us keep the mine in operation, then help us find other industries for this town."

Denis Vigneux, an organizer with the union, said participation in the march is purely voluntary.

"No business or government office is being told they have to shut down for the afternoon," he said.

"But we have been told by the store owners and the hospital administrators and the municipal offices that their employees will be free to march if they so choose without fear of losing their pay.

"All essential services will be maintained."

Irene Gagnon, head of the town's Main Street committee, said most of the town's 100 stores plan to shut down from 1:30 to 3:30 during the march.

"We want to prove that this is a close-knit town, that we are all in this together," she said. "The governments have not helped us and that is not fair to the workers who were laid off and the stores who will suffer because of this."

Officials from the Sommets school commission in Magog said all of the town's 11 schools will remain open during the march. But Vigneux added that students from the L'Escale high school have gotten permission from their principal to participate in the march as part of a school activity.

The Jeffrey mine ceased operations and was forced into receivership in early October after the Quebec government refused for a second time this year to lend it any money. The shutdown caused the layoffs of 360 people.

The mine had been struggling for the past four years with low demand for its fibre and fierce competition and trade dumping by suppliers in countries such

as Russia, Brazil and Zimbabwe.

To make matters worse, three weeks after the shutdown, the employees who had retired or who were about to retire learned that company pension funds had lost money and could not be replenished by the mine, which is heavily in debt.

As a result, they were told their benefits would be cut by about 30 per cent.

The march will start at the miner's union hall at 608 Simoneau Blvd. and proceed along Conseil Blvd. to highway 255, then head towards the Connie Dion Arena.

Included in the march will be local federal Member of Parliament André Béchard, Member of the Quebec legislature Yvon Vallières, town mayor Louise Moisan-Coulombe and François Vaudreuil, head of the CSD, the Montreal-based union that the local union is affiliated with.

Le Cavalier and Voyer battle it out for District 5

By Kate Shingler

CANDIDATE JEAN-LOUIS LE CAVALIER

For 16 years, Jean-Louis Le Cavalier served as municipal councillor for Mont St. Hilaire. Now, the 1999 Magog Township mayoral candidate is running for councillor of the newly merged Town of Magog.

Le Cavalier moved to the area in 1994 after retiring from the Montreal Urban Community (MUC) police force where he worked for nearly 30 years. The former detective is primarily concerned about growing tax rates for former Township residents. Since he has lived in the Magog area, Le Cavalier says his taxes have increased by 60 per cent. "For me it is a major point," he noted yesterday. "Over the past five years (the Township

council) raised our debt. Our taxes were raised and the debt of the Township increased by almost 100 per cent.

"I'm not a yes man. Somebody will have to stand up and say we have to live on the money we have."

He said his opponent, Michel Voyer, a former Township councillor whose portfolio included finance, should have monitored the municipality's over-spending. The recent merger, he added, offers particular challenges - like harmonizing the different bylaws. The new town, he noted will have multiple fire stations, some in Omerville, Magog and Magog Township.

The forced merger has left many residents of the former Township with bitter feelings. "It has been imposed on the Township.

"But," he concluded, "we don't have a

choice. We'll have to live with it as best we can."

CANDIDATE MICHEL VOYER

In his campaign literature Michel Voyer describes himself as an "honest, cautious, accessible and experienced" man. The 47-year-old has been a municipal councillor since 1995, and president of the Consultative Urbanism Committee for the past five years. In the 1980s he was president of the Chamber of Commerce and of the SDC (downtown association).

In an interview with The Record yesterday, he said his priority is to "keep the services that people had before the merger." The former Township's high taxes are a result of much-needed road work, according to Voyer who said there are

secondary streets that still need to be completed. Despite having served with Mayor Jean-Guy St-Roch for the past term, Voyer is running as an independent candidate. "I believe that the citizens are served better by independent candidates, because (the candidates) are free to really vote to reflect the constituents."

Voyer said that when one is part of a team, it is natural to vote with the other members of the team. "You feel pressure to all vote together, to support each other. This way, as an independent, it better serves the constituents."

Voyer also plans to consult with residents via a municipal bulletin and a citizens committee. Residents of the new Town of Magog will head to the polls this Sunday, Dec. 1.

Candidates want environmentally friendly growth

By Nelson Afonso

Economic development and the future of the Traversée Internationale du Lac Memphremagog are among the main points of interest to voters in the downtown Magog sector.

Two men will face off at Sunday's Magog municipal election for the right to represent the area of about 1,500 voters, District 4, at city council.

"It's important for city council to have good administrators that have a good track record," said candidate and local businessman Jean-Guy Gingras, adding that the merger of Magog, Omerville and Magog Township in October is sure to create new challenges for elected officials. "The challenge is to unify the three sectors in a harmonious way."

Opponent Jean-Yves Thériault, who owns a restaurant downtown, said he is throwing his hat into the ring because

he believes it is important for citizens and their municipal representatives to have a say in decisions that affect all Magog residents.

"We need to come up with a long term vision that will enable the city to develop economically in a harmonious way with the environment," the Chamber of Commerce president told The Record.

District 4 includes all of downtown Magog up to the Quatres-Fourches area near Magog Township, a controversial area both candidates would rather see play a complementary economic role, instead of being a competitor for Main Street.

There has been a dispute between mayoral candidates Marc Poulin and Jean-Guy St-Roch over the zoning of the Quatres-Fourches area, which has many scared of the possibility of seeing a large surface store move there.

"Magog cannot reach its economic peak if we don't continue to help develop the downtown area," continued Thériault, who has worked extensively with the Magog Hospital. "But it cannot be done at any cost."

Both Gingras and Thériault would rather see smaller, more unique businesses there.

"The area should have more of a cultural and recreotourism mission," said Gingras, who believes the route that separates the downtown area and Mont Orford is a valuable tool for municipal development. He added the city should work hard to attract people from the new residential and tourism development at the bottom of Mont Orford, a project estimated to be worth about \$258 million.

Gingras is also concerned about the future of the Traversée Internationale du Lac Memphremagog, a cultural and

sporting event that attracts thousands of visitors every summer. The Traversée has accumulated a \$275,000 debt.

"I believe we are capable of overcoming the deficit because it is worth saving," said Gingras, who has worked closely with organizers of the event for years. Gingras said he will assemble the presidents from the Traversée's last 24 editions and elected officials this winter to come up with ideas to save the event.

"It's an event related to what we hold so dearly here, water. We have to give the Traversée back to the people."

Both candidates agreed that the need to develop the area must go hand in hand with protecting the environment. Intersan's plans to expand its Magog Township dump left both Gingras and Thériault determined to have their say at city hall.

Mont Glen operators ready and waiting for winter

By Maurice Crossfield

Everything else is in place, but the operators of the Mont Glen ski hill need one more thing...

"Just a bit more snow," said Peter Stastny, the new general manager of one of the few hills in the region to rely entirely on natural snow. "The fact that we got into this really late hasn't affected the ski operation. Where we're still behind is the marketing end."

Earlier this year Mont Glen owner Peter White announced that after 20 years he was no longer interested in continuing the operation himself. His intention was to either sell or lease the mountain to someone interested in maintaining it as a regional ski hill.

That almost happened when a group of concerned citizens attempted to put together a proposal in time for the 2002-2003 season. But by October time was running out, and White reached a deal to lease the hill to operations manager Brian Robinson for the year. While Robinson has resumed his role as operations manager, Stastny was brought on to run the overall business.

"One of the keys to the success of Glen Mountain is that it doesn't have a penny of debt," Stastny said. "In large part because it isn't burdened with the overhead of snowmaking."

Stastny explained that snowmaking equipment can cost millions to install, and then requires a lot of extra grooming



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

The mountain is white, but not quite white enough to kick off the ski season at Mont Glen.

work. While Glen Mountain employs up to 45 people when it's fully open, it only has three employees when the weather refuses to cooperate.

But with the deal only concluded at the last minute, everyone involved has been in a rush to get ready for the season. \$20,000 was invested in the ski boutique for equipment to tune skis and snowboards, while the owners of Frosty's Pub in Knowlton (formerly Cedric's) will be running "Frosty's at the Mountain."

One of the areas of concern before the season, had been the aging ski lifts. Due for verification by provincial inspectors next year, Stastny had them brought in this year, and everything has been certified operational.

Within the next couple of years all Canadian ski lifts will have to be "Z-98 certified," to ensure they meet tougher

new standards. Stastny said he has been told that one of the Glen's lifts will pass as is, while another will require some minor work.

"The need to change the lifts is more an issue of customer satisfaction, to increase our uphill capacity," he said.

But Stastny said there is a concern that too much uphill capacity will mean too many skiers on the slopes at once.

"We have to find that balance between the uphill capacity, the financial capacity and the trail capacity," he said. "One reason people like it now is that it's not crowded."

But those kinds of decisions will have to wait awhile longer. Stastny said he's hoping to be able to reach a longer term deal with White within the next couple of months. The business proposal he and Robinson will be putting forward will in-

clude a schedule to continue upgrading equipment.

"We will have to see if Mr. White wants to continue, wants to lease or wants to be bought out," he said.

Season pass sales are still down slightly from last year. But Stastny said the uncertainty, late start and the fact that last year's winter was lacking in snow have all been factors. Season passes at Glen range from \$150 for a youth to \$1,200 for a family.

Once the hill opens weekday rates for an adult will be \$18.50, and weekend rates will be \$28.50. Those under five or over 70 ski for free. Also free this year will be a skating rink, weather permitting. Glen Mountain will be open Thursdays to Sundays during the winter, and open everyday during the Christmas season and during March break.

Stastny said his aim is to maintain Glen Mountain as an affordable ski hill whose main clientele are people from surrounding communities who like the family atmosphere.

"The community has really come out to support us," he said.

So far the opening date for Glen Mountain's three lifts and 32 trails is Dec. 14, a date which could change depending on the weather. In the meantime the chalet is open every weekend for ski school registration, to purchase season passes or to browse the ski boutique.

All that's needed is a bit more snow...

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"I regret it profoundly today," he said, adding that he would have preferred to have a "more normal" relationship with his sister. He noted that if he had, he would not be in prison today.

Earlier in the day, the court heard testimony from psychiatrist Catherine Allary, who reported incidents at the hospital to police.

Allary said she was called upon to treat the girl after allegations of sexual abuse from the nursing staff who had witnessed the father fondling his daughters breast and genitalia.

After speaking to Isabelle Côté who confirmed the abuse, Allary called the parents for a meeting.

"I had a hard time believing a father would do such things in a hospital."

When she met with Renald Côté and his wife Joanne Royer, Côté asked to see her alone. She refused. When they sat down with the family, a psychologist and a nurse, Côté became aggressive, authoritative, and abusive, shaking his finger at her, and threatening her.

"He said it was none of my business," Allary said, adding that Côté declared he could do what he wanted with his daughter.

After his daughter and wife eventually left the room, Côté refused to leave and Allary called police, launching the

investigation that ended with the current court case.

Allary said she asked the mother why she did not protect her daughter. "She told me: 'I always told him he should not do to his daughter what he should be doing to me'."

At that time, Isabelle Côté noted that her brothers also abused her - something that her mother blamed on a drug problem. Allary said she sent the mother to a shelter for a short while, but she went back to her husband.

When she asked Isabelle Côté why she did not complain about the abuse, the girl replied that she was afraid of being abandoned by her family.

Allary also testified that Côté suffered from a number of psychiatric problems for which she was being medicated. She suffered from chronic depression, anxiety, insomnia, post-traumatic stress disorder and she had suicidal tendencies. She had attempted to commit suicide in 1995 and 1996.

Such psychiatric problems are consistent with incest and sexual abuse, Allary said.

To protect herself from the abuse, Isabelle Côté developed three personalities: Issy, a 4-year-old girl; Zaza, an adolescent; and Bebelles, an adult. She described the personalities to her psychiatrist, but with medication she became more coherent, was less anxious and was sleeping better, Allary said.

However she was very anxious about appearing in court," Allary said. "She said she did not mind talking to the judge, but that she did not want to see her father.

Isabelle Côté never had to face her father in court. She succumbed to heat stroke in a convalescent home in July.

The jury of eight men and four women will get a break today as Crown prosecutor Hélène Fabi and defence lawyer Pierre Gagnon debate various points of law before trial Judge Paul-Marcel Bellavance. The trial, which is expected to last three or four weeks, continues Wednesday morning at 9:30.



Serge Côté told court of abuse of sister.



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Community Forum

Springsteen: The rock artist as canary

I realize I'm getting rather long in the tooth for attending rock concerts. On the other hand, the rules for aging seem to have slipped away lately — if not disappeared entirely. My generation has not yet adopted the sixties ethic which says if it feels good do it. But we're not far removed. In any case forget the pipe and slippers. Put away the blanket and grumbling about the good old days when children respected their elders, men were men, women dressed decently, vegetarians were indistinguishable from communists, yadada, yadada. We have a choice. Grow old in whatever way you wish. So I went to my first rock concert in Cincinnati.

I have enjoyed Bruce Springsteen for decades. His voice can be raucous and the lyrics sometimes hard to understand (to put it mildly). Yet I was always impressed by his message. Born In The USA is perhaps his best-known song and if you listen carefully you hear the tragic story of blue collar men and boys going off to Vietnam, losing their lives or their minds, and returning to a country that neither knew or cared about them.

There is a message in many of his songs, and none more so than My Hometown.

He often sings about Atlantic City, N.J., where he grew up. At age eight his daddy sat him on his lap behind the wheel in their big old Buick, tousled his hair and said "Son take a good look around / This is your hometown." The story continues through the high school years, mounting racial tensions, increasing crime and violence, the abandonment of the inner city, and the spread of unemployment as mills and factories close down. The future offers little and many wonder if they will ever work again.

"Foreman says these jobs are going boys and they ain't coming back." So maybe it's time to move on. Here the song ends: "I'm thirty-five, we got a boy of our own now / Last night I sat him up

behind the wheel and said son / Take a good look around / This is your hometown."

A good song.

I have been fortunate that my wife keeps me conversant with the joys of classical music. I am fortunate too in having children who kept me abreast of developments in the music of pop culture. Otherwise I might not know who Bruce Springsteen is. For years I wanted to attend one of his concerts, but they were either too far away or sold out. This time my stars were perfectly aligned, and off we flew to Cincinnati.

We were stopped outside the concert by protesters urging a boycott of the event. Not a great beginning, and the reasons for the boycott were fuzzy.

The handouts addressed nonviolence, justice, and equality, but the connection with Springsteen was unclear. Ugly exchanges occurred between some patrons and protesters. Fortunately there was also some relief and humour from the panhandlers walking about with signs: "Let's be honest folks. We want your money for beer."

Before the concert began Springsteen addressed the boycott issue. He quieted the audience which had begun booing the protesters, and spoke with intensity and fervour about the need for support and compassion for the disadvantaged. He talked of the necessity to continue the struggle against injustice and racism in America. He had seen too much of it in 'my hometown', and although some progress had occurred there was still a long way to go. Obviously he did not have to do any of this. When he finished, the applause was prolonged and thunderous. Talk about the right way to begin an evening.

We enjoyed the concert immensely. It was far better than my wildest dreams.

Everyone was caught up as we rocked, sang, shouted, swayed and en-



TOM CAVANAGH

joyed ourselves immensely for more than three hours. (O.k., at times we had to sit back and catch our breath, but it was a spectacular performance.)

Many songs were about Sept. 11, and the lyrics were hauntingly beautiful. "My City in Ruins." "The Rising." "Mary's Place". Some might argue that a wife's lament for her husband is too maudlin. I felt it tugs at heartstrings.

"Pictures on the nightstand, TV's on in the den

House is waiting for you to walk in
But you're missing. You're missing.

When I close my eyes, you're missing. . .

Friends have said they would not cross the street to see Bruce Springsteen. Well, that's o.k. I'm not trying to proselytize. But Springsteen is unique. Special. Sui generis. We enjoy poetry because revisiting favourites is always pleasurable. I believe the same holds true for much of Springsteen's work. He is intelligent, insightful, and addresses the big issues relating to society and how we should live our lives.

In 1998 Springsteen was interviewed about the late Walker Percy, a favourite

author of mine. His commentary on Percy was insightful and wise. I was amazed at how familiar this rock singer was with Percy's works, and those of other authors. A sample of Springsteen's reflections are cited below.

"Consider (Walker Percy)'s essay "The Man on the Train" . . . (He) talks about alienation, and how the truly alienated man isn't the guy who's despairing and trying to find his place. . . It's the guy who just finished his twentieth Perry Mason novel. . . That is the alienated man. Similarly you could say the same about the guy who just saw his fifth Batman movie; he's the alienated man."

"People asked me "Why do I write these songs? What are you complaining about?" Percy's Notes on a Novel About the End of the World was so helpful to me. It addresses comments like, "The material is depressing. (My) songs are so down." Percy explains the moral purpose of writing by using the analogy of the canary going down with the miners. When the canary starts squawking and keels over, the miners figure it's time to come up and think things over a bit. In this century we need more writers to be canaries."

Springsteen is worth listening to.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prisoners should pay a little more

DEAR EDITOR

I think it's about time the government pulled up its pants and do the job they're paid to do. This idea about prisoners voting is stupid. When they do the crime they should lose all their rights. They get special treatment if they're good. They eat steak twice a week and chicken once a week. We, the working people, are lucky if we can eat a steak once a month. They have a gym to work out in. If they had hard labour they would stay slim and the crime rate would go down. They have a soft life. They say they have no

freedom, they should have thought about that before they did the crime. In jail they are treated like royalty. A condo so their wives can visit them. When they get pregnant and have children they go on welfare and we pay.

Their medicine is paid for as well as their teeth and glasses.

We, the working people, earn \$18,000 clear, we pay our medicine and teeth and glasses, our hydro and telephone.

Theirs are free. The next thing they will ask for is two weeks holidays - with pay of course.

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Perspectives

Curious cousin has tall tales to tell

I can hardly wait. She arrives tomorrow evening. Our curious cousin. She who forever has us breaking out into gales of laughter. The woman with whom we frequently exchange eggs and birds and bunnies, and with whom we share menagerie experiences. The animal-loving woman who adopts creatures with ease, and always has colourful stories to tell.

No one can describe a scene like our Nance. She mesmerized us over the phone a few weeks ago with a tale from her back yard. It was like she was creating a series of paintings before our very eyes.

Her family's miniature horses, Shadow, who is jet black, and Dixie, who is sorrel with a blond mane and tail, were standing at the fence, nonchalantly gazing at the goings-on. Penelope, the pot-bellied pig, one of our cousin's most recent additions, came into their line of vision. A quizzical expression appeared on their faces, making my cousin imagine that they were asking themselves, "Good heavens! WHAT are YOU?"

Penelope proceeded to chase Ferdinand and Mary-Anne, the Runner

ducks, around the pond. A visualization appeared like magic: two skinny, snowy-white ducks, quacking expressively, waddling full tilt, wings flapping, around and around the small, elliptical, lily pad pond. Would a pig really attack ducks? Just how far would Penelope go?

Not to worry, Nance says. It had to be all in fun, because after a while, the tables turned with the ducks pursuing the pig.

Before Penelope arrived on the scene, Ferdinand and Mary-Anne never left the pond - an oasis much more appealing than the plastic swimming pool in the barn yard where they had grown up. It seems that the presence of the pot-bellied pig has given the ducks some diversion.

During our latest conversation, my cousin and I each bemoaned the fact that we have had no additions to our collections of critters over the

past several weeks. Not since her family got Penelope and we got four young bronze turkeys. We sadly agreed that



SUSAN MASTINE

it's for the best that the number of furry and feathered friends in their various shelters stay stabilized. It's time to hunker down for winter. Not the best time of year for batches of bunnies or other baby animals to be born.

Nonetheless, there is a state of anticipation in the air. Each of our farms has a possibly pregnant equine to keep an eye on. Both the aforementioned Dixie and our miniature donkey, Belle, appear to be gaining weight. Not just a winter coat, either. Since they joined our respective menageries within the last few months, and in neither case would the previous owner vouch for their state of expectancy, it's a wait and see situation. Perhaps we should start measuring the mare's and the jenny's girths, we concluded. That would give us a better indication of the state of affairs.

In the meantime, we have our fingers crossed. And even though there've been no exciting animal adventures in our lives, we content ourselves with caring for those special creatures around us.

Among them: Duffy (son of Mrs. Duffy, if you hadn't guessed), who roams freely, hopping through the field behind Nance's house; Splish and Splash, her young, white and black-spotted pair of Mini-Lops. And here in Kingsey Falls, I daren't proclaim any preference for specific creatures from among the thirteen rabbits, donkey, seventeen sheep, nine goats, llama, collection of peacocks, pheasants, geese, ducks, hens and roosters, quail, turkeys and fancy pigeons, Jersey calf, herd of Highland cattle and two barn cats (still no dog nor a horse, sigh). Although there's no doubt that sometimes my favouritism shows.

This upcoming visit from my curious cousin will definitely include a visit to our outbuildings. Could she be coaxed to adopt a goat? Will she convince someone in our household of the joys of owning a pot-bellied pig? Will she have more tales to tell about the antics of her pets? Like the sheep who regularly went next door, announcing her arrival to the neighbour by butting, rather than knocking, on her front door. I'll keep you posted.

Help identify folks in picture

DEAR EDITOR,

My mother, Rose Marie Cloutier died in 1991 at the age of 86 and I inherited all of her personal belongings including this picture.

We in the family have tried desperately to find out who,

where, when of the photo with no success. It is a shame to lose it to posterity as it is a valuable photo to some descendants.

We suspect the picture location is somewhere in the Northern Vermont - Southern Quebec areas because we lived and

worked in the Sherbrooke - Newport area in the 1930's while my father was the station agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad at the town's depot.

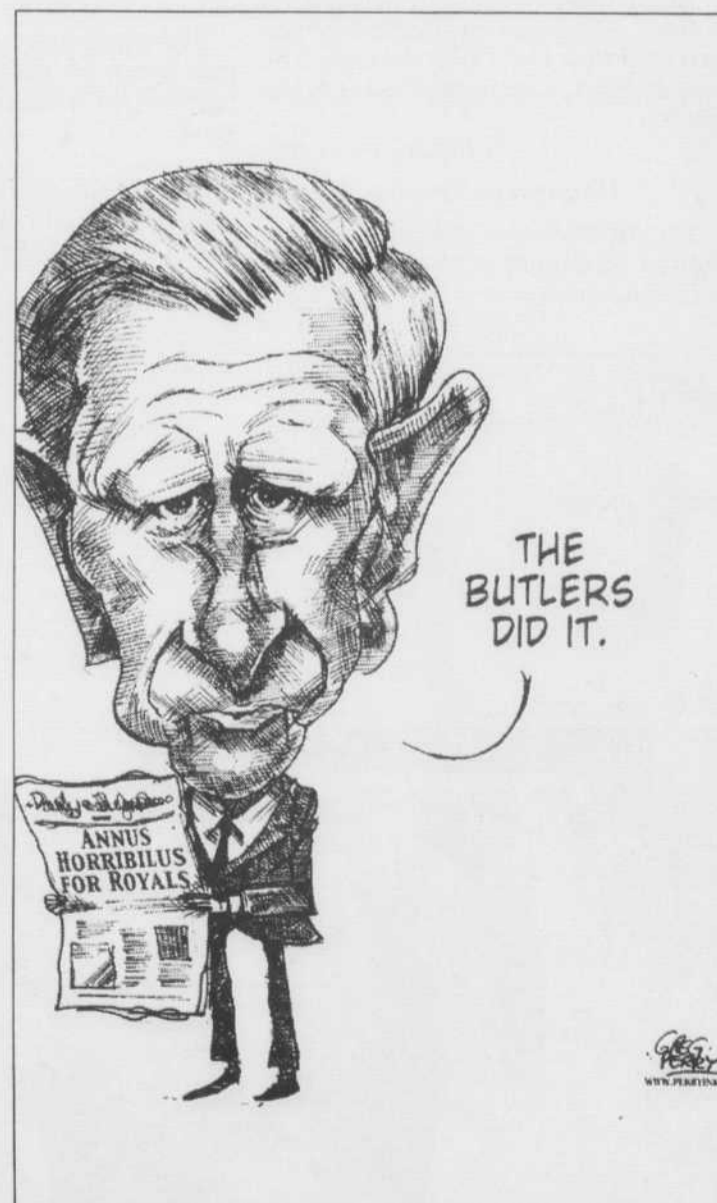
in the 1940s we were transferred to Barton where he also worked the Orleans and St. Johnsburys stations until his retirement.

My parents were born and raised in the Drummondville area and my father Severin Cloutier died in 1966. We think this is a group of his friends. The photo bears the inscription "Doane 08" which indicates a photo taken shortly after the turn of the century.

Perhaps the readers of Sherbrooke Record could be of some help in tracing its origins.

Thanking you sincerely for any help you may render us.

Raymond Cloutier
San Ramon, CA



Our School's Page

PRINCESS ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Nov. 11 the whole school attended a service in the gymnasium. The veterans introduced themselves and spoke to the children. Some Grade 6 students shared readings with us: Anne-Marie Laverdure read My Grandpa Went to War, Christie Nichols read In Flanders Fields and Lisa Dingman read What is a Vet?

After the service the veterans answered questions from the students. Thank you to everyone who helped in this service.

HANDBALL

At the handball tournament in Lennoxville in October, all the teams, boys and girls had fun and played well.

By Katelyn Warnholtz and Rosalie Grenier

FLOOR HOCKEY

At the floor hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 14, there were many teams of boys and girls. We all got a chance to play

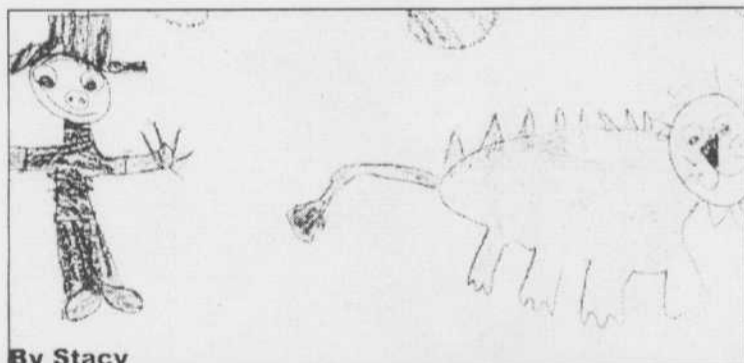
against each other. The PEES girls came in third place but we all tried our best and that is all that matters. The boys of PEES came in first and won the trophy.

By Britany McGovern

HALLOWEEN STORIES

My witch is scared of Bianka because Bianka screamed at the witch. The witch said Booooooo!

By Jessica



By Stacy



The pumpkin jumps. Inside there's a candle. It is a hot candle. The pumpkin flies and says Booo!

By Jimmy

The witch is scary at the kids. Bianka and Jessica scream at the witch!!!! The witch is crying. Her soup was good. We had the soup with her. The soup was good at her house. The witch has a scary house.

By Bianka

The witch laughs in the house. She flies in the city. She goes at the house to make soup for her and me. The soup is good.

By Steven

The mouse wanted to eat the pumpkin. The pumpkin said "Don't eat me or I won't be your friend." They were friends.

By Nicolas

Once upon a time there was a pumpkin. The pumpkin was sad. The pumpkin had no friends. A mouse had no friends. They became friends.

By Brandon

I am going to get candy with

my mom and brother and sister. We go home sweet home. We check all the candy.

By Ryan

A guy on a motorcycle was a ninja and he was mean. He was on his bike and he kicked me. I ran away.

By William

Tony the turkey was scared. He did not want to be eaten. He put on a costume. He pretended to be a lion. The farmer found out he was not a real lion.

By Stacy

Ryan is fun to play with. Jonathan makes me laugh.

By Nicholas

I'm going to houses. My sister and I get lots of candies. I check them with mom. I eat them for snacks.

By Jonathan

HALLOWEEN PARADE

On Oct. 31 the whole school assembled in the gymnasium in full costume. There was a crowd of happy parents waiting to take photos of the events. The students paraded in front of each other to show their costumes.

At the end of the parade, the kindergarten and the Cycle 1 classes stayed in the gymnasium for an hour of fun activities that had been planned by the Halloween Committee. Cycle 2 had a choice of a Halloween movie or art. Cycle 3 had a Halloween dance. Fun was had by all. See you spooks next year.

Note: All students had a free Halloween cupcake at recess thanks to many people.



Rear Admiral R. St. Vincent Sherbrooke recalled

Nearly sixty years ago, Rear Admiral R. St. Vincent Sherbrooke, of Oxtou, in Nottinghamshire, England, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry and leadership on New Year's Eve, 1942, when the escort force he commanded saved a Russia-bound convoy and routed a greatly superior force.

German war diaries later revealed that the Admiral's brilliant action caused Hitler to stop all work on the big surface vessels and led to the immobilization of the German high seas fleet.

During the action Admiral Sherbrooke was severely wounded and lost an eye. He was Captain of H.M.S. Onslow, which was damaged in the battle.

Rear Admiral R. St. Vincent Sherbrooke, who died at his home in the beautiful village of Notts, in June 1972, aged 71 years, is regarded as one of the Royal Navy's greatest heroes.

He and his wife were invited to Canada by the City of Sherbrooke in 1967, in connection with the Centenary Celebrations. Sherbrooke is named after an ancestor, Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, who was Governor-General from 1816-1818.

While Rear Admiral and Mrs. Sherbrooke were exchanging gifts during a television ceremony at the Sherbrooke City Hall, in 1967, a chance remark led to the unexpected discovery of a letter of welcome to Sir John Coape Sherbrooke in 1816.

Mrs. Sherbrooke was handing over a silk bag, which for years had remained unopened at Oxtou. A guest asked if it could be opened and although the material was frail, Mrs. Sherbrooke managed to loosen the drawstring and discover inside the letter of welcome from an Ursuline Convent in Quebec.

It was the first time Rear Admiral and Mrs. Sherbrooke had visited Sherbrooke, and they were accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Lord and Lady Digby.

The gifts they left behind included the seal used by Sir John when he was Governor-General, and examples of North American Indian work, which were presented to Lady Sherbrooke at that time.

Submitted by Mavis Ellis, local historian, Nottingham, England



COURTESY MAVIS ELLIS

Rear Admiral R. St. Vincent Sherbrooke and his wife visited Sherbrooke in 1967.

Missing man

Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating a Sherbrooke man missing since Oct. 24, 2002.

Réjean (Ray Lachapelle Bhatnagar, 31, has black hair, brown eyes is six-feet tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He speaks English and French. Police say the man has health problems may be suffering from amnesia.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts should contact Sherbrooke Police at (819) 821-5544 or by fax (819) 821-5662, attention Det. Robert Lemieux.



COURTESY SHERBROOKE POLICE

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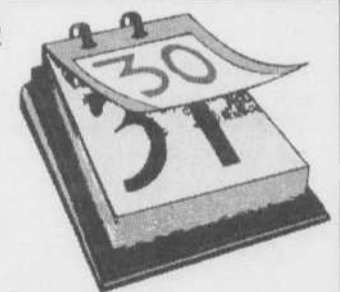
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City teens score higher than rural students in reading

By Rick Mofina
SOUTHAM NEWS

City high school students scored higher in reading tests than those in rural schools, says a Statistics Canada study released Monday.

"The difference between rural and urban reading performance is most strongly related to community differences in adult education levels and the nature of work in rural communities," says the report, *Understanding the Rural-Urban Reading Gap*.

The gap is not related to differences in rural and urban schools because, "for the most part, rural and urban schools are much the same," Statistics Canada analysts Fernando Cartwright and Mary K. Allen write in their study.

While the parents of rural students tended to be less well educated and less likely to be employed in professional occupations, such as medicine, law and banking, these differences do not explain the gap.

"Even if one compares rural and urban students whose parents had the same level of education and the same

occupation, the reading gap still remains."

The authors say the issue needs further analysis, and offer a number of theories for the gap, suggesting that in some communities students may only apply themselves as hard as they feel the need to.

"If there are fewer jobs in their community that require higher skills, higher levels of education, then there may be no clear incentive for students to push themselves," the study says.

The report drew upon data from the 2000 Program for International Student Assessment, a collaborative project among the 32 member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

It studied the international achievements of 15-year-old students in reading, math and science. In Canada, some 30,000 students in 1,000 schools participated and global results were released last year.

The Canadian urban-rural assessment drew from a series of questions, focusing on the ability to understand,

use and reflect on written text. It found that the average score for urban students in reading literacy was 538, compared to 523 for rural students. The international average score was 500.

The provincial breakdowns in average reading scores:

1. Alberta: 550 — urban: 557; rural: 536
2. B.C.: 538 — urban: 539; rural: 530
3. Quebec: 536 — urban: 538; rural: 527
4. Ontario: 533 — urban: 535; rural: 520
5. Manitoba: 529 — urban: 531; rural: 527
6. Saskatchewan: 529 — urban: 533; rural: 523
7. Nova Scotia: 521 — urban: 522; rural: 519
8. Newfoundland and Labrador: 517 — urban: 538; rural: 501
9. P.E.I.: 517 — urban: 526; rural: 504
10. New Brunswick: 501 — urban: 510; rural: 491

An unrelated study, done for UNICEF, found that Canadian students ranked fourth overall in academic performance among children in the 24 countries OECD countries surveyed.

"A student in Canada has a better chance of being educated

to a reasonable standard — and a lower chance of falling a long way behind the average — than students in most other OECD countries," said David Agnew, president and CEO of UNICEF Canada.

The new study also found that foreign-born and first-generation Canadian students were less likely to fall behind in school than similar children in other industrialized nations.

The UNICEF report indicates Australia and Canada, countries with high levels of children from newly arrived families, are more effective in educating new citizens than the nearly two dozen other countries studied.

"Canada does a better job than most OECD countries in containing educational disadvantage and promoting good overall student achievement," the UNICEF study says. "Canada maintains a low level of educational disadvantage."

Canada is stabilizing at a level of illiteracy of about 10 per cent of young adults, after a dramatic decline in illiteracy during the 1950-1975 period. There are still, however, areas of concern.

"About one in ten 16-25 year olds are, for example, unable to determine the correct amount of medicine to give a child from the information printed on the package," says the report, warning that there is no room for complacency.

"Large disparities in achievement between pupils exist in every rich nation," the report says.

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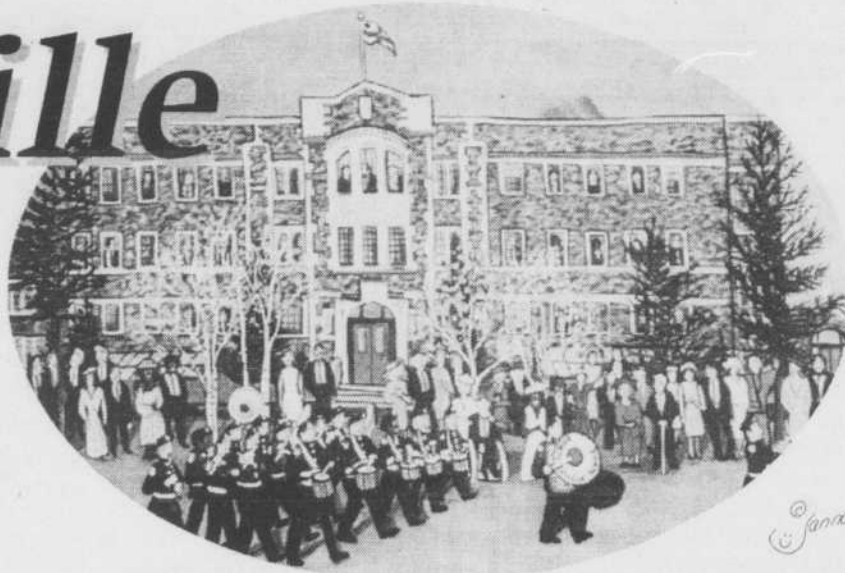
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Science and faith on their minds

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RECORD CORRESPONDENT
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Two hundred inquiring minds were at Centennial Theatre last Sunday afternoon for a debate on Creation versus Evolution, presented by the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of Bishop's University.

The three-hour debate was divided into two sections, the first entitled "How old is the Earth?", and the second "Is Evolutionary Theory True?"

After a short introduction on the natures of science and faith by Dr. Dale Wood, professor of chemistry, the two debaters launched their arguments. It was a case of dueling laptops as both Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Bishop's alumnus and curator of Paleontology at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Maryland, and Dr. Terry Mortenson of the organization Answers in Genesis (AiG-US) fueled their arguments with illustrations, photos and texts.

Dr. Godfrey was a convinced young-earth creationist when he started his studies in paleontology at McGill University. He fully expected that his efforts would support two of the central pillars of Creationism: A 6,000-year-old universe and fossil evidence of Noah's flood.

However, well-entrenched these expectations had been, they soon vanished once he started collecting fossils himself.

"When I was a young-Earth creationist, I was trying to put a square peg into a round hole. Science is impotent to comment on God. I'm not promoting raging atheism here, and I don't want to worship a God of ignorance" said Godfrey, regarding efforts to align fossil evidence with the Creation and Flood accounts in the Bible.

Dr. Mortenson's organization promotes a young-Earth view of Creationism, and is affiliated with the Institute for Creation Research. AiG is supported mainly with donations by individuals and churches, as well as through book sales.

Mortenson cited "The claims of the Bible, Jesus' words, prophecies, archaeolo-

gy and history as well as flood stories from different cultures" as the bases of the Creationist arguments.

"Geologists have been brain-washed to operate according to political and social theories of the time. What you see in fossil records depends on what you're looking for."

From the start of the debate, the contrast between the personal style of the two professors was evident. Godfrey, casually dressed and wearing sneakers, presented scientifically challenging arguments and included photos of feathered dinosaurs, such as the *Sinosauroptryx* recently unearthed in China.

Mortenson, clean-cut and sporting a suit and tie, included many references to authors such as the late Steven Jay Gould as well as to publications from AiG-US.

Despite these differences, both debaters led the audience through arguments which attempted to explore the vast domain of scientific discipline and touched on subjects such as genetics, paleontology, geology, chemistry and morphology.

Emotions were awakened when faith was the subject of discussion. Whether it was faith in a literal interpretation of the Genesis account, or faith in a God who doesn't take a hit every time a scientific explanation is given for a problem that had previously seemed intractable, it was evident that both debaters were passionate about their subject.

"There were a lot of questions, but that's one of the great things about this type of format," said Dr. Wood. "I thought it went off really well."

Ricky Jaggi, a fourth-year Honours Biochemistry Student from Halifax and also the Senator for Natural Sciences and Mathematics agreed with many that the debate went off well.

"Overall, both sides were very well defended. Dr. Mortenson had an answer for almost everything, but Dr. Godfrey, like any other scientist, was unable to answer questions from every side of science."

Alexander Galt hosts annual awards night



BRUCE PATTON/CORRESPONDENT

Having presented the prestigious Norton-St. Laurent Medal, Dr. Robert Paulette posed with its meritorious recipient, Laura Dytynyshyn.

Laura Dytynyshyn the night's big winner

By Bruce Patton
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENNOXVILLE

Last Friday, approximately 100 parents and friends attended Alexander Galt Regional High School's Annual Awards Night to honour the school's best academic students.

During the event, a special presentation of \$26,000 was made to the Alexander Galt Scholarship Fund by Ora Foreman, representing the Aldershot Chapter of the IODE

Most noticeable among the winners was Laura Dytynyshyn, who was presented to the audience on 19 separate occasions during the evening.

Her numerous awards included the Governor-General's Medal, the Everett Porter Award, Top Academic Level Five Trophy, Bishop's University Scholarship and Champlain College Scholarship.

Presented by Robert Paulette, Dytynyshyn was also the proud recipient of the Norton-St. Laurent Medal for high academic achievement, musical ability, student leadership and sports excellence.

She was joined by Kelly Harper and Stacey Ann Sylvester in receiving the Margaret Paulette Medals for averages above 90 per cent in Level 5.

The Top Academic Student Trophies in Levels 3 and 4 were won by Miriam Lebeau and Ilana MacDonald respectively. Collectively, 161 students were honoured with scholarships, awards, or certificates.

English services for sex assault victims: Proposal

On Sept. 30, the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre (LDWC) and ETWOM presented a proposal to the regional health board for more English services to women that are victims of sexual assault in the Estrie region.

In the Townships, particularly the Lennoxville area which is host to an English language CEGEP and Bishop's University, the lack of such services is short-sighted and neglectful.

In the Estrie region, CALACS (Centre d'aide et de lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel) offers numerous services, including a 24-hour emergency service, individual counselling, support groups, accompaniment to the hospital, police station and court, as well as support for family and friends. None of these services are offered in English.

The proposal presented by LDWC and ETWOM goes on to describe the successful expansion of the Centre's services in

recent years, which testifies to the vital role it plays in the community.

The logical next step is to provide services to English-speaking women who have experienced sexual assault. The Centre has access to the know-how to provide these services, but lacks the financial resources to do so.

Proposed services include a sexual assault crisis intervention service, volunteer-staffed 24-hours, seven days a week that offers accompaniment to the hospital, police station and court. Also proposed is individual and group counselling services for victims, their families and their friends. Finally, it included an awareness-raising and sensitization program.

We still wait for a response from the Regie, and the petition demanding services in English for victims of sexual assault is still circulating.

If you have not yet signed it, please drop in at the Women's Centre at 257 Queen St., Lennoxville, or call 819-564-6626. Your support will be appreciated.

OUR VOICE

LENNOXVILLE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S CENTRE

LET US NOT BE COMPLICIT WITH VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

On Dec. 6, 2001, the Committee for Action on Violence against Women, an entity that came out of the World March of Women in Quebec, initiated a broad campaign entitled "La violence envers les femmes, ne soyons pas complices/ Let us not be complicit with violence against women."

This campaign has sought to make visible the extent of violence exercised against women, and to publicly insist on the urgency and importance of investing \$2.5 million a year for six years from the Quebec government. The commitment would envisage a vast campaign

of sensibilization and public education on the social implications of violence directed against women.

In the past year, the Federation des femmes du Que-

bec has been vigilant. They have circulated letters reporting acts of violence committed, and condemned numerous incidents of violence in which women have been victims, as publicized in the media. These letters have been addressed to public officials asking they support a campaign addressing this issue in their caucus, and with their party chief.

Thus far there has not been a commitment which would address violence against women in a comprehensive manner. That commitment would be oriented towards a change in mentalities and sexist forms of socialization, and would entail serious consultation with feminist organizations on means that might be adopted in this campaign. The government has not given an adequate response on these questions.

And yet the ravages of violence against women continue to intensify. Statistics Canada recently announced an increase in spousal murders for 2001. For each year in Quebec, approximately 15 women have been murdered in a conjugal context.

The National Day of Action on Violence against Women on Dec. 6 also marks the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre. We hope you will join us at the Bishop's University Vigil in Bandeen Hall Dec. 5, at 5 p.m.

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Please bring your food items to any sponsor before December 14th.

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BRIEFS

Poetry, Prose and Pastries

Staff

On Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m., the Lennoxville Library is hosting Poetry, Prose and Pastries, a reading of Taproot II, the new anthology of Eastern Townships writing and images.

Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going to support the Library. After the reading, refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Quebec meets France in dance performance

Puzzle Dance, a Quebec-France encounter in contemporary dance, stops at Centennial Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 16 on its 16-stop cross-Atlantic tour.

Puzzle Danse will join two choreographers and four dancers from Quebec with their counterparts from France to present four duets. The choreographers were left free to choose the subject matter of the duet itself as long as it was between a man and a woman. The dances touch on the complex relationships of men and women through explorations of physical language and space.

From Quebec, the choreographers are Hélène Blackburn, whose company CAS Public recently presented Courage Mon Amour at Centennial Theatre, and Harold Rhéaume of Le fils d'Adrien danse. Choreographers Denis Plassard of Compagnie Propos and François Vevrunes of Compagnie 47/49 represent France.

Each choreographer's duet piece is 20 minutes long, and connects to the piece following.

A special wine and cheese will precede the event, featuring French wine and Quebec cheese. All members of the audience are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$23 adults, \$16 seniors, \$12 students. For reservations or more information, call 819-822-9692.

Marguerite Knapp Centre hosts open house

*Second annual event
a chance to learn
about groups' services*

Staff

The Marguerite Knapp Building is holding its second annual Open House Friday, Dec. 6 with the theme "Community Building Community Building Community..."

The Open House, 4 to 7 p.m., also coincides with the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre's Holiday Hands Open House.

The community groups occupying the Centre invite you to come meet them and learn about their services. They include the Appalachian Teachers' Association; Eastern Townships CEDEC (Community Economic Development and Employability Committee); Eastern Townships Women on the March (ETWOM); JobLinks - Eastern Townships School Board; Lennoxville and District Women's Centre; Literacy in Action; Mental Health Estrie; Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network; Townshippers' Association; Townshippers' Research

and Cultural Foundation; and Townships Regional Union of Support Staff (TRUSS).

Each of these groups addresses a different aspect of community building in the English-speaking community.

The Marguerite Knapp Centre is located at 257 Queen St., Lennoxville (in front of Pep's Restaurant) between. Refreshments will be served.

In the spirit of community building, the centre's groups are asking that visitors bring toiletries and personal items to help the women and

children of the l'Escale shelter who are victims of domestic violence. Also, used eyeglasses are being collected for Guatemala and Peru.

The community groups are grateful for the support of the Borough of Lennoxville, Pep's restaurant, Provigo Lennoxville, Pharmacie Brunet, Vaudry's, Lorraine's Bakery, Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser, Green's Bakery and Pharmacie Famili-Prix. Most decorations are on loan from the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead and the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre in Lennoxville.

Celebrating past, present and future

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Lennoxville Youth Centre will celebrate its 15th Anniversary.

We have a lot to celebrate at the Centre: Nights of talking, laughing, movie watching, board game or pool playing, settling down into important discussions on issues that face us all.

Hours of TAC meetings, board meetings, committee meetings, staff meetings, general meetings.

Fun-filled days of winter camping, car washing, La Ronde, NY, and Friendship Day clowning.

Thought-provoking workshops on career planning, international issues, sexuality, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide awareness and prevention, self-esteem and respect building.

Most importantly we want to celebrate the involvement of the hundreds of members, volunteers, and staff who have given their time, energy and commitment over these 15 years.

Through these people of the past and present, the Lennoxville Youth Centre is more than just a welcoming space for all teens, located below the Café Java (before that, below Lennoxville Library). Through these people and their lives, we spread out into so many directions in our community: accountants, engineers, elementary school vice-principals, mothers and fathers.

We would like to take this 15-year

milestone as an opportunity to renew our shared connection to this place that we have each called home at one time or another. We would like to invite you all, past members, volunteers and staff to join us in celebrating the past, present and future of the Lennoxville Youth Centre.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. at the Centre, 168-B Queen St. The party will later move to the Lennoxville Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. for a ceremony that will include a slide show and addresses from the founding president, current president and youth.

We will also present the newly es-

tablished Annual Youth Initiative Award to the Lennoxville Youth Centre member who has best demonstrated leadership and involvement in the Centre and the broader community. Our members are currently voting to decide on the recipient.

After the ceremony, we will host a community dance, DJ'd by CJMQ, which that will run until 11 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to these events. We would especially like to see those from the past come out to meet the present members who will move our local Youth Centre into the future!

- Submitted by staff and members of the Lennoxville Youth Centre

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YOUTH CENTRE

Christmas construction at CJMQ

As students eagerly await the end of the fast approaching exam period for the impending holiday break, and those in the workforce continue on with day-to-day tasks with the year drawing near to the end, CJMQ will be broadcasting over the duration of the holiday period. But that doesn't mean we're not going through a few changes of our own.

The CJMQ Web site and many other aspects of the station will be undergoing assorted improvements during the holiday period. In the new year, there will be much to report. You can still see the site online at www.ubishops.ca/cjmq.

While you wait and wander about online, we also have a few noteworthy music and miscellaneous sites for you to venture to. www.KickInTheHead.com was created to become The Ultimate guide to Canadian Music. It compiles accurate, timely information from artists with extensive links to external multimedia, articles and resources.

While visiting www.kickinthehead.com, you can sample music from artists, and witness the content created by musicians for their peers and the general public. There are many different sections to discover on the site, including forums, featured artists and music classifieds.

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Meanwhile, the Internet Archive, www.archive.org, is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, the site provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars and the general public.

Short films on www.archive.org should only be attempted by those with a high speed Internet connection. Apart from that, there are texts and audio files.

Bibliomania, www.bibliomania.com, has thousands of e-books, poems, articles, short stories and plays all of which are free. You can read the world's greatest fiction by authors such as Dickens and Joyce, Sherlock Holmes mysteries, all Shake-

speare's plays, or just dip into some short stories by writers such as Mark Twain, Anton Chekov and Edgar Allan Poe.

LAST FEW CHANCES

Do you feel the chill of the cold nights? Do you need to warm up? Have you heard any good dance hall lately? Tacuma keeps you grooving Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

For duration of the fall semester on CJMQ 88.9 FM, his show has offered great songs from the world of dance hall. Artists heard include Sean Paul, Mr. Vegas, Beenie Man and a whole slew of other talents to be sure.

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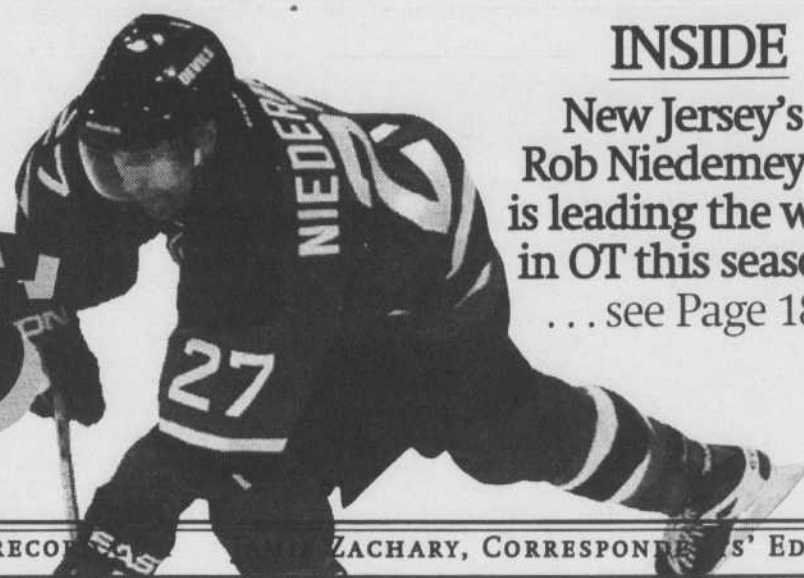
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INSIDE

New Jersey's Rob Niedemeyer is leading the way in OT this season ... see Page 18



Limpert, Stephens Athletes of the Week

Staff

Sara Limpert and Paul Stephens have been named the Pilsen-Gaiters Athletes of the Week.

Limpert, a five-foot-11 forward for the women's basketball team, scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the Gaiters split last weekend.

The second-year Social Sciences major had eight points and seven rebounds in Friday night's 84-67 loss to the Laval Rouge et Or. She followed that up with a 10-point, three-rebound performance the next night as Bishop's defeated McGill 58-42.

"Sara is a hard worker who is playing very well for us right now," said head coach Rod Gilpin. "She is supplying us with some strong play and leadership."

Stephens, a six-foot-four forward on the men's basketball team, had an exceptional weekend at both ends of the court as the Gaiters dropped a 72-51 decision to the Laval Rouge et Or Friday, and beat McGill a 72-71 Saturday.

The fifth-year Social Sciences student was the leading scorer and Player of the Game in Saturday's victory as he scored 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out four assists.

More importantly he was outstanding on defence, holding a pair of all-stars to a combined seven points in the two games.

On Friday he held Laval's Charles Fortier to just three points, and then limited Kirk Reid to four points the following evening.

"Paul provided great leadership when the game was on the line," said head coach Eddie Pomykala. "He came through with the big plays at both ends of the court down the stretch."

Cougars cagers record double win

Women prevail 62-45 over Granby, men outlast John Abbott

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College men's basketball team survived a second half rally by the John Abbott Islanders for a 88-83 win in Montreal Friday.

The win allowed the Cougars to go above the .500 mark (3-2) for the first time this season in CEGEP AAA league play.

Champlain jumped out to a 15-point lead in the first half, but the Islanders refused to quit and battled back to make a game of it.

"We put on a clinic in the first 12 minutes of the game," said Champlain head coach Don Caldwell after the contest. "We scored 40 points in 12 minutes, but couldn't maintain it as we got selfish."

Cougars point guard Chris Blackwood had another outstanding outing, finishing with a game-high 25 points. Teammate J-D Robitaille contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds in the winning cause.

"We were lacking defensive intensity, and our 1-2-2 full-court press was ineffective," admitted Robitaille. "They would just pass over our zone for lay-ups, and we didn't play nearly as well as we can or should play."

The early lead and the fact the Champlain defeated John Abbott twice last season may have caused the Cougars to be complacent in the second half.

WOMEN

The Cougars women's team evened their league record to 2-2 with a solid



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Riding a win over the Sherbrooke Volontaires at home two weekends ago, the Champlain Cougars men's basketball team made it two in a row with a 88-83 win over John Abbott.

62-45 win over the Granby Inuits.

Former Massey-Vanier standout Stephanie Kay led all scorers with 18 points, while point guard Melanie Hogan chipped in with 10 points and some spectacular defensive play.

"We played a 2-3 zone, and it worked really well," said Kay. "It allowed us to

fast break, and we had a lot of players get in the game and contribute."

Champlain was in control for most of the contest, holding a 30-20 half-time lead.

The Cougars' next game will be next Sunday when they play Sorel-Tracy on the road.

The Record's Gaiters contest

Back by popular demand, *The Record* will run its second Gaiters contest of the year. Stay tuned in the upcoming days for more information



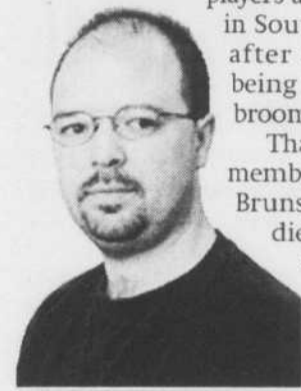
ATHLETES IN THE NEWS

Hazing rituals are bound for dire consequences

Despite the harsh penalties associated with hazing, initiation traditions have apparently never left varsity athletics.

Four Methodist College football players have been disciplined, and another suspended after sodomizing a rookie teammate with a pen earlier this month.

The latest offence is on a growing list of recent, more disturbing hazing rituals. Among them, a wrestling coach resigned and they suspended six players at Hilton Head High School in South Carolina two years ago after a player complained of being sexually assaulted with a broomstick.



JAMIE ZACHARY

That same year, a 17-year-old member of the University of New Brunswick's rugby team nearly died from alcohol poisoning after a "rookie party."

In its more innocent forms, hazing can involve public humiliation or disgusting acts with food. In a mild case, rookies are expected to hold

Twinkies under their armpits while running relay races. Losers have to collect the Twinkies and take a bite out of them.

At the other end, however, first-year athletes are often trademarked, meaning they are hit on the back while sweating, thus leaving a welt. It also involves being hog-tied, stuffed inside a locker, or being forced to masturbate publicly, as was the case in a 1994 incident involving an Ontario hockey team.

Schools have started to intervene in an attempt to halt such practices, but according to the limited data available, coaches continue to turn a blind eye.

Will it take a hazing incident gone wrong for players and coaches to realize the consequences of such practices? If history says anything, sadly yes.

FASHION 9-1-1 ... Nike says 'Just do it', Sprite warns 'Image is nothing, thirst is everything' and Old Spice boasts 'Anything else would be uncivilized'. Now, Reebok has created a coin phrase of its own: 'Wear our merchandise or else ...'

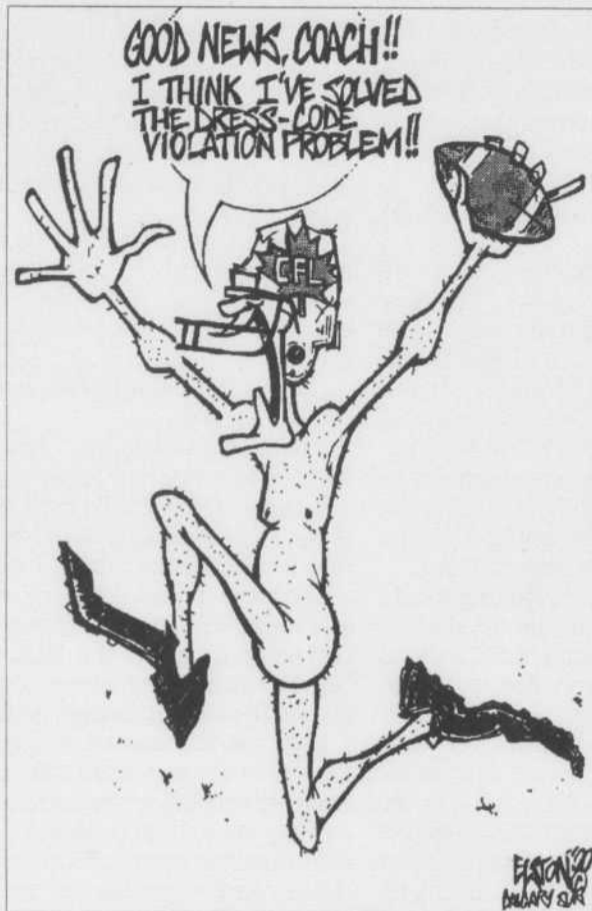
In its ongoing effort to portray a slick and professional image, the NFL has its own fashion police. They are a group of 32 observers, mostly retired NFL players, who report violations of the uniform rules to the league office.

This after the league enters the first of a 10-year, \$250 million-plus apparel and licensing agreement with Reebok, meaning no Johnny Unitas black high top-shoes, untucked shirts or bandannas.

- Other regulations include:
- Sleeves cannot be torn or cut;
 - Towels are limited to six by eight inches;
 - Pants must be pulled down over the knee, and socks must meet the pants below the knee; and
 - Tape on shoes must be transparent or match the colour of the shoes.

Conforming to dress codes like some 13-year-old Catholic school girls may be unpopular with players, but it's better than the alternative. In the NBA, lax regulations make it so athletes often look like they're coming straight from P-Diddy music video.

Plus, fines collected in the NFL (which range from



\$5,000 to \$100,000 depending on frequency and the situation) go toward worthwhile organizations like the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund, Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Research Center and NFLPA Players Assistance Trust.

BACK OF THE LINE JUNIOR ... Sandy Alderson, Major League Baseball's executive vice president, says a new directive that will set age limits for batboys will be in effect for the 2003 season.

This follows a scary near-accident at home plate involving three-year-old Darren Baker (son of former Giants manager Dusty Baker) during last month's World Series.

After some digging, I discovered the league already has a directive forbidding children to be on the field once the gates open for fans. Yet officials have loosened up to increase TV ratings with Kodak moments like young Matt McGuire welcoming dad Mark after breaking Hank Aaron's home run record.

The new age limit being discussed is 16, meaning one day a bat boy, the next day a spot on the starting rotation.

ALL HAIL THE KING ... It didn't take head coach Don Matthews long to turn a team of underachievers into Grey Cup champions Sunday.

In guiding his Montreal Alouettes to a 23-15 win over the Edmonton Eskimos, the veteran boss joins an elite list of coaches to win five or more Grey Cups.

More importantly, Matthews delivered on pre-season promises, overcame the adversity associated with releasing crowd favourite Steve Charbonneau, and beat the rap after benching Mike Pringle in favour of Lawrence Phillips.

He may not be as media savvy as some would like, and I'm quite sure I've never seen him smile, but Matthews is a class act in the CFL.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Epstein youngest GM in baseball

The Boston Red Sox made 28-year-old Theo Epstein the youngest general manager in baseball history Monday, ending a long search for a front-office leader by promoting one of their own.

The Red Sox had been without a permanent general manager since Florida financier John W. Henry bought the team in spring training and fired Dan Duquette.

Mike Port was interim GM for the season and was a candidate for the long-term job that went to Epstein. The team said Port has been invited to remain as vice-president of baseball operations.

Epstein, who was raised near Fenway Park in suburban Brookline, became director of baseball operations for San Diego in 2000, when Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was running the Padres. Epstein also spent two years each in San Diego's media relations department and as a baseball operations assistant.

Randy Smith, previously the youngest GM, was 29 when he was hired by San Diego in 1993.

Pirates bolster lineup with Simon trade

The Pittsburgh Pirates acquired first baseman Randall Simon from the Detroit Tigers for three minor-leaguers Monday.

The Tigers, apparently wary of a possible large salary increase Simon could get this winter in arbitration, acquired Australian-born left-hander Adrian Burnside and two prospects to be named.

Simon, 27, is coming off his best major league season, hitting .301 with 19 homers and a team-high 82 RBIs. He hit .316 with runners in scoring position and struck out only 30 times in 482 at-bats, making him the toughest AL batter to strike out.

Simon made \$290,000 last season, but is salary to expected to jump to more than \$1 million. He has two years, 149 days of major league service, 12 days above the cutoff this winter.

Belfour rewarded with weekly honours

Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Ed Belfour, who posted consecutive shutouts against the division-leading Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers, has been named NHL Player of the Week.

Belfour edged Carolina Hurricanes left wing Erik Cole (four goals, three assists, +5 in three games), Pittsburgh Penguins center Mario Lemieux (two goals, eight assists in four games) and Edmonton Oilers goaltender Tommy Salo (2-0-1, 0.97 goals-against average) for the award.

Belfour posted his 60th and 61st career shutouts, tying Colorado Avalanche goaltender Patrick Roy for the most among active goaltenders. Belfour made 29 saves in a 2-0 victory over the Northeast Division-leading Boston Bruins Nov. 19 and stopped 25 shots in a 6-0 victory over the Atlantic Division leaders, the Philadelphia Flyers, Nov. 23.

Around Town

To submit your sporting event, fax it to (819) 569-3945, email newsroom@sherbrooke-record.com or contact Jamie Zachary, Correspondents' Editor, or Mike Hickey at (819) 569-6345.

UPCOMING

- **CEGEP AAA BASKETBALL: Friday**, Victoriaville at Granby, 7:15 p.m.
- **QMJHL: Friday**, Moncton at Sherbrooke Castors, Palais des Sports, 7:30 p.m.
- **JUNIOR AAA HOCKEY: Saturday**, Lachine at Champlain Cougars, W.B. Scott Arena, 8 p.m.

NHL tough guy succumbs to cancer

By Gary Mason
SOUTHAM NEWS

He knew he was dying. He knew why he was dying too. Steve Durbano just wished he had figured it all out earlier, before it was too late.

Durbano died last week in Yellowknife. His news wire obituary talked about a former NHL tough guy whose life spiralled out of control after his turbulent hockey career came to a close. I might not have thought twice about the death notice and Durbano's checkered career had I not met him myself.

It was in Yellowknife last November and I was touring with the NHL Oldtimers for a book I was researching at the time. Tiger Williams and the rest of the team were getting their equipment on before the game when a tough-looking figure in jeans, a green hunter's jacket and trucker's hat walked into the dressing room unannounced.

"Durbie," Williams barked, as he looked up from tying his skates. "How you doing you old son-of-a-bitch?"

Durbie, we would quickly learn, was Steve Durbano, a former first round draft pick of the New York Rangers who played 220 games in the NHL, compiling 73 points but a more amazing 1,127 minutes in penalties.

He wasn't well. You could tell just by looking at Steve Durbano that day. His complexion had a sickly yellow tinge. So did the whites of his eyes. It wasn't long before Durbano was confiding to Williams he was terminally ill. Doctors had given him a year to live. He figured he had six months.

"Are you still drinking?" Tiger asked him.

"You're damn right," Durbano shot back. "I'm not going to sit on the couch and wait to die. If I want a beer I'm going to have a goddamn beer. I was bad all of those years so what do people think, all of a sudden I'm going to be God's Angel?"

Durbano would reveal that he had cancer of the liver and cirrhosis of the liver too. He needed an organ transplant but because of his shady past and age, he wasn't real high on the priority list.

"I'm not Mickey Mantle in other words," he said.

Durbano was born in Toronto to a middle class family. He discovered hockey early and eventually became one of the better players of his age in the Metro Toronto area. He played junior for the hometown Marlies. At six-foot-one' and 210 pounds, Durbano was big for a defenceman back then. He was tough too. As tough as they came. In his second year of junior he picked up a stunning 371 minutes in penalties, mostly from fighting.

The New York Rangers, looking to add some toughness to their lineup, drafted Durbano in the first round in 1971, ahead of future stars like Larry Robinson and Terry O'Reilly. Draft day, as it turns out, would be the highlight of Durbano's NHL career. Before he ever played a game for the Rangers he was traded to St. Louis. He didn't last long there either. He was traded to Pittsburgh and by Pittsburgh to the Kansas City Scouts. When the Scouts folded Durbano ended up in Colorado and then later played with Birmingham of the World Hockey Association.

It was in Birmingham that Durbano played alongside Dave Hanson of Slap Shot fame. As Mike Murphy a former teammate of Durbano would say upon hearing of his death: "He (Durbano) was the most raucous player I've ever seen. He was an elite player right out of the move Slap Shot. You think those guys are invented? You didn't know Steve Durbano."

Durbano would eventually play his last NHL game in the city he played his first, St. Louis. In 1978, he would play 13 games for the Blues before hanging his skates up for good.

"It was a long and wild ride," Durbano told me that day in Yellowknife, as he watched Williams and the rest of the Oldtimers warm up before the start of the game.

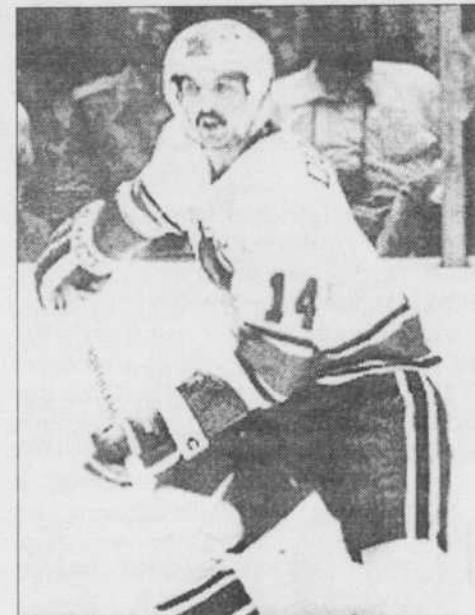
"What happened after your career ended?" I asked.

"What didn't happen," he snorted. "I had blown every cent I had when my career ended. I thought I'd have 14, 15 years in the NHL and there would be plenty of time to save for the future. I was wrong."

Durbano started dabbling with drugs as a young teenager in Toronto. It continued when he got to the NHL, where he began to explore more expensive forms of getting high. Like snorting cocaine.

Durbano was also drinking heavily and soon his life away from the rink began dragging him below the surface.

After he retired, Durbano's problems continued. In 1983, he was sentenced to seven years in prison for his part in a scheme to import nearly \$600,000 worth of cocaine. Twelve years later, he was back in prison for running an escort service.



COURTESY BIRMINGHAM BULLS

Former NHLer Steve Durbano, who also played for the Birmingham Bulls, died last week.

Eventually, he made his way west where he dropped in at Grande Prairie, Alta., to visit an ex-wife and two daughters he hadn't seen in years. He ended up getting a job with a janitorial company that took him north.

"This is the best thing that ever happened to me," Durbano said that day in the rink. "I just wish I was going to have more time here."

He was dying, he said, and had no one to blame but himself.

"So what do I have left? I have memories of the past. That's it, memories."

Steve Durbano was 50.

Boguniecki an offensive surprise for Blues

Southam News

Not even the most supportive fans of right-winger Eric Boguniecki could have expected his quick offensive surge with the St. Louis Blues.

Left unprotected in the waiver draft, Boguniecki was ready to begin the season in the minors until the shoulder injury of Daniel Corso in the season opener led to Boguniecki's recall.

Since then, he's netted a team leading 10 goals in just 18 games while adding seven assists. Sure, he's benefited from playing on a line with scoring leader Doug Weight.

But Boguniecki is no stranger to big offensive performances. The Connecticut native tied for the AHL goal-scoring lead last season at Worcester with 38 goals on his way to an MVP season.

He also is no stranger to Blues general manager Larry Pleau. Boguniecki and Pleau's son, Worcester assistant coach Steve Pleau, were close friends and teammates at the University of New Hampshire.

CHANGE OF PLANS: When the season

got underway, Dallas Stars coach Dave Tippett's line combinations were in a state of flux.

One pairing that appeared to be chiseled in granite was Pierre Turgeon centering a line that would include Scott Young on the right side. That combo made all kinds of sense but got off to a bumpy beginning.

Turgeon was shifted to the left side on the second line centered by Jason Arnott.

Meanwhile, Young bounced from one line to the next. Young has done his job defensively, but he was hired to score goals, which he finally did with three goals in a four-game span. Modest, yes, but it's a start.

HOME DIS-ADVANTAGE: Not only did the Colorado Avalanche fail to pick up a win on home ice in last Thursday's 1-1 tie with the lowly Nashville Predators, but the team lost three forwards — centres Vaclav Nedorost and Steve Reinprecht, along with left winger Scott Parker — to injury.

Nedorost and Reinprecht sustained shoulder injuries and missed Saturday's

game at St. Louis. Parker suffered a neck injury but returned for the Avs' 3-1 over the Blues. The road win snapped a three-game losing streak.

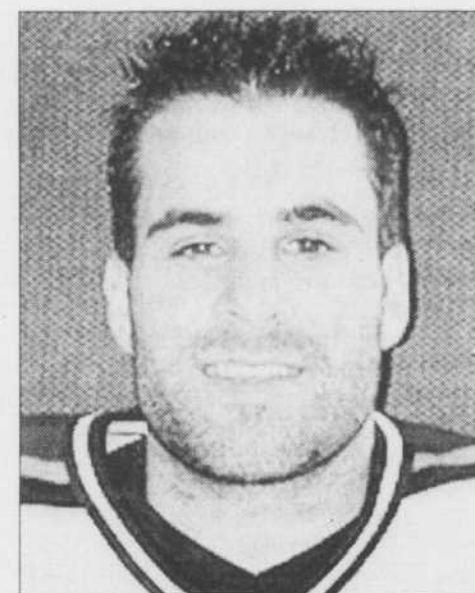
PAY THIS MAN SOME OVERTIME: What's with New Jersey Devils defenceman Scott Niedermayer and fourth periods? He scored an NHL record-tying four overtime goals last season, and he scored another one in New Jersey's victory over the Sabres last week.

"Guys were always giving it to me in overtime because of what happened last year," Niedermayer said.

NO ORDINARY DICK: A Swedish television crew recently visited the Pittsburgh Penguins' locker room. Was it to interview the NHL's leading scorer Mario Lemieux? To chat with goaltender Johan Hedberg, a native Swede? Guess again.

All concerned wanted to talk about Dick Tarnstrom. It seems that Tarnstrom's remarkable start to his season is beginning to draw some buzz around the league as it had been doing in Pittsburgh for weeks now.

Tarnstrom, 27, spent nine years in



COURTESY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Boguniecki leads St. Louis with 10 goals.

Sweden's top professional league before the Islanders brought him over last season. They released him at the end of the year and he found his way to Pittsburgh.

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Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002

Useful pointers said on paper

By Phillip Alder

Marty Bergen has published "Marty Sez 2" (Bergen Books, 2002). Like the original "Marty Sez," it contains useful snippets to improve one's game. This book has 12 chapters, 10 on bidding, one on declarer-play and one on defense. It ends with the 79 tips listed and a glossary.

You cannot go far wrong applying the advice — if you apply it correctly! I liked this recommendation. Look only at the South hand. Your partner opens one diamond. You respond one heart, bidding four-card suits up the line. Partner rebids two diamonds. What would you do now?

With only 10 high-card points, one's immediate reaction is to make a game-try, either two no-trump or three diamonds. However, partner must have at least six diamonds, and your king is magic. Also, you have an ace and king — quick tricks — on the side. You should immediately leap to three no-trump.

Note that partner has only 11 high-card points; he isn't accepting any game-tries. But you have nine quick tricks (assuming East doesn't have all four diamonds and the opponents don't take the first five heart tricks). Even if you change North's club ace into the heart ace, you still have a play for three no-trump. On a good day, you would receive a club lead around to your king.

This bid comes with no guarantees, but it is the percentage action.

Also, Bergen has put his "Points Schmoints" book onto an interactive CD-ROM.

The book is \$16.00 and the CD-ROM \$25.00 postpaid from Bergen. Call (800) 386-7432 to order.

Windsor Mrs. C. McCourt 845-3416

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Watson and three sons, St. Albert, Ont., were weekend guests of Rick's parents, Grand and Alison Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Marceau and John Williams, St. Ignace de Stanbridge spent a day with Mrs. C. McCourt, Olive McCourt joined them at the dinner hour.

Mrs. Mildred Holliday accompanied Gary and Line Holliday and family to Stratford, Ont., to attend the funeral of their cousin, Olive (Smith) Robinson, wife of Dennis Robinson. En route to and from Stratford they were overnight guests of James and Ruby Brown in Oshawa. William and Nancy Holliday of Richmond were also in Stratford for the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wheeler, Picton, Ont. and Dwight and Gloria Wheeler, Trenton, Ont., visited Mrs. May Dubuc at the Wales Home. Cheryl (Wheeler) Johnson of Glen Robertson, Ont., recently visited her aunt at the Home.

Bury Nina Rowell

Mrs. Lillian Thompson has returned to her home in Gorham, N.H., after spending the past few weeks at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Herbert Rowell. She was accompanied here by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Leon Michaud of Berlin, N.H., who were dinner guests at the Rowell home. She was accompanied home by her daughter-in-law, Roxey Thompson, also of Berlin.

While here, she accompanied the Rowells to the Argyll Pavilion in Sherbrooke, where they visited their sister, Audrey Dougherty, while she was a patient there.

On Sunday, November 10th, Herbert and Nina Rowell, accompanied by their house guest, Lillian Thompson, went to Knowlton, where they visited their eldest sister, Mrs. Una Leavitt, at Knowlton House, on the occasion of Una's 92nd birthday the following day, Nov. 11th.

Friends of Aleck Lancaster will be interested to know that he is also a patient at Knowlton House.

David and Hélène Dougherty of Oakville, Ont., accompanied by David's mother, Audrey Dougherty, who was on a weekend leave from the Argyll Pavilion, spent Saturday afternoon visiting Herbert and Nina Rowell.

Death

GUILBAULT, Lillian - A funeral service was held in Montreal, on Friday, November 22, 2002, for Lillian Guilbault. Loving sister of Charles, Arthur (Roberta), Marshall, Joe, Theresa and Arnold. Also by nieces: Barb, Penny, Pam and nephew, Allan, grandnieces: Becky, Courtney and Emma-Lyn and grand-nephew, Ashton. Sadly missed by family members and close friends. We love you and will always keep you close to our hearts.

In Memoriam

MARSH, Phyliss - In loving memory of our dear mother and wife who passed away November 25, 1999.

God gave you the strength to fight,
And courage to bear the blow,
Sadly you had to leave us
What it meant few people will ever know.

Sadly missed by

RUSSELL MARSH, your husband
and all your children, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren

Deaths

STEVENS, David Albert - Passed away on October 16, 2002 at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminister, B.C., at the age of 41. Left to mourn his loss were daughters: Jessica and Christina and good friend, Kathy Munday. Brothers: John, Peter, Wesley (Bev Munday) and five nieces, also Marian Guillette and her family. He was the son of Albert Stevens and Lois Sheldon. Burial of ashes and memorial service was held November 2, 2002 at Mt. Forest Cemetery, Coaticook, Que., beside his grandparents.



VOISINE, Jean 1929-2002 - Peacefully at his residence in Ste-Anne-de-la-Rochelle on Saturday, November 23rd, 2002, passed away Jean Voisine, loving husband of the late Huguette Laberge. Left to mourn are his children: Danielle, Jean, Nicole and Claude, his grandchildren: François, Maxime, Hugo, Élise, Laurence and Évelyne, many other relatives and dear friends. Mr. Voisine is resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton, Que., tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca. Visitation will be on Wednesday, November 27th, 2002 from 2-5 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services from St-Edouard Catholic Church in Knowlton to be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 28th, followed by cremation. Please note: Thursday, day of the service, the funeral home will be open from 10 a.m. Donations in his memory to La Fondation des Skieurs Handicapés de L'Estrie, P.O. Box 1115, Knowlton, Que., JOE 1V0, would be appreciated by the family.

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Unless they are in financial straits, they should not expect a free ride

Dear Annie: I was married last August. The day after our brief honeymoon, my parents moved in with us because the construction on their new home had been delayed and they had no place to live.

My parents agreed to pay for the groceries and the electric bill. Both of my parents are retired, and they stay home with the television and computers running all day. We have yet to receive any money toward the electric bill, and I finally asked my mother if she had forgotten to pay us. She replied that we had turned off the air conditioning and she was uncomfortable and sweaty, so in protest, they were not going to pay for the electricity. My husband and I often turn off the air conditioning when the weather is nice and because we don't care for it. (And it's cheaper, too.)

I am extremely upset with my parents. They live rent-free and increase my water and electric bills. They also buy only those groceries they like, and my husband and I rarely have anything to eat unless we buy it ourselves. Are we making a big deal out of nothing? — Newcastle, Ontario

Dear Ontario: Your parents are not keeping up their end of the agreement. Of course they should reimburse you for

the electric bill. They also should be buying groceries from a prepared list that includes foods all of you enjoy.

If your folks resent paying for these things, ask what they feel is fair, and work out an accommodation. Unless they are in financial straits, they should not expect a free ride. P.S.: Let's hope the construction on their house moves swiftly.

Dear Annie: I like to get my Christmas shopping done early so I can enjoy the holiday without battling the crowds. Every October, I ask our children to make a list of things they would like. I then select items from that list. I always tell my husband what I bought and where the presents are hidden, so he can be part of the gift-giving excitement.

This year, he really blew it. Yesterday, our 13-year-old son asked his father what he was getting for Christmas, and Daddy told him! When I found out, I hit the roof. What should I do? — Married to a Big Mouth in Simsbury, Conn.

Dear Simsbury: Obviously, your husband gets too excited and cannot be trusted to keep his mouth shut. It's OK that your son knows what he's getting. Maybe he'll regret that his surprise was

Annie's Mailbox

spoiled and not ask again next year. Meanwhile, tell your

husband about the gifts the day before they are opened. He will still be a part of the process, but he won't have to hold on to the secret as long.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to the letter from the mother who said her daughter isn't ready for marriage because her home is a mess.

I grew up in a dirty house, but it was full of love. Mom was a single parent raising two girls. She was also a teacher, a volunteer at a domestic violence shelter, and she sang weekly in a barbershop quartet.

When I married, I tried very hard to keep my home from looking like my mother's. One day, I was near tears over the mess, when my best friend asked if I

thought a clean house measured my worth as a mother. She also asked if I thought my mother was a bad parent. Of course I said "no" to both.

If this woman's daughter is happy with her life, Mom should be happy for her. Happiness is hard to find. A cleaning woman isn't. — Mother of Three

Dear Mother of Three: You are absolutely right. Thanks for saying so.

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

Lennoxville Curling Club

The Ladies Branch of the Lennoxville Curling Club held their annual Mixed Bridge Tournament on Nov. 14 with about 60 people present. Our table of men consisted of Dr. Cadman, Al Edwards, Greg O'Boyle and Dean Bishop. Partners were changed every hour for three hours.

The first hand dealt to Dean Bishop was very strong and surprising, but all evening it continued - if not a bidding

hand it was strong opposition which created a lot of doubling.

Al Edwards is regarded as one of the best Bridge Players in our group and is a retired school teacher. He looked after the scores as the evening passed and announced to us that Bishop had 4600 points for the evening. None of us had ever heard of anything like it - it maybe a record!

Dean Bishop

Sutton Women's Institute

It was a busy afternoon for the Sutton W.I. on Nov. 12, 2002. The meeting was held in the U.C. Hall at 1:30 p.m. Nine members were present and it was finger food day.

Several members were absent, we are sorry that Cora Hazard is in hospital and all are thinking of her and wish her well.

The president, Reda Lewis opened the meeting with the Collect, then read a poem "Names to December" followed by two minutes silence and In Flanders Fields.

The Motto: Replace something on your "to do" list with something that makes you happy.

Roll Call: What laws are not enforced?

Buy and wear a poppy. Gun control was the answer by several.

Kathy Edgar read October minutes, followed by reports from those that delivered the plates of home made cookies to shut-ins and others with Happy Thanksgiving.

New business: An invitation to attend a Soup and Dessert luncheon in South Bolton Nov. 25, 11 a.m. sponsored by S.B.W.I.

Reda said she had taken the articles given by S.W.I. members to the Youth Home in Cowansville. There were 103 articles - such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, towels, wash cloths, etc. They are grateful. She also gave us more information concerning the FWIC

Convention. They would like the things for the sale table and other articles by May 2003.

The Christmas card list was made and Reda will write them.

A motion was made and seconded to pay our commitments, this includes U.C. hall, school lunches, cards and Arnold Royce for all his errands.

A very generous amount of non-perishable food was brought in for the Sutton Food Bank.

There were 77 articles given for the "Wool Gathering" - mittens, scarfs, tuques, gloves, socks, child's sweaters and others. Six lap robes will find new homes.

The Christmas party to be held in U.C. hall was organized, food lists drawn up. Cathryn Royce and Darlene Sevigny are the convenors. Members are invited to bring a guest, there will be exchange of gifts. A short business meeting at 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12 p.m.

The happy birthday was sung for Darlene S. A card was signed by those present for Cora H. and wish her a speedy recovery.

The pennies for Friendship and tea money was collected.

Tea, sandwiches and sweets were enjoyed with conversation for a pleasant social hour.

See you all at the Christmas party, Dec. 10th.

Violet Knights, publicity



LENNOXVILLE

Mr. James Hosking will be the guest speaker at the St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club meeting on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:45 p.m. at the Community Centre, 10 Depot Street. Topic: prospecting and sluicing for gold.

SHERBROOKE

The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting will be held at Hotel Le President, on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Guest will be Elizabeth Warlund with "Christmas Music and Sing-a-Long." Guests welcome but must reserve with Alice Kobelt. Tel: (819) 562-3509 by December 1.

STANSTEAD

Arts & Craft show, Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., basement of the Notre-Dame de la Merci Church, Notre-Dame Boul. West. Over 20 exhibitors, cafeteria on the premises. Sales benefit students of the College des Ursulines. Come and encourage them!

BURY

The annual Christmas tea and sale for St. Paul's Home will be held on Sunday, December 1 at the Bury Town Hall, 563 Main Street, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission charged. All proceeds for the Home.

HUNTINGVILLE

The second annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the Universalist

Church beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. John Foster will be the organist. Special guest choir will be Les Enfants de la Terre. Refreshments will follow the service.

RICHMOND

Candlelight tea and Christmas Bazaar at St. Anne's Anglican Church this Saturday, November 30. Sales tables open 1:30 p.m. Tea 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a festive afternoon with us.

BURY

Women's Centre workshop on "Activity Ideas for Children," Thursday, November 28, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Bury Town Hall. On-site childcare available while mothers meet with Jackie Hall, director of Literacy in Action. Call (819) 564-6626 to register.

LENNOXVILLE

A service of lessons and carols for Advent and Christmas will be held in St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University on Saturday, November 30 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome

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

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: E equals C

"RWO POB WBROP B ETYBIX."

- OSMOZO T'ZOHCC

"JIBHPO RWO POB, LSR FOOJ

TZ RWO CBZX." - MOTIMO

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St. Philip's A.C.W. met on Nov. 13, at the home of Ferne Parker. Five members and two guests were present. The president, Jean Evans opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer and A.C.W. Prayer followed by a reading from Romans 5:10.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Jean gave this treasurer report in the absence of our treasurer, Lydia Judge. The report of our bazaar was pleasing. The box of groceries was won by Hope Evans, the \$25 gift certificate from Essaim was won by Doug Judge and the umbrella by Iona West. Doug Mackay won the door prize. We

thanked everyone for coming and especially those who travelled from out of town.

Correspondence was a thank you from the Bennett family for the lunch we served after the funeral of their mother, Winnie Bennett.

For Cheer: Eight cards were sent by Phyllis. We all signed a card for Albert

Sylvester. His daughter-in-law, Susan gave us a report on his condition. Sorry to hear he had to return to the hospital after his hip replacement. We signed a card for a former member, Freda MacLeod, who had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. We wish them both a speedy recovery. We also signed a birthday card for Geraldine Lowry.

Social: Ferne reported 49 calls made. The members brought in their "Thank Offerings."

A few calendars were sold and the members donated towards the "Operation Christmas Child" which Susan was looking after.

Rev. Sister Mary Florence invited everyone to take part in the Christmas pageant to be held in St. Peter's Church, Cookshire on Dec. 8.

Sherry and Daniel Marquis are giving the Christmas tree for our church again this year. The children will do the decorating.

Phyllis passed with the apron and all contributed.

Rev. Sister Mary Florence won the hostess gift, which Susan acquired after she auctioned it off!

Altar Guild for Dec. - Sheila. Sheila will have the December meeting.

Ferne adjourned the meeting and she served a delicious lunch and we all enjoyed a social time.

Sheila Bellam

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002

In the year ahead you may have to put out greater effort than what was required of you in the past in order to fulfill an ambitious requirement, but if you are diligent, the rewards you reap will be substantial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - An additional responsibility may be piled on you today, but instead of it being a burden, it'll be one that will demonstrate your skills and abilities. The powers that be will be impressed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - It is determination and tenacity on your part that will be responsible for accomplishing something today that no one else has been able to pull off. You'll show them how it is done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - The sage advice an associate offers you today might be a bitter pill to swallow at first, but once you digest it, you'll value its content. It's exactly what you have needed to hear.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Corrective measures may be finally taken today on an old situation that needs finalizing. It could have something to do with being compensated for something for which you never received proper remuneration.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Someone you've been dying to meet or know better may be observing you today and liking what s/he sees. You'll now have a chance to cultivate the relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Remember that tedious task you've been sweeping under the rug? Today's the day to get it out of the way - once and for all. You'll discover it isn't as tough of a job as you thought it would be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Work out a matter today that has been of serious concern for you with the person who is directly involved, but select a convivial environment in which to have your get-together. It'll help a lot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - If you shop

diligently and aren't afraid to haggle a bit over the prices, you stand a good chance of finding some excellent buys for the home today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - The type of resolve and determination you take on today is the kind that breathes success. Set your sights on objectives that are truly meaningful where your efforts can pay big dividends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Career or commercial arrangements look exceptionally promising for you today when you operate with those whom you've done favors for in the past. They'll find ways to reciprocate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - It behooves you to stand up and be counted should a friend of yours come under fire from an adversary today. Your loyalty will be admired by those you'd like to impress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Strive for your objectives in an energetic and dedicated manner today, but do so in ways that won't announce your target and plans before you get a chance to play your hand.

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ACROSS

- 1 Stead
- 5 Alan of "Shane"
- 9 Pseudonym
- 14 Plays parts
- 15 Mutt of Garfield's jokes
- 16 Actress Fiorentino
- 17 Hook
- 20 Like old jokes
- 21 Rock full of crystals
- 22 Affirmative action?
- 23 Waned
- 25 Way out
- 27 Funny Sid
- 30 Bern's river
- 31 With 45A, line
- 34 Makes eyes at
- 38 Hairpiece

- 39 Pooh's creator
- 41 Bauxite or galena
- 42 Emulate Ricky Henderson
- 45 See 31A
- 48 Movie piglet
- 50 July birthstones
- 51 Patisserie
- 54 Actor Glenn
- 56 "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 57 Hot drink
- 59 Serious situation
- 63 Sinker
- 66 Calvin of fashion
- 67 Molten flow
- 68 Zip about
- 69 "End of the Road" star Keach
- 70 Fingerboard increment
- 71 Fencer's sword

- 27 Intimidates
- 28 Mine access
- 29 Outskirts
- 30 Dancer Pavlova
- 32 Intuitive feeling
- 33 Bridge authority Culbertson
- 35 Mischievous Norse god
- 36 A Great Lake
- 37 Espies
- 40 Saragossa's river
- 43 Tad's dad
- 44 Theft
- 46 Surpass
- 47 Butt in
- 49 Invitation letters
- 51 Gets behind
- 52 Over 18
- 53 Politically divided peninsula
- 54 Type of battery
- 55 Soprano Emma
- 58 Meadow youngster
- 60 PDQ relative
- 61 Bog down
- 62 Chip in a chip
- 64 Singer Damone
- 65 Hep dude

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Track circuits
- 2 "New Jack City" co-star
- 3 Sundance's girlfriend
- 4 Serving no purpose
- 5 Cut off
- 6 Saying
- 7 Did lunch
- 8 "Whip It" rock group
- 9 Not quite presto, musically
- 10 "___ Abner"
- 11 Cockamamie
- 12 So long, senior
- 13 "___ of Iwo Jima"
- 18 Get back in the sack?
- 19 Inking
- 24 Fedora feature
- 26 Std.

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