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## Jury trial underway for 3 QPF officers

*Testimony from  
victims heard*

By Maurice Crossfield

The trial of three provincial police officers got underway in Granby Monday, with testimony from the victims of the road accident in Sutton three years ago that started it all.

Quebec Police Force officers Pierre-Yves Deragon, Pierre Boileau and Marcel Brodeur are facing several charges, primarily for obstruction of justice, altering evidence and falsifying documents. The aim of it all, prosecutor Josée Grandchamp says, was to ensure that Sophie Brodeur (daughter of Marcel Brodeur) didn't face charges of impaired driving causing bodily injury following a head-on collision on the night of Dec. 31, 1996.

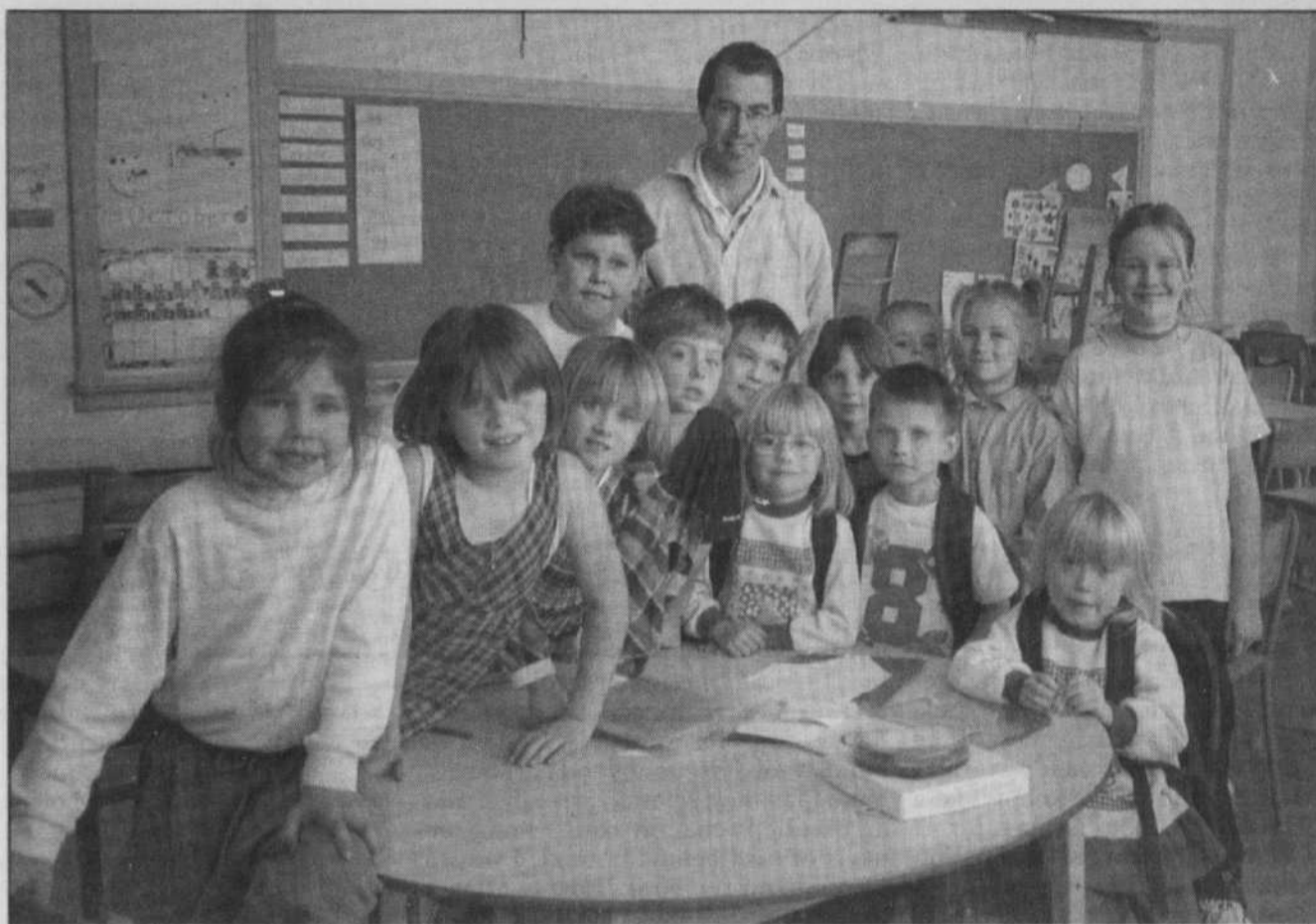
First on the stand was Gerry Dubin. The 53-year-old Montreal resident was sitting in the back of his brother-in-law's car with his wife as they were entering Sutton on Route 139 at about 11:30 p.m.. Under the questioning of Grandchamp, Dubin told the jury his account of the accident.

"I saw the lights of a car coming on the wrong side of the road, it was going around a curve in the road," said Dubin.

Dubin said the car weaved around in the wrong lane as it approached them. Finally Morton Randolph, the man driving the Dubins to their Sutton chalet, swerved into the left lane to avoid the oncoming car.

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## Mansonville Elementary Goes Bilingual



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

Mansonville Elementary School has added a sense of "joie de vivre" to the curriculum with the arrival of full-time French teacher Claude LeBlanc, seen here with his students. For the full story, please see Wednesday's Brome County News.

## Think before you drink and drive

*Tough new legislation  
and increased fines  
make impaired driving  
a very costly mistake*

By René Bruemmer

Despite years of public awareness campaigns and increasingly strict fines, alcohol continues to

be a factor in nearly half of all traffic fatalities in Canada.

Of the 3,064 traffic fatalities in the country in 1997, approximately 1,200 were alcohol related, a number which more than doubled the national homicide rate of 581 that year. Police laid more than 84,000 impaired driving charges in the same period.

In response to the continued problem and public pressure, the federal

government recently introduced strict new punishments for offenders, including immediate license suspensions and heavy monetary penalties.

With the coming of the holiday season, which is expected to be more festive than usual due to end of millennium celebrations, regional police are starting to gear up with media blitzes and increased presence on the roads.

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# Black and white become grayer with time

**M**y curiosity was peaked. The flickering gold glow seemed out of place. In the wrong place, in fact.

As I neared our neighbour's home, I became uneasy. It was just a small fire, it's flames maybe a foot and a half high. But it was so close to the garage. And there in front of the building was another tiny blaze. Someone was nearby, a child of perhaps nine or ten. Everything must be under control I told myself.

I continued on my way to town, driving ever so slowly. Hesitation and uncertainty reigned. Something wasn't quite right with the scene I had just passed. The fires were burning way too close to the garage. There were cars nearby.

Indecision reigned. Should I turn around and make sure the parents were aware of the situation? Would I be interfering if I did so? Would the young man hate me forever if he interpreted my intervention as 'squealing'? The questions persisted. I had no answers. A nagging fear would not go away. By the time I

had arrived at the next house, my mind was made up. I couldn't take a chance. This family had already been the victim of a fire. Before any of the children were born, the couple and their parents had been in the barn choring when the house trailer caught on fire. By the time the flames and smoke were noticed, it had been too late to save the structure. They had lost all of their belongings.

As I pulled into the yard, no more flames were to be seen. The boy appeared to be prancing about. But the evidence remained; two black smouldering stains on the ground could not be erased, no matter how hard the blond-haired lad tried. It was then that I knew for certain that this had been no casual matter.

Still worried that the youngster



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MASTINE

would regard me with disdain, I casually greeted him and headed for the house. No one inside had seen the fires. The young man's mom had seen wisps of smoke that she thought were fog. She was grateful that I had pointed out the danger, that she could deal with this behaviour under these circumstances, thankful that the interaction between her active son and the matches had not transpired in the barn.

Why is it that as we age and gain experience and wisdom, decisions do not come more easily? Why isn't everything black and white, clear and precise?

Why do children have to learn on their own? Why are they attracted to things that their parents fear? Why...?

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The pink shape stood out in the pristine snow. Everything around her was white: the walkway she was shoveling, the lawn, the low-lying verandah, the house. This made her even more evident to passers-by on this main thoroughfare.

It was a snapshot moment. One that

stays forever in your mind. One when you so wish you had a camera. One that makes you anticipate seeing the same scene the next time you go by, but you don't. Yet your memory keeps replaying the image over and over again. And you feel the same emotions again and again.

A smile escapes my lips as I remember that fifty-something woman boldly shoveling snow from the pathway, clad only in a soft flowing, full-length pink bathrobe. Had she thought that no one would notice her just feet from the traffic? The incongruity of the scene etched it into my mind. The woman wearing a warm, cozy lounging garment to remove winter precipitation in the frosty out-of-doors. And gave me a sense that here was a kindred spirit of sorts. Perhaps it's not so strange to stride out to fetch the newspapers just after daylight exposes the horizon clad in nightwear partially masked by a layer of winter clothing, and to remain calm and collected should a vehicle happen by. Maybe more of us should be so daring.

# All that you need to know about bird feeding

**N**ow's the best time of year to set up bird feeders to attract winter residents right into your backyard. In November, usually most of the migrating birds are on their way south even though you may see Robins and a few Juncos until Christmas. So, if you've recently discovered the passion of bird watching, this is the best time of the year to start identifying birds because there are fewer species around and if you put out food in your garden, you will have the pleasure of watching them at close range.

To start with, you may want to read a few books and learn the basics of bird feeding. From my collection, I recommend some of my most-treasured titles. "North American birdfeeder Handbook" by Robert Burton is published by the National Audubon Society. The book is easy to use, nicely

written and absolutely packed with interesting information. It features chapters on food with recipes for peanut butter and suet mixtures, feeders to build, birdbaths, ponds and nest boxes. More than 50 species are described and an excellent chapter covers many aspects of bird behavior. Next, I would recommend the book "How to attract birds" published by Ortho Books. With lots of colour pictures, illustrations and lists, the explanations are very easy to understand. You will learn the attractiveness of bird seeds to common birds, the type of feeders they prefer and how to present food. The chapters also cover birds in the garden, in the wild, and a gallery of birds with information on more than 75 species.

Several birders enjoy reading magazines to learn more about new facts and recent development in the bird

## BIRD CHRONICLE



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world. One of the most popular is "Bird watcher's Digest" with its small pocketbook size and a whole section on backyard subjects. There is also "Birder's World" with the most beautiful photos and a content to please all type of birdwatchers. Then, if you

happen to read French, there is a magazine called "Quebec Oiseaux" which is published by the Association of bird-watcher's clubs of Quebec. Available in news stands, it is a reference on birds in our province. It features articles on identification, backyard birds, places to visit and presents beautiful photos

of birds.

For a book and bird lover like me, it is daunting to have to narrow my suggestions to just a few books. But, with one of these documents in hand, I'm confident you will be drawn to the fascinating hobby of attracting birds.

## News from the Townships

Have you seen a Tufted Titmouse lately? Some bird watchers have already seen a few at feeders in Sherbrooke. Maybe we're looking at another small invasion like the one we had in 1995. At that time, titmice were reported at over ten feeders from Stanstead to Magog during the fall season. If you happen to see one at your feeder, I would like to be informed to keep a record of their presence so far north. You may leave a message at The Record for me.

## Weather:

Today: Snow. Total accumulation near 10 centimetres. High near minus 1.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Probability of flurries 40 percent. Low near minus 5. High near minus 2.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Low near minus 8. High near minus 2.

## BEN by Daniel Shelton



# New high-tech centre finds home on Galt St.

*Multi-media businesses can take advantage of tax credits*

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

After months of faltering and false starts, the government has made a final decision on the location of its multi-media center known as the Centre de Développement des Technologies de l'Information or CDTI.

While the cat was already out of the bag with media reports Monday morning, Parti Québécois MNA Claude Boucher confirmed the CDTI centre will be located in the Sodelco building 740 Galt West St. near the corner of Belvédère Street.

The center is one of many throughout the province being set up by private entrepreneurs to provide a home for small and medium-sized businesses which have access to a government incentive program for high tech industries and the so-called new economy.

The CDTI plan, launched almost two years ago by Finance Minister Bernard Landry, offers generous tax credits for multi-media enterprises such as computer, communications technology and other high tech businesses. It was augmented later by the addition of another program called Carrefour des nouvelles économies or CNE, which includes incentives for such activities as automation, biotechnology, environment, and scientific and technological services.

The businesses approved under the two plans must set up in a government accredited building such as Sherbrooke's CDTI centre to create a synergy between business and encourage "value-added economic spinoffs for Quebec and a substantial research and/or development component likely to develop new expertise."

At first, the City of Sherbrooke had decided to run the CDTI centre and it announced last November it had purchased the abandoned shopping centre at Grandes Fourches with the intention of renovating and opening it up to entrepreneurs accredited by the government.

But this summer, the city received an offer to purchase the Grandes Fourches property by Loblaws. It sold the land to the grocery giant which is planning to open a supermarket next year and announced intentions to construct a new building at the corner of Aberdeen and Wellington.

But before Sherbrooke could proceed with that plan, the government got a new offer from Sodelco promoter Gilles Raymond, whose building was immediately available and would avoid construction delays which would have jeopardized the town's project because the building would not be completed before next year.



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The Sodelco building, which has housed federal and provincial government offices, has the minimum space requirement for the CDTI, about 50,000 square feet. It could expand the available space to 70,000 sq ft if other tenants move out.

Mayor Jean Perrault said one of the city's main goals was to encourage businesses to set up downtown and help revive Sherbrooke's dying core. He said the Sodelco location meets that aim.

Boucher, who is the parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Bernard Landry, said the CDTI could create between 300 and 350 jobs and help the region avoid a brain drain and retain a large number of youths training in both local universities and in local colleges.

"This will make room for our brightest students and prevent them from going to work for Microsoft," said Sherbrooke MNA Jean Charest.

Last week in Question Period, the Liberal leader had pressured Landry to find out when a long-awaited announcement on the CDTI could be expected. He also

pointed out that both parties can work together on important matters like job creation.

"It's important that the population knows that we can work together even if we are sitting on different sides of the Assembly," Charest said, adding that job and jobs creation don't have an ideology.

While Landry could not be on hand for the announcement, economic partners agreed it was important to act

quickly so that business can get started.

"The sooner we made the announcement, the quicker they could get started," said Boucher's aide Annie-André Emond, who apologized to the organizers and media for a leak on the embargoed information in Monday's La Tribune.

A dozen local enterprises have received accreditation from the government to take part in the CDTI and CNE incentive plan, Boucher said.

Finance ministry official André Parent said that if the dozen accredited business get up and running they could create up to 200 jobs and would take up about half the available space in the Sodelco building.

And, because the space is ready and waiting, some could move in as soon as the next few weeks.

Parent said that under the CDTI program accredited businesses are entitled to a five-year fiscal holiday; a 40 per cent tax credit on eligible salaries (maximum \$15,000) until the year 2010; and a tax credit on the cost of acquiring specialized materials.

Under the CNE program, businesses in the new economy get the same salary tax credit of 40 per cent to a maximum of \$15,000 until the year 2010. They are also eligible for a 50 per cent grant on buying or leasing specialized equipment with no ceiling, and a five year income tax holiday for any foreign expert they must hire.

## Making Way For Loblaws



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Loblaws has begun demolishing the old Grandes Fourches market in Sherbrooke to make way for a supermarket. The grocery chain will be investing \$15 million to set up shop in the downtown area. The new 80,000-square-foot store is expected to create about 300 full- and part-time jobs and bring tens of thousands of people to Sherbrooke's fading downtown core. Construction is expected to begin next spring and the supermarket is scheduled to open in early 2001.

# 'The car seemed to be out of control' - Dubin

## Trial:

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"It was up to me in a very short period of time to try to figure out how to get around her," Randolph told the court during his testimony.

But Dubin testified that at the last second the oncoming car hit a curb and bounced into the left lane, hitting Randolph's car.

### OUT OF CONTROL

"The car seemed to be out of control, it swerved from one side of the road to another," Gerry Dubin said.

Dubin suffered a minor cut to his foot, while his wife sustained a concussion and whiplash. Randolph and his

wife Frances sustained cuts and bruises in the crash.

After checking on his companions, Dubin said he approached the other car. Inside he saw a woman he said was incoherent. He said she appeared to be drunk.

Within a couple of minutes a car arrived with two women in it. Dubin said they requested that they be allowed to take Sophie Brodeur away from the scene of the crash.

Following the end of Dubin's testimony his wife Rhoda took the stand. She corroborated much of what her husband said.

"As soon as I saw the lights I said 'there's someone out of control on our side of the road,'" she said. After the crash two other men showed up at the scene. They brought Rhoda Dubin and

Frances Morton to their car to shelter them from the -27 Celsius temperatures.

Later in the day Morton Randolph testified that no one in his group had been drinking that night. Instead they were going back to Dubin's chalet to ring in the new year with a bottle of champagne.

### LONG TRIAL

The trial promises to be a long one, with two main stories to be told in the next month: First, the circumstances surrounding the accident itself, including Sophie Brodeur's state of mind. From there the seven men and five women of the jury will learn about the alleged attempts to alter police reports and ensure that the charges

would be dropped.

Expected to testify in the coming days will be Jean-François Clouthier, one of the two police officers at the scene. Grandchamp said in her opening arguments that Clouthier will testify that he was pressured by his fellow officers to falsify the reports. He is also expected to testify concerning Sophie Brodeur's state of mind that night.

Other witnesses slated to be called will be Sophie Brodeur and Bedford district crown prosecutor Michel St-Cyr.

Meanwhile, Clouthier is facing charges of his own, and is expected to be tried in early 2000. The charges of impaired driving against Sophie Brodeur, which had been dropped in 1997, have been reinstated. Her preliminary hearing has not yet been completed.

# 'If you want to drink, that's fine, but just don't drive'

## Drinking:

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"We will start to have road blocks

and checks towards the end of the month," Const. Serge Fournier of the Sherbrooke Regional Police said. "And we will be focusing on the Nez Rouge campaign, as we do every year.

"Our message is, if you want to drink, that's fine, but just don't drive."

The Quebec Police Force is planning to be out in force as well, stopping an estimated 120,000 drivers for breathalyzer checks across the province this holiday season, QPF spokesperson Serge Dubord said.

In the Estrie region the QPF runs two major alcohol stings annually. In 1998, 2,019 motorists were pulled over at 36 police checkpoints during the space of one month in the summer. Police charged 46 motorists with impaired driving.

Statistics from the second campaign of that year seem to indicate that holi-

day season awareness programs are having an effect. Between Nov. 20 and Dec. 20, 1998, Estrie QPF officers stopped 4,430 people at 46 check points, but only 33 people were found to be driving under the influence.

For those people who still think they're probably okay to drive after the Christmas office party, the Canada Safety Council has released a press release detailing the amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada which became law this summer.

The recommendations were made by enforcement agencies, insurers, victims, commercial and industry stakeholders and safety organizations.

The new laws stipulate:

- Minimum fines for first-time impaired driving convictions double from \$300 to \$600

- The mandatory minimum driving prohibition increased from three months to one year for a first offence, from six months to two years for a second offence and from one year to three years on subsequent offences.

- Maximum driving prohibition periods increase from three years to five years for a second offence and from three years to a lifetime ban on a third offence.

- The maximum penalty for driving while prohibited rises from two years to five years imprisonment

- Police now have three hours, instead of two, to demand a breath or blood sample

- At the time of sentencing, judges are now required to consider a blood alcohol level of double exceeding twice the criminal offence level as an

aggravating factor

- New drivers, who have been licensed only two years, are subject to a zero tolerance law. Any person within this category caught drinking with any alcohol in their system will immediately have their car impounded, or returned to its rightful owner. For a second offence, the car will be immediately impounded for 30 days, even if it's daddy's car.

The Canada Safety Council points out that legal sanctions are not the only deterrents to drinking and driving.

- Persons charged will have a criminal record, accessible by employers, police, insurance companies and customs agents. A criminal record can stop a person from obtaining certain forms of employment. Countries can deny access.

- Individuals charged with impaired driving pay, in addition to their fines, between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to enter a guilty plea. To plead innocent and mount a defence can cost between \$4,000 and \$10,000 in legal fees alone, depending on circumstances.

- Insurance companies will not cover any injuries or damages to vehicles sustained for individuals under the influence of alcohol. Insurance premiums will skyrocket, and partners, spouses and children may experience insurance premium increases or have difficulties obtaining insurance at all.

- Convictions in many provinces can leave an individual open to a negligence lawsuit. Courts in Canada can award high settlements to victims of impaired drivers.

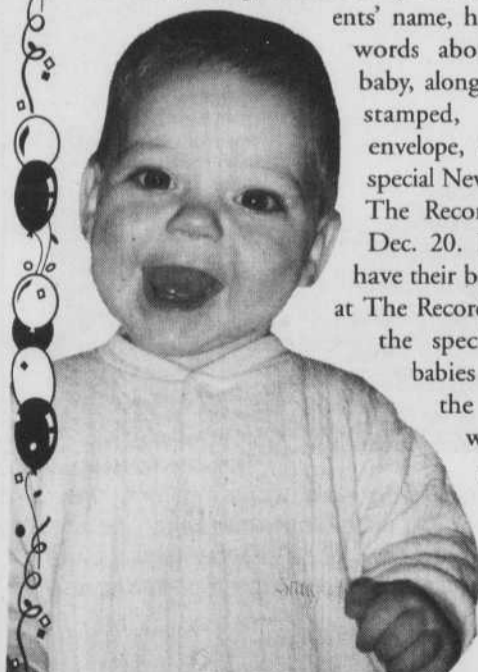
## HEY 1999 BABIES!

**BUNDLE UP BABY AND JOIN SAM AT THE RECORD'S MILLENNIUM BABY BASH ON SUNDAY, DEC. 12.**

The Record will take a group picture of all 1999 babies who visit between 10 and noon. The photo will be taken at noon sharp. Proud parents and grandparents of babies born in 1999 are also invited to submit a photograph of their baby along with the baby's name, birth date, parents' name, hometown and 10

words about their special baby, along with \$10 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope, for inclusion in a special New Year's edition of The Record. Deadline is Dec. 20. Parents may also have their baby's photo taken at The Record on Dec. 12 for the special edition. All

babies who appear in the special edition will receive a one-month subscription to The Record to help carry on the 102-year-old Townships tradition.



# Cutbacks failed to improve bottom line

*Government still in the hole*

By Glenn Wanamaker  
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The cat is clawing its way out of the bag. After suffering through three years of massive budget cuts, after laying off staff and pushing as many nurses, doctors, and civil servants as possible to retire early, after freezing salaries and raising the sales tax, after dumping expenses into municipal laps and having them cut staff and services - all to attain the hallowed zero deficit - it's time to face facts.

The government still has no money. Last week, Health Minister Pauline Marois announced the injection of \$20 million to combat anticipated overcrowding in hospital emergency wards this winter.

She was widely praised for acting early to prevent a repetition of the unacceptable chaos that reigned last year. However, her action simply recognizes the fact our health care system remains in intensive care.

Hospital beds lost due to closures have not been replaced, nursing shortages persist, overworked family doctors are refusing new patients, and promised budgets for more home care and outpatient services have yet to materialize.

Hospitals, working with a fixed budgetary allotment, are almost all heading for increased deficits this year.

## HOW THE PIE IS DIVIDED

If you look at how that \$20 million is divided up (\$500,000 for Outaouais, \$1.16 million for the Eastern Townships, \$1.04 for the Laurentians, \$79,000 for the Gaspé, \$2.5 million for Montérégie, \$1.02 million for Lanaudière, \$1.95 million for Quebec City, \$8 million for Montreal, \$782,000 for Laval), you see how little is there for individual hospitals.

As one Quebec City doctor said, the \$1.95 million for his whole region is just about enough for one hospital.

In short, Marois has been forced to troll for pennies just to head off another politically damaging ER crisis. Long-term? An expert committee recently recommended a number of steps but Marois simply does not have the money to implement them.

## ROCHON REFORMS REVISITED

If you want another eloquent example, look no further than the plans to build new ambulatory care centres. They were among the "reforms" put forward by former Health Minister Jean Rochon to provide more efficient



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outpatient services.

Marois doesn't have the millions needed to set them up, however, and now the whole idea is on hold. Meanwhile, the busy Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital in Montreal has been forced to open up what it calls a fancy trailer to dispense these services.

Then there's the drug insurance plan, which will cost \$210 million more this year than expected because of rising drug costs and more insured people.

## IN THE HOLE

Yes, the government has no money. The Quebec Police Force is projecting a \$10 million deficit this year and has taken cars off the road to cut costs. Next year, according to the scenario put forward by the Liberals, the force faces a budget cut of 18 per cent.

The only response from Public Security Minister Serge Ménard is that a final decision hasn't been made.

The Employment Ministry is still lurching from crisis to crisis, cutting money as it goes. The embattled minister, Diane Lemieux, said last month that despite extra money taken from another government pot to meet contracted commitments with jobless people, the ministry is cash-strapped.

With five months to go in the budget year, it has already spent more than 82 per cent of its budget.

Let's turn to education. Despite extra funding this year, school board officials say that one-half of the province's boards will have a deficit this year. The

CEGEP system says it's short \$250 million.

Then there are the municipalities, locked in negotiations with the province over amalgamations, fiscal reform, and yet another \$365 million bill passed down by Quebec.

## TAX CUTS

But wait! Finance Minister Bernard Landry says the government does have money!

In a budgetary statement a month ago, he said we're wheeling towards a surplus of \$190 million. This could translate into an extra \$95 million in income tax reductions, on top of the \$400 million already planned for 2000-2001.

Come next July, we the most taxed citizens in North America, will be flush with extra \$20 bills.

But there's the political rub. Some time ago, the Bouchard Cabinet decided that after inflicting budgetary pain for three years, it had to provide voters with a reward upon reaching the zero deficit.

At hearings this fall, Landry has stated clearly that barring economic calamity, income taxes will be cut. The only issue is how to divvy it up among different income groups.

## MORE MONEY NEEDED IN SECTORS

A broad range of groups from every sector, including economists, educators, and community groups, have tried to argue the government should use its "marge de manoeuvre" to pump money back into the health, education, and social fields.

Poverty groups have pointed out income tax reductions will do nothing to help the impoverished; what they need is help to get into an income tax bracket where they can pay taxes.

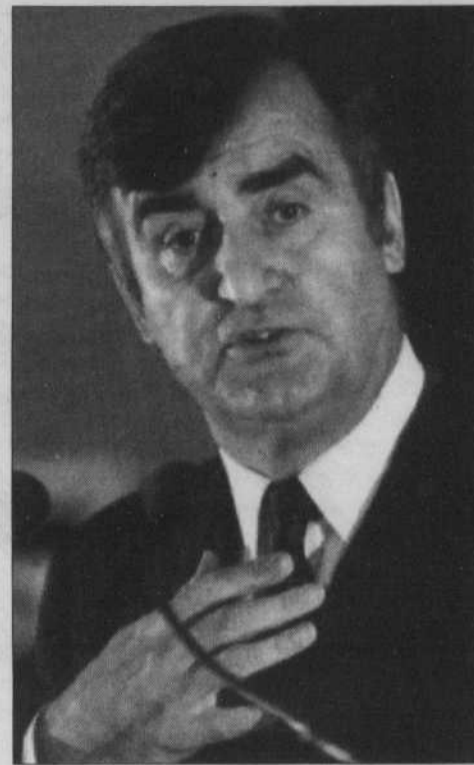
Landry however has rejected all such recommendations. He is convinced tax cuts are essential for two reasons: to stimulate consumer spending and keep higher income earners from leaving Quebec. And there's nothing more politically satisfying than an income tax cut.

So yes, Quebec does have money to win back our love. No, Quebec does not have money to restore services. It's a political choice.

## HOMETOWNS

A spirited debate is under way over the merger of towns and cities across the province, and Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel will soon nourish it with her white paper on municipal reform.

The government believes that by reducing the number of towns and cities, costs will be reduced and services provid-



Premier Lucien Bouchard declared last week he has no intention of retiring.

ed more efficiently. Unfortunately, not everyone agrees. And that raises a fundamental question - who decides what's best for the people.

In the case of Mont Tremblant, where residents voted 96 per cent against a merger with Saint Jovite, Harel has chosen to ignore the result. Last week, she introduced legislation to force a merger.

In the case of St. Sauveur, as the Liberals pointed out, the government-dropped plans to force a merger because of public opposition.

In the case of Mont Saint Hilaire and Otterburn Park, the government has said it will respect the results of a referendum.

Even the dullest of people can see the inconsistency here. In sovereignty referendums, 50 plus one is enough. For some municipal mergers, not even 96 per cent is enough, while for others, well, let's just see which way the vote goes.

Any self-respecting cynic would have to conclude that in the end, what counts is that the government get its way.

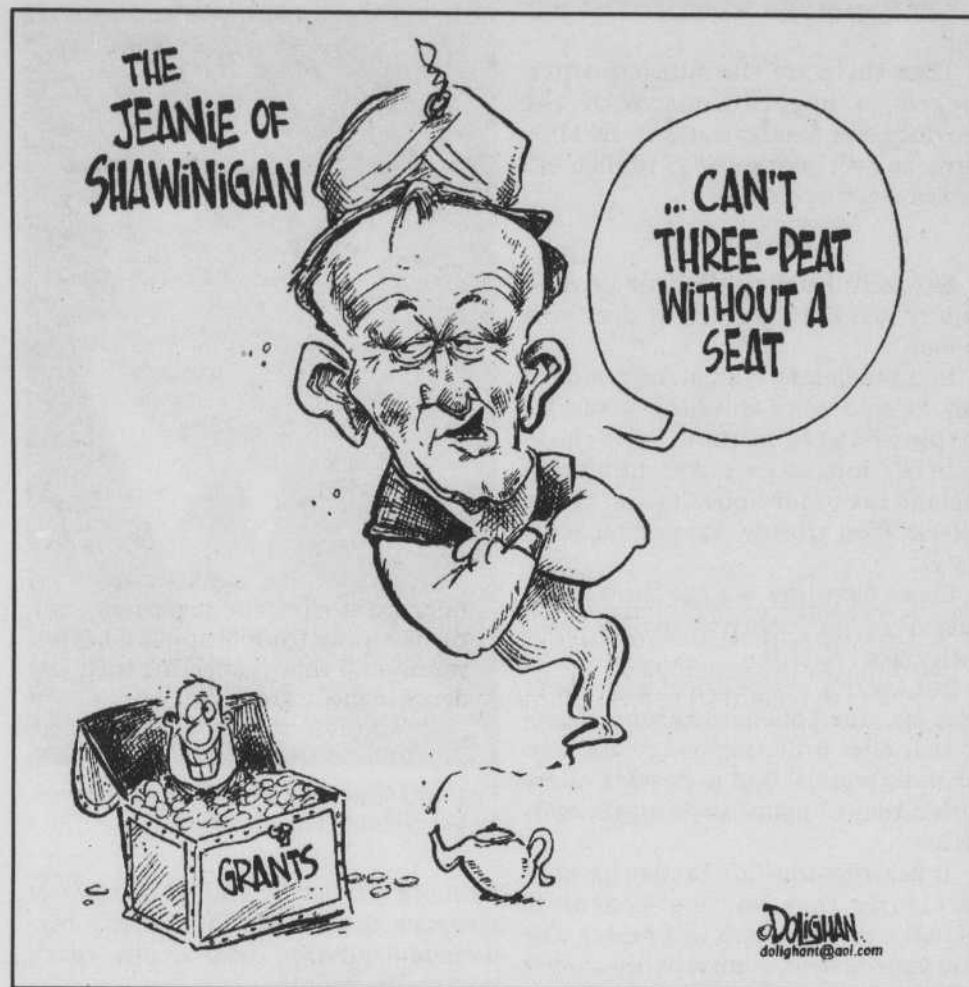
## J'Y RESTE

You know you're in difficulty when you have to deny idle rumours that you're leaving.

Premier Bouchard, barely a year into a new mandate, had to declare last week that he has no intention of retiring. "J'y suis, j'y reste," he said.

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## COMMUNITY FORUM



## Political arrogance determines agenda

Mont Tremblant and St. Jovite are to become one municipality whether they want to be or not. Montreal area municipalities are going to be put under a superstructure they oppose. Yet several Quebec towns that have agreed to merge without being forced to now sit with their hands tied because Quebec isn't ready for them. The government hasn't completed the

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legalities and paperwork needed to grant the new municipalities legal status. It seems that Quebec's minister of municipal affairs, Louise Harel, is better at dictating what shall be than at accommodating consenting partners.

None of this should surprise anyone, of course. It is in keeping with the mind-set of so many of today's politicians. We witness more and more examples daily of elected individuals and bodies showing little respect for the people who elect them. We needn't pretend that this attitude is confined to Quebec, either, but if the present Quebec government doesn't change its ways soon, Quebec City will well deserve its title as champion of arrogance.

And that's going some.

Let's just take a moment and reflect on a few examples of the sort of contempt that prompts this column.

In 1990, the so-called accord that 11 first ministers concocted at Meech Lake - assisted, you'll recall, by constitutional advisors like Lucien Bouchard - went down the drain, by due process. But did that stop the politicians from re-erecting what they could not believe the people didn't want? No, they brought it back slightly revised with a new cover and title, now called the Charlottetown Accord. In 1992, that bit the dust, having been exposed to the judgment of the people directly in a referendum.

So much for that! Or was it? No, the very most contentious clause in it, the recognition of Quebec as a "distinct society", was written into Canadian law by the House of Commons, with the promise that as soon as 'winning conditions' exist, it will be enshrined in the constitution, the people be damned.

No need, I am sure, to say more about the 1995 Quebec referendum than that it settled nothing. The provincials, like the feds, won't take

no for an answer.

Not once, not twice, but three times, Quebecers have turned down special status for their province being written into the country's constitution. In 1980, it was sovereignty-association, in 1992, distinct society and in 1995, sovereignty-partnership. Three strikes make an out, right? In baseball, yes.

Sports have rules. Not so in politics, unless the rule is that if the people agree with their rulers, the game is over; disagree and it goes on. As Jacques Parizeau so eloquently put it, saying no simply prolongs the toothache. The political elite knows best.

But ours is a democracy. Yes, we can turf the scoundrels out every few years, after they've done damage beyond tolerance, and start over. But what it seems we can't do is get politicians to see democracy as anything beyond an electoral process.

We can't seem to make politicians listen. And it isn't just us lowly electors they will not hear. Even the advice of our society's best qualified judges on legal matters, at levels right up to and including what we still call (cynically perhaps) the Supreme Court, is all too often summarily dismissed by politicians who don't like what's said. We have a perfect example of this arrogance at play right now. Quebec electors know they can throw the PQ out in time, but the Liberals, if their leader reflects their position, also insist that the Supreme Court is wrong and that Quebecers alone can, whenever they wish, bring about the break-up of the country unilaterally. Consequently, with not even Mario Dumont (the only non-PQ, non-Liberal in the assembly) objecting, not one elected member in Quebec's provincial assembly stands for either the people's wishes or legality on the constitutional future of this province.

Put two tendencies - contempt for the people's judgement and dismissal of judges' judgments - together, and what have we? What we have is a bunch of self-important people who want to rule us as they see fit, unencumbered by limits on their powers, respecting neither the common good as judged by the people themselves, nor law and order. Hardly the makings of a civil society.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Volunteers are lifeblood

DEAR EDITOR,

For the sake of accuracy, I feel compelled to correct some errors that appeared in the article "Community Aid helps elderly, handicapped" on Nov. 9.

1. Our benefactor did NOT happen to be one of our clients, although she knew of our work.

2. The amount of the legacy quoted included other sources of funds. A sizable sum came from the provincial government in 1991 when monies realized from the nurses strike were shared

among many community organizations, ours included.

3. In order for our clients to receive our various services, the decision to create a foundation was made to safeguard our legacy until definite plans in the best interests of our 500 clients could be determined.

Lennoxville & District Community Aid remains a healthy organization in large part because of the enthusiasm and support of volunteers who have given 16,000 hours of their time in the past year.

Barbara Smith, President  
Lennoxville & District  
Community Aid

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# Confidence in public health may be waning

By Mark Kennedy  
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Three-quarters of Canadians believe they should have the right to pay for their own health care in private facilities if they don't get "timely access" to services through medicare, a new poll indicates.

The survey, conducted by Toronto-based Pollara, also suggests the public may soon start lobbying for that right. The poll found that Canadians are increasingly reaching the conclusion that patients - whether they need emergency ward care, surgery or diagnostic tests - are not getting treated quickly enough in the public system.

The findings should serve as a wake-up call to provincial and federal governments. They have all been pumping money back into the health system after years of cutbacks, but Canadians either aren't aware of the reinvestment or don't think it's making much of a difference.

"Their confidence is declining," said Pollara vice-president Don Guy.

"It's like you have a prized statue that is being continually eroded by sandblasting. People feel that access (to the health system) is being restricted and restrained. They have a sense that there are only so many doors you can use to get into the system, and a lot of them are being closed."

The nationwide survey of 1,200 Canadians was conducted this summer for the pharmaceutical company Merck

Frosst Canada and the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations, an umbrella group of patients rights agencies.

It found that 98 per cent of those surveyed believe timely access to health care should be available to everyone.

When asked if Canadians without timely access should have the option of using private facilities, 73 per cent agreed. Only 23 per cent disagreed, while three per cent had no opinion.

As well, Pollara found that very few respondents (15 per cent) believed the country is making progress in improving patient access to medicare. Instead, most believed the system is losing ground (45 per cent) or standing still (38 per cent) in this crucial area.

Guy said the poll found, as surveys have repeatedly discovered for years, that Canadians have a strong attachment to medicare and don't want to see its principles diminished.

The Canada Health Act, which enshrines the five principles of medicare, requires provinces to provide health care that is accessible, universally available, medically comprehensive, portable between provinces, and publicly administered.

"There's very little support for rebuilding the system from scratch," said Guy.

"It's not that they're rushing to embrace the choice of private care. But if they feel their backs are against the wall, they're going to start looking for options."

Pollara conducted a separate poll of health-care professionals in which they

were asked similar questions. They were even more pessimistic than the public.

A considerably higher number of those on medicare's front lines believe that timely access to health care is falling behind (84 per cent of physicians, 72 per cent of pharmacists, and 65 per cent of nurses).

The poll presents troubling news for federal Health Minister Allan Rock, who has been working hard to ensure that Canadians aren't tempted to support privatization.

He scored a major victory earlier this year when he convinced cabinet to table a health-care budget which promised to pump \$11.5 billion back into provincial health-care transfers over the next five years.

But the Canadian Medical Association, which represents the nation's doctors, reacted with muted enthusiasm. It noted that by the year 2002-03, the gradual boost in federal transfers will have only returned the funds to their 1995 level. In the meantime, there will be 2.3 million more Canadians, of whom 444,000 are senior citizens who generally require more medical care.

The Pollara survey suggests that it will take a significant and well-advertised fiscal reinvestment in health from all governments for patients to once again feel confident.

Indeed, Guy said this year's federal budget in itself won't reverse the overriding public perception

formed after years of cutbacks and anecdotal horror stories about how the system has deteriorated - that medicare is in decline.

Pollara found that a majority of respondents (55 per cent) said their confidence is falling, rather than rising (five per cent) or holding firm (38 per cent).

As well, governments clearly haven't informed the public very well about how they have begun reinvesting in medicare.

Only 26 per cent of those surveyed thought health spending is rising, while 39 per cent thought it was falling and 30 per cent said it had not changed.

"People are still responding to what they've been hearing for five or six years," said Guy.

At the same time, he said, people in cities like Toronto and Montreal are still hearing stories about patients being turned away from hospital emergency wards. And that is affecting their confidence in medicare.

Pollara interviewed 1,200 Canadians by telephone from July 21 to Aug. 25. Survey results are considered accurate to within 2.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The specific survey of health-care professionals was conducted Aug. 5 to Aug. 31. Pollara polled 250 doctors, 300 nurses and 300 pharmacists. It had a higher margin of error because of the smaller sample size.

## Fighting for anglo rights

By Rick Mofina  
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OTTAWA

English rights supporters from Quebec have found an ally in the Reform party to challenge the federal government this week over provincial laws that they say trample equal rights. Some 900 people rallied on Parliament Hill on Sunday and gave Alberta Reform MP Peter Goldring a 15,000-signature petition calling on the Liberal government to affirm that all Canadians are equal. The event came in the wake of last month's ruling by a Quebec court, which struck down the section of the French Language Charter, Bill 101, that says French must be predominant on commercial signs.

The Quebec government has said it will appeal the ruling in a case that is expected to go before the Supreme Court of Canada. Howard Galganov, head of the English-rights lobby, the Quebec Political Action Committee, passed the petition to Goldring, urging him to "tell the prime minister to get off his ass and recog-

nize that there are other Canadians here who want to be equal."

Goldring, who plans to present the signatures to Parliament this week, said there are also concerns about the erosion of equal rights in other parts of the country. Galganov said Canada and Quebec laws are making for a balkanized country, swirling in racism and ethno-centrism, a situation he finds unacceptable.

"Would Prime Minister Jean Chrétien accept a Bill 101 against a French minority in Ontario?" Galganov asked. "So why do we accept a bill in Quebec that makes one culture predominant over another culture?"

Those at the gathering arrived in cars and buses from Montreal. They wore T-shirts saying: "Mr. Chrétien, I'm not Invisible. I'm Canadian".

They also carried placards denouncing the Quebec government and unfurled a massive "Unity Flag," showing the flags of Canada's provinces and nations of Canadian ancestry.

"You're at a handicap if your

language is English in Quebec," Anita Miller, who came from Montreal to the rally with her husband David, said in an interview.

Keith Henderson of Quebec's Equality Party called on the federal government to strike down what he said were Quebec's draconian language laws. He also urged Ottawa to restrict its transfer payments to Quebec for not recognizing equal rights in the province.

"Don't give them the money if they don't respect Canadians rights," Henderson said. Don Donderi, of Cit-Can, another English-rights lobby group, said that allowing for signs with English and French in equal size is not a violent threat to Quebec culture.

"This is a divisive and unjust war and it's been going on for too long," Donderi said. "In the meantime, language discrimination and ethnic shrinkage in Quebec says more about Canada's own commitment to human rights than any number of government proclamations about abuses elsewhere."

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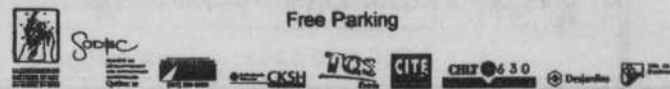
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# Canada fails to bring human rights to fore

By Aileen McCabe  
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DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Canada's bid to make the 50-year-old Commonwealth more relevant was sidelined Monday.

Not only did it fail to put through the reforms that would have spotlighted persistent human rights abuses in all member countries, but it also did not secure a spot on the high level group that will reconsider the question over the next two years.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said Canada fought to extend the mandate of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) - the eight foreign ministers, including Lloyd Axworthy, who have become widely recognized as the Commonwealth watchdogs for their work fighting military coups in the 54-nation organization.

"But some don't want it too much," Chrétien deadpanned.

"There was a consensus that CMAG is good, CMAG is useful, CMAG must be used," he said.

But, there was no consensus that it should be allowed to operate in countries where there is still a democratically elected government in place, even if it routinely violates human rights.

The Commonwealth is too polite a forum to name names, but the elected governments in countries such as Ghana, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone have been called persistent rights violators by several international groups.

Commonwealth leaders referred the question of CMAG's future role to a newly formed group of prime ministers and presidents who will meet over the next two years "to review the role of the Commonwealth and advise on how best it could respond to the challenges of the new century."

A Canadian official said Chrétien did not try for a spot on this 10-nation

committee because Canada's priority was getting Axworthy confirmed for a third two-year term on CMAG. He said Canada would rely on Britain and Australia to get its views across.

The few developed countries in the Commonwealth, he explained, cannot hog all the positions at each leaders' meeting.

One innovation leaders did make at this summit was to authorize the meeting chairman, in this case South African president Thabo Mbeki, to speak on their behalf in between bi-annual meetings.

Chrétien said it would allow the organization to be "a bit more present politically than it has been in the past."

Mbeki hosted the first Commonwealth meeting in South Africa and set the theme in his opening remarks when he railed against politicians who forgot their electorates and became "tycoons," draining public treasuries for their own gain.

He certainly hasn't done that, but he did dilute his message by presenting each of the leaders with a 24-karat gold pin, studded with diamonds, to commemorate the event. Mbeki told reporters all the gold and diamonds were donated by South African companies, but the extravagance was hard to ignore.

Chrétien wore his pin on his lapel when he returned from the leaders' retreat in George, an exclusive resort on the southern-most tip of Africa, Sunday night. It was bigger than a loonie and twice as shiny. But by Monday, he'd removed it.

Events in Pakistan since the Oct. 12 coup dominated the Durban summit, but the smaller countries, in particular, also talked about the upcoming round of world trade talks in Seattle.

Many of them wanted to forge an agreed Commonwealth position for

the talks, but it proved virtually impossible to find common ground given that the organization encompasses some of the richest and poorest nations in the world.

Asked whether he felt any responsibility to represent the Commonwealth when he attended Group of Seven meetings, World Trade meetings and the like, Chrétien replied that as the senior member along with Britain, "yes, it is a responsibility." He said the poorest African and Caribbean countries often approached him with their worries and requests because they trusted Canada.

"We are in a good position to inspire confidence in these people and they talk to us and we carry (their) messages. We are involved in G-7. There's a mythology somewhat for them about the G-7. We're part of APEC, we're part of the Americas."

He said this messenger role was a tra-

ditional one for Canada.

"It is part of the mentality of Canada to be preoccupied about the weaker of the world. It's always been a role that Canada has played and one I'm sure we'll want to play in the future."

Monday's final communique was a bit of a grab bag, detailing Commonwealth concern about a myriad of issues from the division of Cyprus to the trouble in East Timor.

Canada managed to get its pet causes included on the list, however. There is a paragraph urging immediate action to deal with the illicit production and trafficking of small arms, another calling for the better protection of children caught up in armed conflicts and, another deploring the targeting of civilians in armed conflicts.

Chrétien flies to Istanbul today in preparation for Thursday's summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

## Loonie rising fast

By Eric Beauchesne  
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OTTAWA

The U.S. economy will cool and the loonie will climb to 75 cents US next year, squeezing the sales of auto exporters, the federal export promotion agency predicts.

Export sales growth, after doubling to 13 per cent this year from 1997, will be cut nearly in half to seven per cent by the slowdown in the U.S. economy, the Export Development Corp. says in its annual forecast.

And an appreciating dollar will reduce the competitive edge of some exporters, it added.

But on balance it should still be a decent year for most exporters, it said.

A recent survey of exporters showed a "big jump in the number of companies focusing on productivity improvements as a way of growing export sales, rather than relying on a weak currency," EDC economist Stephen Poloz said.

And the recovery in the global economy will offset part of the impact of the slowdown in the growth of the U.S. market, he said.

"Most Canadian exporters can look forward to stronger sales in 2000," he said. "We also expect growth in export sales to be quite balanced across sectors and regions in 2000."

"This will be a big change from 1999, when a small number of sectors and regions did well, while others continued to struggle in the wake of the litany of international crises we have faced in the past three years."

This year's surge in exports to record levels has been driven mainly by the auto sector, which will be hit hardest by the expected slowdown in the United States.

Strip out the auto sector and this year's expected export growth of 13 per cent would be cut to only five per cent.

Next year, the 35-per-cent growth in auto exports posted this year will plunge to about five per cent, slowing overall export sales growth to six per cent.

"Thus, overall it appears that export growth is moderating, when in fact most sectors will see a pickup," Poloz said.

Central Canada will bear the brunt of the export slowdown while other parts of the country will enjoy an export recovery, he said.

The increase in exports sales to the U.S., which account for 85 per cent of all exports, will drop to seven per cent in 2000 from 15 per cent in 1999 but sales to Japan and Asia will rise seven per cent after falling nearly that much this year, the EDC predicted.

But there are a lot of risks to the forecast, the EDC warned.

The U.S. slowdown could be greater than expected and the still tentative recovery in the global economy weaker than anticipated, it noted.

Also, a new round of financial crises, in Asia or Latin America where banks are still carrying an enormous load of non-performing loans, cannot be ruled out as interest rates drift higher, it said.

Or a sudden sharp drop in the value of the U.S. dollar could halt the recoveries in Asia and Europe by making it difficult for them to sell into that market and by leading to an overheating of the U.S. economy and in turn a runup in U.S. interest rates, it continued.

And, the Canadian dollar could climb farther and faster than expected, it said.

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## Operation Shoebox: Gifts for sailors at port

By Catherine Dean  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
LENNOXVILLE

A lot of Christmas cheer can be stuffed into a shoebox. Operation Shoebox, run this year by the recent Chaplain at the Port of Quebec, Rev. Marc Caron, lifts the spirits of seafarers in six Quebec ports.

These sailors often labour under difficult conditions. Their grateful letters to various parishes, schools and clubs (including St. George's Church, St. Mark's Chapel and Bishop's College school) which participate, attest to their appreciation.

Practical gifts such as toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb, shaving cream, a pocket book, writing paper or notepad, envelopes, playing cards, pens, hand lotion, a knitted article like mitts, scarf, socks or tuque, lip balm, disposable razors, postcards and treats like candy may be the only gift received at Christmas time by many of the sailors in Quebec ports.

One touching thank you card reads: "Thank you very much for the gifts you gave to us. I appreciate it very much. In our trips away from our families, it is very heartwarming to know that some kind and wonderful persons like you care so much for seafarers like me."

For the Reverend Patricia Peacock, Chaplain of Bishop's College School, involvement began when she was ordained.

"In 1985, I was ordained with Captain Robert Belleville, Chaplain of the Port of Quebec and an American Sea Captain and the project may go back before him," she said.

Every year, at BCS, there is more interest and enthusiasm.

"The whole school gets involved," Rev. Peacock continued. "Operation Shoebox is first mentioned early in October and the committee is formed. You see the boxes outside my office," the Reverend pointed out, "we are going to fill more than 185 this year. The students fill the shoeboxes to take them to the port in early December. It really captures their imagination."

The Rev. Canon Heather Thomson has involved the students at Champlain Regional College and at Bishop's University and parishioners of St. Mark's Chapel for a number of years.

"The seafarers often come from poorer countries and are in need of



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Patricia Peacock, Kenneth Chow, Elissa Jelowicki, Joey Henderson, Heather Thomson... There is more interest and enthusiasm at BCS every year.

some very basic things. They are far from family and are working over the holidays. We just try to give them a bit of Christmas cheer," Rev. Thomson explained.

"We encourage students who aren't involved in Chapel - roommates to fill boxes together, clubs and classes. We did 100 boxes last year," she added. "The Champlain Students Association has this year given us \$300. Other people contribute money as well."

Participants are asked to include a Christmas card with the address of the church or organization on it as sailors enjoy sending their thanks.

"The seafarers almost always say they are lonely. They almost always say it's the only thing they get at Christmas," said Rev. Peacock. "The students get letters all the time and they love it."

Rev. Peacock told a story of harsh conditions on one ship.

"When Rev. Glenn Stone would come talk to the students he used to talk to us about the conditions and once he got us on a boat and he used to talk about cockroaches in the sailor's galley. He pulled open the fridge door and it was full of them."

BCS student Elissa Jelowicki has participated for four years.

"This year so many came out to be on the committee - there were 37. Only 10 could be chosen," Jelowicki said.

Jelowicki's perception of the project has grown with time.

"At first I just enjoyed the fact of making the shoeboxes. As the years went on, what became important was being able to help people. When we go to Quebec, we go on a bus and we walk into the room where the project is

going on and it's just piled high with shoeboxes. There are a whole bunch of other schools and other organizations. Everybody is working together to help these people. It is very cool."

For Joey Henderson, a first year Business student at Bishop's University, it was an opportunity to draw on previous experience.

"It sounded like a generous thing for people to be involved in at a time of year when being generous often could be overlooked. I have had organizational experience. It appeals to my desire to organize something. Two other students, Liz Graham and Trafford Crump are on the committee," Henderson said.

Filled shoeboxes or items can be dropped at St. Mark's Chapel or at Rev. Thomson's office at the Bishop's student centre by the end of November or at Bishop's College School by Dec. 2.

# Engaging views of the university experience

By Catherine Dean  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
SHERBROOKE

The Nov. 8 meeting of the Sherbrooke & District Women's Club began with a silent auction of the new and nearly new. \$456 was raised for local school food programs. The evening focused on four engaging views of the university experience by members of the club.

Betty Phillips described her experiences at Harvard and McGill.

"In those days only men were allowed to go to Harvard - but they let the women in in the summer. In the summer of 1935, the girls were allowed to take courses.

"I studied botany and enjoyed myself immensely. The girls stayed in residences normally used by men. They put signs up on the bathtubs reading 'Don't put any water in, we are making beer,'" Phillips noted.

The majority of her university days were spent at McGill.

"There were 200 girls enrolled in the sciences or engineering. One third of the students were debutantes. Although they were busy with social life, some were very good students," Phillips said.

Her own program was varied.

"I majored in English and I took biology and botany. All the professors were men except one. She taught me botany. The professors were excellent," Phillips declared. "Many were world-renowned."

Thelma Pittman attended Bishop's University during World War II.

"I went to school entirely during the war years. A couple of us were 16 and some of the professors who were really quite old stayed on during the war," Pittman said.

In those days it was not unheard of for women to attend university.

"We were not a novelty, but we kept our place."

Pittman described the course of study.

"People took either an arts or science degree. Few people got out of school without Latin. There were quite a number of girls taking science from very good professors. All took divinity in the first year - Old and New Testament - no matter what."

Pittman still cherishes her university days.

"I always enjoyed it. My biggest thrill was walking up the great steps to the library. It was like going to heaven. A few of the professors left lasting memories," she reminisced.

Marlis Wehr attended a brand new university in Berlin.

"In 1949, the old university came under Communist control. The Communists did not want to admit people with bourgeois qualities. When three students, victims of the Hitler regime were expelled," Wehr said, "enormous demonstrations arose, resulting in the founding



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Marlis Wehr, Mona Nassar, Betty Phillips, Mary Rhodes and Thelma Pitman... fascinating experiences.

of a new University - the West Berlin Free University. The name was a proclamation."

There was a shortage of lecture rooms and a little ingenuity helped.

"One of the students was an usher in one of the movie houses. He asked the owner if the movie house could be used as a lecture room. It was where we had Introduction to the History of Philosophy. The professor was so organized that he finished the lecture on time for the students to catch the train back. There were only 4,500 students at the time."

"My nephew now attends the school, which has seen 3,500,000 students (studying there since it was founded)," Wehr said.

Mary Rhodes' education was influenced by post war changes in England.

"I was the beneficiary of the things that occurred at the end of World War II. There was a great sweep of changes to the education that governed England. My generation in my family were the first generation that ever went anywhere near a university."

"It was an utterly different world," Rhodes reminisced. "I remember looking at King's Chapel in the twilight of a winter evening - I have never seen anything so beautiful."

Rhodes attended Newnham College and spoke of the encouragement she received from female professors.

Mona Nasser spoke fondly of attending the American University of Beirut in the 1960s.

"In the 1960s, the role of women in the Middle East was undergoing great

changes and more women were encouraged to go on to University and to be independent. At university, there was an emphasis on getting good grades and studying."

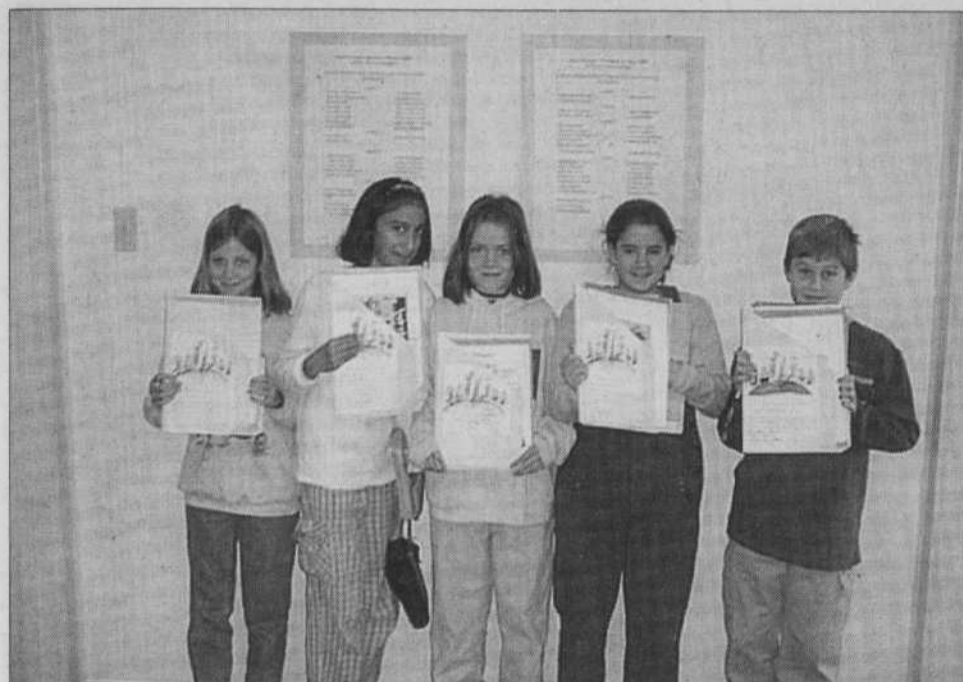
There were a number of regulations, though Nasser did not find them oppressive.

"We went to dances and movies as a group. Sex before marriage was unheard of. Parties at the students' society were chaperoned. The campus was off-limits to alcohol."

Girls were treated equally.

"In the classroom, girls were not separated and were treated on an equal footing. They held executive positions in different clubs and voiced their opinions freely. I felt free to enjoy life, study, and party within certain limits."

# LES recognizes student achievements

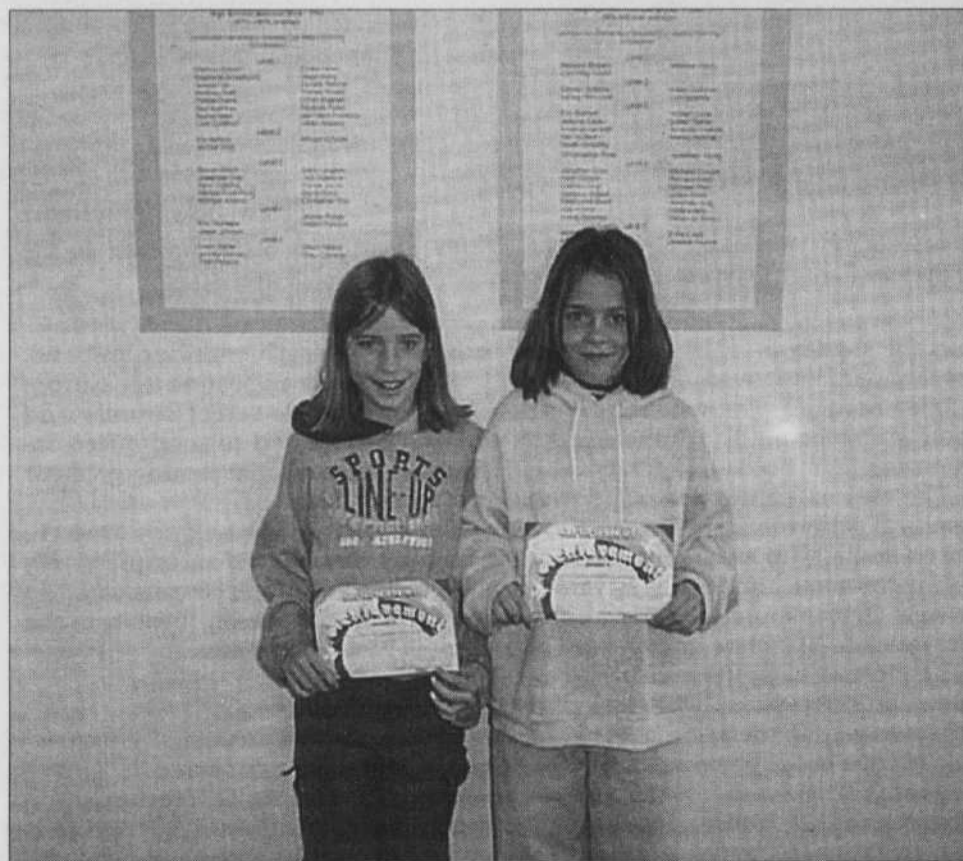


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## Student Recognition

Congratulations are in order for some of Mrs. Crease's grade 5 students (above). Mrs. Crease recently sent five students to see me to show me their writing portfolios. The writing was outstanding, and well above a Grade 5 level. Melanie Butte-mer-Menard, Kadajah Taseen, Kayla Enright, Cindy Taylor and Michael Stiffel are students who help to make L.E.S. an outstanding school.

In addition to the excellent writing, two students from 5C (below) deserve a thank you from the entire school. Recently, the playground was quite muddy and we found that the students were tracking a lot of mud into the school. Jennifer Mitchell Roy and Kayla Enright noticed the problem, and volunteered to sweep the floors during their spare time. They received an award from their class teacher for good citizenship, and the appreciation of their schoolmates and teachers.



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## Remembrance Day

Several of the classes at Lennoxville worked on activities reminding us of the sacrifices made by those who served in the armed forces.

## Planning Days

Nov. 4 and 5 were planning days for the teachers. They use this time to meet and plan classroom and school educational activities. On Nov. 4, they met to continue planning the First Steps Writing Program which L.E.S. decided to implement last year. Also, the Teachers' Convention was on in Montreal and several teachers attended to stay up-to-date on the latest teaching strategies and materials. We are proud to say that JoAnne Kingsley from L.E.S. presented a workshop.

## School Photos

School photos were taken by Tanya McCullough of Jostens on Nov. 9. We have been assured that the photos will be at L.E.S. in time for Christmas.

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# A kinder, gentler Blanche Dubois in *Streetcar*

*Soulpepper's  
A Streetcar Named  
Desire runs until the  
end of November*

By René Bruemmer  
MONTREAL

Blanche Dubois has finally found the kindness she has been so desperately seeking in Soulpepper Theatre's sympathetic and touching portrayal of her character in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

The haunting Tennessee Williams classic, now playing at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal, has been excellently resurrected by the young and very successful company of Toronto actors and directors.

A dark tale of desire and despair, the play chronicles the experiences of Blanche Dubois, a former southern belle who has fallen far from her upbringing of wealthy gentility on the Belle Rive family plantation.

Destitute and disgraced, she is forced to move in with her sister Stella and Stella's brutish husband Stanley Kowalski in the sultry confines of working-class 1940s New Orleans.

Blanche is all nervous energy and con-

descending refinement, portraying herself as a member of the privileged upper class of old wealth, shocked by the poor conditions her sister now inhabits.

Stanley is her opposite, an unmannered cro-magnon of brooding intensity who seethes with bitter resentment at his sister-in-law's superior attitude.

In the middle is Stella, the sister who has descended by choice and plays arbitrator between the clash of cultures. Ultimately, she is no longer able to separate the two as Blanche's veneer of civility is gradually stripped by an increasingly resentful and cruel Stanley.

The brilliance of the Soulpepper production directed by Diana Leblanc is in its portrayal of Blanche as a largely sympathetic character. With her insulting and hypocritical class prejudices, she is easy to dislike and is often played with such shrill intensity and anxiety audiences look forward to her downfall.

But Fiona Reid, best known as the wife of Al Waxman on the *King of Kensington* television series, imbues her with a softer, pathetic nature that allows the viewer to empathize with her fall from grace.

"The opposite of death is desire," she says and the audience understands her degradation, her need to fill the void with illicit affairs and fantasy. It's a moving performance by a gifted actor, and Reid carefully walks the line between annoying and pathetic and emerges as understandably tragic.

Stanley, on the other hand, is utterly devoid of sympathy and, as a result, elicits none from the audience. Played with surly callousness by Stuart Hughes, he is almost too uni-dimensionally heartless. Petty, brutal, swaggering and mean, Hughes' portrayal casts Blanche in a softer light, making her downfall more poignant.

This is also in contrast to previous productions, notably the 1951 film version which helped catapult Marlon Brando to superstardom. Brando and succeeding actors portrayed Stanley as a lumbering, somewhat dense lug and ultimately sympathetic man driven to excess by his shrew of a sister-in-law.

Soulpepper al-



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Stuart Hughes as Stanley Kowalski and Kristen Thomson as Stella Kowalski in the Soulpepper Theatre Company production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

lows the slightly more liberal morals of the 90s to imbue its version. Wife-beater Stanley becomes a reprehensible instigator, stomping on Blanche's fingers as she struggles to hold on to sanity.

The two extremes are offset by a beautiful performance by Kristen Thomson as Stella, who escaped the gradual decline of home and family by coming to New Orleans and marrying below her, much to Blanche's horror. But Stella has found happiness in love that knows no class system, while Blanche's refusal to give up the past makes her unable to cope in the present.

Thomson plays her with a heartwarming softness and kindly, exasperated resignation in the face of her sister's "weaknesses," as she puts it, while still

exhibiting strength with her husband.

Set design is appropriately simple and dingy, while street sounds and lights are recreated to good effect, including the occasional passing streetcar or rattling train.

Two-year-old Soulpepper Theatre Company has created an impressively mature production, in keeping with the success of its first season. If you're in the Montreal area, don't miss it.

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*A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams runs at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte-Ste-Catherine Rd. in Montreal until Nov. 28. Tickets cost \$25 to \$33. For reservations, call (514) 739-7944 or 790-1245.

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## SPORTS

## Castors face Quebec Ramparts tonight

*Sherbrooke club looks to end winless streak*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Sherbrooke Castors will be looking to end their latest winless streak tonight when they host the Quebec Ramparts at the Palais des Sports. The Castors winless skid hit six Sunday afternoon when they fell to a depleted Victoriaville Tiger club 5-4.

Things looked good for Sherbrooke early on as they got off to an unusual quick start. They jumped to a 2-0 lead on goals by Joey Neale and Maxim Potapov. But then it all caved in as Victoriaville struck for five unanswered goals to take a commanding 5-2 lead midway through the second period.

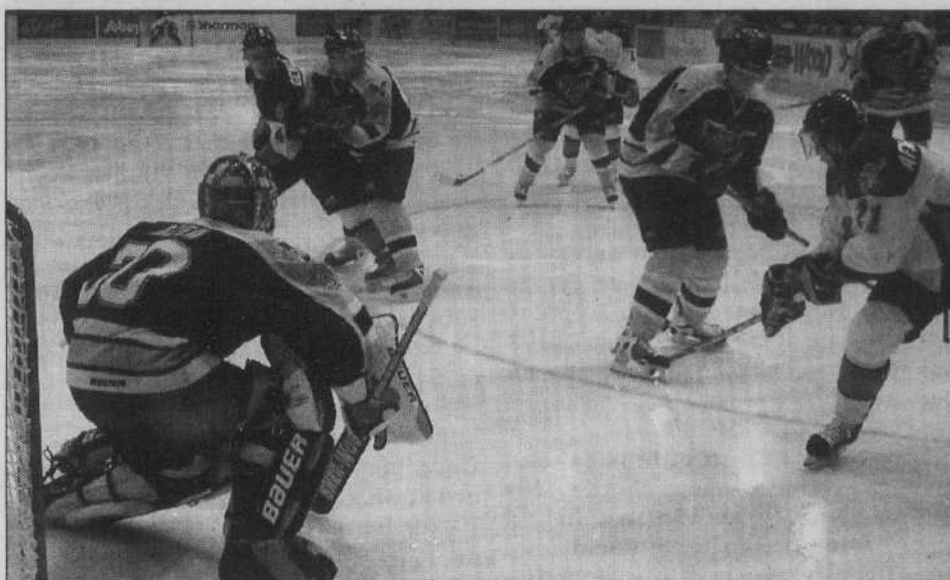
Sherbrooke made it close on a pair of goals by Martin Beausoliel, the last one coming with just two minutes remaining in the game.

As the losses rise, the task of righting the ship becomes more difficult.

Tonight they face the Quebec Major College Hockey League's top club. The Ramparts are atop the East Division and their roster includes five National Hockey League first round draft picks.

But the Castors have played the Ramparts tough this year, earning three points in three games so far. The last time the two teams met in Quebec City there was a bench clearing brawl which netted head Coach Joe Canale a four-game suspension. While such fireworks are not expected in tonight's contest, look for the Castors to come up with a strong effort.

Sherbrooke will have to do it without the services of Eric Pinoul who was suspended for three games.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

A lone white jersey in a sea of black tries to pot one in for the Castors in hockey action Sunday night

## Men's and women's Gaiters fall during trip

By Arash Madani  
TORONTO

The measuring stick of success for the 1999 edition of the re-building Gaiter men's basketball team is not wins or losses, but progress on a daily basis, says the head coach of the squad.

Despite beginning the season at 0-2 after being swept by the Laurentian Voyageurs (83-57) and University of Toronto Varsity Blues over the weekend, Eddie Pomykala is still optimistic on his team's growth in this, the re-building season after three consecutive conference championships.

"It's not just the record that's important here, but improvement on our team," said Pomykala, moments after the team's 92-80 loss to the Varsity Blues here on Saturday night. "We improved from last night and we had some players show up and make a big impact and so we move on from here."

Friday night in Sudbury began terribly for the Gaiters. From the opening tip, the club began a turnover infiltration that had passes picked off, thrown too high, too low and even to nobody.

Laurentian took full advantage of their gifts turning the 22 turnovers Bishop's committed into 36 points in the first

half and the Gaiters trailed 46-22 at the half. B.U. continued to struggle in the second period, turning the ball over another 14 times en route to 36 in total on the evening, but nearly managed to claw back into the contest.

Trailing by 24 points with Voyageurs big man Rowan Biggs taking a breather, Bishop's rallied on a 9-0 run sparked by crisp passes, solid transition play and capitalizing on turnovers. But Laurentian retaliated on a 15-0 run of their own right after to quell the Gaiter attack as the squad fell big in their opening game of the season.

The next night in Toronto was another story of runs and in the end, the Varsity Blues had one more than the Gaiters. Bishop's began Saturday right where it left off the previous night as they came out of the gates sloppy and flat from the start. U of T took full advantage, jumping out to a quick 16-4 lead.

"We learned a lot though," said Newton after the game. "We learned that we have to be able to hit our free throws and take care of business. It hurts right now having lost our first two, but just look at the improvement. We didn't make that many turnovers and we're getting better. It's a matter of being patient."

Then on Saturday, rookie Phillippe Miguel - a native of Sherbrooke - started as a big man in the paint for the under-sized squad against the Varsity Blues. After having electrified the crowd the night before with a monstrous slam dunk, a huge block and then impressing the coaching staff with his tenacious defensive play, the 6'2" forward definitely earned the role.

While the men are focusing on an investment year, the '99-2000 season is supposed to be a breakthrough season for the Gaiter women's basketball team.

But starting the season 0-2 isn't the way to do it. Still, the Gaiters haven't lost any ground. On the same road-trip, Laval lost both games to Laurentian and Toronto, while McGill and Concordia each were swept by Ryerson and Queen's. After two games, every team in Quebec is 0-2. It could have been different on Saturday.

The Gaiters spotted Toronto a 24-point lead before mounting a near-comeback. Prior to the halftime break, Bishop's dented the damage and then came out in the second half with vengeance in their eyes and fire off their fingertips.

Sparked by some hot shooting from their veterans - most notably fourth year guard Cynthia Hitchcock and fifth-year

senior Leanne Clarke - the Gaiters burst out of the gates in the second frame drilling the long ball. By the mid-way point of the second half, Toronto was up only eight thanks to a barrage of three pointers by Hitchcock and they didn't stop. She would hit three more, Clarke would hit another and with 8.4 seconds to go - following a Hitchcock desperation three - U of T lead by only one.

From there, the Gaiters blew the opportunity handed to them. Ellison went one of two from the line, but grabbed her own rebound as four other Gaiter jerseys could not find the loose ball and then after getting fouled again, Ellison knocked down both free throws to win the game.

"It was a let down, that's for sure," admitted Rod Gilipin, head coach of the Lady Gaiters. "We weren't able to get some big efforts from our players inside and our seniors were quiet until Cynthia and Leanne got us going. But everybody in the conference is 0-2 and the key is to bounce back this weekend."

Home opener weekend starts Friday night when the Gaiters host the Concordia Stingers while on Saturday they tip-off against McGill. The women's game starts at 6 p.m. and the men begin at 8.

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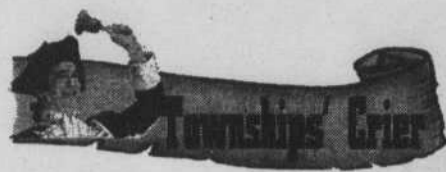
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**MAGOG**

Craft and Christmas Bazaar at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 420 Bellevue West, Magog (turn left at McDonalds, follow the signs), Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffle draw. Door prizes. Come ready to find exciting ideas for your Christmas gift giving! Cafeteria service available.

**DANVILLE**

Trinity United Church invites everyone to their Christmas Bazaar and Tea on Saturday, November 20 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sale of crafts, knitting, Christmas stockings, baking. Something for everyone.

**COOKSHIRE**

Trinity United Church: Musical and Comedy presentation on Sunday, November 21 at 2 p.m. Violin trio and piano, music from past; vocal trio, gospel songs; Henry Humphrey duo "Hairyticks". (819) 875-3796.

**BURY**

Advance notice. Annual Christmas Tea and Sale for the benefit of St. Paul's Home, Bury will be held on Sunday, November 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. Donations of baked goods and articles accepted with thanks.

**LENNOXVILLE**

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

**LENNOXVILLE**

Brunch at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 "Hut", 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Sunday, November 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**CHERRY RIVER**

Cherry River Gospel Chapel Ladies Christmas meeting, Tuesday, November 30, 6 p.m., at Parkside Ranch. Speaker: Linda Jackson. Music: Dale Dykstra, Paulette Halestine, Nancy Sparkes. Feature: Paintings by Debbie Roy. Gift exchange. Delicious lunch. All ladies invited, bring your friends.

**BULWER**

There will be a 500 card party in the Bulwer Community Centre on Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Prizes, door prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome. Admission charged.

**WATERVILLE**

The A.C.W. of St. John's Church will be sponsoring their annual Christmas Tea and Sale on Saturday, November 20 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sales tables and drawing. Admission charged.

**NORTH HATLEY**

Service of Prayer for Healing, Sunday, November 21, 7 p.m., St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley. We will especially uphold any special prayer requests and all those present. Rev. Alain A. Milot tel. (819) 842-2686, fax (819) 842-4428.

**DERBY LINE**

"Pat & Dave" and friends will have a sing-along in Derby Line, Vermont,

Main St., on Wednesday, November 17 at 2 p.m.

**HUNTINGVILLE**

"Pat & Dave" and friends will have a sing-along at Grace Christian Home on Thursday, November 18 at 2 p.m.

**BOLTON CENTRE**

Christmas Bazaar in the Town Hall, Bolton Centre on Saturday, November 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**RICHMOND**

The Richmond Quebec Farmers Association will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Richmond. Admission will be charged. Come and enjoy.

**SHERBROOKE**

Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club opening supper meeting, Treasurer's Night, will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. Let's all be there.

**HATLEY**

Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17. Christmas Sale and Luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. in St. James Church Hall in Hatley. Benefit of the A.C.W.

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**Card party****FOSTER**

The St. James Guild sponsored a 500 card party on October 30th with 10 tables playing. The old witch was in attendance and placed noise makers on each table along with halloween treats.

Highest score went to Doreen Gibbs, 6120; Reba Holliday, 5790; Clifford Wright, 5720; Ola Streeter, 5600; Nellie Williams, 5410; Lillian Brown, 5400; Hosie Curtiss, 4970; Fred Marsh, 4940; Elvia Johnson, 4860; Ormonde Brown, 4830; Helen Campbell, 4640; Winston Dudley, 4600; Helen Ramsey, 4530.

The two lowest scores were Doris Porter, 2360 and Alfreda Neil, 2400.

The 10 of hearts bid was won by Kathaleen Bailey and Ola Streeter.

Door prizes went to Stanley Wright, Fred Marsh, Elvia Johnson, June Call, Mary Horne, Muriel Whitehead, Dorothy DeSolla and Lillian Brown.

A drawing on a Roxton lamp, bird feeder was held with the lamp going to Connie Miles (Frances Johnson's daughter) and the bird feeder was won by Gerald Coapland.

The St. James Guild wishes to thank all those who supported our card parties in any way. We will hope to see you all again next year.

Muriel Whitehead

**St. Andrew's Guild meets**

St. Andrew's Guild was entertained by Linda Ross at her home in St. Denis de Brompton on October 19th. The president Nancy Brown opened the meeting with a warm welcome to two guests and all of our members present.

Louise Bruce took the devotions and read from Daniel, chapter 6. Daniel was a man of prayer and was protected in the den of lions because of his trust in God. A short article, "The Power of the Bended Knee" was followed by prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Corresponding Secretary Mildred Goodfellow read a copy of a letter which had been sent to the Board of Managers in appreciation of their endeavours at this time when our church building has been damaged. Lorna Savage expressed thanks for the flowers sent to her recently.

The bake sale to be held at the Sherlenn Fifty Plus Club the following

morning was then discussed. Several ladies offered to help. The treasurer Norma Brown gave the financial report after which the president asked for suggestions for activities for the coming year.

On November 16th our meeting will be held at the home of Ferne Murray with Linda taking devotions. Isabell Beattie reported that a joint Christmas meeting with the W.M.S. and Guild would be at her home on December 14th.

The Nominating Committee of Lorna Savage and Nancy Brown will be working on a new slate of officers for the new year. Lorna Savage adjourned the meeting, then Nancy Brown closed with prayer.

Linda Ross served a lovely lunch and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Louise Bruce, Secretary  
St. Andrew's Guild

**Coaticook area senior citizens meet**

Autumn, or the common name of Fall, is the season of falling leaves with moderately cold temperatures.

On Wednesday, October 27, 69 Coaticook area senior citizens, Club members and a few friends, defied the chilly Fall breeze to attend the monthly gathering at Salle L'Epervier for the luncheon, a business meeting and a showing of slides.

The reception hall was colourfully decorated with a dried flower arrangement on each table which added warmth as felt through the beauty of a flower.

The luncheon of vegetable soup, vegetables with dip, pâté and crusty bread was very tasty along with the birthday cake appropriately trimmed for Halloween with pumpkins, bats and witches. October celebrants were: Suzanne Cammeron, Mervyn Drew, Donald Patterson, James Heath and Denis Brennan. November: Roberta Clark, Robert Shepherd, Wilson May, June Brennan, Aline Patterson, and Marion Damore. Marion will celebrate her 90th on the second of November, Club members extended their birthday greetings by way of a hearty handclap.

The business meeting, somewhat shortened due to insufficient time, was called to order by the president, Stanley Beerworth. Frank Peters, vice-president, welcomed the visitors, Helena and Lyle Mosher, Elsie and Jim Moore, Alice and Ozzie Thomas and Rev. Curtis Patterson, his wife Beverly.

Frank also mentioned that Louis Adams has undergone surgery and Harold Kennedy of St. Louis, Missouri passed away October 16, 1999.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without the reading of same, followed by the treasurer's report, accepted as seconded by Geraldine Peters.

Stanley addressed the importance of the flu shots with emphasis on anyone with chronic heart, lung or kidney disease, asthma, diabetes, cancer, residents

of nursing homes or anyone in contact with elderly persons. An appointment is a must, contact the Carrefour de la Santé et des Services Sociaux at 849-9102, extension 2315.

The Club will again assist the firemen in their efforts to help the less fortunate in the Coaticook area by way of a collection of goods and/or monies, urgently needed during the holiday season.

Geraldine Peters, refreshment convenor, announced the annual turkey dinner to be held Wednesday, December 1st. This promises to be a scrumptious feast, don't miss it.

This being election month, Howard Dresser, as Chair of the nominating committee, took the Chair for nominations. Officers in place were returned for another year, namely: President - Stanley Beerworth, Vice-president - Frank Peters, Treasurer - Mervyn Drew and Secretary - Leta Dustin.

The afternoon's activities concluded with a showing of slides, courtesy of Audrey Frost with commentary by Barbara Bellows. Last May, Audrey and Barbara travelled to Ireland on a 10-day exchange visit, promoted by the Anglican Diocese of Quebec. This excellent showing depicted the beauty and charm of Ireland, as noted throughout the world, the picturesque cliffs, lakes and the greenness of the countryside. One noticeable distinctive part of the landscape is the many stone walls, thus few fences. Another interesting feature is the little quaint cottages, often made of stone and roofed with thatch. Surely, the natural course of events took in visits to a few of the many churches where the visitors were cordially received and given a brief history of each.

We thank Audrey and Barbara for this most interesting presentation, greatly appreciated by the Club.

Submitted by Leta Dustin  
Secretary - C.A.S.C. Club

**East Angus**

Mrs. Murray Labonte

Thanksgiving dinner and weekend guests at the home of Kay Labonte and Karen MacLeod were Marie MacLeod and friend Tom McCarthy of Burlington, Vt., Sandra Paz and children Marissa and Eric from Tucson Az., and Bill Thorneloe of Marbleton and Eleanor Taylor of Birchton. Sandra and children spent 10 days visiting her mother and grandmother. While here she attended the wedding of her cousin, Morris Heatherington to Pascale Desruisseaux on Oct. 16, 1999 in Ascot.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Rodger and Meryle and Derek Heatherington, were Randi and Morris Heatherington, Pascale Desruisseaux, Mr. and Mrs. Don Standish, Madeline Cathcart, and Gwendolyn Trottein of Lennoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Learned spent Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Learned in Cookshire.

Meryle Heatherington and Margaret Rowland spent a few days in Lancaster, N.H. While in Lancaster they called at the home of Mrs. Ed McKellop.

Overnight guests at the home of Margaret Rowland were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Gregory of St. Lambert. They called on Mrs. Murray Labonte while in town, then went to Bury to visit residents at St. Paul's Home. They, along with Margaret Rowland had lunch in Bury at Debbie Cilles' restaurant.

We were saddened by the death of a long time resident, Mr. Leslie Stickle. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Leslie Webb, a former resident of East

Angus.

Denis Grenier of Ayer's Cliff was in town visiting his sister, Diane Grenier and his father, Raymond Grenier.

Sandra Paz of Tucson, Az., was a luncheon guest of Margaret Rowland at Debbie Cilles' restaurant in Bury.

Kay Labonte and Karen MacLeod attended the wedding of Morris Heatherington to Pascale Desruisseaux, held on Oct. 16, 1999 in Ascot. Margaret Rowland and Madeline Cathcart also attended as did Eleanor Taylor of Birchton and Joyce Standish of Cookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ayers of Lindsey, Ont., were in town to attend their nephew, Morris Heatherington's wedding. They stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Heatherington.

**Stanbridge East**

Thelma Rhicard

The results of our municipal election are: Seat #1 - Terry Rhicard (135), Anthony Monette (97). Seat #2 - Judy Antle (150), Keith Boomhower (79). All voters had to identify themselves, which seemed rather strange when one has known the D.R.O. since birth! But we must except harmless change.

Neil did get a buck, so has Travis and Bobby Gendreau, Brian Chase, Cheryl and Eliza Rhicard (both 8 pts.) Coiter,

Cody, Wayne and Willie Reaffe (8 pt., 209 lbs.) Alphonse, Luc and John Van Herck (8 pt., 160 lbs.) There's five days of hunting left.

Shirley Langlois was pleasantly surprised at an 80th birthday party planned by relatives at her home, held on Nov. 7. Fifty-three folks stopped in to help celebrate the occasion, bringing good wishes, presents and flowers, also enjoying refreshments and a special

cake.

The Missisquoi Historical Society's organizing committee for the Silent Auction is happy to report that it was a huge success. They would like to thank the 135 folks who donated items, services and vouchers etc. and those who worked so hard at it. It was a great event.

**Christmas Tea and Sale held at Huntingville**

A very enjoyable and successful Christmas Tea and Sale was held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Howe home, sponsored by St. James Church, Compton. Nilda and Pat, as always, had put a lot of time and effort into decorating each room, and making it as attractive and festive as possible.

Guests enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, pickles, cookies, squares, tea or coffee.

The guessing game was won by Leah Copping. Prize for a marked plate was won by Jean Snow, marked chair, Leah

Copping.

The raffle tickets sold very well, thanks to all for supporting us, and especially to Ruth Charleau for selling so many of them (she sold more than I did). Raffle winners: First, a handmade Mary Maxim sweater, was won by Gracie Howe; second, a child's knitted set, won by George Catron; third, a kissing ball, won by Y. Hebert; fourth, a surprise package, won by Murdeena Matthews.

Special drawing: a toy, won by baby Dereck Charleau-Horion.

Door prizes were won by several peo-

ple: Susan Samson, Merle Bradley, Ruth Charleau, Curtis Patterson, Nancy Johnson, Esther Côté, Kathy Nichols, Ben Bowen, Gizelle Danforth, Janet Shepherd, Rita Nugent, Joyce Johnson, Genevieve Shepherd, Alice Price, Sue Nutbrown, Doreen Deacon, Elsie Mills and Leah Copping.

Many thanks to all who assisted in any way, and special thanks, once again, to Pat and Nilda for all they did for us.

Sue Nichols

**Card party held at Way's Mills recently**

A very enjoyable card party was held Nov. 6th at the Community Hall, Way's Mills for the benefit of the Church of Epiphany, cards were played at eight tables.

Winners were ladies first, Madeleine Daviau, 6160, ladies low, Fern Harvey, 3420, men's high, Royce Wallace, 6660, men's low, Lucien Lachance, 2210.

Nine no trump: Rupert Huckins. Skunk: Joe Harrison. Guessing game: Isabel Nelson. Secret score: Mary Kimp-ton. Several others won door prizes.

The winners of the raffle were, first prize, afghan donated by Phyllis Davidson, won by Bernard Labaree; second prize made by Cindy Houde, won by Muriel Mosher; third prize a fruit cake

donated by Lorraine Harrison, won by Rupert Huchins. Thanks to the ladies who played as men, thanks to all those who brought food and prizes or helped in any way, all very much appreciated.

Our next project a fun night, Nov. 13, 7 to 11 p.m. Community Hall, Way's Mills. All welcome. Come and join us.

Lorraine Harrison

**Deaths**

**LOWRY, Wayne** of Thetford Mines, Quebec - Passed away in his 61st year on November 14, 1999. Beloved husband of Claudette Perreault. Dear father of Lynn (Carmen) and Ricky (Anick). Cherished grandfather of Veronique. He is also survived by his brothers Victor (Helen), Jimmy (Claire) and Roger (Lili). He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Resting at the Gamache & Nadeau Funeral Home, 590 St. Alphonse, Thetford, Quebec. Friends may visit Tuesday, day of funeral, at 11 a.m. Funeral service will be held at Candish United Church, Kinnear's Mills, November 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions to Candish United Church would be appreciated.

**THWAITES, Rudolph** - Peacefully at the Maison Blanche, North Hatley, Que. on Sunday, November 14, 1999, Rudolph Anderson Thwaites in his 67th year. Beloved brother of Evelyn, Eleanor, Isabel and Jean. A private graveside service and burial of ashes will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Waterville, Que. at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home.

**In Memoriams**

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RENA AND FAMILY

**WALLACE, Wilbert and Ethel** - In loving memory of Dad who left us November 16, 1974 and Mom who left us April 3, 1976.

In memory,  
The walk beside us every day.  
Lovingly remembered by  
THE FAMILY

**Card of Thanks**

**OATES, Eva Hall** - Heartfelt thanks to those who phoned, sent cards, gave donations, attended the funeral and provided support at the passing of Eva Hall Oates. Special thanks to the Wales Home staff. Eva was a kind, gentle person who will be lovingly remembered by

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7 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead: ♠ 2			

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999

## The odds are compelling

By Phillip Alder

William James, in a 1906 letter to the Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski, wrote, "Most people live, whether physically, intellectually or morally, in a very restricted circle of their potential being. They make use of a very small portion of their possible consciousness, and of their soul's resources in general, much like a man who, out of his whole bodily organism, should get into a habit of using and moving only his little finger. Great emergencies and crises show us how much greater our vital resources are than we had supposed."

Is that the answer at the bridge table — assume each deal is a great emergency?

Well, the alarm bells are ringing for you right now. You get into seven no-trump. West leads a spade. After winning perforce in hand, you take the club ace, West dropping the queen. You cross to dummy, then call for a club. When East plays low, do you finesse the 10, go up with the king, or flip a coin to decide? Would it make any difference if West had played the jack, not the queen, under your ace?

This type of problem is unsatisfactory in a newspaper column, where you get to see the full deal and, therefore, the winning play. Still, it doesn't affect the right play, which is to finesse.

If West has a singleton club honor, he must play that card. However, if he started with the doubleton queen-jack, he can choose to play one card or the other. So, you should assume that he had no choice. (This is called the Principle of Restricted Choice.) The odds are slightly below 2-1 in favor of the finesse.

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## Among precious remembrances is definition of "Class"

**Dear Ann Landers:** Thank you for asking your readers to send you their favorite columns. Among my most precious remembrances is the definition of "Class." I sent the original to my late mother-in-law. She was getting on in years, and wondered why she was still on this earth. I told her it was because God had so few examples of class that he needed all the ones that were still around. My copy is tattered from constant use, and I hope you will print it again. — Collingswood, N.J.

### Class

Class never runs scared. It is surefooted and confident and it can handle whatever comes along.

Class has a sense of humor. It knows that a good laugh is the best lubricant for oiling the machinery of human relations.

Class never makes excuses. It takes its lumps and learns from past mistakes.

Class knows good manners are nothing more than a series of petty sacrifices.

Class bespeaks an aristocracy unrelated to ancestors or money. A blue blood can be totally without class while the son of a Welsh miner may ooze class from every pore.

Class can "walk with kings and keep its virtue and talk with crowds and keep the common touch." Everyone is comfortable with the person who has class because he is comfortable with himself.

## Adult Activity Day in Coaticook

Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the Elie Carrier Community Centre was a mild windy, beautiful fall day, as we gathered for another day of camaraderie with about 30 persons.

Shirley Desruisseaux welcomed everyone and turned to Nancy Laudenthal to get us under way with our exer-

**Bedford  
M. Miller  
248-2487**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith with George and Ernestine Rolland recently enjoyed a pleasant trip to Upper Canada Village with their motor home.

Mr. Cameron Short who has been in Indonesia for the past year stopped for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Rhea Short, then continued on to Ottawa, being on a business trip.

Martha Jones passed away at the B.M.P. Hospital on October 9th, after suffering from cancer for a long time. Sympathy is extended to Eric and their son Scott and Charlotte Gravatte, her sister and other relatives and their many friends.

Mrs. Thelma Leney of Roxboro was an overnight guest of Marguerite Miller. On Wednesday, October 13th Thelma motored over to St. Albans, Vt., to visit her elderly cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Smith at the Holiday House Nursing Home.

## Ann Landers

And now, dear readers, here's one more favorite:

**Dear Ann Landers:** The enclosed column has been glued in my scrapbook since the mid-1970s. I was strengthened by looking at it again, and came to realize that my latest relationship was not the true love either of us were seeking. I miss him, but I know I made the right decision. Thanks for your wisdom. — E.M., Albuquerque, N.M.

### Love or Infatuation?

Infatuation is instant desire. It is one set of glands calling to another. Love is friendship that has caught fire. It takes root and grows — one day at a time.

Infatuation is marked by a feeling of insecurity. You are excited and eager but not genuinely happy. There are nagging doubts, unanswered questions, little bits and pieces about your beloved that you would just as soon not examine too closely. It might spoil the dream.

Love is quiet understanding and the mature acceptance of imperfection. It is real. It gives you strength and grows beyond you — to bolster your beloved. You are warmed by his presence, even when he is away. Miles do not separate you. You want him nearer. But near or far, you know he is yours and you can wait.

Infatuation says, "We must get married right away. I can't risk losing

him." Love says, "Be patient. Don't panic. Plan your future with confidence."

Infatuation has an element of sexual excitement. If you are honest, you will admit it is difficult to be in one another's company unless you are sure it will end in intimacy. Love is the maturation of friendship. You must be friends before you can be lovers.

Infatuation lacks confidence. When he's away, you wonder if he's cheating. Sometimes you check.

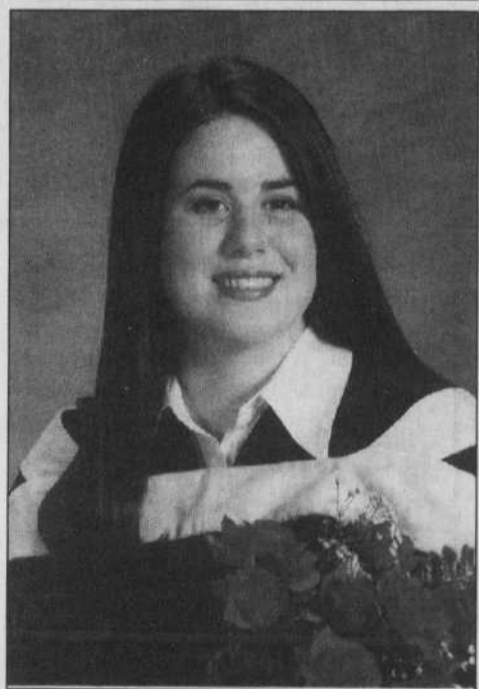
Love means trust. You are calm, secure and unthreatened. He feels that trust, and it makes him even more trustworthy.

Infatuation might lead you to do things you'll regret later, but love never will.

Love is an upper. It makes you look up. It makes you think up. It makes you a better person than you were before.

## Open House

A benefit social evening will be held on November 20, 1999 for Steingrubers - Home Ridge Farm (who recently lost their barn and some equipment due to a fire) at East Farnham Town Hall from 7-11 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Donations greatly appreciated. For more info. contact Doug and Barb Bauer, (450) 263-3802 or Martha Lickfold, (450) 263-7606. All welcome!



## Graduation

Tracy Dawn, daughter of George and Stella Clarkson of Deux Montagnes, Que., recently graduated from Concordia University where she received her B.A. in History. Tracy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Agnes Oakley of Richmond, Que.

Congratulations.

Lots of love  
Mom, Dad  
and Robert

After a hearty lunch of soup, pasta, tossed salad, relish and buns, date squares and ice cream, tea and coffee, the men helped set up a corner for the CLSC nurses to give flu and pneumonia shots. Several persons came in to take advantage of these shots.

There was no door prize this day. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Merrill St. Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Come and join us.

Elise Mayhew

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: T equals U

'O DOVU HJUUK MUAWTKU HZUN
KUUL LEJU JUKOPBUC HE HZU
XWN HZUN ZWRU HE DORU HZWB
EHZUJ HZOBPK CE.' - XODDW

A W H Z U J

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "They say the breaks all even up in the long run. But how many of us last that long?" - Chuck Knox, Buffalo Bills coach.
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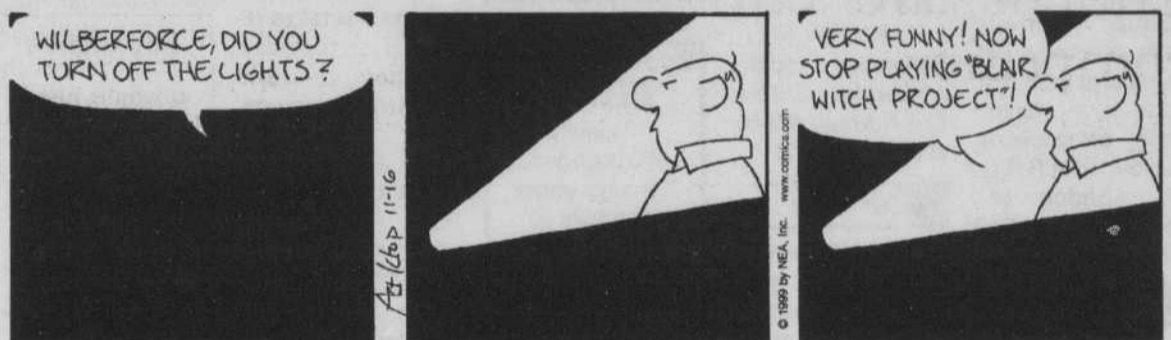


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**Bulwer**  
Mrs. George Pinchin

The last week of September Sharon and Ed Laberee were accompanied by Ed's mother, Marion Laberee of Lennoxville, to Sutton and Campbellford, Ont., to attend the funeral and burial of Marion's great-nephew, Todd Langworth. They spent one night in Jackson's Point and the second in Campbellford.

Domerchie of Caledon, Ont., spent Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Nelson and Charlotte Bullard. Mrs. Bernice King, Ridgeville, Ont. spent a few days at the Bullards.

Thanksgiving weekend visitors of Sharon and Ed were their daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Morgan deBlauw of Hamilton, Ont., who arrived in Drummondville. On Sunday they took advantage of the good weather to give Morgan a scenic tour of the areas where his maternal grandfather had lived and worked (Waterville and Magog), and included other scenic stops along the way. The first stop was Waterville then on to Coaticook for a view of the Gorge, then Mont Pinnacle and Lake Lyster, Way's Mills, Ayer's Cliff, and Magog for a lunch stop along the water's edge, then back to Bulwer via North Hatley and Eustis.

Verle and Brenda McElravy, Ottawa, Ont., were home at his parent's, Fred and Wilma McElravy. Bernice King, Ridgeville spent a couple of days also. Billy and Patty Hendersen, Leas Rapids, Manitoba, were visiting the McElravys on several occasions, while in Sawyerville. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hendersen and family, Chateauguay, were also callers.

Thanksgiving Monday visitors were Elizabeth and Raymond Mastine and their granddaughter, Allison of Montreal and Betty Moore and Marion Laberee, both of Lennoxville. Very early Tuesday morning Sharon and Ed drove Wendy and Morgan to Drummondville to begin their train journey home to Hamilton.

Mrs. Mable Ross of Lennoxville, formerly of Bulwer, has entered the Grace Christian Home, after returning from the hospital. Her many friends wish her well.

Sunday, Oct. 17th Sharon and Ed Laberee, along with many others, enjoyed a pot luck lunch at the Sawyerville United Church, the occasion being to say farewell and extend good wishes to Phyllis and Clinton Smith as they leave the community and move to the Ottawa area.

Gerald and Catherine Lowd spent several days visiting Gerald's sister, Evelyn and her husband, Grant Forgrave, in Campbellford, Ont.


The MacDonalds attended the wedding of Angela Nutbrown and Andrew Ward in Huntingville. They celebrated Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rublee in Sherbrooke. Miss Esther MacDonald is in Libya, North Africa teaching English in the schools, and learning the Arabic language.

In September Douglas Pinchin and his father and mother motored to Ottawa to spend a couple of days with Dorothy. While there they all attended a barbeque at Steven Payne's, a cousin of George.

The Harvest Brunch at the Bulwer Community Center was a success.

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# Stanstead North Women's Institute meets

The Stanstead North Women's Institute met on October 7th at 10 a.m. at the home of Phyllis Dustin. President Gertrude Ketcham welcomed the nine members. President Gertrude opened the meeting with the Collect, Oath of Citizenship and thanked Phyllis for hosting it. As the meeting continued Phyllis served tea, coffee, cookies and coffee cake.

Motto: Ability to catch up with the demand for it.

Roll call: Name something made only in Canada!

Secretary Velma Eryou read the minutes of the last meeting, they were approved as read. Business arising from minutes: Phyllis reported that Mel had put up the new sign and painted the rod. He will also take it down for the winter months. Gertrude asked if anyone would be interested in a tour of Bishop's University on Oct. 19th. A part of the Provincial meeting being held in Lennoxville. We will host the fall county meeting on November 10th at Centenary United Church.

Treasurer Ruth Putney read the treasurer's report which showed a favourable balance.

Convenor's reports: Agriculture:

Irene Johnston read an article on strikes in our area.

Canadian Industries: Joan Mosher read a very interesting documentary about a 46 year old lady named Charlotte who went into commercial soft shell clam farming and took the small businesses by storm. This is part of Atlantic Fisheries in Newfoundland.

Citizenship and Legislation: Gertrude noted that Adrienne Clarkson is the second lady to become our new Governor General. She also read about David Price accepting the Legislation File for Immigration and Citizenship laws.

Education: Irene Sheldon had an update on the school's work to rule situation. Information received is, there are many schools with children with learning difficulties. These children need extra help, but instead are put in classrooms with 25 other children. Some classrooms are combined classes grades 5 and 6 with one teacher for two levels, to 30 plus students. Presently teachers have to administer medication to children with health problems. Teachers should not have to give needles, asthma inhalants and other medication to some children while 25 other students

are waiting for academic help. There is no funding for a school nurse. Most teachers work hours would be 44 hours a week, plus meeting with parents, social workers and the principal to monitor students progress. Many of the teachers now are hired and paid on a part time basis, but put in a full day. The majority of teachers would be content with a cost of living raise, guaranteed every year and better working conditions with more resources, and resource people. The buildings are in great need of repair and updated equipment. The government cuts also affect music, sports, art and other needed programs for proper child development.

Home Economics and Health: Doris Gibson read the list of articles to be made for the QWI Millennium craft competition for the May convention in Montreal. Doris also read an article on diets. In many instances the cause of death was from being overweight. When serving yourself, portion sizes are very important. The best diet is to use common sense.

International Affairs & Environment: Phyllis spoke about the conflict in Barnston West, "Selling our Water."

After the dry weather we've had this year, she felt it would be better to leave our water table alone. If we tap into the water level, it could affect the springs and wells around us. Phyllis passed a petition around to be signed by the members against this water bottling deal. She also read an article on greenhouse gasses.

Safety: Velma read a very interesting article, "What are the dangers of taking laxatives." The over use causing many to become dependent. This in turn causes a host of health problems - cramps, nausea, vomiting, bloating and dehydration. It also weakens the intestinal muscles. As an alternative, eat healthy and walk at least twenty minutes, three times a week.

At 11:30 a.m. Ruby Simpson adjourned the meeting. Following our regular meeting, we had a quick meeting to nominate officers for next year. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 10th at Centenary Church Hall. Stanstead North will also be hosting the County Meeting at 10 a.m. There will be a lunch served at noon followed by a guest speaker.

Submitted by  
Phyllis Dustin (Publicity)

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### ACROSS

- 1 Slender
- 5 Tibetan monk
- 9 Trample
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- 15 Slanted type: abbr.
- 16 Like the Arctic
- 17 Cupid
- 18 Turn on a pivot
- 19 Cooking smell
- 20 Apple pie topping
- 23 Equal scores
- 24 Mediocre grade
- 25 News services
- 28 Hard work
- 31 Alphabetize
- 35 Female graduate

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- 39 Green legume
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- 64 Epic tale
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- 66 Castle or Dunne
- 67 North Carolina college
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- 69 Wanderer
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- 26 Bring joy
- 27 Fists: slang
- 29 Pope's fanon
- 30 Charged particle
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- 41 Compete
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- 47 Salt marsh
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- 5 Strong thread
- 6 Finally
- 7 Second-largest Hawaii an island
- 8 Smart guy?
- 9 Open spot
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By Dorothy B. Martin  
Highland Park, MI

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**Bury**  
Nina Rowell

Carroll Locke and friend Teressa of Toronto recently visited Mrs. Clara Ward.

Mrs. Clara Ward recently received the news of the passing of her brother-in-law, Francis Cecil Gaulin (Bill) on October 13, 1999 in Taylor, B.C. Francis, locally known as Bill, was born in Bury, on May 19, 1913, a son of the late John Joseph Gaulin and his wife, the late Jessie Ord. On February 17, 1940, he married Ethel Martha Ward. Three children were born to them, Helen, (Henry Gaulin), Frances and William (Sammy), who with his widow survive him, also his brother, Lloyd and a sister, Mrs. Ethel MacLeod of Birchton. He was predeceased by a brother, Earl Gaulin of Scotstown, and three sisters, Eva, Mrs. Carlos Rudd, Blanche, Mrs. Frank Parsons, both of Bury, and Katie, Mrs. John Burton.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999

**Your Birthday**

There is a strong possibility that you could make some type of important change in your work or career in the year ahead that will turn out to be extremely fortunate for you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you make it a priority matter today, something you've been unable to finalize to your satisfaction can be concluded in a most favorable manner. Put it at the top of your list of things to do. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is an excellent day to get involved in competitive sports, such as golf, tennis, racquetball, etc. It won't make your opposition happy, because you'll turn out to be a winner.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A family matter about which everyone has been a

bit skeptical will take a turn for the better today with the entire situation turning out quite fortunate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's time to start thinking bigger if you want to successfully produce larger benefits for yourself. Today's events could show you how to do that. Be alert.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Others may be inclined today to treat you in a more generous fashion than usual, even a person you thought didn't give a hoot. It should turn out to be a rather pleasant day for you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Take your mind off of material concerns today and concentrate on human relationships, because it's in this matter where you could be extremely lucky at this time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) With a quiet approach and in your own relaxed manner, you may be able to achieve on the first try a high objective that has eluded others. You should be at the top of your game.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Through

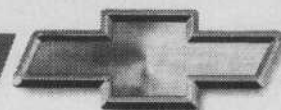
some type of personal exposure today, you could gain an insight that will prove to be very important in achieving success. It may be a new way to view an old matter.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Due to some changes now in the making, some extremely favorable conditions could open up for you today where you could benefit in both your career and finances.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Press onward and forward today. This could be a lucky day for you, especially where a partnership arrangement concerning a joint venture has recently been established.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Brush off the dust balls on an old project that has been left to get sooty and resurrect it today. With a few new twists, the time is ripe to successfully revive it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your popularity is strongly trending upwards and social acceptance should not be a problem for you today. You're likely to receive a warm welcome wherever you go.



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