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Anglos brace for access battle

Advisory committee members resign in protest

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

The English community has reacted swiftly and strongly to a threat that access plans, which are an essential part of the law that guarantees access to health and social services to Quebec's English-speaking community in their own language, could be scrapped.

"Regional associations are gearing up for another battle to protect not only the letter, but the spirit of the law," commented Townshippers' Association president Peter Quilliams in an interview with the Record.

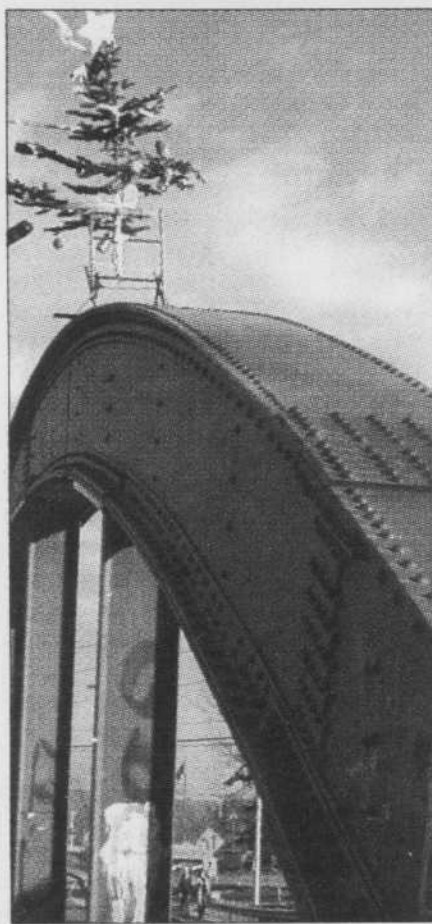
The access plans will be the main topic of discussion as the Quebec Community Group Network, which regroups minority English-language groups throughout the province, meets later this week.

In the meantime, all 11 members of the provincial advisory committee on English language health care, which advised the government on access plans, resigned in protest complaining they were being disregarded.

"How could we, in good conscience, allow people to think we were there tending the store, when we were not being consulted," declared Marissa Tessier, who represented the Townships on the advisory committee. "We could not give the community a false sense of security that the committee was looking after their interests when they were completely bypassing us."

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Deck the Bridge



DANIEL HUOT

Christmas decorating reaches new heights

Halifax Angel arrested in Sherbrooke Hotel

19 more arrests in Nova Scotia

By Daniel Huot

Suspected Hells Angels member Arthur Daine Harrie, of the Halifax, N.S., chapter, made a brief court appearance in Sherbrooke yesterday after being arrested towards 7 a.m. at the Auberge Des Gouverneurs in Sherbrooke.

Harrie, 59, is one of 20 people arrested in connection with an RCMP raid against a cocaine ring operating in Nova Scotia. The Mounties reportedly seized the Hells Angels bunker in Halifax as part of the operation.

Meanwhile in Sherbrooke, police found a leather jacket in Harrie's room that contained the Hells Angels banner with the Halifax chapter colours on it. The raid at the Auberge was conducted by the Sherbrooke Regional Police Force in collaboration with members of the elite escouade régionale mixte (ERM) composed of police officers from various police bodies.

Judge Gabriel Lassonde ordered Harrie detained for a period of up to six days until Nova Scotia police pick him up. It's reported Maritime officers were aboard a Montreal-bound airplane last night to pick up the suspect.

Harrie is charged with two counts of possessing drugs for trafficking purposes and one count of gangsterism.

"He's to be shipped to Dartmouth Wednesday morning," said Sûreté du Québec spokesman Serge Dubord.

"They followed him (Harrie) here," said RCMP spokesman Jim Moffat. "We asked for the ERM's assistance. They don't know why he's here."

Moffat added the 20 people arrested are wanted in connection with trafficking all sorts of drugs including cocaine, hashish and ecstasy among others.

Yesterday, Harrie with his long beard, grey shirt, jeans and cowboy boots appeared calm as attorneys discussed his case in French, a language he didn't seem to understand. Judge Lassonde outlined his detention conditions in English.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Daine Arthur Harrie appeared in Sherbrooke Court yesterday where he was ordered detained for six days, giving N.S. RCMP officers ample time to pick him up on charges of trafficking and gangsterism.

Ordination of Deacons



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Barbara A. Wintle and Frederick S. Richardson were ordained deacons in the Church of Christ for the Anglican Church of Canada, the Diocese of Quebec in the Ministry of the Deanery of St. Francis in a ceremony Sunday presided by the Right Reverend Bruce Stavert, Bishop of Quebec. Guest celebrants attending the ceremony at St. Peter's in Sherbrooke were from various denominations. Organist for the occasion was Barbara Drexel.

A tribute to the wrongfully convicted

Last week Stephen Truscott began his latest campaign to have his 1959 murder conviction set aside, this time with the support of the Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted. He hopes to join the ranks of, Donald Marshall Jr, Benoit Proulx, Guy Paul Morin, David Milgaard and Thomas Sophonow.

Not only did they and their loved ones shoulder intense personal grief, each one of the wrongful convictions undermined the very cornerstones of our criminal justice system's legitimacy. At the time they were convicted the true perpetrators went free.

Even though the many safeguards in our criminal justice system make it one of the best and most transparent in the world, wrongful convictions, as rare as they may be, will continue to be a fact of life.

SYSTEM NOT PERFECT

No criminal justice system is or can be perfect. Short of never charging a suspect or of increasing the threshold of proof to impossible levels, no judicial system can ever provide absolute guarantees against miscarriages of justice. Just as crime itself reflects the many weaknesses of human nature, the same must be said of the various ingredients that are conducive to breeding miscarriages of justice. They include false accusations, misleading police investigative work, inept defence counsel and forensic experts, blatant legal errors by judges, misperceptions by Crown prosecutors of their role, inadequate identification evidence, perjury and the list goes on.

While in the past government officials were inclined to scoff at allegations of wrongful convictions, their attitudes have changed dramatically, particularly since DNA technology began presenting irrefutable evidence to the contrary.

By investing the Minister of Justice with specific powers regarding applications for the mercy of the Crown, even

our lawmakers formally recognized the likelihood of innocent persons being wrongfully convicted. This exceptional procedure, which Stephen Truscott is banking on, was intended to rectify situations involving innocent persons who remained convicted of serious crimes despite having exhausted all conventional avenues of appeal.

Under very stringent conditions this procedure enables the Minister of Justice to order a new trial or an appeal.

LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS

However, without new and reliable evidence that was not considered by the courts or that was only discovered after the appeal process, applicants have little chance of success. Out of the 50 to 70 requests the Minister of Justice receives each year, very few ever meet the requirements.

This explains why in 1989, the Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall, Jr. Prosecution and again this year, retired Supreme Court justice Peter Cory, both recommended that the federal government create an independent agency so as to facilitate the reinvestigation of alleged cases of wrongful conviction. They proposed the U.K. model which has the power to not only assess and investigate, but also to recommend cases for new trials or judicial review, without government consent.

SPECIAL UNIT

So far, the government is prepared to consider the creation of a special investigation unit with new powers to subpoena evidence and witnesses.

Although federal and provincial governments have demonstrated a willingness to compensate victims of miscarriages of justice, the process is long and tedious and more often than not depends on whether the government is willing to launch a public inquiry.



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Most of the delays in obtaining compensation are due to the lack of any compensation system for wrongful convictions. So far, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms has not helped in this regard. A claim for damages under the Charter would be difficult to prove. Any plaintiff would have to establish that according to general constitutional law the State committed an unjustifiable breach of one of his Charter rights and that the only appropriate remedy is financial compensation. Furthermore, not every wrongful conviction can be attributed to a Charter right breach.

Under ordinary law there are other problems, not the least being the requirement to prove that some government official, whether it be a police officer or prosecutor, was at "fault" and therefore was the cause of his or her wrongful conviction.

ASSIGNING BLAME

In order to get around the problem of trying to attach blame to individuals involved in the criminal justice process, many countries around the world have acknowledged that compensable harms can result from the conviction and imprisonment of the factually innocent.

On May 19, 1976 Canada added its signature to The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Optional Protocol. Although they both recognize the right of persons who have been wrongfully convicted to be compensated there are strict conditions. Every applicant must have had his criminal conviction reversed or have been pardoned and in both instances on grounds that a new or newly discovered fact showed conclusively that there had been a miscarriage of justice.

When it comes to determining the amount of compensation a number of factors are always considered. Since the

right to be free is at the core of every democratic country it necessarily follows that the length of time spent in prison is a key factor. Equally relevant are the overall conditions of each prison institution where the person served his sentence together with their cumulative effect on the person.

In 1990, Mr. Justice Evans, in the Commission of Inquiry Concerning Adequacy of the Compensation Paid to Donald Marshall, Jr. recognized approximately 20 factors. They included loss of liberty, loss of reputation, humiliation and disgrace, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of potential normal experiences, such as starting a family and loss of civil rights.

To these factors, 11 years later, Justice Cory added in the Thomas Sophonow case the effects of post acquittal statements by public figures, police officers and the media.

RIGHT TO COMPENSATION

If Stephen Truscott's murder conviction is ever set aside there will be no dispute as to his right to obtain compensation. Whoever would be appointed to recommend the appropriate amount, will no doubt side with the sentiments expressed by retired justice Cory in the case of Thomas Sophonow.

"Thomas Sophonow has been deprived of his liberty; he has suffered irreparable damage to his reputation by being branded as a murderer; and he has suffered and will continue to suffer from the symptoms flowing from a post-traumatic stress disorder."

While our governments deserve to be applauded for showing greater concern with the problem of the wrongly convicted and imprisoned, much of the credit should be attributed to the courage and perseverance of individuals such as Donald Marshall Jr., Benoit Proulx, Guy Paul Morin, David Milgaard and Thomas Sophonow as well as their sponsors.

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Weather

Today: Cloudy with clear periods and 30 per cent probability of showers. High near 9.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with showers. Low near 5. High near 10. Probability of precipitation 70 per cent.

Friday: variable cloudiness. Low near minus 3. High near plus 3.

Saturday: Intermittent snow. Low near minus 2. High near zero. Probability of precipitation 90 per cent.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Aging infrastructure, police to push up TBL tax bills

Burying Knowlton Hydro wires costly - preliminary estimate

By Maurice Crossfield

Property owners in the Town of Brome Lake can expect significantly higher tax bills in the coming year.

"We are going to be taking a big step," said Brome Lake Mayor Stanley Neil at the monthly council meeting Monday night. "We are going to be putting this town in order and we will move forward."

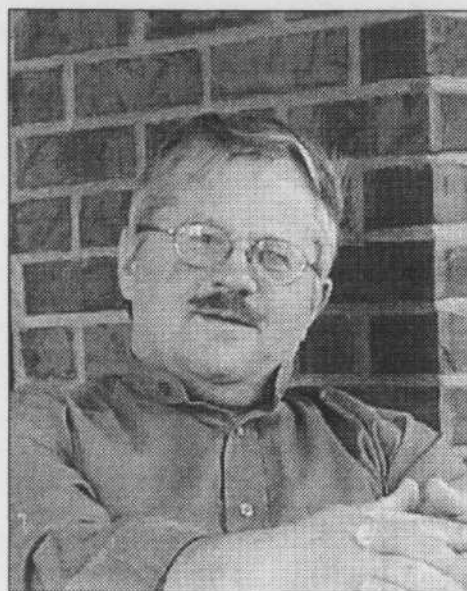
Neil first warned taxpayers last December that 2001 would be the last year the council would be able to avoid tax increases. Since then the municipality has decided to keep its police force, which should add about 17 cents per \$100 of evaluation to the tax bill for the coming year.

Now the municipality is looking at increased spending to deal with its aging and decaying infrastructure. Besides the increase for policing, Neil said the tax increase will go mainly towards repairs to roads, water and sewage systems, which he says have been let go for too long.

"Over the last year we have spent over \$200,000 just on patching roads," Neil said. "Our infrastructure is crumbling."

"There are more things that have come out of the woodwork in the last year than you could imagine," Neil said in a phone interview Tuesday. He said the capital must be there to be able to take advantage of government infrastructure projects, or if necessary, for the municipality to do the repairs itself.

Neil would not say how much the tax increase will be just yet, noting that the final figures have not been put together. However he did say the tax increase



FILE PHOTO

'Our infrastructure is crumbling,' - Mayor Stanley Neil

will be limited to the mill rate.

The special meeting to adopt the budget for 2002 will be held on Monday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The council voted to take out a temporary loan of \$260,000. This because the municipality has not yet received payment from the province to cover the costs to the repair work done on Lakeside Road.

"We need to make sure we have the money to pay our bills," Neil said. The loan will be reimbursed when payment is received from the Quebec government.

- Council passed a resolution calling for Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel to recognize part-time residents when calculating the voting powers at the Municipal Regional Council tables.

Under the existing structure the amount a municipality contributes to

the MRC is based on property value. However voting power is based on population. In Brome-Missisquoi, Cowansville, with its larger population, holds more votes. But Brome Lake, with its hefty property evaluation role, contributes the most money to the MRC.

Neil had presented Brome Lake's case to the Jutras-Nicolet commission last year, arguing that if part-timers were recognized, Brome Lake would have 8,258 residents instead of 5,222. That would give it five votes at the MRC table instead of the present three. That suggestion was picked up by the commission as one of its recommendations. Sutton Township, with its large part time population, would also get more votes at the MRC level.

But now it appears the recommendation is in danger of being scrapped, because a government bureaucrat says the formula is too complicated. Monday's resolution calling for the acceptance of the new formula, along with two previous MRC resolutions will be forwarded to Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel.

- The council called on provincial environment minister André Boisclair to intervene in the manure surplus issue. Under environmental guidelines Brome Lake is one of four municipalities in Brome-Missisquoi designated as having a manure surplus. The designation means farmers in the municipality are forbidden from expanding their animal operations, unless they pay the hefty price of treating and hauling away their manure. It effectively means that a farmer, regardless of the capacity of his farm, cannot purchase even one additional animal.

"This is something we feel very strongly about," said councillor Robin Moore. He said the formula for determining a manure surplus is difficult to understand and doesn't take into ac-

count the realities of the farming community.

A preliminary estimate of the costs of burying electrical wires in downtown Knowlton under a Hydro-Québec program doesn't look promising.

Under the terms of the program Hydro will cover 30 per cent of the costs of burying the cables, while the town pays 70 per cent - except in areas designated as having heritage value. There, Hydro pays 70 per cent and the town pays 30 per cent. In Knowlton, the heritage zone is designated from the United Church on Knowlton Road to the four-way stop, and from the stop to the bridge on Lakeside.

At a total cost of \$2000 per metre, it would cost Hydro \$488,000 and the town \$205,000 just to do the heritage sector. If the entire downtown core were done, it would cost the town \$1,390,000, and Hydro \$987,000.

"If the people in the village want this it will be a user-pay concept," Neil said. "If the merchants think they can afford this, then we'll go the next step."

- Councillor Don Wing said he will be working on a plan to make road repairs and maintenance more effective in the coming year. He said the aim is to save money by taking a different organizational approach to the maintenance.

A round of applause was given for Knowlton businessman Chris Severs for his efforts with the annual Festival of Lights. Due to Severs' efforts Brome Lake is also the only Quebec participant in the national Winter Lights competition. Judges for both the Festival of Lights and the Winter Lights competition made the rounds Monday.

For the first time in years no one asked a question during question period. The only thing to come up was a man unhappy about getting a parking ticket during the recent Woolrich sale.

Broken bottles common sight at LES

Staff

Janitors working at Lennoxville Elementary School met a familiar sight Monday morning as they assessed the broken bottles littering the school grounds. Principal Patricia Mogensen said the eyesore is a common

sight after weekends.

"It seems like a regular thing to pick up glass on Monday mornings," she noted. "Students will often come to the office to report broken glass."

School officials try to clean up the mess left behind by drunk vandals be-

fore the kids arrive.

"It seems some people work really hard to do this stuff," said Mogensen, referring to recurring acts of vandalism in town and on school property. "If only they worked this hard to make this town a better place, it would be a great."

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The rapid response and angry resignations come in response to Health Minister Rémy Trudel's flagrant deception about a ministry report on the access plans and concerns raised by Liberal MNA Russell Williams that secrecy surrounding the document suggested the PQ intends to dismantle the plans.

The 68-page report, which Trudel and his top bureaucrats tried to keep hidden, was widely circulated among English rights lobby groups over the past few days.

Quilliams describes the report by high ranking bureaucrat Pierre-Paul Veilleux as "a narrow-minded and nasty piece of work".

"It's misleading," he said. "It takes facts and distorts them."

For weeks, Trudel and health ministry bureaucrats denied the existence of the document which was delivered anonymously to MNA Williams. Last week, Liberal Whip and Health Critic Jean-Marc Fournier wrote Quebec's Access to Information Committee chairman Jennifer Stoddart demanding a full inquiry into the PQ's attempts to hide the document's existence.

The report came to light as the Health Ministry prepares to review anglo access plans which detail what services are available and where. The review, which must be done in 2002, is obligatory every three years under Section 348 of the Act respecting health and social services which guarantees health and social services in English to English-speaking Quebecers.

"I think Trudel is grasping at straws. The Parti Québécois sees its popularity going down the tubes and he is raising the language red flag," commented Heather Keith Ryan, who chairs the health and social services committee for Townshippers' Association. "They always hope if they talk about language people will get upset and support them."

Keith-Ryan said it's deplorable for the PQ to raise the issues of English-language health care services, particularly since they are a basic need for many unilingual, elderly anglophones.

"Every single Quebec taxpayers wants good health care services," she told the Record. "To make it a political and language issue is really sad."

"They are just playing politics with people's lives and that's not fair," Tessier said in a separate interview. "They are not really interested in the health and welfare of people showing up in hospitals."

While the the PQ has not gutted or scrapped access plans yet, talk over the last few days added to past history of endeavouring to weaken the plans does not bode well, say a number of English-rights activists.

"We have more questions than we have facts to deal with," complained Quilliams, adding that the only infor-



FILE PHOTO

Marrison Tessier, a member of the advisory committee who resigned in protest over minister's failure to consult.

mation the community has is from the internal ministry report which was leaked to the Liberals last week, and comments by Trudel on Thursday that he wants to cut down the number of official bilingual positions in the health care network without affecting services in English.

"I don't know if the issue is that we have bilingual posts," Quilliams said. "I think it is a question of whether or not you are meeting your access plan or not. Are you meeting your objectives?"

Tessier disagrees.

"You have to have a certain number of bilingual positions," she insists. "Otherwise if you go to a point of entry into the system and they can't speak English, you can't get access to services."

"I think he's (Trudel) playing with statistics and not looking at serving the community in the best possible way," Tessier said.

In the Estrie region of the Townships, the access plans states that three-quarters (74 per cent) of institutions must provide some level of services in English, but not all services are indicated.

Tessier points out that in the past one hospital - Sherbrooke Hospital, which represented about one quarter of hospital beds - was designated to provide all acute care services in English. "Now there is only one hospital - or 100 per cent of hospitals - is providing those services in English."

But it's not an issue of numbers and statistics, it's a question of services to people in need, Tessier said.

"It's ludicrous for them to be talking about statistics when we are talking about the lives of people who are in distress," she remarked.

Like Williams, Tessier fears the Veilleux report reflects government policy.

"You can't pretend it is just a ministerial lackey when the minister made public his goal to cut the number of

bilingual positions," she said.

Tessier also wonders about the timing of the changes - just as the government has done away with elected health boards to replace them with directors appointed directly by the government.

"Does it look like it might have been planned in advance?" she asks. "What was so secretive about the report? What was so important that it could not be shared with others?"

The classified report, which questions the need for access plans when rights to services are already guaranteed by the health care law, outraged anglophones - particularly with its final comment that asks if "health care clients and workers can be liberated by this foreign body" and if Quebec's health care law "can recover its virginity."

The report also suggests scrapping the provincial advisory committee - which may be a moot point following the mass resignations of members.

Tessier said members of the advisory committee, except for her and chairman Richard Walling - were replaced by former Health Minister Pauline Marois. But changing committee members did little or nothing to change its positions, she noted.

"The problems won't go away because they are not generated by members of the committee but by the needs of our community," she said.

Tessier said the advisory committee has been unable to meet with Trudel since he was named last year. She said the advisory committee also attempted to provide advice to the minister, but "he has said he will ask us for an opinion on things he thinks it's important to get our opinion on."

Tessier said Trudel wants to change the method of putting together and implementing the access plans without seeking the advice of the committee.

"The community has to mobilize," she said. "The minister has flagrantly disregarded a committee that has been legally constituted to give him advice."

Quilliams, who voiced concerns about dormant access committees, points out that Trudel and Premier Bernard Landry have said anglophones have a fundamental right to access to health care. But those oft-stated guarantees have not calmed fears in the community.

"We fought for the last 15 years to get access plans," Tessier said. "We cannot hope to survive and for services to survive if they depend on the whim of a minister."

Tessier said English-speaking Quebecers should have the same rights as other Quebecers.

"We are citizens the same as everybody else. We should have the same legislative guarantees," she said. "Health is not the place to play politics."

"This is really fundamental to the health of the English-speaking community," she said. "If you don't have access to health care, you can't stay in that community."

Bishop Stavert to go ahead with study

By Stephen McDougall
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Over the next year and a half, members of Anglican parishes in the St. Francis Deanery can expect to be asked for their opinions and their feelings about how they are being served by their church.

The responses from members will be needed for a study being conducted by the Potentials, a consulting firm that Quebec Diocesan Bishop Bruce Stavert decided to hire last weekend.

"This means a lot of people in the deanery will be asked for their feedback," said rural dean Rev. Alain Milot.

"With this study, we hope to decide which way we want to go. The hope is we can find ways to provide better service, and maybe resolve some of the tensions and divisions that have built up over the years."

The study will cost the Diocese between \$25,000 and \$35,000, according to Milot, and take one and a half years to complete.

Part of the study, he said, will include looking at the finances and attendance at the various congregations in the deanery.

"For the deanery, it means at least one meeting a month until next September," said Milot.

"The key thing the deanery has to do is set up a steering team to guide the process through the parishes of the deanery and make sure many Anglicans are heard from."

Milot said the team will, for the most part, be made up of lay people from the various deanery areas. At present, the deanery encompasses Eastern Township congregations from the American border north to Drummondville, and from the St. Francis River east to Thetford Mines.

Milot said he would not be part of the steering team, arguing that his position as rural dean would put him in a conflict of interest when it came to consulting lay parishioners. Deanery archdeacon Rev. Howard Hawes said the steering team will be made up of 12 people handpicked by the Bishop.

Milot admitted last week that hiring the Potentials was not fully supported by the 49 member deanery council, which had preferred setting up its own task force. But he added that Bishop Stavert had a right to overrule their choice and go ahead with the study.

"We know we can't satisfy everybody in the deanery with this, but we will try to serve as many people as possible."

Getting the goods on Canadian residency status

Snowbirds should check on status to avoid taxing surprises

By Nelson Afonso

Going south for the winter? Are you still considered a Canadian resident if you spend six months in another country? Can you be taxed in both countries if you do?

These are some of the questions Revenue Canada would like to answer before the beginning of the busiest travel period of the year.

"It's important for people who are planning to spend some time abroad for a certain period to have some basic information," Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) spokeswoman Danielle Leblond told The Record last week.

Because so many Canadians, especially seniors, spend the winter months in the United States, it is important that they know their residency status once they return, added Leblond.

Residency status depends on the purpose and permanence of the person's stay abroad, the ties he or she establishes in the other country and residential ties.

"It's important to get your residential status evaluated to know if you are still considered a Canadian resident,"

Leblond said, adding that things can get confusing if Canadian residency is not clear. "If you are considered a citizen of another country or of two countries, then you can be taxed in both places."

Ties to Canada will also determine whether or not a person retains Canadian residency.

Residential ties include a home, a spouse and dependents who stay in Canada while you are living abroad, and personal property such as a car, furniture and social ties.

A Canadian driver's license, bank accounts, credit cards and health insurance are also considered ties.

Other Canadians, including young people studying abroad, people working temporarily outside Canada or commuting back and forth between Canada and the United States will also retain their residency.

Leblond recommends that vacationers and anyone in these situations speak to someone at CCRA to make their status clear.

Where it may get confusing, said

Leblond, is when Quebecers also own real estate in another country.

"When you are a Canadian resident and you receive revenue from another country, rent from a condo you own for example, you must remember to declare it when you do your taxes in Canada," added Leblond.

When Canadian residency has been confirmed, the person is (income) taxed as if he or she has never left Canada.

The person must continue to report

all income received from sources inside and outside Canada for the year and claim all deductions, non-refundable tax credits, and refundable federal, or provincial tax credits that apply to him or her.

Federal or provincial taxes where the person keeps residential ties must also be paid.

If you leave Canada to settle in another country and you sever your residential ties with Canada, the CCRA

considers you to be a non-resident for income tax purposes.

To make sure that Canadians abroad avoid double taxation, Canada has tax treaties with about 65 countries to determine how much each country can tax income, among them Australia, France, Germany and the U.S.

For more information on taxation, call the CCRA's international tax services office at 1-800-267-5177 or go to www.ccradrc.gc.ca.

Quebecers who own real estate in other countries must declare it on their taxes.

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Community Forum

The new kinder and nicer Bernie

The last time my name appeared in this space, I questioned whether Bernard Landry ever means what he says. I did that in light of Mr. Landry's insistence that he didn't mean to infer in his Toronto speech that he was linking the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington to what might happen here if separatist Quebecers remain frustrated by failure to achieve their objective. He did all this in criticism of a certain Canadian Press reporter, without denying that he was accurately quoted..

In that Nov. 23 column, I concluded by suggesting that Mr. Landry's 'explanation' was, yet again, an effort to defuse what he had said a day or two earlier. Now, if you'll bear with me, I'd like to consider the premier's record with a more general look at what he does in light of what he says.

Let's recall that on several occasions, Monsieur Landry has been quite emphatic that his "nation" is an inclusive one, that it is not "ethnic", that all who reside in Quebec are invited to 'share the dream.' Never mind for the moment that Landry's "inclusive" Quebecers repeatedly reject the dream, he still imagines that his vision is their vision. Landry's nation is inclusive, it seems, and to his liking until it expresses itself contrary to the written script.

If what has hit the press and the airwaves in the last few days is true, the premier gives us more cause to question how inclusive his envisioned nation is or might ever be.

There have been two revelations of

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DON HEALY

note that have tested Landry's commitment to inclusiveness and it's worth observing his reaction to them.

One is the release of a book by a Normand Lester (and that's pronounced Lestair, apparently, not to be mistaken for one of those dreadful English Lesturs) - a book the reviewers all say blames every ill French Quebecers have ever suffered on "English Canada." According to one review, even the abuses the Catholic Church is accused of are our fault. And what is

Mr. Landry's reaction to a book that is about as exclusive as one can imagine? Why, he heaps praise upon it.

Contrary to PQ denials that a document exists urging the government, delivered through the Estates General at a private hearing apparently, to further limit access to health and social services in English, such a document has been recently exposed by a Liberal Member of the Provincial Assembly. And what is Landry's reaction? For a premier who claims his nation is inclusive, his failure to give it the outright rejection that an inclusive, multi-ethnic society would grant it is curious, to be charitable to him.

It seems like only yesterday that Bernard Landry was promising a 'kinder and nicer' government in the lead-up to the next election. Doesn't it just make you feel warm and cuddly? It's early December, I know, but maybe the Christmas spirit has gripped the premier already.

I hope he doesn't get mean once the hangover sets in.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

System loyal to self

DEAR EDITOR,

To the mother that removed her child from Sutton Elementary. Good luck. I have been through similar problems, fighting a system that in the end remains loyal to itself. You're not alone and be proud that you had the courage to say something.

The minority still has their freedoms, remember!

DEBORAH DREW
 Magog

Parents have right to criticize system

DEAR EDITOR,

What a joke; the idea that one parent does not have the right to express his or her personal opinion concern-

ing their child's education, is immature.

In the first letter sent to the Record explaining their individual problems with Sutton Elementary School - what's the big problem? If the first parent was having any negative relations with the staff, she explained her battle within the system and her frustration with the decisions given in relation to their request. She made an adult decision for her child and acted within her freedoms. So where does the second parent get off on condemning another's right?

Just because a system works for some doesn't mean there's not a problem present.

Sadly the mentality remains, if it doesn't happen to me directly, it's not happening.

People talk about being rude, please, wake up, this is Canada.

MATT POWERS
 Magog

Higher duty on alcohol and cigarettes

Border security beefed up

By Nelson Afonso
SHERBROOKE

Higher duty on cigarettes and a new limit on the quantity of alcohol travelers are allowed to bring back are among the noteworthy changes made by Canada Customs this year.

It's that time of year again when Quebecers head south for a few months to escape the cold.

Because both the federal and provincial governments increased taxes on the price of cigarette cartons, tobacco producers must pay duty on their products before they leave the premises, which means that travelers will have to pay an additional \$10.50 duty, said Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) spokesman Gaétan Audette.

"However, if travelers buy a carton at the duty free shop and there is a label saying that the duty has been paid, then there is no problem," he added.

While the more recently produced cartons have that label, older stock in duty free shops may not.

Whatever amount of time they spend abroad, travelers are entitled to bring back to Canada a certain amount of merchandise. They receive a duty and tax exemption when the value or quantity of these goods is within certain limits. Those limits depend on how long the traveller has been out of the country.

After each absence of 48 hours or more, a traveler can claim up to \$200 Cdn worth of goods without paying any duty. That figure increases to \$750 Cdn after each absence of at least seven days.

In each case, there are exceptions concerning tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

To calculate the number of days you have been outside of Canada, do not include the day you leave but do include the day you arrive.

"It's important to understand that two days (48 hours) includes two nights," stressed Audette. "People think that because they leave today and get back tomorrow that they have been in the U.S. two days. That's not true."

Travelers coming back to Canada can include tobacco products in their 48-hour or 7-day exemptions but not when returning from shorter trips across the border.

The two longer exemptions allow travelers to bring back up to 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 200 tobacco sticks and 200 grams of manufactured tobacco, as long as the duty has been paid and the products are labeled as such.

Another change to existing exemptions involves the quantity of alcohol that travelers can bring back to Canada from abroad.

Travelers away from Canada for at least 48 hours are now allowed to bring back 1.14 litres of liquor or 1.5 litres of

wine or 24 cans or bottles of beer or ale.

IDENTIFICATION PAPERS

Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, entry into the U.S. has become more difficult, said Audette.

American Customs officials will no longer accept only a traveler's driver's license as proof of citizenship, instead insisting that a passport or birth certificate be presented.

However, Audette said that waiting periods at local border crossings are now about the same as before the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The first two or three weeks after Sept. 11, yes waits were longer because we had to check extra carefully," Audette said, adding that the number of Customs agents at border crossing has increased. "Now I think it's back to normal, but you should have the necessary identification with you at all times."

Audette said that passports and other identification papers can be forged so verifications are done more thoroughly, and that failure to provide satisfactory proof of identity could lead to a refusal of entry.

Personal effects

Audette recommends that people traveling abroad with valuable items take the time to register the items with Canada Customs before leaving the country. Information about serial numbers and makes will be inscribed on a wallet-sized card.

This card will prove upon re-entering

Canada that the traveler is not importing the items.

Jewellery cannot be listed on the card, so Audette recommends that people travel with as little jewellery as possible.

IMPORTING A VEHICLE

Canadians interested in buying a vehicle abroad, in the U.S. for example, should work with American Customs to be sure that the vehicle is eligible.

"You should always consult U.S. Customs to see if the vehicle is inadmissible, few are not, but some are because of different standards in the U.S.," said Au-

dette.

Among lesser-known items travelers are prohibited from importing into Canada are handguns, ivory, and some endangered species of animals including certain turtles and crocodiles.

Audette hopes that the events of Sept. 11 and the extra security since then will not discourage travelers from heading south.

"People don't have to be afraid of waiting at the border," he concluded.

For more information on taxation, call the CCRA's international tax services office at 1-800-461-9999 or go to www.ccra-

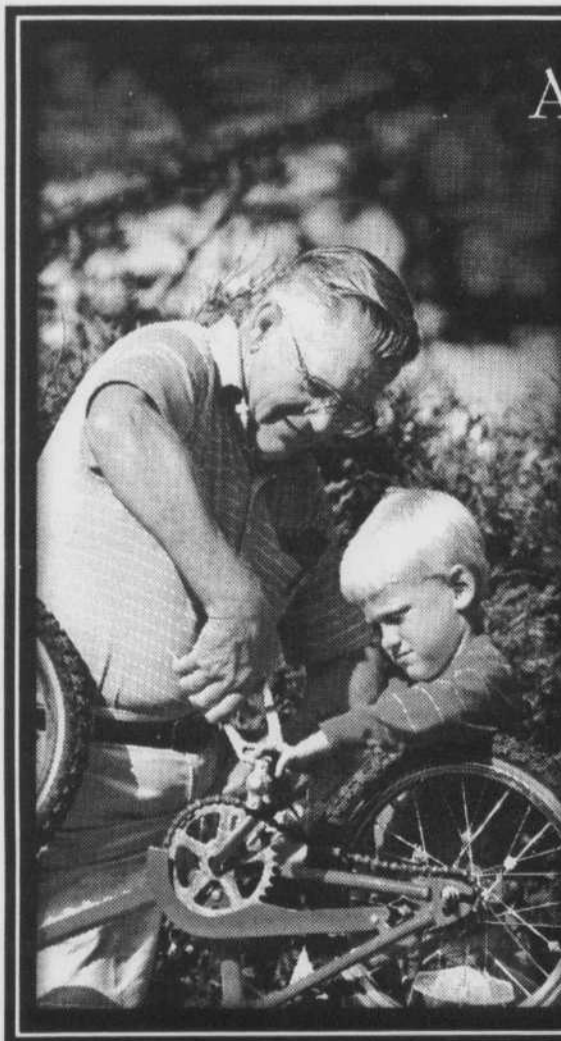
Warm for the Winter

PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Record publisher Randy Kinneer was the lucky winner of a beautiful handmade quilt stitched by Jackie Tilton of Stanstead.

Tilton said she stitched the quilt while watching news coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S.

"The more I watched, the more I cried and the more I quilted," she said. "I needed to do something with my hands." Called *Stairway to the Stars*, the quilt is a colorful assortment of materials on a navy background. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be donated by Tilton and will be sent to a fund to help children in Afghanistan.



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Our School's Page

Sutton Elementary School

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A SPECIAL PLACE

This fall, the Grade 5's worked on a project called "My Special Place". Following a class discussion, each student wrote about a place that was special to them. In the next few art classes, they constructed models of their special places to display at Parents' Night. Both the students and their parents seemed to enjoy this activity.

MY SPECIAL PLACE

It's like a house and I really like it there. All my friends are there as well as my favourite teacher too. It has a very nice playground in winter, summer and fall. I know it's school, but who cares. When I go there I get away from my mom, dad, sister, and step dad too; just about my whole family. My friends are waiting for me when I get there. I only go there five days a week and sometimes I only go there four days a week. Sometimes I don't go at all. So you can see, my school is my favourite place.

By AMY MCCALLUM

MY SPECIAL PLACE

As I walk in the 18 storey building, I smell the sweet scent of chocolate and flowers. With her cane, she walks around the corner from her blue-walled room onto the wooden floor. She walks slowly into the living room. She sits on the sofa in front of the two glass tables. My favourite place is the blue chair with pictures of war symbols.

By ETHAN O'DONNELL

MY SPECIAL PLACE

My special place is somewhere where nobody goes because they don't know where it is. This place I am talking about has a nice smell. When you touch the walls you feel a nice rough wood rubbing against your finger tips. When you walk around, the floor creaks like someone is throwing glass on the ground. It smells like nice fresh wood that just got cut. When you go to bed the wolves come out and start to howl. When the windows are open it is freaky because the tree branches come in the windows. The room is square and it is nice to look out of the windows because

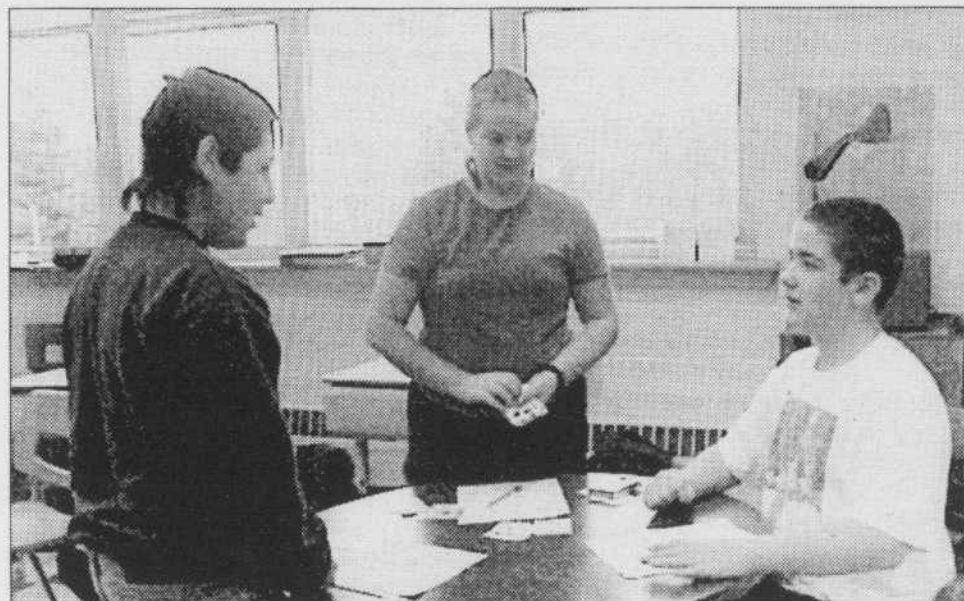
you can see everything, like the camp across the road. At night you can see a lot of deer and other things.

By KIMBERLY-ANN JACOBS

MY SPECIAL PLACE

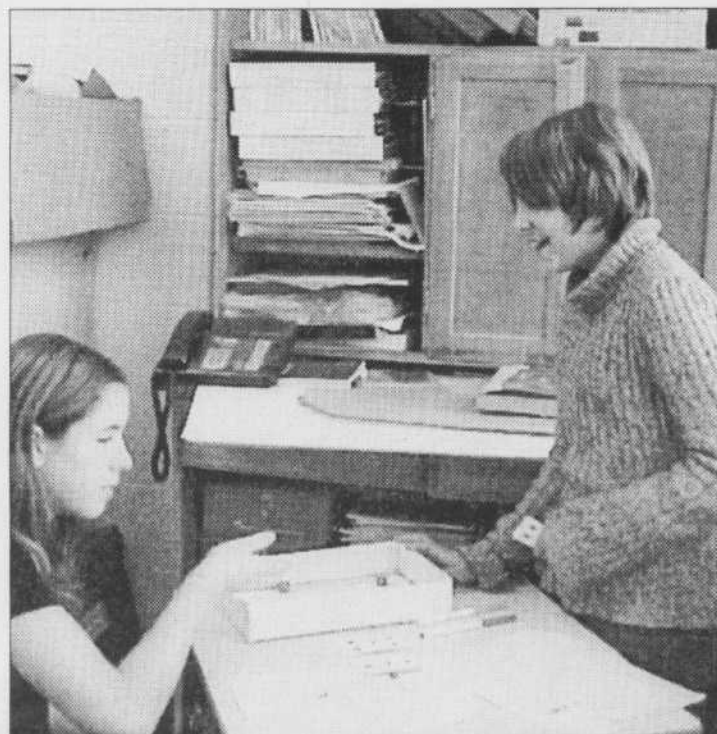
As you go into the deep forest on Round Top there's a little log house with no roof (the logs are vertical). The winter is the best time to go there because you slide through a very dark and spooky rock. As you step into the wet, soggy cave you'll see a little light and a torn-up, brown, two poster bed, an old rusty kitchen and a couch full of pillows which makes it very comfy. My favourite place is in the ugly rusty bed. There are a lot of posters.

By MELINORE STAINES



Photos: Courtesy Sutton Elementary

The Grade 6 students created their own casino games and set up a working casino in the classroom. This was the final activity of the unit on probability. It required the students to collect, compile and analyse data. It proved the point that games of chance are predictable, especially when played many times. This was a wonderful activity and was greatly enjoyed by all, especially when the "LUCKY" ones got to cash in their winnings for various items.



Shotgun wedding in Cookshire-Eaton-Newport

Differences over merger visions surface in councils

By Daniel Huot

With a Dec. 6 deadline looming, the three towns that have been asked by the Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel to submit a joint proposal have been unable to come up with a common vision. Cookshire, Eaton and Newport Township each adopted separate resolutions Monday night regarding their merger positions.

COOKSHIRE

Cookshire Mayor Lucette Mignault said her town is opposed to the idea of having any borough included within the new municipality. The reasons outlined by councillors in their resolution include cost and creating a sense of belonging within the new municipality.

"We don't want to create two categories of citizens," said Mignault, reiterating her position against having a borough, especially a bilingual one, included in the new municipal arrangement. "Boroughs don't create a sense of belonging."

She said having a Newport borough implies hiring two extra borough councillors.

"That's totally unfair," she said. "They have 500 voters plus a borough council and we have more than 700 voters (and nobody more)."

She said paying those councillors and keeping a borough office open will cost more money. The borough council will likely want to hire a secretary, she noted.

As regards the bilingual status, Mignault strongly voiced her opinion: "One group will have a particular status while others in Sawyerville won't."

Sawyerville has more anglophone residents than Newport, but they won't benefit from the option of receiving bilingual tax bills from the municipality because the community doesn't have a government-approved bilingual status.

EATON

Eaton's town council was almost evenly divided when it came time to decide whether having a Newport borough is the right way to go in the merger process. Four councillors voted in favour of having one borough within the new community, while three voted against, including Sawyerville's former mayor, Patrice Dodier.

The resolution basically states the town favours merging in accordance with conditions written down on Nov. 15.

Dodier, like Mignault, said having a Newport borough will create two categories of citizens - Anglos with bilingual

service privileges, and Anglos without those privileges.

"Sawyerville has more English-speaking residents than Newport," he noted. "On Flanders Road, residents on one side of the street will get served in one manner, while those on the other side of the street will get services in a different manner."

Dodier said he's not against Newport's bilingual status, but has a problem with the entire borough notion itself.

"A borough with services is different," he said. "It doesn't create a sense of belonging."

The former mayor added Eaton has offered bilingual services to its residents without ever having a bilingual status. He noted that Sawyerville fought and lost a court battle to be designated bilingual in 1980. Only 49 per cent of the population was officially anglophone back then, 1.1 per cent below the legal requirement to obtain the status.

Meanwhile Eaton Mayor Bertrand Landry said he'd like to see bilingual services extended throughout the new municipality.

"Majority rules," Landry said about the one-vote majority. "The possibility of having a bilingual borough is all right."

Asked whether he favours the three-way merger, Landry responded he's not against the idea, but would have liked to see other alternatives. The mayor noted his municipality merged with Sawyerville earlier this year.

"We'll likely see the MRCs acquiring more and more powers traditionally associated with municipalities in the future such as waste management, recycling and firefighting," he noted. "MRCs already operate like a borough system. The mayors sit around the table, but they all have councils behind them."

Now, the new town will be one large territory that will have a single representative within the MRC.

Councillors also voted 5-2 to have the new municipality called Eaton and not Cookshire-Eaton. Patrice Dodier and Jean-Paul Gendron voted against the idea of having a name change.

"I and Jean-Paul Gendron negotiated in good faith to come up with a name that represents everybody," said Dodier.

Mayor Landry said Cookshire and Sawyerville were called Eaton before 1875, when the township stretched over their territories.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

Councillor René Tétrault said the township adopted a resolution stating it needs more time to examine the merger issue and that it wants to retain the option of merging with other municipalities.

Even though that municipality has not been named, as councillors say, to

avoid stirring the pot, it's one of the worst-kept secrets Newport residents would prefer to merge with Bury.

Tétrault added the township will be sending out a survey by mail to its residents to find out who they wish to merge with.

"In my mind, everything has been decided already (by the provincial govern-

ment)," he said. "If we're forced into a merger, my choice is Bury. Both of our municipalities are bilingual and rural. The village core doesn't take up much space in both communities."

Representatives from the three communities are scheduled to meet conciliator Pierre Larochelle on Dec. 6.

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Managing stress no longer a worry

Townshippers' Association invited you to a stress management workshop last week to give you a few pointers on how to deal with the insanity that can be everyday life. The conference given by Paul Loftus, industrial psychologist, was both informative and entertaining. It was organized for us free of charge

by the Quebec Association for Adult Learning.

Here are some tips from the workshop. One of the essential aspects of stress management is knowing what kind of personality you have. You're either type A or type B to a varying degree. Type A personalities are the aggressive go-getters who are always late for appointments or in a rush and who can't sit still for a second. Type A males who smoke are most likely to have a heart attack in their mid 40s. Type B personalities are much more relaxed and may accomplish the same amount of work as Type A personalities, but they don't look as if they're about to spontaneously combust.

Here are a few tricks that were passed on to us by Loftus to reduce stress:

- Never wear clothes that don't fit properly.
- Don't rely on your memory for important information.
- Avoid traffic if possible.
- Do your shopping during "off hours".
- Walk whenever possible.
- Accept waiting as a way of life.
- Try to see the humour in any situation.
- Don't demand perfection.

For Type A personalities, relaxing is somewhat more difficult. Here are a few tips:

- Try non-competitive hobbies such as camping, fishing or skiing.
- Attempt to modify your sense of time, urgency, excessive drive and ambition.
- Cultivate Type B friends.
- Stop thinking of more than one thing at a time.
- Practice listening to people. Don't half listen while dwelling on other matters.

Regular exercise, a healthy diet and applying a few of these pointers should help relieve some stress.

Our sincere thanks to Loftus and the Quebec Association for Adult learning for this instructive and superbly led session.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The Mental Health & Well-Being support group will meet 7-9 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Marguerite Knapp Centre, 257 Queen, Lennoxville. Mental Health & Well-Being is dedicated to helping family members, including ill relatives, acquire the skills and confidence they need to deal with the impact of mental illness. The support group provides an opportunity to share experiences and to support each other in an atmosphere of confidentiality and acceptance. You are not alone! Up-to-date resource material and a lending library (books and videos) are available. For more information call Townshippers' Association at 566-5717 ext. 15 or toll free 1-866-566-5717 ext. 15.

TOWNSHIPS BOOKS AND MUSIC

This is a quick reminder that a display of books & music and Townshippers' merchandise has been set up at both Townshippers' Association offices. Please feel free to drop in and browse or do your holiday shopping. Our quality merchandise is sure to warm the heart of a loved one. If you missed the Books and Music event in Knowlton and Lennoxville these past weeks, this is your last chance this year to see out great variety of Townships books and music. Do come and visit in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere!



Proud parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, show off your pride and joy in our annual New Year's edition of **The Record** featuring babies of the Townships born in 2001. Although all babies are welcome and will be featured in our special issue, only those born in 2001 will be considered for a cover photo and story (randomly selected for this honour).

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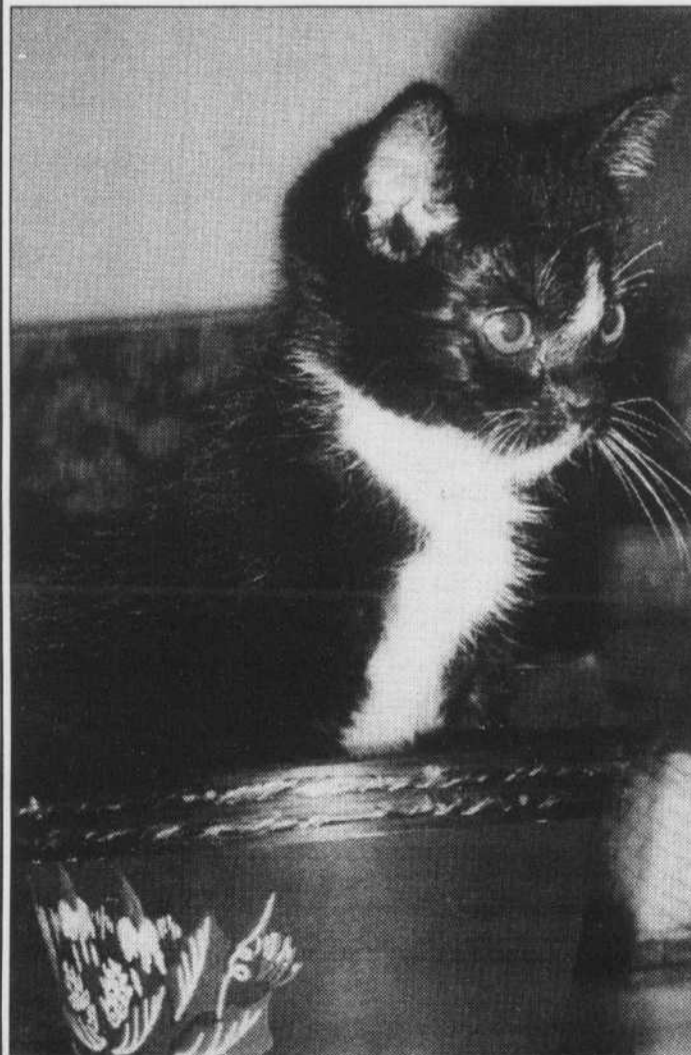
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Super Charlie Beats The Odds



Super Charlie, so named after he was found three weeks ago by two Super C employees abandoned in an outside stairway leading to the parking lot on Belvedere St., is hoping the Christmas spirit will extend to him.

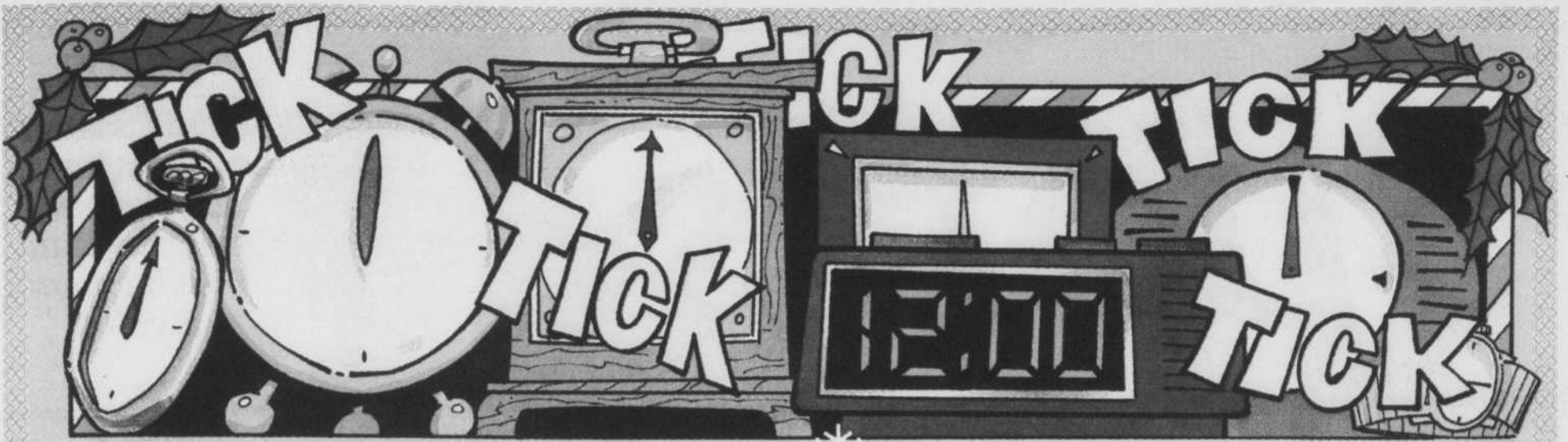
The tiny kitten was found in such a sorry state, the employees initially mistook the little fur ball for a dead rodent.

Distressed that someone would leave a helpless kitten to suffer and die, they contacted animal lover Jessie Aulis who took the abandoned kitten into her home and nursed it until it regained its strength. An Ayer's Cliff family then agreed to give the kitten a home, but after paying veterinarian fees to treat the kitten for hypothermia, malnutrition and several other conditions related to its exposure in the cold temperatures, the family returned the kitten to Aulis rather than invest additional fees for neutering and vaccinations.

"I took him until he fully recovers since special care is required, but the family is willing to take him back and provide a good loving home for him as soon as he is well, and there are no additional costs,"

Aulis said.

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MV beats BCS 3-2 as female goalies steal the show

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

History was made at Bishop's College School Friday afternoon when two female goaltenders got the starting nod in a boys high school hockey game.

Stephanie Girvan of Massey-Vanier and BCS's Marie-Pier Desbiens were the pioneers whose performance overshadowed an excellent hockey game between the two Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference teams.

It was the first time in ETIAC history that two female goaltenders have started against each other and, according to league commissioner Bob Halsall, it is most likely the first time it has occurred in North American high school sports.

For the record, the Massey-Vanier Vikings rallied for two goals in the final period to record a 3-2 win, their first league victory of the young season.

But the main story was the play of the two netminders.

Girvan went the distance and picked up the win in her first start of the season making 30 saves in the process.

Desbiens was just as effective allowing just one goal in a period and a half before being replaced by Robert Fritsch.

"We have been rotating our goalies and it was actually Robert's game to start," said BCS head coach Albert MacDonald. "But when we found out that Stephanie was starting in nets for Massey, we thought it was appropriate to start Marie-Pier. Both goaltenders played well and showed they deserved to be playing at this level."

Desbiens has three years of high school boys hockey under her belt. While she is used to being the only girl on the ice, Desbiens found it strange going up against another female at the other end of the ice.

"It felt weird," Desbiens said about fac-

THE RECORD'S HIGH SCHOOL CO-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

- **Name:** Stephanie Girvan
- **Height:** Five-foot-two
- **Sport/Position:** Hockey/goaltender
- **School/Grade:** Massey-Vanier/Grade 9

- **Name:** Marie-Pier Desbiens
- **Height:** NA
- **Sport/Position:** Hockey/goaltender, soccer.
- **School/Grade:** BCS, Grade 11

ing Girvan in a high school boys game. "It is pretty unusual, not the kind of thing you see every day."

The two goalies have competed against each other before, but it wasn't with boys teams. The past two summers, the two have tried out for local all-star teams at the same time.

While Desbiens flatly says that she doesn't have a particular role model, Girvan was quick to talk about her inspiration.

"My role model is Kim St. Pierre (starting goaltender for the Canadian Olympic Team and a member of the McGill University women's hockey team), and my ultimate goal is to some day play on the national team," said Girvan.

While Desbiens is a bigger player who uses a more traditional goaltending style, the diminutive Girvan (she's five-foot-one) is a scrambler whose butterfly style has its advantages and disadvantages.

"She likes to scramble and use the butterfly style which is very effective on low shots," said Massey head coach Jeremy Anderson. "But it also leaves us susceptible for high shots."

Girvan, who keeps busy by playing on two other girls teams during the winter, believes her strengths are her quickness



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Marie-Pier Desbiens was one of two featured goalies in Friday's Massey-Vanier/BCS hockey match.

and glove hand.

"I know that when I play against boys teams I usually make a few very good glove saves," Girvan recounted. "I like to scramble and go after the puck."

NOTE: While Desbiens is the first female to play in the TIAC last year, the Vikings have two female players, Desbiens and Kara Stowe. Stowe, a rookie forward, has seen limited action this year.



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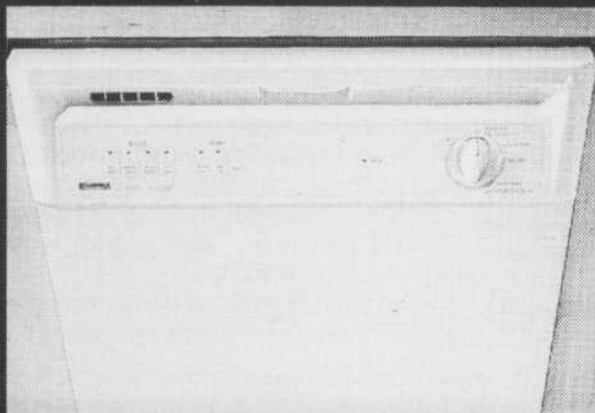
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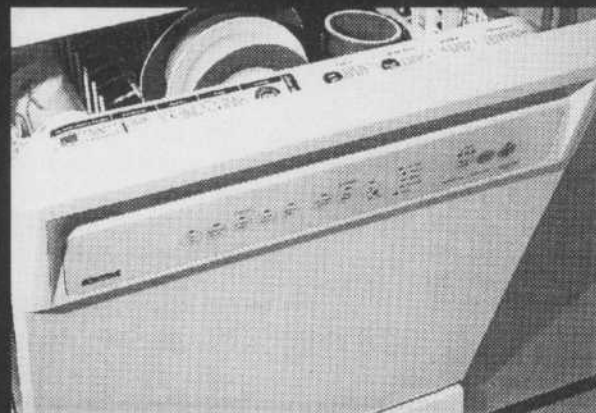


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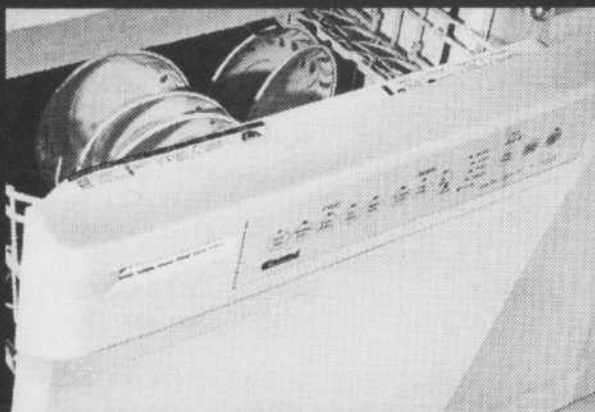
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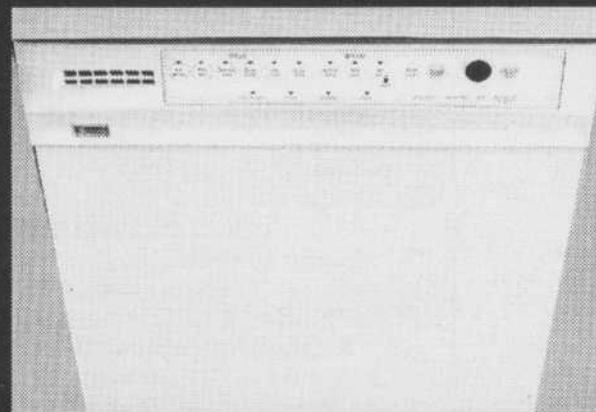


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National team names new hoops coach

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Top men go down in Regina

The front-runners at the Olympic curling trials took a step back Tuesday as the men's field tightened up.

Bert Gretzinger of Kelowna, B.C., and Russ Howard of Moncton lost their first games of the nine-day event to fall to 4-1 and Edmonton's Randy Ferbey dropped into a pack at 3-2 after his 9-5 loss to Winnipeg's Kerry Burtnyk.

Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton, Ottawa's John Morris and Edmonton's Kevin Martin were also 3-2 followed by Burtnyk at 2-3 and Edmonton's Shane Park, Wayne Middaugh of Victoria and Greg McAulay of Richmond, B.C., at 1-4.

The feeling among most players here is that 6-3 should be good enough for playoffs or at least a tiebreaker, so those teams with four losses will likely need teams ahead of them to collapse to get into a tiebreaker.

Howard missed on a draw for two to tie the game with his last rock and Stoughton edged him 8-7. McAulay won his first game with an 8-3 win over Gretzinger.

On TV

WEDNESDAY

CURLING: 10 a.m., Canadian Olympic trials, women's Draw 7, TSN. 2:30 p.m., men's Draw 7, TSN. 10:30 p.m., women's Draw 8, TSN.

HOCKEY: 7:30 p.m., New Jersey Devils at Montreal Canadiens, TSN.

Around Town

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WEDNESDAY

ETIAC BASKETBALL: 4 p.m., **Junior girls**, Galt at BCS.

THURSDAY

ETIAC HOCKEY: 3:15 p.m., **Senior boys**, Galt at Massey-Vanier.

ETIAC BASKETBALL: 4 p.m., **Bantam boys**, Galt at Massey Vanier; 4 p.m., **Bantam girls**, Galt at Massey Vanier.

FRIDAY

ETIAC BASKETBALL: 4 p.m., **Bantam girls**, Massey-Vanier at Galt, 4 p.m., **Bantam boys**, Massey-Vanier at Galt. 7:30 p.m. **Senior girls**, Montcalm at Galt.

MIDGET AAA HOCKEY: 7:30 p.m., Jonquière at Magog, Magog Arena.

MEN'S CEGEP AAA BASKETBALL: 9 p.m., Montmorency at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium.

WOMEN'S CEGEP AA BASKETBALL: 7 p.m., Drummondville at Champlain Cougars, Mitchell Gymnasium.

FRIDAY

CEGEP HOCKEY: 8:30 p.m., CEGEP Jonquière at Champlain Cougars, W.B. Scott Arena.

Former Simon Fraser coach takes over senior program

Canada Basketball named Allison McNeill as the next head coach of the Canadian national women's basketball team yesterday. McNeill played high school basketball with the Salmon Arm Jewels in British Columbia.

She then played collegiate basketball at Laurentian University where she captured two national championships.

In 1979, she transferred to the University of Oregon and was the starting guard for the nationally ranked team.

She began her coaching career as a graduate assistant with the women's team in 1981 at the University of Oregon, her alma mater.

Since then, McNeill has coached many teams within the Basketball BC network and she was head coach at Simon Fraser University from 1988 until 2001.

McNeill began her tenure with the Canadian national women's program in 1996 as an assistant coach with the junior team that competed at the COPABA world qualification tournament in Mexico.

In 1998, she took the reins as head coach of the Canadian youth women's team that finished eighth at the World Youth Games in Moscow and at the COPABA Olympic qualification tournament in Cuba in 1999 with the senior team, McNeill served as an assistant coach.

In 2000, McNeill took the national junior women's team to Argentina for the COPABA

world qualification tournament.

In 2001, the junior women finished in sixth place at the Francophonie Games - a tournament that featured a number of teams comprised of senior team athletes.

"I am very honoured and excited to be named the coach of our Canadian national team," said McNeill.

"I have coached five junior and youth national teams as well as helping with the senior team so I have a good feel for the players.

"Bev Smith has done a great job of getting the program going in the right direction and I hope that I can continue the growth of the program," said McNeill.

This past fall McNeill accepted a position at the University of Oregon as the assistant coach of the women's basketball team under head coach Bev Smith.

"Canada Basketball and the national women's basketball team is extremely fortunate to have Coach McNeill as the new head coach," said Robert Gordon, president of Canada Basketball.

"Allison has been coaching our developmental squads and has worked at the Nike All-Canada Camps. The women's program will not skip a beat. She knows the strong depth of our women's basketball pool and I'm confident our program will continue to grow."

McNeill's involvement with the program at all levels makes her familiar with the senior as well as the junior aged athletes.

"Allison McNeill has a great reputation as a basketball coach," said senior women's team captain, Cal Bouchard.

"I'm sure that the team's transition into 2002 with our new coach will be a smooth one."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Senior Boys Basketball

Massey-Vanier 42 BCS 24, **Leading Scorers:** MV, Tim Croteau 10; BCS, Jeremy Singfield 10.

Massey-Vanier 74 P.G. Ostiguy 26, **Scorers:** MV, Bryan Ross 10; Jeremy Frizzle 10.

BCS 60 Galt 37.

Senior Girls Basketball

Galt 38 Le Tournesol 35

Massey-Vanier 71 Marcel Landry 16, **Scorers:** MV, Tiffany Hunting & Rikki Bowles 14.

Richford Invitational Tournament

Massey-Vanier 82 Websterville 22, **Scorers:** MV, Erin Lefebvre and Tiffany Hunting 17, Rikki Bowles 16.

Championship Game: Massey-Vanier 66 Richford 54, **Scorers:** MV, Erin Lefebvre 19, Tiffany Hunting & Rikki Bowles 15.

MVP - Rikki Bowles, All-star Erin Lefebvre.

Junior Girls Basketball

Galt 57 College Riviere 11, **Scorers:** Galt, Julie Perkins 10; Coll. Riviere, Stephanie Couturier 10.

Galt 51 Stanstead 39, **Scorers:** Galt, Jessica Masicotte 9, LeeAnna Coates 8; Stanstead, Vicky Armstrong 11 and Bianca Bureau 6.

Galt 38 Seminaire de Sherbrooke 28, **Scorers:** Galt Marianne Breton 11, LeeAnna Coates 8.

Le Tournesol 31 Galt Pipers 26, **Scorers:** Galt, Samantha Halfyard 12; Le Tournesol, Stephanie

Bernier 15.

BCS 39 Massey-Vanier 34, **Scorers:** MV, Julie Legault 8.

Junior Boys Basketball

Galt 55 BCS 36, **Scorers:** Galt, Mathieu Pellerin 16, BCS, Kevin Dezan 11.

Osiat Leduc 59 Massey-Vanier 30, **Scorers:** MV, Ian MacCullum 7.

Bantam Girls Basketball

Galt 34 Le Triolet 22, **Scorers:** Galt, Julia Nugent 16.

Galt Pipers 42 Le Triolet 13, **Scorers:** Pipers, Kassie Norrie 14; Galt, Vanessa Chapman 12.

Massey-Vanier 51 Richmond 18, **Scorers:** MV, Alyca Campbell 18 and Cynthia Reynolds 15.

Massey-Vanier 36 BCS 26, **Scorers:** MV, Cynthia Reynolds 15.

Bantam Boys Basketball

Massey-Vanier 76 Richmond 23, **Scorers:** MV, Dave Gaudreau 20.

Massey-Vanier 51 BCS 34, **Scorers:** MV, Matt Beland 27.

BCS 49 Galt 30, **Scorers:** BCS, Seung Kang Hyun and Alex Henderson 10; Galt, Jordan Lumley 13;

Galt, Jordan Montgomery 7.

Boys Hockey

Massey-Vanier 3 BCS 2

Adult Activity Day in Coaticook

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Elie Carrier Community Centre found Barbara B. at her station taking money and handing out tickets with a smile. Pat H. led the exercises and Shirley D. welcomed everyone, especially Lydia M. after her absence because of hospitalization and a hip replacement. Lydia thanked everyone for the basket of fruit and cards she received. Shirley read a poem "Walk with God." She asked each one in the group to try and bring something new to do at the next meeting, a short story, poem, game, questionnaire. New ideas of some kind are needed.

Shirley introduced the guest speakers from the Quebec Diabetes Association (QDA), Jeanine LaPierre President of the Eastern Townships QDA and Andrée Lafrenaye a member of the Association, both from Sherbrooke.

The QDA Inc. was formed in 1954, to regroup people suffering from Diabetes of all regions of Quebec, to favor the general well-being of diabetic people, to contribute to the advancement of medical and scientific researches on diabetes and develop educative methods intended to a better understanding of diabetes.

Diabetes is a condition in which the body does not use glucose properly. Glucose is a sugar that the body makes from the food we eat. An organ in the body called the pancreas makes a hormone called insulin. Insulin moves the sugar from the blood into the cells, giving energy or fuel to help the body work.

Having diabetes, the body does not make enough insulin to be properly

used, sugar builds up in the blood, blood sugar rises above the desirable range; starving for energy the cells turn to the body's fat storage for food and ketons are produced. Ketons will be present if the blood sugars are too high or if you are not eating enough.

There are 2 types of Diabetes Mellitus. Type one, little or no insulin is produced by the pancreas. Type two, the pancreas does not produce insulin or the body cannot use it properly Diabetes cannot be cured but it can be controlled. By eating well balanced meals, by daily activities and medication. A blood glucose meter used at home will help to achieve the right control of blood sugars. Questions were asked and helped can be had. The Association de Diabetiques de L'Estrie Inc. (ADE) for more information.

Shirley thanked the girls for coming and invited them to stay for lunch. The door prize was drawn and won by Frances Mayhew. Lunch was noodle and vegetable soup, macaroni and humburg (chop suey), mashed potatoes, coleslaw, and rolls, bread pudding with maple syrup, tea and coffee.

A few persons began leaving early so the rest of us soon followed with nothing better to do. The last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and will be our Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. There will be no speaker, we all are asked to bring something to do or read. Should be interesting. See you there.

Elise Mayhew

Spooner Pond W.I.

Minutes of our November 1st meeting of Spooner Pond W.I. held at the Wales Home. Hostesses were Stella Parkes and Myrtle Fleck. Nine members and our country President answered the Roll Call, by buying a poppy.

Minutes were read and discussed. Hazel Fleck is planning a 500 card party at her home on the 16th of Nov. 2001. Sweets are being sent to the volunteer center for an upcoming meal for seniors and volunteers. We have been invited to attend the 10th anniversary of the Collective Kitchens in Richmond. The local Optimist Club is planning a Santa Claus Parade and would welcome our participation. A "thank you note from Florence Blanchard for the Abbie Pritchard Throw she received.

Donations will be sent to the Douglas Hospital, the Legion and the Optionist Club.

The drawing (homemade candy) was won by Estelle Blouin, thank you, Myrtle.

Convenors' reports were read: several points brought out were:

1. The teachers union will be on strike for 2 weeks.
2. Wood working classes at R.R.H.S. will be shutting down.
3. No more wedding celebrations to be held on Parliament Hill.
4. An overview of health and social services in the MRC was attended by several members of the W.I.
5. Check for side effects of all medication taken to prevent bone loss. Some

sources of calcium are milk, cheese, yogurt, salmon (bones), kidney and lima beans, fish oils, margarine, bone meal tablets.

6. We are encouraged to be cautious and dress our feet to prevent falls and sprains, etc.

7. Spray static guard on tinsel to help remove static.

8. Use different Christmas wrapping paper for each grandchild, and provide a brown tote bag for carrying home, gifts, with an added touch (circle, square) from their particular wrapping paper, so they'll know which is theirs.

Pennies for Friendship are collected and forwarded once a year to our A.C.W.W. The Rally Song to the tune of "Jingle Bells" was enjoyed.

Our guest, Muriel Duffy, commented further on upcoming changes planned for local and provincial Women's Institute groups.

A committee was appointed to plan our program for next year, consisting of Grace Taylor, Agnes Keenan and Estelle Blouin.

In December, we plan on meeting at the home of Vera and Roy Hughes in Melbourne, for a pot-luck meal and exchange of gifts, on the 13th at 12:30 (noon) Myrtle Fleck and helpers served a delicious tea. Thank you, ladies. See you in December. Don't forget your annual reports!

Submitted by Estelle Blouin for Spooner Pond W.I.

All Saints Ladies Guild

Seven members and one gentleman met at the church hall November 20th to set tables and decorate the hall for our Christmas Soup and Dessert Luncheon and Craft and Food Sale.

The tables set for 112 looked very attractive with white, green, and red tablecloths centered with a pine leaf and red bow. The Christmas tea lighted in the corner, added to the Christmas spirit.

After this pleasant task was finished we had a short guild meeting. The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Ada read the minutes of

the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed a healthy balance after our successful chicken pie luncheon. We will have a light lunch Dec. 23rd after church to thank the people for helping us during the year with donations of food and most of all, help at our events.

We will meet at Claire Hobbs for lunch at noon, Dec. 11th.

Ruby moved the meeting adjourned; seconded by Joan.

Ruby M. Sherrer

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

Met on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at the town hall. Twenty-seven members were on hand, to enjoy their hot chicken sandwiches, baked beans, and hot dogs, tossed salad, pickles and brown bread with cookies and caramel pudding for dessert.

Huguette Levoy and Rita Marcoux were in charge of making the dinner. George Hamelin made brown bread and Rita made the pudding. Thanks were expressed to all and to those who do the clean up after.

"500" winners were Claude Martel and Karl Steinbach.

The half and half game was won by Reginald Landry.

Door prizes were many and the winners were: Richard Smith, Helma Weiner, Jackie Jersey, Clifton and Flora Jersey, Claude Martel, George and Cecile Hamelin, Gaston Scheinks, Juliette Laliberté, Kenny Ewing, Alfred Vintinner, Carol George, Judy Lessard, Ida MacKay, Verlie Aiken, Greg Gauvin, Lila McCoy, Reginald Landry, Dorothy Woodard, Rita Marcoux, Rita Mossa, Karl Steinbach, Helma Weiner, and Huguette Levoy.

Game winners were, H. Levoy, I. MacKay, Flora Jersey, J. Jersey, R. Mossa, V. Aiken, J. Laliberté, L. McCoy, A. Vintinner, M. Gauvin, C. George and D. Woodard.

Rita Mossa

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Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001

From a duo, trio No. 4

By Phillip Alder

The fourth trio of 64-page booklets has been written by Englishmen David Bird and Marc Smith. "Planning the Defense," "Reading the Cards," and "Tricks with Finesses" are published by Master Point Press.

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Get a legal separation and move on Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I recently found out that my wife had an affair that went on for three months. I was devastated when she said our marriage has lost its "spark" and she wanted a separation. We have a 7-year-old son who is the center of both of our lives.

We have had counseling, both together and separately, but we didn't make much progress and gave it up. Sometimes my wife says she wants a divorce, and other times she is sure we can make our marriage work if we both try. My wife blames everyone for her affair except herself. What's worse is she has several single women friends who have told her the single life is terrific and she doesn't know what she's missing.

I am at my wits' end, Ann. It seems my son and I are making all the sacrifices, but she is not willing to put forth any effort to put the marriage back together. I have forgiven her for the affair, but I cannot stay on this roller coaster any longer. Is there anything more I can do? — Heartbroken in a Western State

Dear Western State: It appears that your wife has done a splendid job of taking the onus off herself and putting it on you. For the sake of your son, I suggest another try at counseling. (Get a new therapist — the old ones didn't do the job.)

If, after six more months of effort and patience, the situation isn't where it should be, get a legal separation and move on. Between your wife's narcissism and her so-called "friends," you don't stand much of a chance.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to the letter from "Nervous in Nashville." She was concerned that her husband is having an affair because he sneaked into the basement and lied about what he was doing there.

You are right, Ann, he probably is not having an affair. However, if he is spending a lot of private time in the basement, he may be using drugs or looking at pornography. I know because I did both. If that woman loves her husband, she should try to help him by telling him of her suspicions and make it easy for him to fess up. — The Voice of Experience in Los Angeles

Dear Los Angeles: Thank you for suggesting an alternate reason why the man might be lying about the time he spends alone in the basement. I hope "Nervous" sees your letter and finds out what is really going on.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 14-year-old

girl who is worried sick about my best friend, "Amy." She has been taking diet pills instead of eating real food. Last week at dinnertime, she took three pills. The next morning, she said her stomach really hurt a lot. After the pain went away, she took three more pills. The pain came back.

Now, Amy is terrified that somehow these pills caused her to stop menstruating because she hasn't had a period in six weeks. She is really depressed and thinks she might not be able to have children. What should she do now? — Her Frightened Friend in New York

Dear New York Friend: Amy is playing a very dangerous game, and I hope she will stop the nonsense at once. This girl needs to throw the diet pills in the toilet and learn how to eat real food again. She also needs to have her mother make an appointment for her with a gynecologist to find out if anything is wrong, and then ask for a referral to someone who specializes in eating disorders. Amy may be reluctant to confide in her mother, but it's the right thing to do.

The rage to be thin can be ruinous to young girls. Maybe it would help if they knew most boys prefer girls with healthy figures. Wise up out there.

Townships Night, War Memorials and Gus returns

I thought for a minute that I was in the wrong building. This couldn't be a school. The first guy I saw was Robert McConnachie retired Principal, I turned around and there was David McCormack another principal. I introduced them and continued on in. I next met Jack Garneau, Don Parsons, Bob Steele, and Bruce Patton. Then, of course, a bus driver named Don Loughheed. YIKE the professors are taking over!

Well, it is Nov 28 Townships Night, Pres. John is back from meandering the world, and the front hall is full of Red Coats. Pres John thumped the gavel just as Donnie tapped the first spoon and the soup came on, hot as usual. We seemed to have a full compliment of White Knights. It was nice to see Ron Belden leading the parade. Right after supper Roger and Bruce got the sing-song under way with 'Beautiful Dreamer'. We were immediately interrupted. By an orchestra of 'kazoo's' (instruments that is). Richard Goodhue and Don Loughheed together with a group of SnowWalkers had apparently spent an exhausting week rehearsing with these specialized instruments to bring us their version of 'Jingle Bells'. Blair Donnachie wielded the baton and the music was excruciating. We laughed anyway. The sing-a-long continued and we ended with 'I Believe' a more serious note. We of course had another rehearsal of "The Dummy Song". The harmony was much improved and the chorister, Roger, is getting much better at keeping up. — Another interruption. Pres. John had left the podium to check a noise on stage. This disturbance was



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"Gus". John had left him 'boxed up' and Gus was not at all happy. Once Pres. John had released him, Gus brought us news from his travels in The USA and told us of his getting confused between Epsom Salts and Anthrax. Somehow about that time I must have dozed off. I never heard the President ask to have our guests introduced. In retrospect they were Robert McConnachie, guest of Don Parsons, and Gary and Craig Aiken guests of Doug Beattie.

Our Guest speaker Nancy Beattie Aiken kindly drew the half n' half and Barrie Deadman won the pot. He only mentioned that it was enough to pay his dues. Treasurer Bill Lyon immediately made himself a note to collect. Next time Barrie will keep quiet. Secretary Cec then read the minutes of the last regular meeting. They were approved on a motion by Don Loughheed, seconded by Bill Lyon and Carried. The Secretary then read a most welcome letter from Mrs. Garnetta Rainey attaching a sizable cheque in memory of her late husband who was once a life member of the Club. Thanks from all of us.

There were no committee reports. The Captain Robert Woollerton noted that we still need at least two more 'trampers'. Of course he is praying for

Snow. Darn him!

Roger Tetreault, reporting for the Sick Committee noted that Don Standish, at Grace Christian Home should have a 'buddy' to contact him. Don Parsons volunteered. Fred Currier recently visited Ed Caron, Mac Mac Donald and Ray Stevenson.

Doug Beattie then introduced our Guest Speaker for the evening: Nancy Beattie Aiken. This pert, vivacious young lady has a great CV. She has her BA in History, with a minor in Anthropology from Bishops and is working on her Masters. You will all recognize her as an ex-President of Townshippers Assoc. She entitled her talk "Battle Against Silence", which dealt with the time it took to erect 'War Memorials' after the First World War. She had volumens of information on the Memorials at; Lennoxville, North Hatley, Stanstead and Georgeville/ Memphramagog. Her Dad Doug acted as 'Controller of Visual Aids' and showed pictures of all Memorials. These Nancy used to assist her in showing the various changes made since first erected and additions made for more recent wars. An interesting and timely talk. Roger Tetreault thanked the speaker for her interesting presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. with the reminder that next week is Veterans Night to which ladies are invited. Veterans are asked to wear their Blue blazers and medals.

Respectfully submitted,
Cec Blenkhorn, Hon. Secretary
President

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: S equals B

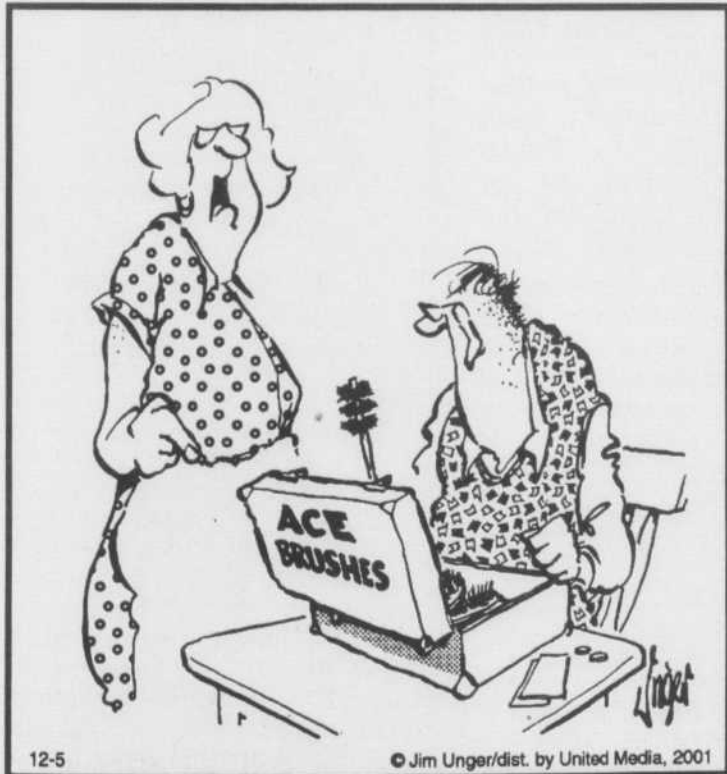
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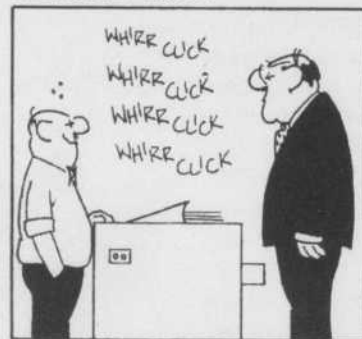
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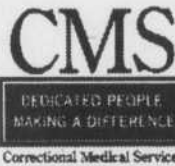
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Card party

RICHMOND
A card party was held at the home of Hazel Fleck in Richmond, on November 16 at 1:30 p.m. Ten tables were played.

The drawings were won by Jean Dunn, Rita Simpson, Penny Wightman and Lyla Beattie.
The prize for high score went to Pearl

Armstrong; low score, to Beverley Jones; most skunks, to Helen Knowles and Alison Watson and secret score, to Estelle Blouin.

Door prizes were won by Beverley Jones, Helen Knowles, Alison Watson, Vera Hughes, Blanche Mastine, Helen Gallup, Doris Stevens, Audrey Millar, Roy Hughes, Freda Coote, Fran Dewar, Lyla Beattie, Loretta Irwin, Andrée Carson, Christina Blake, Dorothy Lockwood, Gertrude Watson, Pearl Armstrong, Mildred Holliday, Gerard Verhoef, Doreen Findlay, Gilbert Verhoef, Ernie Lockwood, Hazel Carson, Thera Devries, Marjorie Frazer, Annie Herbers, Doreen Waterhouse, Joyce Coddington, Johanna Verhoef, Estelle Blouin, Jean Lester, Rose Oakley, Nellie Davidson, Rita Simpson, Jean Dunn, Grace Taylor, Winnie Patterson, Mary Verhoef, Alice Johnston, Jean French, Hazel Fleck, Eileen Roberts and Clara Boisvert.

The proceeds will go to Spooner Pond W.I. Hazel Fleck wishes to thank everyone who came and played cards, as well as those who brought food and prizes. To those who helped move furniture and do dishes, a big thank you!

*Submitted by
Estelle Blouin
for Spooner Pond
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Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001

The year ahead is an excellent period to further your knowledge either concerning your work or your future. What you gather and assimilate will greatly improve your chances for big success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't be unduly offended today if associates aren't receptive to your ideas and thoughts. That fiery temper of yours could cause you to say things you shouldn't.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is not the time to make large financial commitments of any kind. What you do in haste today could produce long-term ramifications. Sleep on things first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Any promise you make today under duress will be deeply resented by you. You either won't honor the commitment or do a lousy job if you do. Both can hurt your reputation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a

good chance you could make things harder on yourself than need be if you behave rashly today. You need time to operate effectively and leave yourself some wiggle room.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Again today you could find yourself caught in the middle between two quarreling friends. If their situation continues to flare up, you might be wise to avoid them for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's not like you to be hasty or impulsive in handling either career or personal matters, yet today that's exactly what you may do. Unfortunately, the results could be damaging.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not accelerate your sales pitch today if you find what you have to offer is being rejected. Continue a soft sell, which may work in time, because a hard sell definitely won't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's best not to ask for financial favors from friends today. If you get a negative re-

sponse, you won't like them anymore, and if you can't pay them back promptly, they won't like you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It will be to your disadvantage today to have an active imagination if you use it to conjure up negative thoughts when trying to make an important decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Persons who usually pick up your overload may be nowhere to be found today, so you had better be prepared to fend for yourself, especially if an important job must be done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Due to complicated developments with a friend today, it might be difficult for you to deal diplomatically with your pal as you normally would. It might be wise to walk away instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It won't be enough to be tenacious today in order to achieve an objective; you're going to have to employ a great deal of tact also. Disgruntled co-workers could be disruptive.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Gardening tools
- 5 Handles of swords
- 10 Assists
- 14 Earthenware crock
- 15 Video-game company
- 16 Thought
- 17 Special cases
- 20 Contemptuous action
- 21 Art __
- 22 Lode load
- 23 "James and the Giant Peach" author
- 25 Gives
- 27 HHS agcy.
- 30 Opponents
- 32 NYC arena
- 33 Poetic measure

- 35 Pro __ (in proportion)
- 37 Grocery store lane
- 41 Special cases
- 44 German industrial city
- 45 Palm type
- 46 Merit
- 47 Tack on
- 49 Treat on a pillow
- 51 Pod orb
- 52 Bar
- 56 Author Hunter
- 58 Thurman of "Batman & Robin"
- 59 Report type
- 61 Weds quickly
- 65 Special cases
- 68 Chilled
- 69 Rand's shrugger
- 70 Remote button

- 24 Bounds
- 26 Nimble
- 27 One hand's count?
- 28 Speaker's platform
- 29 "A Perfect Peace" author Oz
- 31 Energy form
- 34 Misty
- 36 Dickinson of "Police Woman"
- 38 Crackle and Pop's pal
- 39 Decoy
- 40 Sicilian volcano
- 42 Homebound
- 43 Talk

- 48 Near the back
- 50 Bath powder
- 52 Dutch flower
- 53 Shell rival
- 54 Manhandled
- 55 Photo finish
- 57 Standards
- 60 "Le roi d'Ys" composer
- 62 Artist Cezanne
- 63 Inside: pref.
- 64 Impose a bias upon
- 66 Begley and Wynn6
- 7 Singer Janis

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Navajo neighbor
- 2 Lena or Ken
- 3 Pipe bends
- 4 Spanish toast
- 5 Hedge shrub
- 6 "___ a bird..."
- 7 Extol
- 8 Attempted
- 9 TV show with a laugh track
- 10 Lung filler
- 11 Moron
- 12 Tractor name
- 13 Vaults
- 18 Norwegian king
- 19 Dwarfed tree

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