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Liberals want new look at PQ sovereignty studies

By Jack Branswell

QUEBEC (CP) — Former premier Jacques Parizeau and his staff were not guilty of any wrongdoing in the awarding of sovereignty contracts that raised eyebrows during the referendum campaign, an auditor general's report says.

But Guy Breton's report, released Wednesday, raised more questions than it answered.

Reform vs. Bloc:

MPs trading insults over sedition rap

By Linda Drouin

OTTAWA (CP) — Ghosts of the referendum haunted the House of Commons Wednesday as MPs traded insults over an accusation by the Reform party that a Bloc Québécois MP should be investigated for sedition.

Reform MP Jim Hart proposed Jean-Marc Jacob should appear before a parliamentary committee for actions "seditious and offensive to this House" because he urged Quebec-born soldiers to be loyal to Quebec, not Canada, in case of separation.

The governing Liberals watered down Hart's proposal by eliminating all the references to sedition.

The Liberals simply called for a parliamentary committee to examine a press release Jacob sent to Quebec military bases last Oct. 26.

This would allow the Liberals to embarrass the Bloc at committee hearings without appearing to condemn Jacob for something as serious as sedition.

Jacob's release said in the event of sovereignty "I think the soldiers of Quebec origin will respect the people's decision and will transfer their loyalty to the new country whose security they will ensure."

Bloc Leader Michel Gauthier accused the Reform party and Liberals of setting up a kangaroo court.

Jacob did nothing more than describe the Bloc's official platform calling for a post-independence Quebec army to be set up, said Gauthier.

He added the Reform party is camouflaging its real motives in accusing Jacob of sedition.

"The reality is that Reform
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red and it left the Opposition Liberals clamouring for a special parliamentary commission to further investigate the contracts.

Although Breton was critical of the Parti Québécois government for ignoring its own public tendering laws and other rules, he stopped short of actually blaming anyone in the government.

The 40 ill-fated studies were meant to be a key element in the PQ attempt to sell sovereignty to Quebecers leading up to the Oct. 30 referendum.

But from the outset they were plagued with credibility problems after some researchers charged that the government was trying to influence the work by reserving the right to call for changes or reject

conclusions.

Breton's report disclosed that the premier's office had ordered the now-defunct department of restructuring — responsible for the studies — to award a \$25,000 contract to Jean Ouimet, who'd previously worked in Parizeau's office.

The auditor general would not say who made the order. But Richard Le Hir, who was PQ minister of restructuring at the time, said Wednesday it was Jean Royer, Parizeau's chief of staff.

Liberal critic Jean-Marc Fournier said the \$25,000 contract alone shows the need for a National Assembly inves-

tigating committee. He said Le Hir, Parizeau's senior staff and even the former premier should be called to testify.

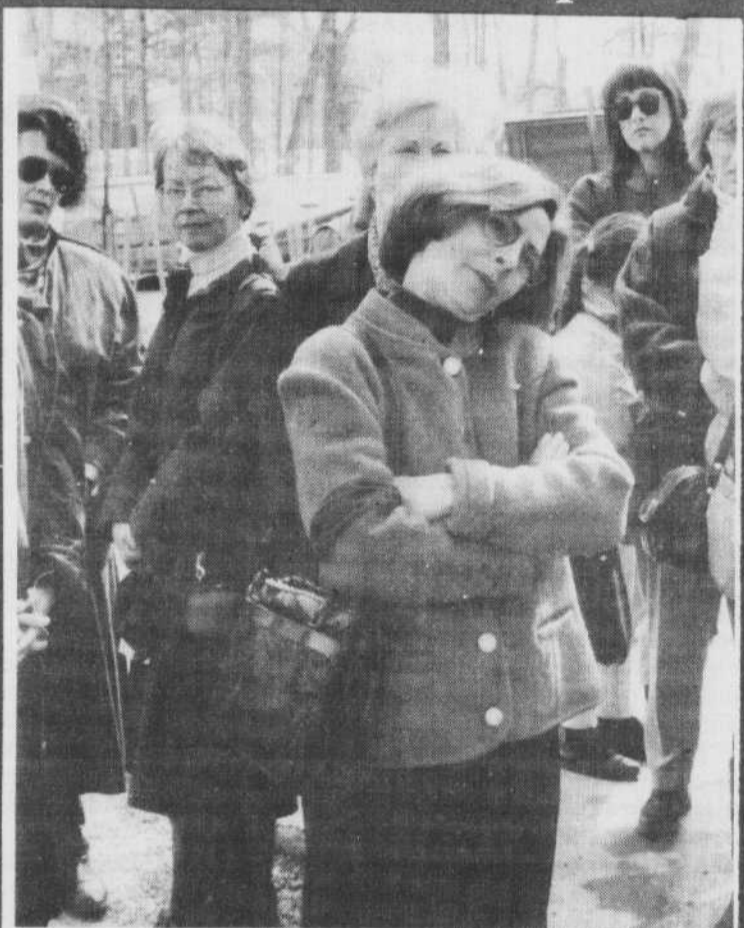
"It was deceitful propaganda presented as studies," said Fournier.

"It was a scheme that was an assault on democracy because the department was trying to shape people's choices in the referendum."

The report also found that the department should have held public tenders for 32 contracts, but that it did not for 17 of them. It added that the department paid for work that

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Protesters rally at Sherbrooke Hospital



RECORD/MAURICE CROSSFIELD
Doctor's wife Josey Ferenczi was on hand for a demonstration against the closing of Sherbrooke Hospital. The demonstrators know they are too late to save the hospital, but were angry about the way it's being closed. For the full story please see Page 3.

'To use a euphemism'

Hydro-Quebec told: Cut spending or else

QUEBEC (CP) — Hydro-Quebec has been told to make major cuts in its spending and there will be a "housecleaning" in its management, says Premier Lucien Bouchard.

He said it's clear the way the provincial utility is being run leaves much to be desired. "The management of Hydro does not appear to us to be completely rigorous, to use a euphemism," Bouchard said. "It is obvious that there will be a housecleaning."

In recent months, the utility's management has been dogged by stories about how it spent on lavish parties and paid \$125,000 for a luxury box for Canadiens hockey games.

Highway tolls to return?

Landry warns of hard-time budget

By Don Macdonald

QUEBEC (CP) — Quebecers may be facing user fees — even to cruise the province's highways — to rein in a burgeoning budget shortfall, Finance Minister Bernard Landry said Wednesday.

The Parti Québécois government is facing a shortfall of \$2.7 billion over the next two years.

Spending cuts and tougher tax collecting will all be needed to rein in the province's massive deficit after "seven or eight years of negligence," Landry said.

Landry also raised the possibility of charging regular users of highways for a sticker that would give them access to the roads.

But economic restraint in Quebec will not use methods as harsh as those used in Alberta and Ontario, he said.

"When you are in a difficult situation it is your duty to put every figure on the table," Landry told a news conference. "Preparing the 1996-1997 budget is a huge challenge."

The PQ has to balance the need for fiscal restructuring with the political palatability of cuts before a referendum on independence that could come as soon as next year.

Landry said the PQ government will meet its \$3.97-billion deficit target for the fiscal year which ends

March 31, thanks mainly to higher than expected federal transfers.

But the minister refused to give any credit to Ottawa for a \$546 million in unexpected federal largesse.

"No, because they have cut us (in other areas) and they have cut us seriously," he said.

Landry said the government will have to come up with savings of \$1.1 billion in 1996-1997 and \$1.6 billion in 1997-1998 to reach its intermediate deficit reduction goal.

His government's goal is to bring the deficit to \$1.8 billion by the end of 1997-1998 before moving to wipe it out in later years.

The PQ has ruled out new taxes including a one-per-cent hike in the provincial sales tax that had been scheduled to come into effect July 1.

Premier Lucien Bouchard and Landry have been preparing Quebecers for weeks for a bad news budget this spring.

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With U.S. harbor-tax break

Boston trolling for shippers from Montreal

BOSTON (AP) — Watertown, Mass., is only 10 kilometres away but Ionics Inc. doesn't ship its product out of Boston Harbor.

Instead, the water-purification equipment is trucked 497 kilometres to Montreal and shipped worldwide from there.

The firm's shipping manager, Steve Farris, said Wednesday that Ionics really has no choice — the U.S. government's harbor tax raises the cost of shipping by 30 per cent to 40 per cent.

That's why Farris was at the Massachusetts Statehouse on Wednesday, watching as Gov. William Weld and legislators filed a bill to offer companies in the state a tax credit to offset the federal harbor tax.

"The Port of Boston would have equal footing with the Port of Montreal and it would no longer be an advantage diverting the cargo up to a northern port," Farris said.

The U.S. government impos-

es a 0.125-per-cent tax on the value of cargo being shipped in and out of any of its ports. That comes to 12 cents on every \$100.

When the tax was introduced in 1987, as part of the Water Resources Development Act, it levied exports at four cents out

Scientists, officials battle to save research

By Dennis Bueckert

OTTAWA (CP) — Scientists and some government officials are fighting to save prestigious research projects threatened by budget cuts at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

At risk are facilities built up over 50 years, some of them unique in the world. They are used by hundreds of scientists from Canada and abroad and have produced Nobel Prize-winning work.

Experts say closing the labs would be a major blow to Canada's credibility in international science.

of every \$100. The tax tripled in 1991 and that's when Ionics started routing its cargo through Montreal.

"Without the tax, overall, the rates are about the same," Farris said, comparing the costs of shipping in Boston to those in

"These are competitive facilities, they're at the forefront in the world," said physicist Jasper McKee, editor of Physics in Canada. "You can't build that up overnight, but you can actually get rid of it overnight."

At risk are the neutron-scattering lab and the Tandem Accelerator Super-Conductor Cyclotron, both part of the AECL research complex at Chalk River, Ont.

Also in jeopardy are the almost-completed Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, a project the government has already spent millions of dollars on,

Montreal.

Under the bill, Massachusetts companies would be able to apply for the tax credit on their corporate excise tax liability.

Weld, who has filed his own cargo tax credit bill the last two years, said the credit would

open up Boston and Massachusetts as "the capital of the Atlantic Rim" by expanding harbor business.

"We are losing business to Canada, among other places, and the reason is the federal harbor tax," Weld said.

The AECL budget cuts were announced at almost the same time as the federal government's science strategy, which stresses the importance of science and technology in generating jobs and economic growth.

Ottawa's contribution to the AECL is being cut to \$100 million in 1998 from \$172 million this fiscal year. There is no estimate of how much will be saved by cutting non-Candu work.

About 130 prominent scientists from Canada and abroad have written letters pleading for the preservation of research facilities at Chalk River.

'More self-discipline' SVP

Manning tells dissenting Reformers to pipe down

By Jim Brown

OTTAWA (CP) — Preston Manning has a message for fractious Reform MPs — keep your policy disputes in the family and don't air your differences in public.

But the party leader hasn't quite cooled the tempers raised by two of his followers, Jim Silye and Jan Brown, who claim Reform's right-wing image is hurting its electoral chances.

"We are determined to beat this charge of extremism that has plagued us," Manning declared Wednesday after a party caucus meeting.

"We want to get this thing behind us."

His recipe for change: better communication, closer contact with the grassroots and — in a pointed message to dissidents — "more self-discipline" by Reform MPs.

It was a marked change in tone for Manning, who a day earlier had dismissed the controversy as nothing but healthy and democratic debate.

Ray Speaker, the Reform House leader, said MPs have been told to consult their colleagues about any complaint before going public.

"The very clear direction to all of us in caucus is that if we have a concern of some kind . . . come to caucus and talk to all of us about it."

Speaker denied the dissidents are being gagged.

Brown and Silye said they face no party discipline.

But both turned suddenly contrite Wednesday, a day after blasting fellow Reformers for clinging to a right-wing agenda.

"Maybe in hindsight I was a little naive and maybe a little bit stupid," Brown said on CBC Newsworld.

"Certainly it was not my intent to hurt anybody in the comments I made."

Silye still thinks the party must moderate its image.

But he apologized for speaking out right now — in the midst of six federal byelection

campaigns in which Reform is trying to boost its fortunes.

"My sense of timing was terrible," said Silye. "I wasn't even thinking about the byelections — I was out of line."

Brown, the Reform social affairs critic, has suggested the party should emphasize issues like deficit-fighting — not crusade against gun control and gay rights.

Silye, a former party whip, has criticized colleague Art Hanger for advocating Singapore-style corporal punishment for criminals.

"I don't want to be campaigning for caning and whipping," he said.

Silye won some support on that score from Manning, who noted Hanger's views are not party policy.

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 mers believe that being a sovereignist is a crime," said Gauthier to bursts of applause from his MPs.

"That means 50 per cent of the population of Quebec is guilty of treason."

He was referring to the 49.6 per cent of Quebecers who voted Yes in last October's referendum.

Background on Reform's attempt:

INCIDENT: Jacob sent letter to military bases in Quebec four days before referendum inviting soldiers to switch loyalty to post-independence Quebec army.

CRIME: Criminal Code says anyone who wilfully interferes with, impairs or influences loyalty or discipline of soldiers is guilty of sedition. Publishing

anything advising soldiers to be disloyal is also sedition.

COURT CHALLENGE: Montreal lawyer and citizen from Peterborough, Ont., tried to lay criminal sedition charges before justices of the peace in Quebec and Ontario. They failed.

REFORM CHALLENGE: Jim Hart, Reform defence cri-

tic, wants a Commons committee to investigate Jacob for sedition. Liberals want his letter investigated, without reference to sedition.

WHAT'S NEXT: MPs vote today on what to do. Liberals, with their majority, will likely have a committee of MPs examine Jacob's letter.

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 wasn't completed.

"There were shortcuts, but being in a rush isn't an excuse," for ignoring proper procedure, Breton said.

The auditor general's investigating team interviewed 70 people but no one was required to take an oath.

"It might turn out that they

were expert liars but I can't condemn anyone up front," said Breton.

"It's not a cover-up. All the facts are there. We're convinced we got the truth."

Justice Minister Paul Bégin declined comment on the matter Wednesday, noting that the contracts are still being investigated by provincial police.

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'It's gone and we didn't have a chance to fight'

Crowd rallies for Sherbrooke Hospital

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Although they know it's too late to do anything about it, dozens of local anglos and hospital workers demonstrated Wednesday against the closing of the Sherbrooke Hospital.

The spontaneous rally came after it was announced Tuesday that the hospital's emergency room will close for good this Friday.

Other acute care services wind down on March 28.

Although the sun shone, the mood of the crowd was bitter. They said they were angry that they had not been kept informed about what was going on, that they still don't know what's going to happen to the emergency ward, or to the millions donated to the hospital's foundation to ensure services in English would always be there.

After more than a century of turning to Sherbrooke Hospital for emergency and acute care, English-speaking Townshipers will soon have to go elsewhere. But many say they must turn to hospitals where much of the staff will be unable or unwilling to deal with them in their own language.

One woman broke into tears recalling how her husband was recently unable to die in English at St-Vincent de Paul.

"There was only one nurse who spoke to him in English, she was in a few nights," Mary Young said of her late husband Reginald.

"The day he died, I couldn't get him to speak English," she said, warm tears rolling down her cold cheeks. "He knew he had to speak French. He just kept saying: 'Ca me fait mal! Ca me fait mal!'"

Young said she wanted her husband to go to Sherbrooke Hospital but he had previously been to St-Vincent for heart surgery and all went well, she said.

"It was not the same anymo-



David Teasdale... 'We didn't have a chance to fight.'

re," she said. "In the emergency room they were kind to him. They tried to talk to him in English. But once he got upstairs..." she broke off.

Staff say patients at Sherbrooke Hospital are also nervous.

"They are coming in crying to me every day," said nurse Janet Clark, who's worked there for 17 years. "They don't know what they are going to do. They're frightened to death."

"We need a place where we can be served in English," said medical secretary Mable Graham, "and they promise and promise we will get services elsewhere. That's bull."

"We have been robbed of our hospital and we have not had the chance to grieve," said hospital worker David Teasdale, explaining that managers are telling workers and the community that "the hospital is not closing, it's just changing vocation."

"If you can't even take care of people who are sick, than it's not a hospital anymore," said Josey Ferenczi. "You can't call it a hospital, so it's closing. You can call it an old folks home."

Teasdale said that because the community was not informed it was unable to act to save the hospital. And, he said, that's partly because it was



Pamela Stuart Mills... 'We want answers.'

slowly dismembered in exchange for promises that never materialized.

"We lost psychiatry and we were supposed to get day surgery, now we've lost the emergency room and we're supposed to get a CLSC."

"We were told not to rock the boat or we might not get what we were promised," he said. "We had a fine hospital that gave excellent care and it's gone and we didn't have a chance to fight."

While no one at the demonstration held out any hope for saving the hospital, they had questions about how and where anglophones will be treated in the future.

Ferenczi's husband Dr. Zoltan Ferenczi is about to be transferred. She wonders whether there will be beds for patients of doctors from Sherbrooke Hospital, who will be affiliated to the new acute care conglomerate made up of St-Vincent, Hotel-Dieu and Sherbrooke University Hospital.

"If there are only going to be 60 acute care beds for all of the general practitioners in town, and there are more than 60 of them, tell me where are they going to put the patients," Ferenczi asks.

"Some of the doctors are



Mary Young... 'He knew he had to speak French.'

already affiliated to those hospitals. Don't you think they'll get priority?"

Like many others in the crowd, Ferenczi asks where money donated to the hospital foundation will go.

"What are they going to be doing with that money?" asked Ferenczi, a longtime contributor to the foundation. "I think I should have a say."

She asked why it wasn't being given to homes where anglophones go for care. Others want some of it spent on services in acute care hospitals, to buy goodwill for the English community who must now go to them for care.

"We want answers," said Pamela Stuart Mills, president of the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre, which represents dozens of local women and their families.

The Women's Centre wrote to foundation president John Hackett months ago but has yet to receive a reply, or even an acknowledgement, Stuart Mills said, voicing a profound sense of abandonment and overriding fear about the future of health care for anglophones now that the only dedicated bilingual institution is closing its doors.

"We want to know what is happening to our money," she said. "We don't want any more

roundabout and wooly announcements to the press and at public meetings. We want replies in writing."

Stuart Mills also expressed a sense of betrayal by the administration of Sherbrooke Hospital — a sense shared by many in the crowd, especially the staffers.

Hospital workers at the demonstration said the administration hasn't been up-front with them and was not telling the truth about staff changes.

Youville Hospital director Daniel Bergeron said Tuesday that most of the nurses will keep their jobs and there is a need for additional ward aides — positions which have been offered to Sherbrooke Hospital staffers left unemployed by the merger.

But nurses' union president Sandra Harrison said his figures were completely out of whack.

Of the 109 full and part time nurses at Sherbrooke Hospital, she said only 58 will keep their jobs. The rest have job security but have yet to learn their fate.

"There is a lot of anxiety, stress and insecurity," said support staff union president Lise Martineau. "We are not ready to deal with this change of mission."

Acute care service and scheduled clinics in the outpatients department continue until March 28 at 4 p.m., but after that date Sherbrooke Hospital will become the Argyll pavilion of the Sherbrooke University Geriatric Institute, a new chronic care consortium which will integrate the centennial anglophone institution with Youville Hospital.

After that date, patients needing emergency and other care will have to go to the *Centre Universitaire de Santé de l'Estrie*, which now regroups Hotel Dieu, St-Vincent de Paul and Sherbrooke University hospitals into an acute care consortium.

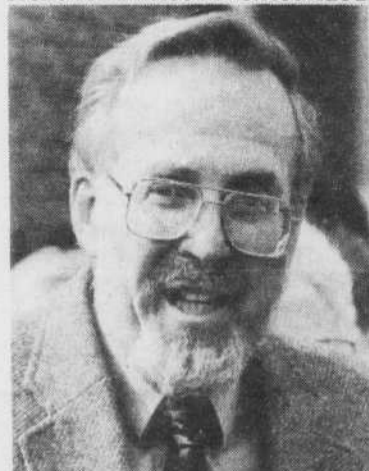
Ecumenical chapel soon just another bedroom?

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Another victim of the re-organization of health care services in Sherbrooke may be St. Luke's Chapel at Sherbrooke Hospital.

Rev. Jane Aikman, of Plymouth Trinity United Church, and Rev. Doug Warren said Tuesday they heard rumors from a reliable source that the chapel will soon be transformed into another hospital ward.

"People who are in for the long term need a place to worship even more than those just getting their tonsils out," said Aikman, who showed up at an impromptu demonstration outside the hospital's emergency ward Wednesday afternoon.

Warren, who was chairman of the committee which founded



Doug Warren... 'A model for chaplaincy.'

the chapel six years ago, said it represents the best of all worlds. Dedicated by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sherbrooke, Jean-Marie Fortier and the Anglican Bishop of Quebec, Bruce Stavert, on St. Luke's Day six years ago, and run by a Roman Catholic nun, it is a bilingual, ecumenical place where everyone no matter what language or what religion could seek solace.

"We thought it was a model for chaplaincy for the whole district," Warren said. "Now it may be gone."

And gone with it may be some religious relics including stained glass windows from Divinity House at Bishop's Uni-

versity, a lectern from a former Anglican church in Paspébiac,



Rev. Jane Aikman... 'A backward step.'

on the Gaspé coast, and stations of the cross from a Catholic convent that was closed.

Aikman said it would be a pity to lose the chapel at a time when hospitals are finally beginning to integrate spiritual care into the healing process.

"It's a backward step," she said.

Warren said the rumors about the loss of the chapel are not surprising, given the lack of communication over the re-organization of health services and their effect on Sherbrooke Hospital.

"We've heard so little about what's going on," he said. "Most of the plans have been kept pretty secret until now."

Money for renovations:

Quebec, Sherbrooke chip in for co-op housing

SHERBROOKE — Sherbrooke MNA Marie Malavoy has managed to find an extra half-million bucks for low-income housing development in the city.

Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Rémy Trudel cut the city a cheque for an additional \$500,000 on Wednesday, apparently dipping into the province's housing-renovation program.

Three Sherbrooke housing co-operatives will benefit from the new money, while Mayor Jean Perrault said he expects the cash infusion will help will lead to \$2.3 million in spending on the local construction industry.

The Cantons de l'Est housing

co-op will get \$407,300 toward renovation of apartment buildings on Princesse and Dunant Streets. La Rive Gauche housing co-op gets \$209,115 for renovating a building on Gillespie St., and \$94,316 has been earmarked for the Possible co-op for work on a Fisette St. apartment block.

In all, 41 new low-income units are to be upgraded for human habitation.

The City of Sherbrooke is kicking in \$145,000 of its own money toward the renovation program, and the co-ops themselves will invest more than \$342,000.

Addressing the shortage of affordable housing for low-income families in the Sher-

brooke area is thought to be one way to help re-vitalize the city's downtown core.

Across the province, the

government expects to spend \$35 million through its housing-renovation program by the end of the year. The

Estrie administrative region has attracted \$1.3 million in subsidies since the program was announced last July.



Sherbrooke co-op housing activists got some good news Wednesday.



Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault and MNA Marie Malavoy: new money to renovate old buildings for co-op housing.

We'll have to park new equipment outside — mayor Leroux

Brigham: Taxpayers veto new town garage

By Sharon McCully

BRIGHAM — This town won't be borrowing money to build a new municipal garage.

At a private work session prior to Monday's public meeting, Brigham council decided to withdraw a controversial borrowing bylaw rather than put it to a vote in a referendum.

More than 600 taxpayers signed the town register to oppose council's plan to borrow \$200,000 for a new garage to house the municipality's heavy equipment. About 60 of them showed up at Monday's council meeting to hear how council planned to proceed.

Mayor André Leroux said it was clear from the registry that townspeople do not want their elected representatives to borrow the money.

"We decided to drop the borrowing bylaw because the people spoke clearly," Leroux said Wednesday.

He said council will still proceed as planned with the purchase of a grader and tractor to maintain the town's roads.

"Presently we plan to rent a grader and a tractor with an option to buy," Leroux said in an interview.

Estimated price of the grader is \$70,000 and the tractor, \$63,000. The town has already spent \$135,000 on a ten-wheel truck as part of a long-range plan to take over maintenance of roads in the municipality formerly kept by the provincial government.

"We plan to buy one major piece of equipment each year if we can afford it," Leroux said.

He said the town has hired a retired Transport Quebec

worker with experience in operating heavy equipment and repairing roads. "He will be able to train others to do the work."

The mayor said since citizens are opposed to the town borrowing money to build a new garage, the new road-repair vehicles will remain parked beside Brigham's town hall.

Leroux said he and others on council remain convinced it is more cost effective for the town to take over the maintenance of

municipal roads than to hire private contractors.

"More than 50 per cent of our roads do not have asphalt," he said. "We want to pave more, but only where feasible."

"Every time we have to call a contractor to fill a hole, it costs us \$4,500 to 5000," the mayor said. "We want to do that general repair work ourselves and leave the big jobs like paving to contractors."

Leroux said since the new

council was elected two years ago, the town has spent more than \$2 million on road repairs and equipment — more than half of it coming from government subsidies.

"Citizens have lots of questions but with the trend toward decentralization and new responsibilities for municipalities, they will have to decide if they want to maintain Brigham as a strong and viable community," he said. "They will have to make some choices."

Car found near E.T. autoroute

Mansonville man mysteriously missing

SHERBROOKE (MC) — Police are looking for leads in the recent disappearance of a Mansonville man.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord says Nil Poirier, 37, was last seen in the Waterloo-Granby region on February 20.

Seven days later Poirier's car was found locked and abandoned in the parking lot of the Grand Prix restaurant bar, near exit 68 of the Eastern

Townships Autoroute.

Poirier's brother tried to contact him several times, but was unable to do so. After leaving several messages on a telephone answering machine, he reported his brother missing to the Cowansville detachment of the QPF on March 1.

Dubord said the subsequent investigation revealed nothing out of the ordinary. Friends and neighbors told police Poirier, who lived alone, did not seem to

be having any significant problems and was apparently not depressed.

Dubord said Poirier has no criminal record and was not known to police.

When police went to Poirier's home on De Maries Road, they found nothing unusual. However his dog had been left tied outside and unfed for several days.

Poirier is co-owner of the Super Tech gym on Foster

Street in Waterloo.

Police say he is 1.8 metres tall (about 6-foot-1) and weighs 81 kilograms (about 178 pounds). He has brown eyes and brown hair, and when last seen had the beginnings of a beard.

If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of Nil Poirier, they are asked to contact the QPF at (514)-266-1122 in Cowansville or (819)-564-1212 in Sherbrooke.

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Scot also kills teacher and himself

Ex-scout leader slaughters 16 children

By Helen Branswell

DUNBLANE, Scotland (CP) — A former Scout leader whose behavior upset and unsettled children and their parents for years walked into a Scottish elementary school brandishing four handguns on Wednesday.

After his "slaughter of the innocents" was over, 16 kindergarten children and their teacher were dead, 12 other children and two teachers were wounded and a town was scarred forever.

Thomas Hamilton, 43, then

turned one of his guns on himself.

As Hamilton's guns fell silent, the town of Dunblane struggled to come to grips with a horror no one appeared capable of fathoming.

"This is a slaughter of the innocents, unlike anything we have ever seen in Scotland and I think Scotland is going to have to come to terms with it," said Helen Liddell, a Scottish member of Parliament with the opposition Labor party.

"I can't take it in," said Elizabeth Cowan, who could not

staunch her tears as she spoke of the day's events.

Cowan, who owns a wedding cake supply shop, said she initially thought there had been a bus crash when she heard the police sirens and the blades of the helicopters that evacuated the most seriously injured children to Glasgow.

"You can equate with that, because it happens. This doesn't happen."

Wendy Scott, 14, lived next door to one of the little girls killed in the massacre at Dunblane primary school. There were

tears in her eyes but anger in her voice as she contemplated what Hamilton had done.

"It's just disgusting. How can he possibly go in a gymnasium and kill these little children. I mean, they're just harmless. . . It's just sick.

"Those children have never done anything to him. As far as I'm concerned, if he's dead, then good riddance. He deserves to be."

Though he lived in Stirling, about six kilometres away, Hamilton was well known in

Dunblane. He was an avid member of the local gun club and appeared to have a strong drive to work with children.

He was a Scout leader for a short time in the early 1970s, but was dropped by the organization over complaints of improper conduct.

Over the years, Hamilton made several attempts to get reinstated, and as recently as last week wrote to the Queen to complain that the organization was out to besmirch his reputation.

Hamilton formed his own youth club. But many in the town were put off by his odd manner.

Douglas Hurley, 14, belonged to the club for awhile. But Hamilton gave him the creeps, he said.

He was "a bit of a poof kind of thing," Hurley said with a grimace. "He made us take our tops off and run about and stuff. Strange man."

"Not psycho strange," his friend, Gareth Clarke, 14, noted.

"Yeah, but strange," Hurley insisted.

Guerrillas attack police station

Donkey bomb blows up police station

BOGOTA (Reuter) — Guerrillas used a donkey packing 60 kilograms of dynamite to blow up a police station in rural Colombia, killing 11 officers, authorities said Wednesday.

National Police spokesmen said the "burro bomb" was detonated by remote control when the donkey sauntered up to

police headquarters in Chalan, an isolated town in a mountainous region of northern Sucre province.

At least four policemen were killed in the initial blast and seven others died in a raid by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia that followed it before dawn Wednesday, the spokesmen said.

They said the guerrillas, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles, also destroyed the mayor's office in Chalan, its school and a local restaurant frequented by the police.

Tiny fragments of the donkey used in the attack were found scattered around the fire-gutted remains of the police

station, the police spokesmen said.

Bombs stashed in cars, trucks, ice-cream pushcarts and even a statue by world renowned artist Fernando Botero, have been used in Colombia. But police said Wednesday's incident in Chalan was believed to be the first involving a "burro" or donkey.

'Keep believing in peace'

Chrétien balks at fingering Iran for terror

By Clyde Graham

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (CP) — Prime Minister Jean Chrétien talked tough about rooting out terrorism at a Mideast peace summit Wednesday but avoided singling out Iran as the villain.

Leaders from about 29 countries made a show of support for peace, coupled with a call for a crackdown on terrorists who have shattered the fragile calm with suicide bombings in Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Bill Clinton both fingered Iran as a source of terrorism, as did several other leaders.

Peres called the Iranian government a "regime which initiates, promotes and exports violence and fanaticism. Tehran has become the capital of terror."

"A conclusion must be drawn on how to contain it."

Chrétien added his voice to call for stern measures against those who use bullets and explosives to erode support for peace.

"We must all agree to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that no country anywhere in the world can get away with giving support or sanctuary to terrorists," Chrétien said in his statement.

But after the meeting he said Canada is not about to act alone and he waffled when asked if he thinks Iran is a terrorist state.

"Some mentioned Iran. I don't know.

"I have not been there for a long time.

Iran is one of Canada's major wheat customers.

In his speech, Chrétien made a plea to ordinary Israelis and Palestinians to keep their faith

in peace for the Middle East, despite terrorist threats.

"We know that your will is being tested," Chrétien said.

"But we plead with you: Do not give up hope.

"Do not give in to fear and terrorism. Keep believing in peace."

Chrétien offered his condolences to the people of Israel, who have lost 58 lives to suicide bombers since Feb. 25. The Islamic-fundamentalist group

Hamas has claimed responsibility.

Chrétien suggested he would join other countries in imposing sanctions against Iran but only in the unlikely event they could be approved by the United Nations.

"If the United Nations were to have a resolution, we are always participating in boycotts that are authorized by the United Nations," said Chrétien as he prepared to board his

plane for the return trip to Ottawa.

The world leaders promised to work together in a war on terrorism, tracking down the financial sources of terrorists "to cut them off."

"Now through the region, as well as the world, there are peacemakers who stand against terror," Clinton said in a joint news conference with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

U.S. Cuba policy:

'Overreaction' or 'very restrained'

By Chris Morris

WASHINGTON (CP) — There doesn't appear to be any middle ground between the United States and Canada over Washington's decision to punish Cuba and its foreign investors.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, a high-ranking member of the U.S. government, told Congress Wednesday the United States is on solid ground in taking action against Cuba — and its trading partners — for the shooting down of two small U.S. airplanes by Cuba last month.

Canada says the United States

violated the North American Free Trade Agreement by, in effect, telling Canadians that if they do business in the Cuba, they can't do business in the United States.

Trade Minister Art Eggleton sent a letter of complaint to Kantor on Tuesday.

Eggleton is protesting U.S. legislation that gives Americans the right to sue foreigners who make use of confiscated Cuban property and denies U.S. entry to those who benefit from expropriated property.

Eggleton said the legislation violates NAFTA.

Kantor countered the bill

does not violate any North American or international trade agreements.

"We are well within our legal obligations," Kantor told Congress. "I believe we're on solid ground . . . it does not violate NAFTA or our Uruguay Round obligations."

Kantor explained the United States has the right to protect its national security. As well, he said the United States can legally exclude people who commit crimes of "moral turpitude," such as using confiscated U.S. property.

Eggleton said he believes the United States overreacted to

the shoot-down by Cuba. Four men were killed in the incident over the Florida Straits: three U.S. citizens and one U.S. resident.

The European Union's top trade official, Sir Leon Brittan, will raise concerns over the U.S. legislation at a meeting with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in Ottawa next week.

"We note that the Canadians have been even more vociferous than we have in their opposition to (the legislation) for NAFTA-related reasons," Brittan's spokesman, Peter Guilford, said in Brussels.

Partition virus multiplies in climate of fear

The partition virus once contained within a small pocket on Montreal's West Island has flared up in some unlikely places. Few seem to recognize its lethal potential to destroy its own carriers. The virus multiplies rapidly in a culture of fear and uncertainty but most of all in the absence of leadership. Conversely the virus lies dormant in the presence of intelligent discourse, of vision and of firm leadership.

Now even the prime minister has been bitten by the bug. There may well yet develop good reason to forgive neophyte Stéphane Dion for leaping with such alacrity to the microphone to extoll the virtues of partition, but none at all for the seasoned prime minister. Startling even his own defenders, Chrétien loaned his imprimatur to the hitherto extremist cant that in the event of sovereignty, Quebec could be carved up much as one might dismember a carcass with a federalist flank here, a sovereigntist limb there. Exposing only the paucity of his ideas, he called it logical.

It took a couple of tries but Daniel Johnson finally showed some leg by reiterating the long held views of all provincial parties to the effect that Quebec's present borders must be respected. Roy Romanow agreed.

Checked by his Quebec lieutenant and chastened by his long time friend, Chrétien began to manoeuvre backwards. Ad libbing as he went along, he told Newsworld's Don Newman that the hard line Plan B that he had earlier endorsed existed only in the minds of reporters. As for him he was firmly committed to plan A. That of course is the same one he followed before the referendum better known as 'don't worry, be happy'.

Jean Chrétien is certainly not solely responsible for all the ills that beset Canada, but the fact remains that under his ste-

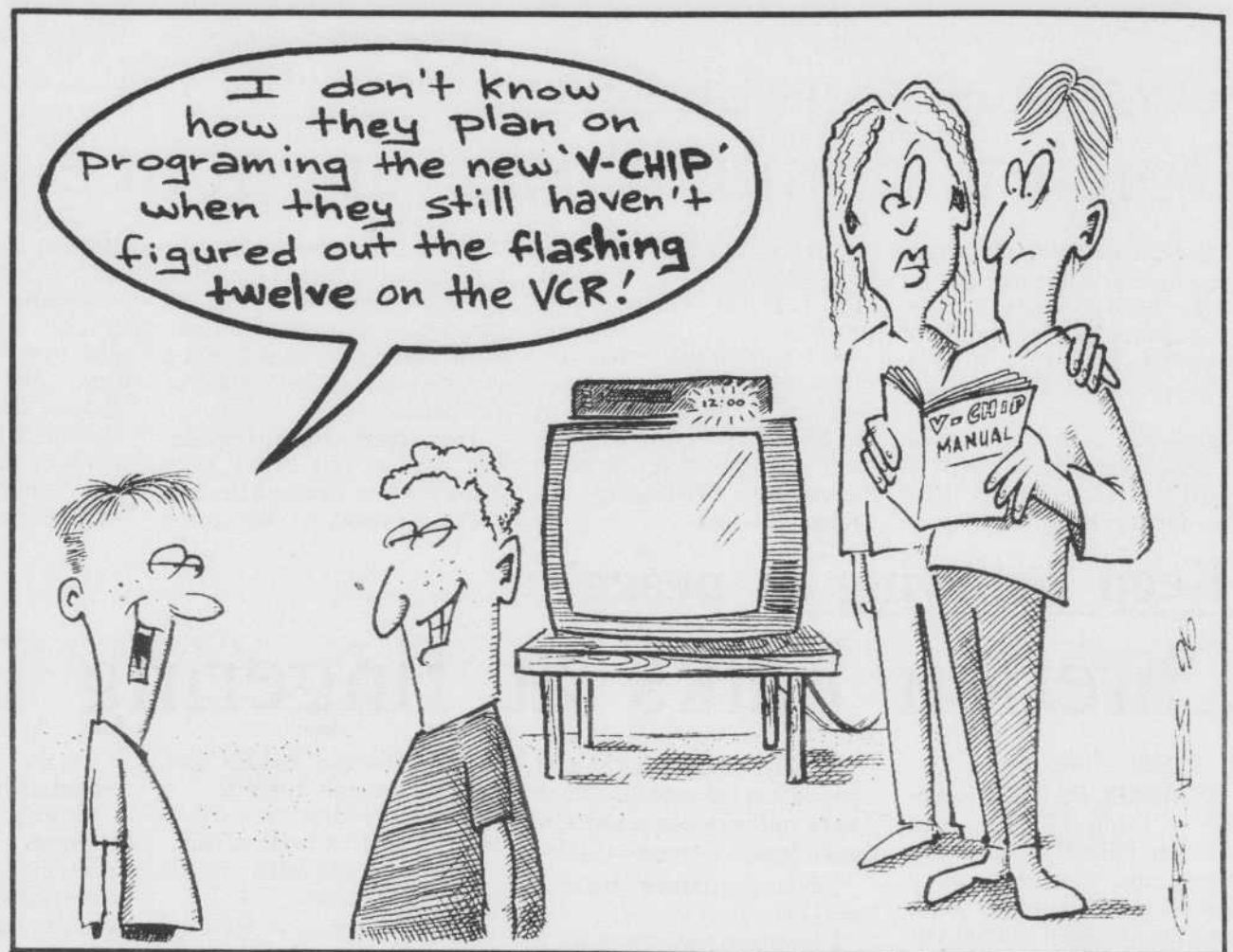
wardship the country almost ceased to be. It perhaps has more to do with the numbed Canadian psyche and the shadow of Sheila Copps that there was no concerted call for his resignation.

The prime minister might have better served national interests with some kind of tacit support for the Cree and Inuit who have a much stronger case to remain in Canada in the event of Quebec independence. Even they don't demand outright partition. These aboriginal groups fulfill all of Lucien Bouchard's criteria to comprise a nation in spades. Natural resources and hydro electric installations within

their sphere give them added clout and the sovereignists nightmares. 'If our rights are upheld now, another referendum might not be held', Grand Chief Matthe Coon Come stated in an invitation for support presented to the federal government, so far eliciting only silence.

The idea of partitioning Quebec is not a plan, it's what happens when there is none. With 52 Bloc members in the House of Commons it is patently obvious that Jean Chrétien's major problem in Quebec is Jean Chrétien.

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What Canada thinks

ENLIGHTENING SILLINESS

An editorial in the *Gazette*, the University of Western Ontario's student newspaper, found some deeper social meaning in Groundhog Day:

In our technology-laden society which brims with computers and satellites comes one day of the year which is so nonsensical it is downright pleasurable, so unimportant it's riveting and so far beyond explanation it's practically religious.

There's an enlightening silliness about predicting the weather based on a rodent's behavior pattern. . . . Few if any people are so intense about the occasion they would actually debate the merits of animal forecasting.

The question arises, then, what's the true appeal of Groundhog Day if not the prediction itself?

What people really celebrate. . . is the human race's greatest accomplishment in the art of small conversation.

In fact, for the amount of time people talk about the weather you would think they are honestly fascinated by it, but the truth is they're not. For most peo-

ple, it's really about meaningless conversation, filling dead air and avoiding awkward moments at all cost. The groundhog is merely an ends to a highly justifiable social means.

PORTABLE BREASTS

In an editorial in the Montreal community newspaper the *Westmount Examiner*, editor Bernie O'Neill ponders the merits of a \$2,500 award to a woman asked to stop breastfeeding her child in a mall:

It is frustrating at times when something that really comes down to a difference of opinion — something that could have been solved with an apology — is brought up before a human rights tribunal. . . .

Somehow it tends to cheapen the currency of the words 'human rights violation.'

Still, others might argue that for women in (Ann) Martin's situation, being able to breastfeed your three-month-old on a bench in a mall without having some security guard pestering you may well be your 'human right,' as it is for your child.

Three-month-old babies cannot keep a lid on their appetites till supper. Hence the portability of breasts.

WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR

Canadians are as much to blame as politicians for the troubled state of the country, writes C. A. MacDougall in a letter to the *Saint John (N.B.) Telegraph Journal*:

Politicians. Are they that hard to understand? I think not.

Once elected, do they for the most part really have the best interests of their electorate at heart? It certainly doesn't appear to be the case.

During an election campaign they dwell on what their accomplishments have been and what can be expected for the future. But touchy subjects — hospital cuts, restraint with our education system, patronage appointments, liberal pension plans — never seem to surface in a relevant way. . . .

Every election campaign our politicians simply tell us what we want to hear. And if we're gullible enough to believe them (and for the most part we are), we get what we deserve.

NO SENSE OF SECURITY

In an editorial in *The Chronicle*, a West End Montreal community newspaper, editor Brenda O'Farrell calls for changes in the Young Offenders Act following the conviction of a 13-year-old boy in the murder of an elderly couple:

. . . Decent Canadians know the difference between right and wrong. There is a line. . . sometimes youths will step on that line. They may even overstep it.

The Young Offenders Act was designed to deal with those incidents. But when kids blow past the line between right and wrong at lightning speed, the act is ineffective.

. . . Justice, for it to be fair, has the obligation to look at what the community needs. . . . If the convicted youngster gets the maximum sentence, he will be walking the streets in three years. This prospect doesn't provide the community with any sense of security. It just isn't right.

From *What Canada Thinks*, a regular feature of *The Canadian Press*

Mortgage hikes tell of things to come

Canadians get whiff of high interest rates

By Sandra Rubin

TORONTO (CP) — Consumer confidence got a punch in the nose Tuesday as mortgage rates climbed for the first time in seven months.

Starting today, the cost of a one-year mortgage at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is 7.00 per cent, up from 6.50. A five-year term is 8.50 per cent from 7.80.

Some other financial institutions were quick to follow suit.

"Oh no, please don't tell me that," said Toronto realtor Elizabeth Janek. "I'm already sensing lot of uncertainty out there. People are very apprehensive."

The new rates raise the monthly payment on a five-year, \$100,000 mortgage amortized over 25 years to \$795.36 from \$750.49.

Business-starved realtors will cross their fingers and hope the higher rates push

some people into buying houses.

"It's not necessarily all bad news," said Janek. "It might prod some people into making a move if they think rates are starting to go back up."

But studies show each point mortgage rates increase knocks about 100,000 potential first-time buyers out of the market, said Connie Bonello, an analyst at Clayton Research Associates.

"This will definitely dampen demand for housing — especially coupled with the fragile consumer confidence that's out there right now," she said. "Some people who were thinking of it are definitely not going to buy."

"And things have been pretty bad out there. That's the best way to describe it."

Across the country, there were just 110,000 new homes, apartments and condos built in

1995 — near Great Depression levels.

Re-sales, however, have been starting to gain steam.

Ed Gettings, vice-president of CIBC Mortgage Corp., predicted Tuesday's increases wouldn't knock the wind out of house sales. "To keep it in perspective, the rates are still relatively attractive when you look back historically," he said. "When you look back 25 to 30

years there aren't many points in time when a five-year mortgage is less than 8.50 per cent.

"So the cost of financing is still pretty cheap in the housing market."

CIBC, which also raised the payouts on its GICs, said the increases are entirely due to developments in financial markets. Bond yields, which move in the opposite direction to price, have been putting a lot

of upward pressure on rates and banks have been forced to pay more for its money.

Not all the other banks followed suit.

"We've been holding off, but maybe there'll be a point where we can't hold off any longer because you have to raise your deposit rates to remain competitive," said Tom Alton, president of Bank of Montreal Mortgage Corp.

Thomson posts '95 profit gain

TORONTO (CP) — Thomson Corp. reported 1995 profits of \$789 million US on Wednesday, compared with \$427 million the year before. Much of the huge profit jump came from the sale of its British newspapers.

Thomson has been busily remaking itself over the last few years, dumping dozens of newspapers — including all its British properties — and plowing the proceeds into specialty publishers in fields such as law and medicine.

A few weeks ago, Thomson announced a \$4.7-billion deal to take over the biggest legal publisher in the United States.

Thomson's acquisitions have two things in common: the companies sell information to professionals such as lawyers and doctors and make heavy use of computers by offering legal

texts online and via CD-ROMs.

"Moving into something that's more subscriber-based and has more professional customers rather than ordinary consumers is benefiting them because they can charge more for the information," one analyst said.

Roy Thomson bought a little radio station in North Bay, Ont., in 1931, then began adding newspapers, starting with the Timmins (Ont.) Press.

Thomson still owns 21 Canadian dailies, including the Toronto Globe and Mail and the Victoria Times-Colonist. Its other holdings include close to 100 U.S. newspapers and British tour operator Thomson Travel Group.

Revenue jumped to \$7.2 billion from \$6.4 billion the year before.

New report explains:

How to cut jobs and keep workers happy

By Eoin Kenny

OTTAWA (CP) — Businesses must pay more attention to the personal development and success of employees, especially as job cuts become more commonplace in today's workplace, an economic think-tank said Wednesday.

Portable skills such as problem-solving, project management and interpersonal relations are becoming as important as job-specific technical expertise, says the Conference Board of Canada.

The board acknowledges the days of having a job for life are gone forever.

"It is a challenge for organizations to win employee commitment and loyalty when downsizing and restructuring have thinned employee ranks," the board says in a report called Creating High Performance

Organizations with People.

"But this is exactly the time when the commitment of every employee is essential to competitive success."

Companies wanting to attract the best-skilled workforce in a competitive labor market are providing them with portable tools and opportunities for self-improvement, said researcher Carolyn Farquhar, co-author of the report.

"They're saying no job for life, but we will do all we can to ensure you are employable. Even if you are not going to be here for life, you will be an employable person, you will be a skilled person."

In return, workers must take charge of their own careers, deciding what skills they need to acquire and where they wish to apply them.

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Shakespearean scholar scouts for signs

In the woods, Morse is like a radar dish

By Wilson Ring

JERICHO, Vt. (AP) — For more than 20 years, Shakespearean scholar Susan Morse has prowled the wilds of northern Vermont looking for animal signs.

She knows the scratches on the trees and what animal made them — bobcats, bears, deer, fishers, raccoons, otters, coyotes and the occasional moose.

Morse is an animal tracker who has elevated animal tracking, once the private domain of hunters and trappers, to an art form.

"Walking through the woods with Sue is like walking with a radar dish. She misses nothing," says Kevin Hansen of Sacramento, Calif., who, with Morse's help, has written a book about cougars. "She is just amazing."

One thing Morse hasn't found in Vermont are the tracks of cougars, or mountain lions, catamounts, puma or whatever name one wants to

use to describe the big cat.

For that Morse travels to the western states and Canada where her expertise as a cougar tracker has made her famous.

Morse bridges the chasm between wildlife academics and the present-day mountain men, the trappers and hunters who roam the woods looking for the same animals, but for a different purpose.

"I think you have to accept the fact that Sue is rather unique," says Harley Shaw, a retired wildlife biologist from Arizona who gave Morse a start tracking cougars in the early 1980s. "Not many trackers have degrees in Shakespearean English."

Morse has little formal wildlife training.

She has spent countless hours on her own studying academic wildlife literature and in the woods, the "dirt time" needed to learn the meaning of the depressions, scrapes and broken plants that tell her which

animal has been there and when.

In spite of her love for cougars, Morse stays in Vermont rather than moving west to be closer to their present-day range.

"Culturally, I like it here in Vermont," she says. "There is a healthy attitude toward the land."

Morse, 47, grew up in Pennsylvania, prowling the woods near Philadelphia. She says her family instilled in her both

her love of the outdoors and and of books.

She studied forestry for two years at Penn State University, but later transferred to the University of Vermont where she studied English literature.

Over the years she has worked as a forester, landscaper, stone wall builder and teacher. Now her expertise is being called on more and more.

She teaches a course on tracking at Burlington College and many days she leads

groups on tours of her mountains, one of the most pristine wild sections of Vermont.

"Ten years ago you couldn't sell a course on tracking," she says. "That interest has exploded in the last five years."

For the last year Morse has served as executive director of Keeping Track Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to wildlife habitat protection. It's the first stable employment she has had in years.

Americans delaying getting hitched as divorce rates rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are tying the knot later in life than ever before. The typical age for a first marriage has climbed to 26.7 years for men and 24.5 for women, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

At the same time, people are showing less patience with problem marriages as growing numbers unravel the bond with divorce, said the Census report, Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March 1994.

In 1890, when age at marriage was first collected, the median age to get hitched was 26.1 for men and 22.0 for women.

The marriage age declined slowly for 66 years, then started to climb toward the current record level, said Arlene Saluter, the study's author.

In years past, there was

some kind of a magic date by which people had to be married, observed Stephanie Kenitzer of Odenton, Md., who said her own marriage at age 27 "just kind of happened when it happened."

"People aren't saying, 'I'm 20 or I'm 25, so I'm an old maid,'" she said. "It's no longer looked upon as a negative that you're not married at a certain age."

In a recent study by the independent Population Reference Bureau, researcher Carol De Vita noted that "young adults are delaying entrance into marriage, although very few will forgo it altogether."

This declined gradually over the years, bottoming at 22.5 for men and 20.1 for women in 1956, before beginning to rise again as young people increasingly pursued college and careers instead of each other. Median indicates that half were married by that age and

half married later.

Increasing educational and employment opportunities for women have contributed to their postponing marriage, De Vita said. For men, she added, stagnating wages in the 1970s and 1980s made marriage less affordable.

Of course, postponing marriage means an increase in the number of people who have never wed, and that is reflected in the Census study.

From 1970 to 1994 the number of Americans aged 18 and over who had never married leaped to 44.2 million, or 23 per cent, from 21.4 million, or 16 per cent.

While they are slower to tie the knot, Americans are proving faster to unravel it. From 1970 to 1994 the number currently divorced climbed to 17.4 million, or nine per cent of the adult population, from 4.3 million, or three per cent.

75th birthday wishes

Happy birthday to Gerald Anthony of Danville, who will be celebrating his 75th birthday on March 14. Congratulations and best wishes from daughter Heather and friends.



Lordy Lordy
Look Who's Forty
Happy Birthday
Kathy and Bob,
Love from Ma, Dad, and Heidi

Russians do it most, Aussies do it first — Cosmo survey

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Russian women are most likely to have sex every day, Czech women enjoy it most, French women claim to be most faithful and Australian women are most willing to have sex on

the first date, a recent survey indicates.

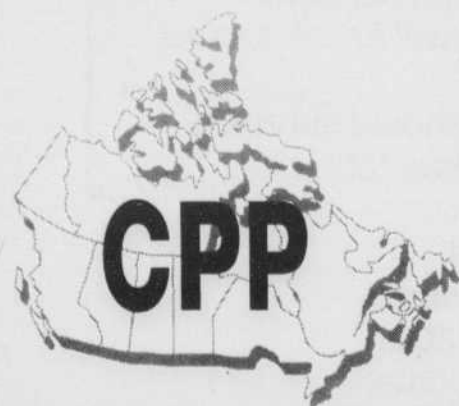
Cosmopolitan magazine surveyed readers in its 29 international editions in July and compiled results from a sample 500 questionnaires from each edi-

tion. The findings will appear in the March edition.

The survey also found that women in Greece prefer daytime sex at almost twice the worldwide average, while Japanese women said they have sex three times a month or less.

Worldwide, women reported having an average of 10 sexual partners. German women averaged the most with 11, and are most likely to have sex with someone "just for the fun of it."

More than half of all respondents said they wait a few dates before having sex with someone new, although seven per cent admitted having sex on the first date. Australian women, at 13 per cent, were most likely to have sex first time out.



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Canadian animator loves his Disney work

By John McKay

TORONTO (CP) — Brian Ferguson offers a mock groan at the press release headline.

"Pocahontas animators to draw huge crowd at SkyDome," it promises.

"Oh, no, it's so hard to get that many people to sit still for a drawing!" he protests.

Animator humor. Ferguson, 35, is a native of St. Albert, Alta., and has been on the Walt Disney payroll for six years, first as an apprentice, then a full-fledged animator. He has worked on such classics as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King* and, most recently, *Pocahontas*.

Ferguson and fellow artist Dan Hofstedt, an American, are on a promotional tour for the video release of *Pocahontas* and were scheduled to put on a children's demonstration at SkyDome's annual March break Spring Fling festival.

A graduate of Sheridan Col-

lege's famous animation program, Ferguson is one of a growing number of Canadians who have taken their artistic and computer-effects skills to Hollywood.

But he is pleased by news that Walt Disney Animation Canada Inc. is opening two branch-plant studios in Toronto and Vancouver this year, primarily for the production of TV and direct-to-video programming.

"Canadian animators would prefer to stay at home," the Glendale, Calif., resident insists with a laugh.

"Some of us actually love the weather."

Ferguson praises Sheridan's course and can name at least a dozen fellow graduates working at Disney with him, in addition to others plying their trade at Industrial Light and Magic and lesser-known Hollywood special-effects factories.

New computer technology is

at the heart of a mini-controversy in Ferguson's business. But he is confident the hand-drawn art that was immortalized with Disney classics like *Cinderella* and *Pinocchio* will never be replaced by computers despite the success of last year's innovative *Toy Story*.

"If they want animation to look really good, they're going to have to have somebody that knows how to do the kind of traditional animation that we're doing," he says confidently.

But computers have even refined the process made famous by the so-called "nine old men," the legendary clique of original Disney illustrators.

Hofstedt confirms that such technology has allowed them to introduce live-camera techniques to the newest films.

In *The Lion King*, for example, there is an up-close scene of some bugs walking along a

branch. The camera then seems to quickly change focus to infinity to show other animals on the African plain far behind.

"The visuals are scanned into the computer and they can manipulate the camera in more creative ways," explains the Honolulu native.

"They just open up all sorts of possibilities, imitating live-action shots."

Ferguson and Hofstedt revere the work of the nine old men, but are fiercely proud of what they're doing today, despite criticism from some quarters that the modern stuff is somehow inferior.

THURSDAY'S POP CHART

Videos

The most popular videos for the period ended March 12, based on rentals in Canada, supplied by Jumbo Video:

- 1 **Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls** — Warner
- 2 **Braveheart** — Paramount
- 3 **Assassins** — Warner
- 4 **Dangerous Minds** — Hollywood Pictures
- 5 **Under Siege 2: Dark Territory** — Warner
- 6 **Copycat** — Warner
- 7 **The Usual Suspects** — Polygram
- 8 **The Net** — Columbia Tri-Star
- 9 **Waterworld** — MCA Universal
- 10 **Pocahontas** — Disney

Short Cuts

Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski dies

WARSAW — Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski, an Academy Award nominee best known for his film trilogy *Blue*, *White* and *Red*, died today of a heart attack. He was 54.

Kieslowski underwent a heart bypass operation Tuesday and died today, said Ryszard Straszewski, production chief at the director's film company, TOR.

Kieslowski's trilogy, produced while Poland was being transformed from a communist regime to a capitalist democracy, focused on the universal values of the French revolution — liberty, equality and fraternity. The trilogy's titles are the colors in the French flag.

"He was not our boss because he never wanted to be a boss," Straszewski said. "He was never involved in any kind of activity, political or social. All he cared about was making films. He was a great friend."

McGraw and Hill combust

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tim McGraw and Faith Hill have announced a 100-city tour this year that will be known as the Spontaneous Combustion Tour.

It opens Thursday in Wheeling, W.Va.

The Country Music TV cable channel is sponsoring the concerts and will throw pre-show parties in each of the cities.

McGraw's current single is "All I Want". Hill's current single is "It Matters To Me", and she'll co-host the Academy of Country Music awards show next month in Los Angeles.

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Women's Institute meetings held around the Townships

LENNOXVILLE — Members of Lennoxville W.I. met at Uplands for their February meeting, with Dorothy Wallace, 1st Vice-President in the Chair and opening the meeting in the usual way. The motto for the month was "Every noble life leaves its fibre interwoven in the work of the world". Roll call: "How has being an Institute member enriched your life?" was answered by fourteen members, each expressing the pleasure and benefits they had experienced as members of the organization.

Suggestions for ways in which the Institute could take part in Lennoxville's 125th anniversary were discussed and a committee formed to look into suitable projects.

Convenor's reports: Agriculture — Dorothy Wallace spoke briefly about three ladies from the area, representing the Eastern Townships Women for the Survival of Agriculture and the Quebec W.I. at a St. John's Nfld. National Convention.

Canadian Industries — Irene Harrison spoke about the revival of Bulls Head ginger ale, now being produced at Richmond.

Citizenship and Legislation — Gwen Parker drew attention to the fact of Canada Week, February 12-19, a week dedicated to strengthening our commitment to Canada, the celebration is a partnership of Citizenship Week, Flag Day, February 15, and Heritage Day, February 19.

Education and Cultural Activities — Mary Campbell spoke about family and community and the influence of television. Home Economics and Health — Muriel Winslow read a very interesting article on the Canadian Living Foundation's Breakfast for Learning program.

International Affairs — May Povey gave details of a study tour by fifty members of the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes to the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria. Committee reports were given by Dorothy Wallace for the Environment, Safety by Jessie Pelchat; Handicrafts, Alice Planidin displayed a crocheted afghan, and gave hands-on instructions for the pattern; Sunshine: Irene Harrison reported having sent a plant to a shut-in member and Valen-

time baskets to three shut-ins. Following the reports the business meeting was adjourned and the program for the meeting was a very interesting and informative quiz on the Women's Institute prepared by Gwen Parker for the Publicity Convenor.

To bring the afternoon to a close, members enjoyed refreshments served by the hostesses, H. Irene Harrison and Muriel Winslow.

NORTH HATLEY — A meeting of the Hatley Centre branch of the Q.W.I. was held at the Community Centre, North Hatley on February 6, 1996 with the president, Bea Card presiding. The Collect and Salute to the Flag were said. This was Environment month and the motto was: Recycle, recycle, recycle!

Eight members answered roll call bringing a recycled article to show. The minutes were read by the secretary, Janet McLellan and approved as corrected.

More squares had been knit for the International Affairs project for Zambia and handed in. The treasurer, Helen Johnston

gave the financial report showing a good balance. The chicken pie dinner was held by Hatley W.I. was announced.

Thank yous were read for Christmas cheer and for sympathy sent. A letter was received thanking us for our donation to the Hoodless Homestead. A letter was received from Houston W.I. in B.C. with a copy of their program. We will forward ours to them.

Our 1996 program and the Q.W.I. Newsletter was distributed.

Agriculture convenor, Barbara Hanson reported on an article regarding free trade border crossing of dairy products.

Canadian Industries — Helen reported on denim production in India, the South Bolton mill closing that produced wooden bobbins and the opening of a dental floss factory in Knowlton providing more than 25 jobs.

Citizenship and Legislation — Olive Vaughan reported on Trudeau's letter, partition of the province and Bouchard as premier. She also explained the addition of

seconds to our year and the extra day in leap year.

Education and Cultural Activities — Margaret Belec reported on school news; a child sponsored in India, Teacher Appreciation Week, a Town Hall meeting and carnival week.

Home Economics and Health — Margaret had suggestions for healthy kids' snacks. Margaret is a director on Regie board and had attended the information meetings sponsored by the Townshippers. She informed us of the hospital changes and the role of the CLSCs.

International Affairs — Bea reported on U.S. President Clinton ordered to testify at the Whitewater trial, also Marcia Clarke's talk in Montreal in Hebrew, English and French on abuse, etc. A former Miss Universe winner is a mayor in Venezuela.

It was decided to hold our garage/rummage sale April 27 and 28th at the Community Centre, North Hatley.

The draw was won by Olive. The program arranged by Barbara was a quiz on flowers, which

was enjoyed by all. Bea had the most correct answers. Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Barbara and Janet.

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Mrs. Marjorie Kirby of Jasper, Ont., and granddaughter Kriston of Smiths Falls were overnight guests at the Boyce home on Friday, February 23. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Page before returning home.

Norman and Mina Kirby of Athens were overnight guests of Mrs. Lettie Jones, Mina also called on her sister Mable Boyce Friday evening.

Lettie Jones has moved from Brome after selling her house, she now lives on Victoria Street in Knowlton.

Bid Lachapelle, Pete and Cora Hazard were in Cowansville where they called on Muriel Miller and Mrs. Drouin at the Beaumont Manor.

Get well wishes go out to Marjorie Page who has been a patient in the BMP Hospital, her poor health caused her and her husband to return home from Florida earlier than intended.

Bits of Nostalgia

By Nina Rowell

SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD, Aug. 31, 1926
"HONOR ROLL OF EASTERN TOWNSHIPS OCTOGENARIANS"

The Record today publishes a further list of Eastern Townships old people, now recorded in our honor list of Octogenarians. OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Lucy S. Lyon of Island Brook, 85 on August 25th.
Mrs. Charles Blake of Bolton Glen, 92 on August 24th.
Mrs. Roxana Rowne, of Trenholme, 94 on August 26th.
Mrs. George Coates, Bury, 89 on August 26th.
Mrs. Merrill, Fitch Bay, 80 on August 23rd.

MR. PIERRE LACASSE, 98, RECOMMENDS HARD OUT-OF-DOOR WORK EVERY DAY

Among the new names for the Honor Roll today is that of Mr. Pierre Lacasse, of Adamsville. Mr. G.A. Cameron, of Adamsville, in transmitting this name says:

"I am sending you the name of Pierre Lacasse for your old age" "Album". I forgot to ask him the month and date, I asked him the year and he said I could figure it out myself for he would be one hundred years old in two years more. I have since learned from his family that he was born October 9, 1828.

"He was in the hay field working, raking hay with a hand rake, when I made my inquiry. He had hoed the corn and potatoes on the farm this season, that is, he had taken full care of them. He had been married twice, father of twenty-five children, twenty of them still alive. He says the last he knew he had forty-five grandchildren. I asked him how many great-grandchildren he had, and he said: 'Good Lord, I can't keep count, they come too fast.' He lives three miles from church, and quite often drives his own team to

church. He says his mother died at 110, her father at 115 and his other grandfather at 120. He is not sure on this point, however.

"He showed me a piece of oats (about eight acres) that is growing on ground that he and his son cleared two years ago. He says he has cleared none since. He has not run the machine mower for a few years as his eyesight is not as good as it once was, and the rocks might throw him off. He has done some mowing with his hand scythe around stones and fence corners, behind the mowing machine this summer. He did the boiling in the bush last spring. He works every day unless it is stormy. Says he feels better if he works each day. Monday mornings and mornings after a storm it is harder to get out of bed as his joints are not as limber as they were.

"He lives with one of his sons between Adamsville and Granby and is a remarkably smart man for his age.

"I told him I was going to send his name to you and that I would ask you to send him a copy of the Record. He will be looking for that paper."

MR. ENOCH FROST LEARNED TO KNIT DURING THE WAR, AND AT NINETY YEARS FINDS THIS A USEFUL AND PLEASANT OCCUPATION

Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, of Knowlton, in sending the name of Enoch Frost, of Frost Village, who is in his 90th year, writes:

"Though in his 90th year, he knits stockings by hand six days a week for anyone who will furnish him the yarn and tell him the size of stockings required and no charge for his work. He did not know how to knit until the war of 1914-18, when he said: 'I cannot go to war, I can learn to knit for the soldiers,' and during the war he knit two hundred and seventy-five pairs of stockings and many mufflers for the soldiers. He is remarkably well in health and happy.

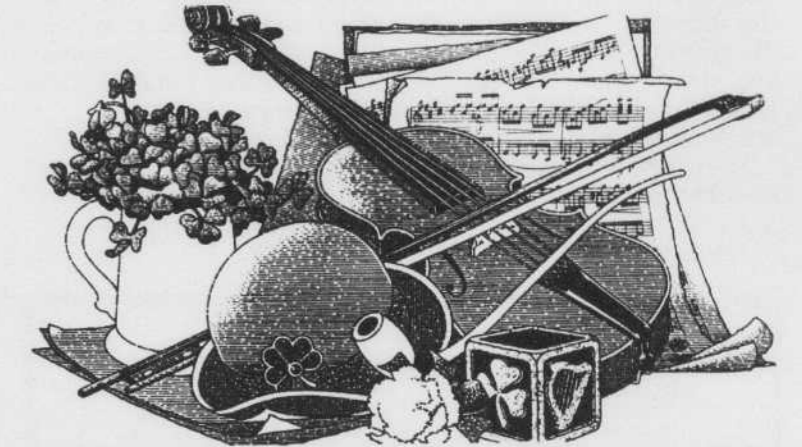
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Groups offer a much-needed break to spouses

Exhausted caregivers need community support

By Maria Janicker
Kelowna Daily Courier

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Thousands of British Columbians spend almost 30 hours each week caring for an adult family member.

They do so without a cent in payment and often without any relief from their duties. And most of them are older adults.

The typical caregiver is a 52-year-old woman caring for an older man, aged 67.

Of course, a caregiver can be any age or sex, as can the person being cared for, says Patsy Schell of the Penticton-based Caregivers Association of B.C. But all these diverse people, some 152,000 across the province, have one thing in common.

They need support. Some need financial support. Some need respite care. Some need the chance to talk to other caregivers.

"The heartache, the anger, the grieving, the frustration, the problems with 'the system' are not unique to a special group," said Marilyn Leibbrand of Kelowna.

She's both a caregiver and a member of the Caregivers Association.

All caregivers benefit from

support, she said. But not all caregivers get what they need, because they're isolated or don't even consider themselves a caregiver.

Schell agreed, adding that it's sometimes tough to convince caregivers to take the support that's available.

"Caregivers don't think about themselves. They feel guilty if they do."

These caregivers have to be told to do something for themselves, otherwise they'll burn out and be no good for their loved one.

"Caregivers don't want a lot of help — they do this because they love the people they're caring for."

While each caregiver needs support, each needs support that's tailored to their individual needs. Yet this is not generally possible through existing programs.

For example, the B.C. ministry of health may provide a few hours of respite care every day, but it requires the main caregiver to be away from the home at the time.

This forces caregivers out of their homes just when they could benefit from the break afforded by a respite worker, said Schell.

But more flexible support programs may be on the horizon. Schell is excited by a study that's just begun in Nanaimo.

It's one of three in the country — the others are in Ottawa and Hull — that will find out what the individual needs of caregivers are and the cost of

providing them.

If it's shown that flexible programs don't cost more, as the association believes, there's a good chance program rules will be softened to accommodate individual differences.

Flexibility will become more important as the number of caregivers increases.

Now, some 6.5 per cent of B.C. adults count themselves as such. That will go up for two reasons. First, the aging population will require more caregivers. Second, changes to the health-care system will move more responsibility onto unpaid, family caregivers, stated the association.

Tapping the gold mine of volunteers in the workplace

By Judy Creighton

The Canadian Press

Every Tuesday evening and some weekends Cathy Petric, 23, spends a few hours visiting a disabled senior in her Don Mills, Ont., home.

What is unique about the arrangement is that Petric, a marketing co-ordinator for a national security systems company, was recruited to become a volunteer at work as part of a program to encourage the building of strong new bridges between the business world and community service agencies.

"Corporate volunteering is very advanced in the U.S.," says Russ Carrington, 53, a retired civil servant who has developed a new model for the program being funded by Health Canada.

He says that south of the border, corporate volunteering is "part of their culture, where many charitable issues such as providing housing, education and health aren't cared for by government like they are in Canada's social safety net."

And, he adds, Canadian businesses "probably feel 'look, I'm paying these taxes to support this social net, why should I contribute,' to these social

agencies."

But with financial slashing by governments at all levels, agencies caring for seniors, youth, children and the disabled are having to turn to businesses and individuals in the community for help — and that's where corporate volunteering comes in.

Carrington admits that it's a hard sell to bring corporations on side because up until now the attitude is "definitely bottom line."

"If you have a corporation supporting a charity, it's normally one that it prefers," he says. "And corporations do not seem to have long attention spans, so you have to make it interesting, and it has to fit their specific aims and social agenda."

Another challenge that social agencies such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Alzheimer Society have had to overcome is the virtual disappearance of the army of women volunteers who once did fund-raising and other tasks.

"At one time the homemaker was the principal source of volunteering," says Carrington, "but with nearly 60 per

cent of Canadian women now in the workforce that source has dried up."

By recruiting volunteers at the workplace who can spend a few hours a week away from their desks or work stations to help agencies in the community, corporations will be giving a great deal back to that community, he says.

The model and ensuing pilot project that Carrington has developed represents the combined efforts of four organizations including the Royal Bank, St. Elizabeth Health Care, Complete Geriatric Care and the Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens.


Two videos and a manual have been produced to be used in the training of volunteers and for export to other communities and businesses eager to get involved, he says.

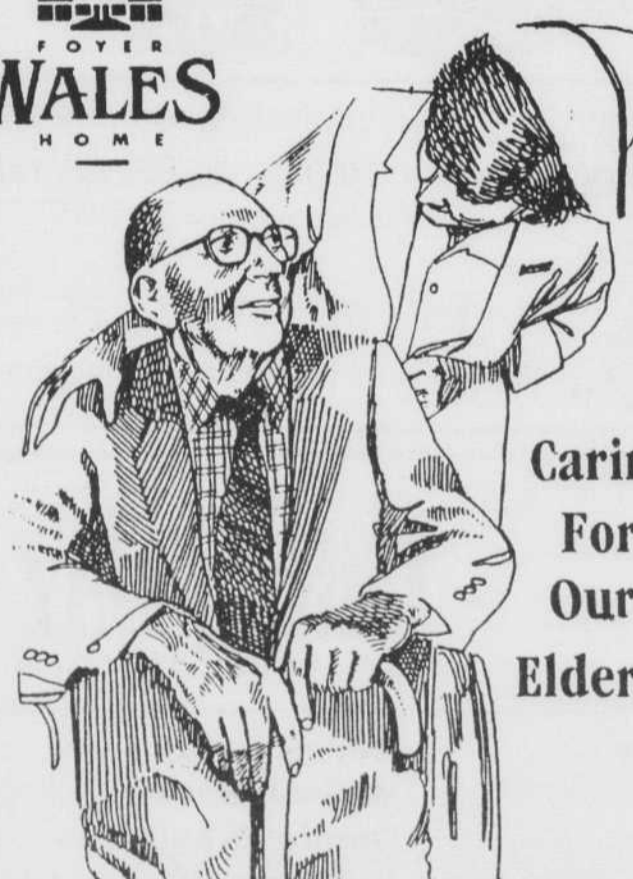
Tasks being performed for the frail elderly by about 45 volunteers recruited from various companies in the area include delivering Meals on Wheels, friendly visiting, providing transportation to shops and appointments, making security checks on their homes, fund-raising or working at a service agency.

For Petric, whose company ProtectAlert has recruited eight volunteers to work with the elderly, her commitment to her senior friend means a lot.

"I take her shopping and to the movies and we've gotten very close," she says.

Carrington says: "It proves that the person who is giving is richer for it too."





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Obituaries

ROSS BELLAM of Sawyerville, Que.

Relatives and friends were shocked and saddened of the sudden passing of Ross Bellam at the Sherbrooke Hospital on January 29, 1996.

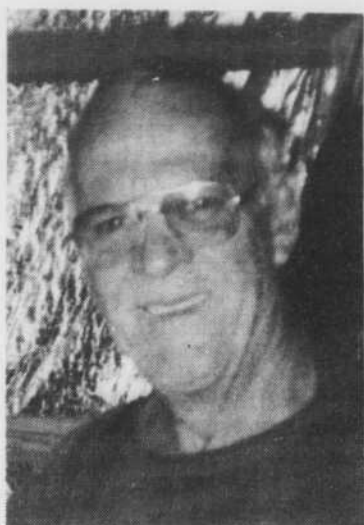
Ross was born in East Clifton Dec. 5, 1931, son of James Bellam and Louise Bishop. He received his education at East Clifton Elementary and Sawyerville High School.

He married Sheila Bell whom he met when she came to teach school in Sawyerville. They were married July 11, 1953 in Christ Church (Anglican) in East Angus. Four daughters were born of this union, all of whom he was very proud.

Ross worked several years with Alfred and Fred Robinson learning their skillful trades as electrician and plumber. He wrote his exams for electrical contractor and later bought their business. He was a member of Corporation of Master Electricians for 37 years. At an early age Ross followed his father and grandfathers footsteps and joined the Masons. He was a member of Friendship Lodge No. 66 where he held many offices including master over the years.

He was very active in the community, served as Town Councillor from 1960 to 1978, a volunteer fireman, director in Sports Association. He was an ardent lover of the outdoors, hunting and fishing with friends and camping with his family. He played and coached softball for Sawyerville League, played hockey (star player in school years), a member of the Tuesday night bowling League, Firemans Dart League. He started planting Christmas trees in 1987 and had spent many hours to perfect the trees he had.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife Sheila, his four daughters, Sandra (Ed) Barager, Sherry (Daniel) Marquis, Tammy (Sylvain) Labranche and Trudy. His eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Carla and Ashley Drew, Julie, Angela and Kristopher Marquis, Raquel and Paul Labranche. Three sisters Gwen Diamond,



Beulah (late Don) Annesley, Diana (Marvin) Williams. Two brothers pre-deceased him Gordon (Bertha) and Wayne (Connie), two sisters-in-law Jean (Franklyn) Evans and Diane Bell (Rodney Lowry), three brothers-in-law, Alan (Hugette) Bell, Douglas (Vivian) Bell and Leonard Bell. Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held on February 1st at St. Philip's Anglican Church in Sawyerville with Canon Ron West officiating assisted by Venerable Alan Fairbairn and Canon Robert Jervis-Read. Two hymns This is my Father's World and Softly and Tenderly were sung with Glen Coates at the organ. A Eulogy of the deceased was given by his daughter, Trudy.

The bearers were six friends, his old school and hockey pals, Roland Blair and Harry Graham, his hunting pals Ronald Kerr and Barry Berwick and his fishing buddies Rodney Bray and Gerald Gilbert.

The members of St. Philip's A.C.W. and members of Cookshire Chapter No. 46 served a lovely lunch at the Community Centre after the service. Several friends assisted in serving. The love of Ross was shown in many ways by a large representation of relatives and friends.

The life of one we love
Is never lost.
Its influence goes on
Through all the lives,
It ever touched.

WILLIAM BAILEY of Richmond, Quebec

William Bailey, son of Henry Bailey and Emily Sproston, was born on May 10, 1903 in Widnes, England. Due to the ill health of his father, partially caused by the environmental and industrial pollution in England at the time, the family emigrated to Montreal, Quebec in 1906. They remained in Montreal for several years. Later, they moved to a farm at Spooner Pond, Que.

He attended the Spooner Pond one room schoolhouse. For one year, he was the only pupil. Due to his father's illness, his school days were limited as he was needed to care for the farm.

On the farm, he developed a love of horses and agriculture. They grew apples and he delivered them to the surrounding area by horse and buggy. His nickname was "Bill, the red apple man".

For seven consecutive years, he left in the fall, for the wheat harvest in Saskatchewan.

In 1944, he married Catherine (Cassie) Mason. They sold the farm in 1948 and were then employed by the Wales Home, Richmond, Que. In 1950, they purchased a property on Craig Road, Richmond where he lived until July, 1995. At this time, he became a resident of the Wales Home.

From 1950 until his retirement, he held various positions: school bus driver and caretaker of St. Anne's Church and Cemetery. At the age of 81, he retired from Dyson and Armstrong Garage. In July, 1986 his wife Cassie passed away.

He enjoyed gardening, especially growing his famous "Bailey" potatoes.

He was an active member of the Trenholm United Church and assisted in the restoration of the church for its 125th anniversary.

His jovial manner, quick wit and incredible memory made him well liked.

On February 20, 1996, in his 93rd year, he passed away at the Wales Home. The funeral service was held February 22, 1996 in the Trenholm United Church, Trenholm. There will be a spring interment in the Trenholm Cemetery.

He will be sadly missed by friends and relatives, especially by his sisters, Lila LeBaron and Florence Blanchard.

Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard
248-4168

The World Day of Prayer was well attended at the United Church. Our three churches were represented and all had participants who read. The program was put together by the women in Haiti who have suffered greatly as "... witnesses and victims of much violence, injustice and insecurity", hence the cry of "Anm'wél" meaning "Help". Frances Walbridge was the guest speaker and told about her experiences as a missionary. Almost one hundred dollars was collected and it went to support the work of Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. The UCW served refreshments following the service.

Birchton

Gilbert and Serena Wintle and Helen Taylor attended the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club Supper on March 2.

Those from Birchton attending the 50th anniversary party for Grant and Mayotta Taylor in the Bulwer Community Center on March 2 were Helen and Eleanor Taylor, Serena Wintle, Arthur and Hazel Rogers, Keith and Phyllis

Card of Thanks

BAILEY — The family of the late William Bailey wish to express our sincere gratitude for their expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, food and donations made in his memory. A special thank you to relatives and friends who visited him during his stay at the Wales Home, to the nurses and staff of the Wales Home and Dr. Fortier. We wish also to thank the bearers, the New London U.C.W. for the lunch, Rev. Patricia Lisson and Barrie Evans, Funeral Director. Please accept this as a personal thank you.

LILA LEBARON
FLORENCE BLANCHARD
AND FAMILY

Muriel Prescott

Allan, Wayne and Odell Winslow and friend.

Rena Halsall, Hazel Rogers, Eleanor Taylor and Muriel Prescott were in Bulwer on March 1 and assisted in the World Day of Prayer Service.

Rena Halsall, Marion Sparkes and Hazel Rogers attended the High Forest Red Cross tea held in Sawyerville United Church Hall.

Death

BUCK, William (Bill) — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Monday, March 11, 1996, William (Bill) Buck, in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Georgina Mitchell and of Clemence Dubois. Dear father of William (Doris), Susan, Jacky (Irwin), Vicky (Armand), Phyllis, Steeve (Dale), Patricia (George), Marlene (Mario). Also survived by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, Que., tel: 565-1155, fax: 820-8872, where funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 14, 1996 at 2 p.m., followed by interment at the Elmwood Cemetery, Sherbrooke. Please note visitation on Wednesday, March 13, 1996 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m., day of the funeral from 1 p.m. The family would like to thank the personnel of the Sherbrooke Hospital as well as Dr. Robert Paulette for the professional care and attention given to Mr. Buck.

Cards of Thanks

ALEX — We would like to thank everyone that helped us celebrate our 55th Anniversary, for gifts and cards. A special thanks to our children, Maple and Ronald Lyonnais, Raymond and Sheila Alex, our grandchildren, Paul and Dianne Lyonnais, Shawn and Laurie Lyonnais, and anyone else that helped. Thanks again.

GEORGE & DORIS ALEX

MALBOEUF — I would like to thank the many friends and family members who were so very kind to me during my recent hospitalization and recovery. To my family for all their love and help in various ways, to Mavis who was so very encouraging and supportive, to the Country Cloggers, the supervisors at St. Francis School, and to each and everyone who sent such generous homemade foods, gifts and flowers. I send my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. The many prayers and acts of love and friendship, cards, phone calls, visits, etc. will never be forgotten and have been such a help and comfort to me at this difficult time. To the most important one of all, a very special thanks to my husband. God bless each and everyone of you.

HELEN MALBOEUF

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Ville de Waterville PUBLIC NOTICE Deposit of 1995 Financial Report

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned secretary-treasurer for the Ville de Waterville that during a special meeting of the council for this corporation to be held on March 25, 1996, the financial report and the auditor's report for the year ending December 1995 will be deposited. Given in Waterville this March 11th, 1996.

Gilles BoisvertOMA,
Secretary-Treasurer



CANADA Province of Quebec Ville de Waterville PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given,
That on March 4, 1996, the municipal council for the Ville de Waterville adopted Bylaw No. 377 modifying the office hours of the municipal office.

That the original of the said by-law is kept at Town Hall in the municipal archives where it can be examined.

That Bylaw No. 377 will come into effect according to law.

Given in Waterville this March 8th, 1996.

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Birchton

Muriel Prescott

The Planning Committee for the Birchton-Bulwer Reunion of former and present day residents to be held the weekend of May 18 and 19 met at the home of Helen Taylor on March 6. Among the items of business discussed was that of decorating the Birchton Church for the Sunday service. Any flowers in memory of loved ones would be gratefully received.

In spite of the cold stormy day a good crowd turned out for a sugaring off party at the home of Helen Taylor, a fundraising event sponsored by the Eaton Cemetery Association.

Lisa Loveland and friend from Kirkland, Que., visited her grandfather, Herbert Loveland, on March 3.

Ian Prescott from Fleming College, Peterborough, Ont., spent several days with his grandparents, Basil and Muriel Prescott, and visited some of his school friends in the surrounding areas.

Friends are pleased that Gilbert Wintle is home and feeling better after a few days in the Sherbrooke Hospital.

Congratulations to Bob and Dawn Aulis of Lennoxville on the birth of their daughter Carina Ashley and to the grandparents, Michael and Elsie Harbinson, on the birth of their first grandchild. Elsie accompanied Edie McBurney and daughters Sarah and Karen to the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital to see the new baby.

NOTICE

Intention to dissolve Paul McKenna Inc. of 800 Vimy St. N. in Sherbrooke, Que.

Notice is hereby given that Paul McKenna Inc. of 800 Vimy St. N., Sherbrooke, Que., requests the Inspector General of Financial Institutions, permission to dissolve in conformity with the clauses of the law governing Companies. The head office of this Corporation is situated in Sherbrooke, Que.

Sherbrooke, Quebec, March 14, 1996.

Paul McKenna

Legion Ladies Auxiliary hold regular meeting

WATERLOO — The weather was extremely cold and the roads treacherous so only nine ladies ventured out to the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on February 13. President Isabel Tryhorn thanked everyone for braving the elements and brought the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Ann Harsell, also all correspondence was read and discussed. All members approved sending donation to the Heart Fund and Massey Vanier School. We will from now on concentrate on helping our local needy.

Audrey Blampin presented Karry Julius for membership. President Isabel conducted the swearing of the oath and all present welcomed our new member.

Treasurer Grace Rainville read her report for January. Audrey Blampin and Lucille Aitken audited the books for 1995 and certified all was correct.

All committees gave their reports and Audrey thanked all who had worked at the Groulx funeral namely, Grace, Audrey, Juliette, Connie, Lois and Pat who did an excellent job.

The annual St. Patrick's luncheon will be held March 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a good hearty beef stew on the menu, so come and enjoy and bring your friends. The place, the Legion Hall, the price, \$5. The ladies will be working very hard to ensure that everyone has a good meal.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned and Grace Rainville and Lucille Aitken provided a lovely Valentine's Day lunch with the table decorated with heart shaped balloons and chocolates at every place. Two heart-shaped cakes had been made by Lucille who unfortunately, due to illness was unable to be present. We all enjoyed your cake, Lucille and all the members wish you well. We are hoping to see you up and about very soon. Many thanks to Grace and Lucille for their efforts.

The next meeting will be held March 12. We hope the weather will be better and more members turn out. Until then, keep well, spring will soon be here!

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Thirty friends and relatives gathered at the home of Carol and Joan O'Brien on February 24th to join in the celebration of Carol's 65th birthday. A lovely buffet supper, consisting of salads, cold meats, veggies, pickles, rolls, chips etc., tea, coffee, cold drinks along with assorted squares and a nicely decorated cake made by his daughter Karen, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations Carol, may you enjoy many more happy, healthy years.

Thursday, March 14, 1996

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Find the winning lie

By Phillip Alder

Maybe you have seen Clive James on PBS. He is an Australian author and television presenter with a very dry sense of humor who immigrated to England many years ago. As an example of his style, here is a comment he made in 1981 about a line-call dispute at Wimbledon: "McEnroe... did his complete Krakatoa number."

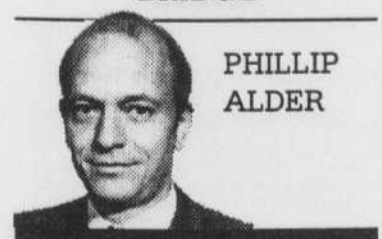
Denis Priest bears some physical resemblance to James. He is also an Australian writer, though he aims at the smaller bridge-playing market in Queensland. As far as I am aware, he hasn't had any bridge programs on television. Specializing in tricky declarer-play problems, Priest gave his readers only the North-South hands of this deal last July. How should South plan the play in six hearts? West leads what you know to be the singleton spade seven in answer to his partner's opening bid, and East plays the two.

Priest didn't say how South got to six hearts and I couldn't come up with anything sensible, so please ignore the given auction!

There is one legitimate chance to make the slam — if East has three trumps. After winning trick one (even with the spade ace!), declarer should draw one round of trumps, cash the club ace, discarding his last spade, and lead the spade queen. If East plays low, declarer throws a low diamond. Luckily West cannot ruff. Next comes another spade. Let's suppose East covers this time. Declarer ruffs, plays a trump to the dummy and cashes the spades, discarding his remaining low diamonds. The only trick lost is to East's trump queen.

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Townships' Crier

MAGOG

Flea Market at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 420 Bellevue St. West, Magog (turn left at McDonald's, follow the signs), on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cafeteria service available. Used books for sale. Tables for rent. For information contact Debbie at (819) 868-1805.

COWANSVILLE

Irish Supper and Entertainment at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon Blvd., Cowansville on Saturday, March 16. Admission charged. Music provided by Wayne Durrell. For more information call 263-3543. Everyone welcome.

COWANSVILLE

Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon Blvd., Cowansville on Sunday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

SHERBROOKE

The Women of Plymouth-Trinity United Church are holding their annual Shamrock salad buffet serving a variety of salads and homemade rolls as well as baked beans and brown bread and squares in the Church Hall, 380 Dufferin St., on Saturday, March 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. There will also be sales tables of home-baking, handicrafts, novelties, etc. Everyone welcome.

HATLEY

500 card party, on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Hatley, with bake table and raffle also. All welcome. Proceeds A.G.R.H.S. student German exchange.

GEORGEVILLE

Spring Supper at Murray Memorial Hall on March 20 from 5 to 7. Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, beans, homemade rolls and pies. Admission charged. Sponsored by Georgeville U.C.W. Everyone welcome.

ROCK ISLAND

Progressive 500 card party in the United Church Hall on March 21. Dessert at 1 p.m. Door and game prizes. Auspices Stanstead South Church Helping Circle. All welcome.

SHERBROOKE

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 10, Sherbrooke on Saturday, March 16 opening at noon with Irish coffee. Entertainment and sing-along in the afternoon with Dave Donachie and Pat Hurley from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary will serve Hot Beef Stew at supertime. Admission charged. Come on folks, there must be a little blarney out there.

LENOXVILLE

The Lennoxville & District Women's Centre presents a C.P.R. Course on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Antoine Primary School, Church St., Lennoxville. The following four instances are those in which a person can die within ten minutes: cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, heavy or severe bleeding, obstruction/choking. Come and learn life saving techniques to enable you to keep a person alive until more specialized help arrives. For further information please call the Women's Centre at 564-6626.

AYER'S CLIFF

The Stewards of Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff will present a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, March 16, settings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., with roast beef (done as you like it), potatoes and brown gravy, peas, carrots, coleslaw, the best pies you'll find, tea, coffee. A real gourmet's delight served in a pleasant, friendly atmosphere. Reservations only. Call Alf 838-4953 or Mervyn 838-5603. Admission charged. Please call early. We always have to refuse a few orders.

SHERBROOKE

Pat Hurley and Dave Donachie will have Irish songs and music at the following places: Royal Canadian Legion, Bowen St., Sherbrooke on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m.; Sherbrooke Hospital on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. and at the Youville Hospital on Sunday, March 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

HUNTINGVILLE

Pat and Dave will have Irish songs and music at the Grace Christian Home on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

LENOXVILLE

Come and see the exhibit of Folk Art paintings by Dave Donachie at the St. Francis Manor, Lennoxville on Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

COWANSVILLE

On Friday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Friendly Society, Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South St., Cowansville is planning to hold a Soup and Dessert Luncheon. For a small admission you can enjoy a variety of homemade hearty soups and exotic desserts. Make up a table of friends or come by yourself. Everyone welcome. Reserve by calling Mary LaChasseur 263-3329. See you there!

RICHMOND

The St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 17 in Richmond at 2 p.m. Parade route: 6th Avenue, Craig Road, Main Street, Fair Street, Gouin Street. Anyone interested in joining the parade, line up will be at Le Tremplin School at 1:30 p.m.

LOWER WINDSOR

Lower Windsor Ladies Aid announce dates for 500 card parties: Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, April 9, 2 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 at 8 p.m. Prizes, door prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

SAWYERVILLE

Afternoon card party in the Community Centre on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. Prizes and lunch. All welcome. Sponsored by the Rebekah Lodge.

WARDEN

500 card party on Wednesday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Victoria Rebekah Lodge No. 19. Lunch and prizes. All welcome.

HATLEY

There will be a Shape Note Sing in St. James Church Hall, Hatley on Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. Songs will be taken from the Sacred Harp Hymnal and Northern Harmony. A pot-luck supper will follow and appropriate coffee for St. Patrick's Day will be served at the sing. Everyone welcome. Donations to defray costs for the hall will be accepted.

BULWER

The monthly meeting of the Bulwer Q.F.A. will be held on Thursday, March 14 at the Bulwer Community Centre starting at 8:30 p.m. An information video on pastures will be shown. All welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

COMPTON

St. Patrick's Coffee Party on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Nilda and Pat Howe, 4160 Barber St., Huntingville. Proceeds for St. James Anglican Church, Compton. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND

Advance notice. Richmond-Melbourne United Church to hold a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission charged. To be held the same evening in the church sanctuary, a "Silent Auction" sponsored by the Board of Stewards.

LENOXVILLE

The Lennoxville Girl Guides Association will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. George's Anglican Church, 84 Queen St., Lennoxville. There will be a Bake table, a White Elephant table and a Chinese Auction. Admission charged.

BURY

Casserole Luncheon on Monday, March 18 at noon, followed by afternoon card party, in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Bury. Prizes and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

LENOXVILLE

A reminder to members and friends of the Uplands Garden Club that Jonathon Ellison will be the guest speaker at the New Community Centre in Lennoxville at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. The illustrated presentation of the landscape designer will be entitled "Creating the Woodland Garden: Design of place while restoring the ecology of our own backyards". A small admission charge will be asked for non-members.

NORTH HATLEY

Advance notice. Rummage Sale to be held at the Community Centre, Capelton Road, Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coffee and food sale. Donation of articles appreciated on Friday, April 26 until 2 p.m. Sponsored by Hatley Centre W.I. Information 842-2349 or 842-2756.

TOWNSHIPS

Do you suffer from Panic Attacks, Phobias, Agoraphobia, Depression, Anxiety or Fears? You are not alone. Help is now available. To receive free information that deals with these issues, write to: Free From Fear Foundation, 1848 Liverpool road, Suite 199, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 6M3 or call (905) 831-3877.

LENOXVILLE

St. Patrick's Brunch to be held in St. Anthony's Church Hall on Sunday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and meet your Irish friends!

LENOXVILLE

The monthly meeting of the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society will be held at Uplands, 50 Park St., Lennoxville on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Robin Burns whose topic will be "Darcy McGee's Ireland". Everyone welcome.

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$5.00 fee, \$8.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$11.00 for 3 publications. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$5.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

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Low-rise jeans and high-rise panties not pretty

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 17-year-old boy. I am not a prude or a nerd, but one thing some girls are doing lately really bothers me. They are wearing low-rise jeans with high-rise underwear so that the waistband of their panties is visible. I have nothing against low-rise

jeans, but showing off underwear is gross. If they are trying to be sexy, they are failing. I have asked several girls about this, and they all agreed that it's disgusting. I also asked some guys if they were turned on by seeing a girl's underwear, and even the crudest dude I know said it didn't do

a thing for him. Not a lot of girls do this, Ann, but enough do it to make me wonder if they are trying to make some sort of fashion statement. Please print this letter, and let the girls know it's not just their parents who are bothered. Their peers don't want to see their underwear either. -- R.M., LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR R.M.: Wow, times have certainly changed! I remember when a girl was embarrassed if her slip showed, and now they are showing off their underwear. You've made the point that it's gross, and I agree. Bag it, girls.

Dear Ann Landers: You missed an important part of the message when you advised "Silently Weeping in Kansas" to remember the good things about her 50-year marriage to "Wilmer." After he died, she found condoms in his wallet and pornography in his desk drawers.

Her husband probably had 50 years of hearing, "Not tonight, honey, I have a headache. The kids might hear. It's too late. It's too early. It's too dark. It's too light. I just had my hair done. I need to make some phone calls. I'm too tired. You're too tired. The phone might ring. I haven't talked to my mother today."

After 50 years of excuses, Wilmer probably decided to go elsewhere to satisfy his sexual appetite, and who can blame him?

The message you missed, Ann, was for the women in your reading audience. Men who do not get sexual satisfaction at home will find it somewhere else. Wives who don't want their husbands to stray should not provide them with a good excuse to do so. -- FORTY YEARS OF



Ann Landers

EXCUSES IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

DEAR ALASKA: You certainly sound like a man who speaks from experience. Forty years of "Not

tonight, dear" can be a long time when there's no heat in the igloo. You've made a good case for Wilmer. Thank you on behalf of all my male readers who are similarly frozen out.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been reading your column for a long time and notice that you keep telling both women and men to do volunteer work. I wonder how much volunteer work you did before you became Ann Landers. I'd like to see this letter in the paper -- and your answer -- A READER IN SULLIVAN, MO.

DEAR MO.: Since you asked, I will tell you. My sister, Dear Abby, and I put in over 5,000 hours as Gray Ladies at Lutheran Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis., between 1945 and 1955. And we enjoyed every minute of it.

Gem of the Day (Credit Art Buchwald): Americans are broad-minded people. They'll accept the fact that a person can be an alcoholic, a dope fiend or a wife-beater, but if a man doesn't drive a car, everybody thinks there's something wrong with him.

Sawyerille

Alvin Lake of Stoney Creek, Ont. and his dad, Arthur Lake of Sawyerille were supper guests of Arlene Olsson on February 9.

Pat Olsson of Georgetown, Ont. was down and spent ten days with her mother, Arlene Olsson. Visited other family members, while here and friends. Had good trip home, on

February 27. Poor weather, while here.

Jeremy and Noah Olsson of Cookshire, spent a weekend at their grandmother's Arlene Olsson's. Had a great time, with their dad, skating and playing hockey.

Harris Olsson of Lennoxville was a recent visitor at the Olsson's.

Thursday, March 14, 1996



Your Birthday

Thursday, March 14, 1996

In the year ahead you might have more luck with old endeavors than with new projects. Stick with what you have. It may be too late to teach an old dog new tricks. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The old-boy network could provide big advantages for you at this time. Do whatever you can to make your presence known in social circles. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In competitive career situations, you are now in a much stronger position than you realize. This might become obvious to you today, so make the most of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you may have a unique ability to solve problems friends find insurmountable. Do what you can to help while your powers are peaking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can achieve the greatest amount of financial success from secondary sources today. Search these channels carefully for potential profits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When dealing with people you care about today, listen to your heart rather than your head. What you want for them, they will want for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things will have a way of working out to your advantage today, provided you're consistent and industrious. Do not start things you can't finish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Luck might be on your side today in regard to a significant development that has political overtones. You can maneuver yourself into a power slot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be in a better position today to resolve a complicated arrangement which has troubled you previously. The end result should be desirable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In this cycle, both old and new friends can perform beneficial roles in your affairs. Do not play favorites, and work to strengthen your alliances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will work to your advantage at this time to give priority to any situation that is potentially profitable, even if it is in an unfamiliar area.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to be a self-starter today. Do not wait for others to approve your plans. They will hop on the bandwagon later if what you conceive looks promising.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In this time frame, you will not be deprived of the things you deserve. If you have worked hard, everything will be yours.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Variable star</p> <p>8 Hamstrung</p> <p>15 Condense</p> <p>16 One way to stop</p> <p>17 "They Died with Their —" (film)</p> <p>18 Erudite</p> <p>19 Sheridan and Sothorn</p> <p>20 I understand</p> <p>22 What's for dinner</p> <p>23 — de Janeiro</p> <p>24 TV's Turner</p> <p>25 Welfare program: abbr.</p> <p>26 Vingt—</p> | <p>28 Summer TV</p> <p>30 Pulitzer novelist</p> <p>31 Card holdings</p> <p>33 Mollycoddles</p> <p>35 Supply a crew</p> <p>36 Three</p> <p>37 Turns upside down</p> <p>41 Did a tooth-cleaning task</p> <p>45 Exigency</p> <p>46 Gross receipts</p> <p>48 Nimbus</p> <p>49 Scoundrel</p> <p>50 Launch site</p> <p>51 Sleuth, briefly</p> <p>52 Redheaded Viking</p> | <p>54 Computer dot</p> <p>56 Ding</p> <p>57 Man of distinction</p> <p>59 Optimistic</p> <p>61 — the grass</p> <p>62 Helper in a heist</p> <p>63 Hebrew monastic brotherhood</p> <p>64 Satyrs</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Musical based on "I Am a Camera"</p> <p>2 Hard, black rubber</p> <p>3 Part of speech</p> <p>4 Batting average boosters</p> <p>5 Begley and McMahon</p> <p>6 Stravinsky</p> <p>7 Signifies</p> <p>8 In hiding</p> <p>9 Lulu</p> <p>10 Sheepfold call</p> <p>11 Apt. compartment</p> <p>12 Ancestry</p> <p>13 Revisionist?</p> <p>14 Thinks like Holmes</p> <p>21 Part of Europe: abbr.</p> <p>27 Titled</p> <p>28 Leases</p> <p>29 Carpentry essentials</p> | <p>30 Imitative</p> <p>32 Hatchback</p> <p>34 "O Sole —"</p> <p>37 Anger</p> <p>38 Memory cells</p> <p>39 In vino —</p> <p>40 Homo —</p> <p>41 Unionist</p> | <p>42 Gratify to excess</p> <p>43 Qualified voter</p> <p>44 Longshoremen</p> <p>47 Remiss</p> <p>53 Dessert item</p> | <p>54 Ballet bend</p> <p>55 Ring site</p> <p>56 Neighbor of 21D</p> <p>58 Vereen</p> <p>60 Wall St. watchdog: abbr.</p> |
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Music: geometry in time." — Arthur Honegger.

"You just pick a chord, go twang, and you've got music." — Sid Vicious.

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Testing possible for hard-to-detect organic substance

Quebec scientist reports doping breakthrough

NEW YORK (AP) — An international team of scientists announced a breakthrough Wednesday in testing for EPO, a hard-to-detect organic substance that can help athletes perform better by cramming more oxygen into their blood.

The six-year study found it was possible to spot the effects on the bloodstream of recombinant EPO, the added form that has become "a drug of choice for athletes looking for an artificial performance enhancer," the group wrote in the science journal *Nature*.

Late last year, a Swedish study reported finding ways to

differentiate between naturally occurring and recombinant EPO, or erythropoietin, which is commonly used to treat anemia.

But the head of the latest study, Raynald Gareau of the University of Quebec in Trois Rivières, said his team had moved closer toward widespread testing and detection of abuse of EPO and other naturally occurring performance enhancers, such as human growth hormone.

"It really is a big breakthrough," Gareau said via telephone from his office. "It has been impossible to detect athletes who use EPO

and HGH."

Others involved in the international fight against doping in sports said they were pleased with the recent reports.

PROMISING

"I would classify it as an extremely promising development," said Dr. Wade Exum, director of the U.S. Olympic Committee's drug control administration.

"It would be a great thing, a big thing for us," said Dr. David Joyner, chairman of the USOC's sports medicine commission.

Last month, an international symposium in London focu-

sed on progress in tests for HGH and EPO, which have taken over as drugs of choice since more sophisticated screening was developed for anabolic steroids.

"The gap is being closed fairly fast," said Jacques Rogge, vice chairman of the International Olympic Committee medical commission. "The scientists have discovered how to trace EPO, but the problem is from a legal point of view. The test must be absolutely foolproof."

One of the problems in detecting EPO use is how fast it is cleansed from an athlete's system.

"You can stop using it a week or two before you know you will be tested, and three or four days later it has gone," Gareau said.

So the Quebec-based study, which also included researchers in the United States and France, looked for the drug's shadow. It found it, the article said, in blood levels of serum iron, which can increase oxygen load.

Gareau's group found "striking increases" in iron levels among a test group that received recombinant EPO, compared with a control group that received a placebo.

Controversy encompasses basketball, religion and freedom of speech

NBA won't waver; Abdul-Rauf neither

By Chris Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA on Wednesday found itself at the centre of a controversy encompassing basketball, religion and freedom of speech as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf held firm in his refusal to stand for the national anthem.

The NBA has suspended the Denver Nuggets guard indefinitely without pay — a move that is costing Abdul-Rauf \$31,707 US per game.

Abdul-Rauf says his religious principles were more important than his job. He feels The Star-Spangled Banner is a symbol of tyranny and oppression, and contends the Koran forbids nationalistic ritualism.

Islamic experts and the league's most prominent Muslim

player disagreed, saying the Koran does not address the issue specifically.

Although he refused to waver from his decision, Abdul-Rauf said Wednesday he meant no disrespect to the flag.

"My intentions were not in any way to be disrespectful to those who regard the national anthem as a sacred ceremony," he said in a statement read by his agent, Shareef Nasir in Denver. "I am an African-American, a citizen of this country, and one who respects freedom of speech and freedom of expression."

Abdul-Rauf, known as Chris Jackson until converting to Islam in 1991, was suspended Tuesday. The Nuggets' next game is not until Friday night

in Chicago.

"The ball's in his court. This is not a religious issue, it's a simple procedural rule," league spokesman Brian McIntyre said.

The players' union said it supported Abdul-Rauf's free expression rights but was urging a resolution through compromise.

The dispute was unprecedented for a professional sports league. Players have refused to play on certain holy days, most notably Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1965 World Series on Yom Kippur, but none has ever been punished for refusing to stand for the national anthem, nor has any player ever taken such a stand.

Abdul-Rauf stopped standing for the pre-game singing of the national anthem in November at the start of this season. Sometimes he would stay in the locker room, sometimes he sat or stretched in his chair, sometimes he faced away from the flag.

The Denver Nuggets notified the league a month ago and the NBA asked the team to solve the problem quietly. The league contends that under a standard contract, a player must abide by the league's rules, one of which requires players, coaches and trainers to "stand and line up in a dignified posture" during the U.S. and Canadian anthems.

Hakeem Olajuwon, the star centre for the two-time defen-

ding champion Houston Rockets, says the Koran teaches respect for the customs and traditions in whichever country one lives.

"It's tough for me to understand his position, but in general the Muslim teaching is to obey and respect. To be a good Muslim is to be a good citizen," he said.

Nothing in Muslim teachings would bar standing during the national anthem or wearing the U.S. flag, as Olajuwon will do at the Olympics this summer, he said.

"The difference must be distinguished between worship and respect," he said. "Islam orders you to obey and respect, as long as you are not worshipping anything other than God."

NFL meeting ends with major issues on hold

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The annual NFL owners' meeting ended Wednesday with no immediate solution for the most critical issue facing the league — franchise free agency.

There was no vote on Houston's proposed move to Nashville, Tenn., and no decision on what to do about Seattle's plan to move to Southern California. The Houston-Nashville relocation may be settled at a special meeting next month.

The only tangible result, other than an amendment in

the rules on chop blocks, was a decision to experiment with instant replay during the exhibition season and, in a less visible way, the regular season.

But the only consensus on franchise moves was that something had to be done about them.

"A year ago at this time, I would have been shocked to know that five teams would move or propose to move in 12 months," said Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, the most outspoken owner on the epidemic of shifting franchises. "Somewhere

along the line we've got to take a stand."

Said New England's Robert Kraft: "I think we're pushing around the fan. If this continues the ripple effect could be tremendous."

And Wellington Mara of the New York Giants, the league's senior owner, said he feels "pretty strongly" about finding a way to stop the constant movement.

The major obstacle remains the courts, which have consistently held under antitrust laws that the NFL is not a


single entity but a group of 30 separate businesses that have the right to do business as they wish.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league might challenge the moves in court. The NFL has been reluctant to do so on the relocation of the Rams from Los Angeles to St. Louis and Art Modell's franchise from Cleveland to Baltimore.

But when asked if Seattle was where the line would be drawn, Tagliabue replied, "Next question." When the next

question was the same, he said: "We've made it very clear we're trying to assist teams and communities to resolve their problems."

Even as Tagliabue was speaking, officials from Seattle were meeting with the finance and stadium committees to try to block the Seahawks' move. Their object was to undercut the claims of Seahawks owner Ken Behring, who contends the Kingdome is unsafe because of possible earthquake risks and his lease, which runs another 10 years, is therefore invalid.



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Corey hungering for crowds at new Forum

By Bill Beacon

MONTREAL (CP) — These days, Ronald Corey carries the look of an expectant father — half pride, half worry.

The Montreal Canadiens' president was the driving force behind the city's biggest construction project — the \$230-million Molson Centre, which will stage its first hockey game Saturday night.

"I want to see a hockey game," Corey said this week. "I want to see it full of people — to see it work."

Corey can relax.

The 21,221 spectators expected to jam into the building to see the Canadiens play the New York Rangers are bound to be impressed, if only for the Molson Centre's immense size.

It's more than twice the size of the Montreal Forum — the faded hockey shrine which closed in a tearful ceremony Monday night.

Colored tiers of seats rise up in steep embankments to jittery heights around the regulation (200 feet by 85 feet) NHL ice surface.

"It's fantastic," said Saku

Koivu, the Canadiens' Finnish rookie who thought the old 16,259-seat Forum was big.

Corey called the new facility "a building for hockey, first, and for shows — and a place where people can watch in comfort."

Mostly, it was built to keep pace with the spiralling revenues being generated in huge new buildings around the NHL — from Chicago's United Centre to Vancouver's G.M. Place.

The Forum had three tiers of seats — reds, whites and blues — with a top ticket price of \$60.

The Molson Centre has 1,495 Prestige seats nearest the ice at \$95 each, 7,983 red seats at \$65, 2,755 whites at \$40, 2,183 greys at \$30 and 2,643 blue seats at the top with prices ranging from \$15 to \$22.

There are also 2,674 Club seats at \$65 each plus a \$1,600 per seat annual service charge. And there are 135 luxury boxes, most rented on 10-year leases worth \$100,000 annually.

That means a full house will net the Canadiens just over \$1

million per game — about \$50 million per season — just for the seats. Add another \$4 million annually in club seat service charges and \$13.5 million for luxury boxes.

Then there's the 34 fast-food counters, three big restaurants and souvenir boutiques.

A total of 18,000 season tickets have been sold, leaving a waiting list for another 8,000. Some 3,000 seats will be made available to the general public for each game.

The Molson Centre — named after its owner, Toronto-based Molson Compa-

nies — is an unattractive jumble of red brick and aluminium on the outside, but is a tastefully simple building indoors.

Mayor Pierre Bourque visited this week and said: "Artistic taste is everywhere — that's what strikes you first."

Auction raises \$726,750 for charity

Roy misses chance at banner

MONTREAL (CP) — Patrick Roy won two Stanley Cups with the Canadiens but the goaltender came up empty in his bid to obtain the 1992-93 championship banner at a charity auction of Forum objects.

Roy, traded to the Colorado Rockies earlier this season, didn't attend the auction but sent a representative to take part in the bidding. The event drew about 1,000 buyers and 1,500 spectators.

The banner, symbolizing the most recent of the club's 23 championships, was purchased for \$32,000 — plus \$4,000 sales tax — by Pierre Daoust of

Laval, Que., who plans to put the artifact in one of the two bars he owns.

"I wasn't about to pay \$100,000 to get it, but to me the last Stanley Cup banner is the most important," said Daoust after claiming his treasure. It was the highest price paid for any of the 145 items up for auction.

Receipts from the auction totalled \$726,750. Proceeds will be split between the United Way and the Canadiens Old-Timers' Association.

The 1923-24 Stanley Cup banner, the first by the Canadiens, was bought for \$31,000 by New Jersey collector Marc

Cooper.

Cooper ended up spending \$72,150 on six items, including \$20,000 for one of the nets and \$8,000 for a latrine in the Forum washroom.

The lowest-priced article sold at the auction was a countdown clock, used in a Forum corridor to tick off the time remaining before the start of a period. It went for \$550.

Former Canadiens stalwart Dickie Moore went home with a souvenir of the building in which he worked. Moore was a successful \$1,000 bidder for a clock which registers shots on goal by each team.

Heavy hitter thought to have fan appeal

Clark returns to Leafs in deal with Islanders

By Alan Adams

TORONTO (CP) — Wendel Clark is a Toronto Maple Leaf again.

The Leafs acquired their former captain along with defenceman Mathieu Schneider and junior defenceman D.J. Smith from the New York Islanders in exchange for prized defenceman Kenny Jonsson, centre Darby Hendrickson, star junior winger Sean Haggerty and a first-round draft choice in 1997.

Sources confirmed the deal with The Canadian Press prior to a news conference scheduled by the Leafs for 6:45 p.m. EST Wednesday night at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Sources told CP that forward Dave Andreychuk may be the next Leaf to go, possibly as early as today.

The deal to get Clark had

been rumored for weeks. And the talk got louder when Islanders GM Mike Milbury took in the Leafs game against Calgary last Saturday.

Clark, 29, is almost the stuff of legend around Maple Leaf Gardens — a hard-hitting winger who can knock out opponents with a blistering wrist shot or thundering punch.

The first pick in the 1985 draft, Clark was one of the most popular of the modern-day Leafs, helping lead the team out of the wasteland and deep into the playoffs.

And his trade to Quebec after the 1993-94 season caused many Leaf fans to despair, fearing the heart of the team had been ripped out.

To regain that heart, the Leafs dealt away some young talent.

Jonsson, 21, is a skilled for-

mer first-round pick from Sweden who was sorely missed after injuring his shoulder earlier in the season. He provided Toronto with speed and offensive spark on the blue line, something sorely lacking.

He has four goals and 22 assists in 50 games this season. Haggerty, Toronto's second-

round pick in the 1994 draft, is a sniper for the Detroit Junior Whalers who is second in the OHL scoring race.

Hendrickson, 24, has six goals and six assists in 46 games.

Clark, dealt to the Islanders after a contract dispute with Colorado, has 24 goals and 19 assists in 58 games this season.

Schneider, a former first-round pick of the Montreal Canadiens, has 11 goals and 36 assists in 65 games.

Schneider and Clark were Nos. 3 and 4 on the Islanders in scoring this season.

Smith, 18, plays for Windsor of the OHL. He was second-round pick in the 1995 draft.

Expos, O's tie on Bonilla hit

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CP) — Bobby Bonilla drove in the tying run in the sixth inning as the Baltimore Orioles and Montreal Expos played to a 2-2 split-squad pre-season draw on Wednesday.

The teams were to play a second split-squad game Wed-

nesday night at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Bonilla drove in Jeffrey Hammonds, who had singled, to tie the game.

Bonilla scored Baltimore's first run in the second inning, going home from second base on a Sherman Obando base hit.

Dave Silvestri hit a solo

home run of Orioles' starter Brian Sackinsky in the second inning.

Catcher Chris Howard scored in the fifth from third on Cliff Floyd's groundout.

Jeff Fassero started and went four innings for Montreal. Sackinsky pitched three innings for Baltimore.



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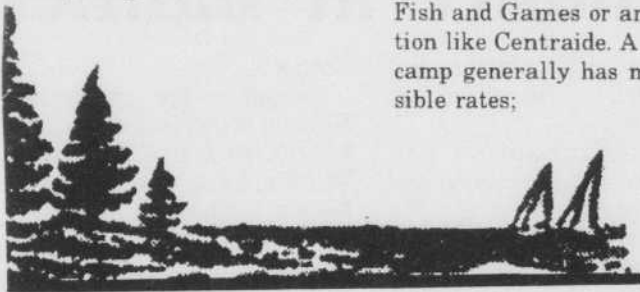
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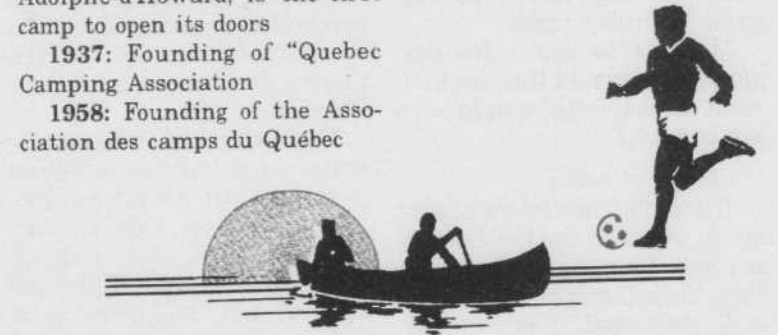
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