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## Seniors live in sub-standard conditions while Quebec stalls

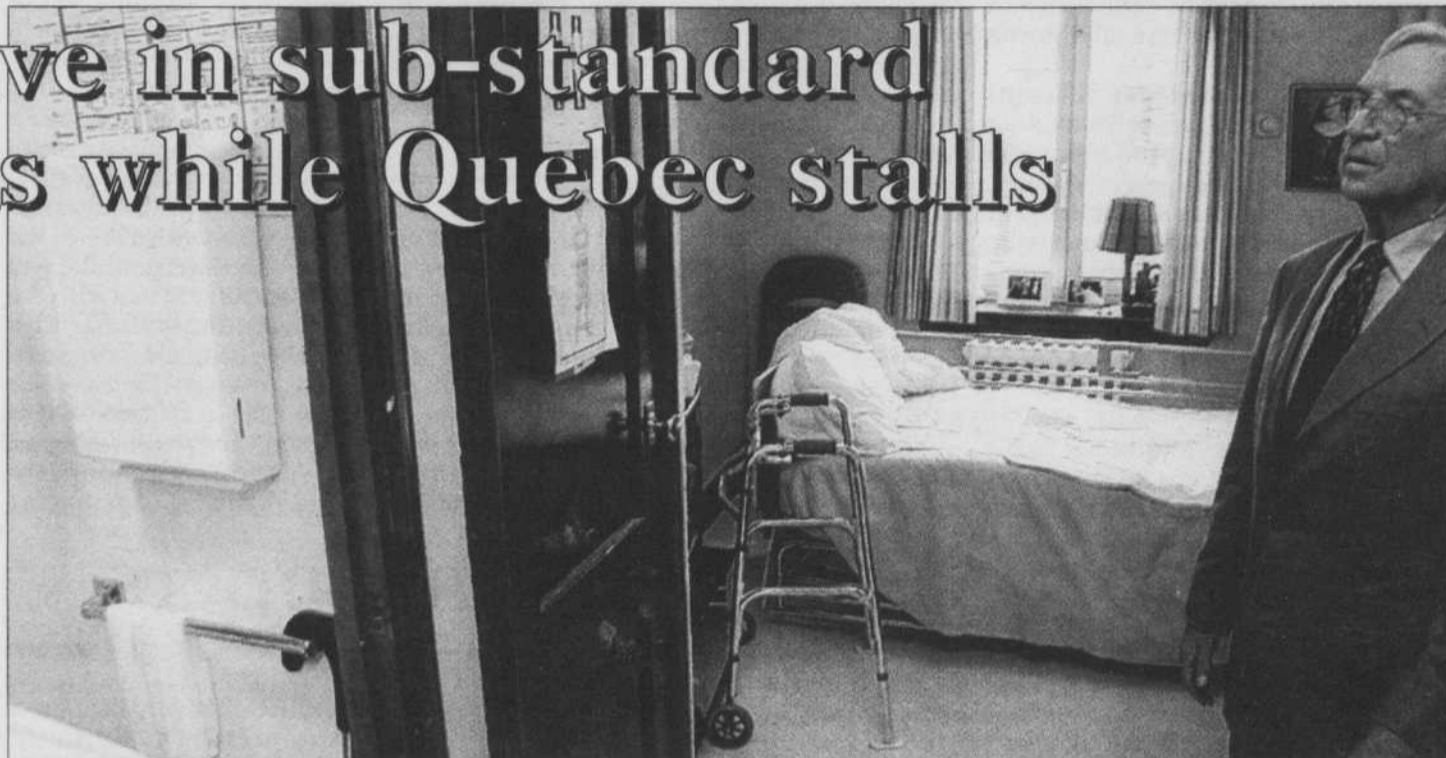
By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

The health and safety of seniors living at the Résidence de l'Estrie is in danger and administrators are warning the government it will have to assume legal responsibility if a misfortune occurs there while the government dilly-dallies on funding for the St-Vincent project.

The Résidence de l'Estrie, which has the dubious distinction of being the oldest and most dilapidated seniors residence in Quebec, is slated to close when renovations to the former St-Vincent de Paul general hospital are complete. But they have not yet begun.

Health Minister Pauline Marois unblocked funding for the health board to complete construction and renovation

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Estriade board president André Paradis insists the run-down building is a danger to seniors whose quality of life is diminished by the cramped quarters and lack of proper facilities.

### Help The Hungry



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The need for food has doubled since the summer, according to the family services division of the Salvation Army, which held a news conference Wednesday. Moisson Estrie, which provides food for needy families, says the same thing. Starting on Saturday, there will be chilly volunteers encouraging passersby to drop a few dollars in their kettles to help hungry Townshippers. Please don't ignore them.

## IBM to invest \$150 million in Bromont, creating 400 jobs

By Maurice Crossfield

With an exploding microchip market, IBM announced Wednesday it will be investing \$150 million in its Bromont plant, creating 400 new jobs.

"This is a strong vote of confidence in IBM Bromont," said company spokesman Jean-Guy Fournier. "We've been here for 28 years and this investment shows we have the ability to produce."

The Bromont plant is IBM's largest microchip assembly plant, producing computer chip packages worth about \$3 billion this year alone. The chips are used mainly in computers and electronic games.

The new investment and subsequent hirings at IBM Bromont will boost the plant's workforce to 3,400, making it the largest single employer in the western

end of the Eastern Townships.

The investment in Bromont for the coming year is part of IBM's \$5 billion U.S. plan to greatly expand its computer and semi-conductor business. All of IBM Bromont's output goes to the export market, making it one of Canada's most important high tech exporters.

"Bromont is a world class supplier both from a technical and efficiency point of view," said Bill McLean, IBM's vice-president of manufacturing, in a statement. He said the plant happens to make a product for which there is a very high demand at the present time.

Fournier said the new full time jobs will be opened between now and the end of 2001. He said the bulk of the investment is going towards the purchase of new specialized equipment to help increase the plant's production capacity.



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# Parlez-vous anglais?

Still another career has opened to me. It is with the Centre de Langues Internationales Charpentier (CLIC) where I am teaching English. This part-time activity fits in well with my writing career. I have been teaching there since last August. Apprehensive at first because of my complete lack of experience at teaching, I soon felt at ease after giving the first few lessons.

My students come from different walks of life. There is an accountant, a medical practitioner, a production line supervisor, a heavy equipment operator, a company president, an insurance agent and a notary public. You never know who might be your next assignment. The reasons that motivate them to take the course are just as varied. They all have one thing in common - the desire to speak English fluently.

My classes are private with one student at a time for periods of 1.5, 2 or 3 hours per class. During a 30-hour training course, a bond is created with each

student. There is sadness at the termination of a training course but there is also the satisfaction of knowing that he or she has a better command of the English language. I understand now why full-time teachers feel a loss at the end of a school term when they say goodbye to their students after spending a year or more with them.

At CLIC, a student's progress is noticed right from the shotgun start, when they hesitantly say aloud the verb "to be" and twist their tongues around the Th's and the gh's. The mother tongue of the student, mostly French in my classes, is spoken only during part of the initial class to get acquainted then it's English all the way. During the first few classes a teacher will spend a lot of time repeating or waiting until the student selects the right word. Then, like a sprouting flower, they start to apprehend everything the teacher says

## OUR MAN THURSDAY



WILLIAM COX

and their sentences become structured.

I have the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of teachers and a dedicated staff, headed by the smiling and efficient Doreen Morissette, who always finds time to discuss matters with her teachers in spite of a heavy workload.

Once in a while the Sherbrooke school is hit by a whirlwind that swishes through the building. It's the owner, the dynamic and smiling Line Charpentier. When she moves, it's always in third gear. She will stop to say hello and briefly chat with the students she meets. She will chat with her teachers whose names she always recalls and can even use our nicknames like "The boater" or "The electrician." She is forever questioning and encouraging us. Just watching this dynamic person as she copes with the challenge of managing

her nineteen language centres throughout the province is a stimulating experience.

Line Charpentier is a household word in the province. She always finds time to serve her community in charitable and civic organizations. She is a past president and a director of the Chamber of Commerce. She has appeared on front covers of prestigious business publications as businesswoman of the year, or the month, accompanied by an article praising her achievements. Centre de Langues Internationales Charpentier has won several honors from business associations in the province.

The Language Center is bustling with the large demand for English training courses. The school is like a beehive with all classrooms in use. When a teacher finishes a course another is waiting to use the classroom. It is a pleasant, dynamic and rewarding atmosphere in which to work.

# Attention shoppers

I heard a warning the other day about those water-pick things that you use to blast water between your teeth. It said not to use the device on your eyes. I had several reactions to that statement.

The first one was, OK, don't squirt a needle of pressurized water into my eye area. That makes sense. My second reaction was, holy cow, they think I'm a moron. They think that if they don't warn me, I'm going to fire this thing up and try to hose down my retinas. That insulted me.

My third and final reaction was acceptance. Acceptance that protecting people from themselves is never a bad thing and not usually unnecessary. Seatbelts and air bags and warning buzzers and smoke detectors and railings and padded rooms are all there for a reason.

Besides, having someone assume you're a moron is not a new experience for most married men.

## THE BELL CURVE AND YOU

I'm not exactly sure where I first

found out about the Bell Curve. It was either high school Physics or Math. It had to do with averaging exam results so that a small number of people at the bottom failed, a small number of people at the top got really high marks, and the bulk of us fell in between, in the big bulge part of the Bell Curve.

In the naivete of my youth, I thought that was pretty much it for the application of the Bell Curve. I've aged a lot since then. I've been able to apply the Bell Curve to almost every aspect of my life.

In my job I've learned not to be so bad that I'm at the bottom and get fired, or to be so good I'm at the top and get blamed. In my personal appearance, I've learned to strive for a mid-point between John Forsythe and Bobcat Goldthwaite. The same with my weight, fitness level and general behavioral patterns. Never good enough for the Nobel Prize. Never bad

enough for long-term incarceration.

I believe that true happiness lies at the center of the Bell Curve. If you look around your social circle and decide that you're at the bottom end of the Bell Curve, then you'd better start bringing people into the group who are actually worse than you to improve your own position. That's what they do in most of the major corporations and political parties.

## Pandora's Toolbox

Once in awhile you have to call a repairman to come and fix something in your home. In most cases you don't know the guy and probably just picked his number out of the phone book. The problem, of course, is that you may be dealing with an incompetent who will create more problems than he corrects.

Now you don't want to be rude and ask him outright if he has any idea what he's doing. So here's a way to make a very quick judgment on the quality of the im-

## NORTH OF FORTY



RED GREEN

pending work. Hang around and look at the contents of his toolbox. If it contains any of the following, you may have a problem:

- Lots of bandages and pain killers.
- A handgun.
- F. Lee Bailey's business card.
- Only three tools, all hammers.
- A one-way plane ticket to Panama.

## THE BALANCE OF NATURE

I'm a great believer in maintaining a balance in the types of friends you cultivate. If you're a middle-aged married guy, it's important to hang out with an old married guy and a young engaged guy. That way you're ready to deal with every personal scenario.

When you're feeling confused and troubled, you can talk to the old guy and find out that he's just as confused and troubled as you are, but it obviously won't kill you. And when you're feeling successful and omnipotent, you can go play squash with the young guy.

## Weather

**Today:** Cloudy with some snow. High near 0.

**Friday:** Cloudy. Low near minus 7. High near minus 2.

**Saturday:** Light snow. Low near minus 7. High near minus 3.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy with 40 percent probability of some snow. Low near minus 10. High near minus 6.

Normals for the period.. Low minus 10. High minus 2.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Defence, prosecution against jail time for lawyer

## Claude Hamann to be sentenced Feb. 5

By Maurice Crossfield

Defence lawyer Claude Hamann will receive his sentence for obstruction of justice on Feb. 5.

Hamann was in a Granby courtroom Wednesday for sentencing arguments. Making their cases before Quebec Court judge Hubert Couture, both the prosecution and the defence agreed time behind bars was not necessary for the long-time criminal lawyer.

"During the trial several people testified to his good character," said prosecutor Serge Goulet. He said Hamann, 55, made an error in judgment.

Goulet said Hamann poses no danger to society, and as such merits a sentence which would be served in the community.

Hamann's lawyer Pierre Poupart said his client has already suffered greatly from being charged and convicted, developing gastrointestinal problems, losing clients and losing income. He said his client has been morally, physically and financially diminished over the last four years.

"This case is not symptomatic of the personality of the person here," Poupart said.

Poupart gave a resume of his client's life. The father of three has been a member of the Quebec Bar Association since the early 1970s, even serving as president. He sat on the board of the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital, was elected as a municipal councillor, headed the local Red Cross, and sat as a municipal court judge in Farnham. He had no previous criminal record and has never been disciplined by the Bar Association.

"This is the portrait of a person who, since he's been an adult, has been involved in society," Poupart said.

He said Hamann's long-time work with legal aid cases shows his concern for those who have a tough time in society.

Poupart said his client has been very distressed by media coverage of his case. He said the sentence rendered should reflect that Hamann has already suffered for his actions. Poupart called for a conditional discharge.

The events that led to Hamann's conviction of obstruction of justice on Sept. 20 date back to shortly after the arrest of one of his clients in November, 1996. Ricky Grenier, facing 160 various charges, decided to become a police informant against South Stukely businessman Ray Coulombe. Grenier was to be paid \$40,000 by police for his testi-

mony. In November 1996 Hamann met with Coulombe's lawyer, Jean-Pierre Rancourt, telling him that for \$125,000, the problem of Grenier's incriminating testimony would go away. Shortly afterwards, the Quebec Police Force got involved, and charges were laid against Hamann.

Taking into account the arguments presented Wednesday, justice Couture said he would hand down his sentence on Feb. 5.

However the case is still far from settled for Hamann. He has since filed for an appeal of his conviction. He will also have to face a disciplinary committee of the Quebec Bar Association. If that committee decides the criminal act was committed in the exercise of his duties as a lawyer, he could be disbarred.

## Seniors:

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plans earlier this year, but she has failed to cough up the \$32 million needed for the work to begin.

Once completed, the St-Vincent complex will house the 150 elderly residents now living at the Résidence de l'Estrie and others from the overcrowded Foyer St-Joseph. It will also house the Centre de Readaptation de l'Estrie rehabilitation center, which is currently spread over a few inadequate buildings, and the Regional Health Board offices, now in rented facilities on King Street.

In the meantime the board is paying a small fortune to maintain and heat the St-Vincent building which has been empty since the general hospital was closed in June 1997. The board is hoping to save money by selling some buildings and moving out of rented facilities.

Part of the Estriade group of long-term care facilities, the Résidence de l'Estrie is a former Catholic seminary built in 1940 and converted into a seniors' home three decades ago. Home to a growing number of less autonomous elderly people with greater needs, it now fails to meet government safety standards and building norms.

Estriade board president André Paradis insists the run-down building is a danger to seniors whose quality of life is diminished by the cramped quarters and lack of proper facilities.



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Health board manager Jean-Pierre Duplantie (centre)... 'Moving patients to the St-Vincent complex is the number one priority of the health board.'

Estriade manager Claude Lavoie said rooms are too small, corridors are too narrow, there are not enough bathrooms, ventilation is inadequate, there is no sprinkler system, the wiring is old and the electrical supply inadequate, and stairwells are too narrow to evacuate patients in case of an emergency.

Since the beginning of the year, Estriade managers, staffers and the families of patients have been pressuring the government for a decision. That campaign, which has the support of the Regional Health Board, Parti Québécois MNA Claude Boucher and the general popula-

tion, failed to elicit a response from Marois and Treasury Board president Jacques Leonard.

"Moving patients to the St-Vincent complex is the number one priority of the health board," said health board manager Jean-Pierre Duplantie, as directors of the board passed a unanimous resolution Tuesday to step up pressure on the government.

Impatience of health officials hit an all time high last week when Finance Minister Bernard Landry, the PQ minister responsible for the Estrie region, seemed to have no knowledge of the project

when questioned about it during a campaign stop for the Bloc Québécois on Thursday. Landry could not say if he supported the project, when it would happen, or when the region would get news from Treasury Board.


When questioned again a few days later, Landry said he had the project confused with another and promised there would be news soon. But health officials have been hearing that answer since January and have decided to turn up the heat on Marois and Landry to get a more timely response.

"This is unacceptable," Estriade manager Paradis told reporters outside the health board meeting. He complained that seniors are forced to live in sub-standard living conditions while the government continually delays a decision.

Paradis said that according to law, board members have a legal responsibility for the people forced to live there and they are afraid something could happen before the government acts.

"They are totally disconnected from what's happening here," he said. "They are playing with human lives - with sick, elderly men and women."

Paradis said that if the government does not act soon, the board will have to discharge itself of its legal responsibilities. "The government will have to answer in our place if a misfortune occurs," he said. "We have done everything we can. If they refuse to act, they will have to deal with the consequences of their own negligence."




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# First pacemaker implant operation in Granby

Staff

Two surgeons will enter the operating room today to perform the first pacemaker implant in the history of the Granby Hospital.

Previously the procedure for implanting a cardiac stimulator was carried out in Sherbrooke or Montreal. However Dr. Benoit Bellemare and Dr. Claude St-Jean want to change that.

To be ready for the new operation, both doctors have been given additional training in Quebec and Ontario. The Granby Hospital is planning to be able

to install about 40 pacemakers in the coming year to meet the demands of local heart patients.

Observing Thursday's operation will be an internist and a cardiologist, as well as three technicians trained in the proper operation of pacemakers.

In a press release Dr. André Delorme said the new service will make life easier for patients. He said they won't have to be hospitalized as long and won't have to go through the strain of traveling elsewhere to get the life-saving operation.

# Cookie and muffin fund-raiser garners \$2,800 for United Church

Pick up dough this weekend

Orders for gourmet cookie and muffin dough can be picked up this Sunday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 10 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the United Church Scott Hall on Church Street.

This second annual fund-raiser initiated and organized by the United Church Women has been more successful than ever.

Nine hundred tubs of dough have been ordered, for a profit of more than \$2,800 to be used to benefit the United Church.

Catherine Dean  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

# Low voter turnout blamed for BQ results

By Maurice Crossfield

André Leroux says his attempt to become the next Bloc Québécois Member of Parliament for Brome-Missisquoi seems to have been defeated by an unusually low voter turnout in Monday's election.

"It was the worst turnout since 1984," said Leroux. "We presume a lot of those votes would have been for us."

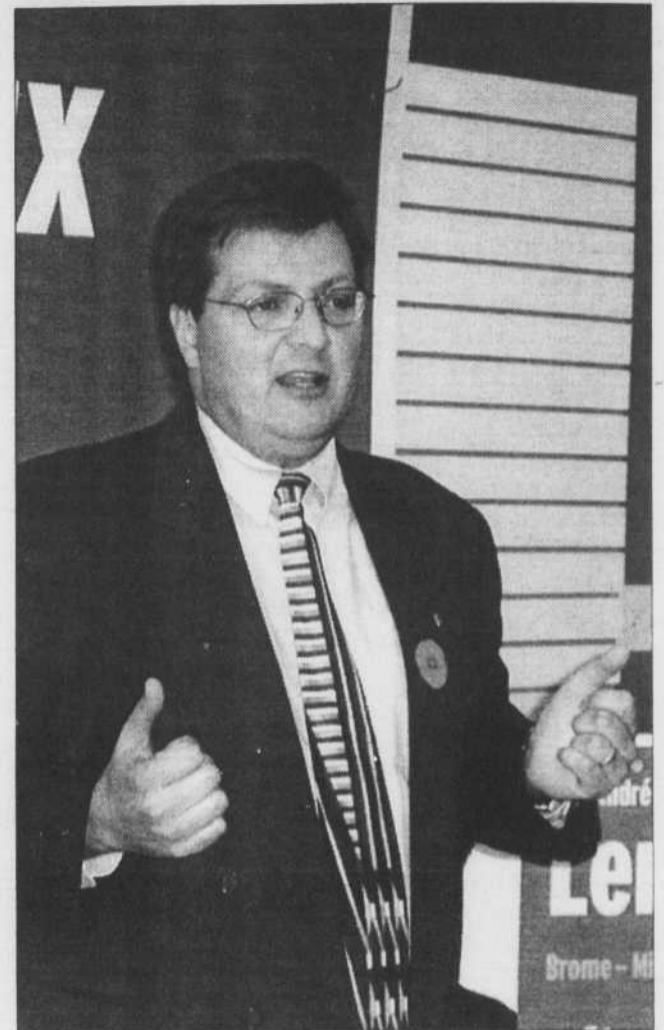
In Monday's election only about 65 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots in Brome-Missisquoi. That's down from 76 per cent in 1997, and was even lower than the turnout for the byelection that first elected Denis Paradis in 1995.

However voter apathy, particularly among sovereigntists in a federal election, hurt the BQ's chances. Leroux said the low participation seems to have affected the BQ's results across Quebec.

Leroux said traditional Liberals are very faithful in getting out to cast their vote.

Another unusual factor, Leroux noted, was that in the last election nearly 13,000 people voted Conservative. Leroux and his campaigners figured that with the Tory fortunes diminished, many would have switched to the Bloc. Instead, some of those votes went to the Liberals, while others weren't even cast.

"We figured there were about 6000 votes that would have gone to



SHAWN BERRY

André Leroux disappointed more people didn't show up at the polls.

us but didn't," Leroux said. "We figured we were going to be able to win the riding by between 500 and 1500 votes."

In every town in the riding incumbent Liberal Denis Paradis surpassed the vote totals of the BQ, except for St-Etienne-de-Bolton. Even in Brigham, where Leroux once served as mayor, Paradis gar-

nered 60 more votes than the Bloc.

"I think the message Mr. Paradis had to 'not split federalist votes' got out to the people," Leroux said. "He even got votes from other parties."

"I wish him well and hope the population of Brome-Missisquoi will get good representation in Ottawa," Leroux said. He said the time has come for Paradis to make good on his promises and take action.

Leroux pledged to remain active in the community, and said he will now return to his job as an investigator at Human Resources and Development Canada, though he will now be working in another administrative district.



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# School board seeking new member in Lennoxville

By René Bruemmer  
MAGOG

The Eastern Townships School Board will be holding a byelection for the position of commissioner in the Lennoxville ward, due to the resignation last month of former commissioner Lyn Warnholtz who decided to step down for personal reasons.

Anyone interested in running for the position is asked to fill out a nomination paper, available at the ETSB office in Magog, and submit it to the returning officer, located at 101 du Moulin Street, suite 205, on Jan. 12, 13 or 14 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

If there is more than one candidate on Jan. 14, electors inscribed on the list of electors may vote on Sunday, Jan. 28 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Lennoxville Elementary School, or during the advance poll held on Jan. 21 at the same location and times. Electors must present a valid form of identification, such as a driver's license, medicare card or passport.

Elections for the 19 commissioner positions in the ETSB are normally held every four years, with the next one slated for November 2002.

## NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

Commissioners of the ETSB held their annual executive committee elections Tuesday evening during their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The

new executive bears a striking resemblance to the old, as commissioners re-elected all the same members.

Members of the executive committee thus remain: Hugh Auger (commissioner for Rock Forest - Fleurimont); Ronald Creary (Magog); Duncan Eastman (Cookshire - Bury - Sawyerville); Maggie Faulks (Sherbrooke); Michael Murray (Bedford); Peter Riordan (Dunham - Bromont); and Juanita Willey-Wighton (Sutton - Potton).

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioners also elected their advisory chairmen, with few changes in that realm as well.

The advisory board chairmen include: Finance and Administration advisory committee - Mike Murray (Bedford); Educational Services advisory committee - Juanita Willey-Wighton (Sutton - Potton); Ethics committee - Hugh Auger (Rock Forest - Fleurimont); Audit advisory committee - Ronald Creary (Magog); Communications advisory committee - Esther Barnett (Ascot-Compton); Transportation committee - Joy Humenuik-Campbell (Clarenceville-Farnham).

## GORDON BARNETT REPLACED

After several years as Parent Commissioner for the secondary school level, Gordon Barnett has stepped down, because his children are no longer of

school age, one of the prerequisites for the position. He was warmly thanked for his dedicated service, and replaced by former elementary level parent commissioner Debbie Somers. Maureen Harkness has been chosen by the central parent's committee to become the new parent commissioner at the elementary level.

## UNDERSTANDING THE NEW REFORMS

In an effort to explain the new school reforms sweeping the province as of last September, several schools are organizing information sessions for parents to explain the changes, and the new format for report cards.

In essence, the provincial education ministry is attempting a shift away from the old learning-by-rote concept of

education and towards a format that will improve overall competency, board chairman Maggie Faulks said. Teachers and classes will stress critical thinking, problem solving and self-evaluation through a more hands-on approach to learning.

Still confused? Contact your child's school to receive more information and see whether an information session is planned in your area.

"It's essential that parents get a good grasp of what's in store, so that their children can learn better," Faulks said.

Training to implement the new reforms began last year, and have been introduced into grades one and two (now known as Cycle One) this year.

See tomorrow's Record for more school board news.

## Investigation continues in Lake Massawippi drowning death

### 27-year-old Waterville resident dies in boating accident

Staff

Police suspect alcohol may have been a factor in the drowning death of 27-year-old Shawn Meunier of Waterville, who died on Nov. 19 when the canoe he and his friend were riding in tipped over on Lake Massawippi, near Hatley.

An autopsy has established drowning as the cause of death, and confirmed the presence of alcohol.

Police have determined that Meunier had already tipped over in the canoe once early Sunday evening, then entered a nearby cottage belong-

ing to the Quebec Lodge, presumably to warm up and find sheets or bed covers to dry off, before venturing out onto the waters once more with his friend. A sodden five-dollar bill and drenched mittens were found in the chalet afterwards.

The canoe tipped once more, and Meunier tried to cling to the boat before succumbing to the frigid waters. His companion barely managed to return to shore with the aid of a flotation device, where he called for help.

Quebec Police Force divers retrieved Meunier's body the following day.

Police suspect the death was the result of a canoeing joyride that ended tragically.

No charges will be laid against the survivor for breaking and entering.

## BRIEF

### Over 30 cars vandalized in Sherbrooke

Many residents of a neighborhood in the North of Sherbrooke awoke yesterday to discover that their tires had been slashed the night before.

Police say that tires on more than 30 cars were punctured with a knife or other sharp object.

In some cases only one tire was

slashed, in other cases two or three were slashed. The incident occurred between Portland and Prospect streets.

Michel Martin of the Sherbrooke Regional Police Force said investigators suspect the vandalism was committed sometime between 11:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

If you have any information concerning this incident, you can contact Sherbrooke police at 821-5555 or 821-5544.

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# Community Forum

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Changes to Remembrance ceremonies were disappointing

DEAR EDITOR,

Re: Firing Parties to be eliminated at Remembrance Parades

This was a complete surprise to all of our branches which held parades and ceremonies in Legion District #7, from Megantic to Stanstead. We were not informed of this even though the district Commander and some branch President had already met with the military to plan the parades and ceremonies. No mention of this elimination was made at this time.

Obviously the attitude of Mobile Command is not sympathetic with our Remembrance programs. The explanation that firing parties are to be activated only over open graves is not acceptable to us and cannot be considered as a reasonable excuse.

The parades held in the smaller communities are just as important as those held in larger centers where 21-gun salutes are given by the artillery. This of course is not the first time someone's personal opinion has affected our memorable institutions. For instance a few years ago the militia was told not to turn out as they would have to be paid. Only through the intervention of the late General Jean-Prospere Gauthier, not only a dedicated Canadian soldier, but also a respected member of the Legion, was high command influenced into changing this nefarious order.

Then the elimination of military band was the next blow to our parades and ceremonies. Fortunately the Canadian soldier had enough pride to thwart the authorities on this one and I understand they actually played

without pay.

A good case in point was the lack of corner men (sentries). I (Ray Thorne) attended the last parade at Danville, Nov. 4. There was no military presence, including cadets, militia, firing parties and sentries. This, in a town where the only Victoria Cross, was awarded in Canada. Again, in Lennoxville, no sentries were present and only through the kindness of Major Turner of B.C.S. were the cadets pressed into service. Obviously the next reduction by our militia will be the elimination of Corner Men.

As our ranks thin in the Legion by attrition we are trying to continue the tradition of Remembrance.

We will continue to sensitize the public into remembering our men and women killed in three W.W.'s. Now we have already lost over 100 peacekeepers to be added to our terrible losses.

Our motto "We will remember Them" should also read, "We will honor them forever."

We expect the full support of our militia just as our Cadets Corps expects the support of the Royal Canadian Legion.

CDE PAUL PELCHAT  
President  
Branch No. 010  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Sherbrooke

CDE RAY THORNE  
Imm. Past President  
Quebec Command  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Lennoxville

### Record column missed by seniors

DEAR EDITOR

Re: Happy, Healthy and Aging

We were fortunate to enjoy for a



while in 1999, in The Record, articles and a supplement titled Happy, Health and Aging.

These articles addressed life, in the leisure years, of people in the Eastern Townships.

These articles also provided recognition and celebration of people and activities that otherwise would have gone unnoticed.

This information was good and appreciated. Happy, Healthy and Aging articles were awaited with anticipation every week and were a delight to most, I am sure.

It was always good to see and to read about people you know and the things they do.

Sometimes it was fun and it feels so good to laugh at ourselves once in a while.

These articles helped fill a gap in existing information in The Record with pictures and activities of the more "mature" group in our community.

Even younger people take interest in what the older generation is up to! Grandchildren take pride and interest in what antics their grandparents get into. The reverse is also very true.

Is it not a fact of life that our culture prepares us for education and for work but does little to prepare us for retirement and life in the leisure years that should follow.

Of course, growing older is natural just like birth and death, but in between, the fun of growing up and growing older should be to be able to learn and do the best we can with what we've got. Some people take better care of themselves than others and some are blessed with better health

than others. But we all need information contacts, connection and friends, especially in the leisure years.

To this need I thought that you The Record had a fantastic thing going for the community. There still is a need for more information and reporting with photos of senior's life in the townships. More insight is needed on contacts and connections of the many clubs, groups, institutions, etc. that are interested in people and their leisure years.

What if a network of volunteers was organized by The Record to have news and information about senior's activities reported (with photos) consolidated and published weekly by The Record?

What if we could have a list with names and phone numbers of all known organizations in the townships that provide services and leisure activities to the senior set?

What if The Record published again weekly about senior's leisure time and activities?

What if The Record issued a monthly calendar of events to help planning? What if The Record would help seniors with some laughs and some fun? Organizing such a network at The Record would be a good challenge for someone making a career in communication and community publicity. Wouldn't this be a good opportunity to prepare for retirement? May it be in 40, 30, 20 or 10 years from now.

After all, retirement will come. Aging is the only guaranteed part of Happy, Healthy and Aging.

ROGER TÉTREAU  
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# Dietitians paid by health board to stay at home

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

Clinical nutritionists say there is a "dangerous" lack of dietitians in the region and the health board must reorganize nutritional services and rehire dietitians as soon as possible.

While dietitians are being paid by the health board to stay home idle, waiting lists are growing and hospitals don't have enough staff to evaluate the nutritional needs of patients, the union representing Quebec's dietitians told the Regional Health Board Tuesday night.

Provincial union spokeswoman Claudette Pélouquin, who first exposed the shortage during regional hearings for the Clair Commission on health care in September, told commissioners the one and only part time nutritionist at the Carrefour de santé du Val St-François was cut to save money.

Due to the job security clause in her contract, the dietitian was being paid by the regional health board to stay at home. In the meantime, the waiting list for nutritional services had grown to a 7-month wait.

She also complained that two of three dietitian positions in the Granit region were also cut, despite a continuous demand for services.

Pelouquin told health board directors on Tuesday the situation has not improved much since then. Meanwhile there is a high demand for nutritionists everywhere else in Quebec, she pointed out.

"Not a week goes by without a job posting for a clinical nutritionists in Quebec," she said. In the meantime, the Estrie region has fewer and fewer dietitians to cover growing needs. "This region is really the exception."

Pelouquin said that there is an increased need for dietitians, due in part to the aging population. She said they work in acute care hospitals, long-term care centers, CLSCs, and nursing homes to determine the nutritional needs of patients as part of their care plans.

Dietitians are also needed to deal with a variety of



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Dietitians told health board officials Tuesday their services can help reduce health care costs.

pathologies including diabetes where diet plays a key role in controlling progression of the disease and costly complications. She pointed out that for patients receiving physiotherapy, proper nutrition is needed to maintain and reinforce muscular strength. Balanced diets for pregnant women is also the key intervention to prevent low birth weight babies who present all kinds of complications.

Pelouquin said that that quick, well planned interventions by dietitians ensure short term benefits on the quality of life of patients. In the long run, that leads to diminished health care costs by decreasing the number of patients readmitted to hospital and the length of hospital stays, she added.

Tuesday night, the dietitians union proposed a plan to reorganize services by replacing clinical nutritionists now being paid to stay at home. It suggests the board rehire part-time nutritionists at the Carrefour de santé du Granit, the CLSC-CHSLD de Haut St-François, the CLSC de la région sherbrookoise and the Carrefour de la santé et des services sociaux de Val St-François.

The nutritionists say that would be an important first

step in filling current voids created by the abolition of some positions. The union says its available to help the board reevaluate needs and come up with a plan to better dispense services.

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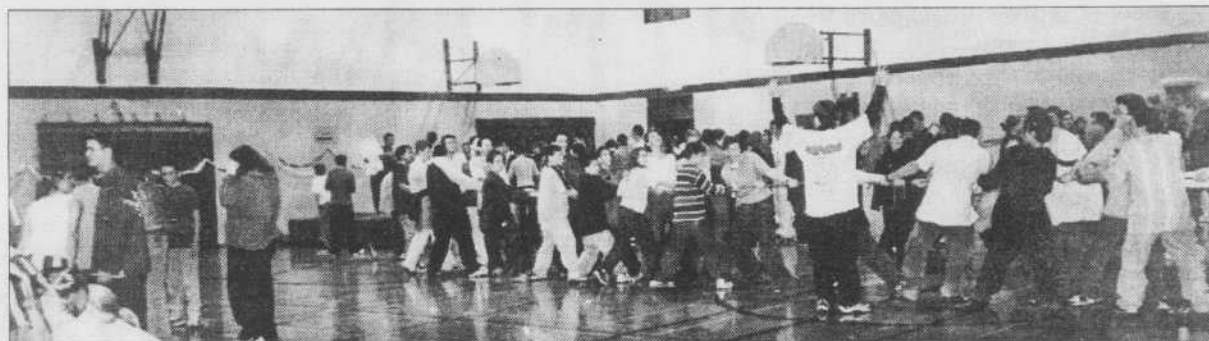
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# Our School's Page

## RICHMOND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

### Pepping it up



RRHS students at the school's pep rally which was held on November 10.

#### UNICEF

With the help of approximately 90 students who collected for UNICEF this year, \$582.66 was sent to UNICEF Quebec. This is our highest collection in over ten years.

A Halloween Theme Dance was held on Friday, November 3. There was a large turnout of students who enjoyed the professional DJ hired for the event.

Miss Cloutier's "River Watch Club" spent Thursday, November 2 at the Salmon River where they participated in the "Adopt a River" Project. Two biologists from the Biosphere in Montreal worked with six students testing the water's physical and biological health. The students will be preparing a report on the health of the Salmon River and will complete follow-up research in May. This is the second year RRHS has taken part in this project and the weather was perfect for the outing!

#### SPORTS

The Interscholastic basketball season has now started. Our senior teams are entered in the Sport Étudiant league, and the Junior and Bantam girls are in the ETIAC league. The Senior girls played two games, losing by 2 to Collège Mont Notre-Dame, and winning against François de la Place. The Senior boys lost their first game at La Sentier. The Junior boys played at BCS and lost 59 - 20. The other 2 teams

have their first games next week.

• Soccer's Most Valuable Players were announced at the Pep Rally on the 10. They were as follows:

- Bantam Boys Soccer - Stephanie Richard
- Bantam Girls Soccer - Emily St. Cry
- Junior Boys Soccer - Joey Blais
- Junior Girls Soccer - Melanie

## The Good and Bad on Junk Foods

It's no surprise that teens love fast foods. But how are their eating habits affecting their nutritional intake?

According to a new study on the eating behaviours of Canadians, published in the Canadian Journal of Public Health, teenage girls are one group most at risk for nutritional deficiencies.

"Boys eat such large quantities of food during their growth spurt that, even though they don't eat the recommended minimum number of servings of fruits and vegetables, their intake of all vitamins and minerals is adequate," says Dr. Katherine Gray-Donald, director of the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition at McGill University.

Adolescent girls are more likely to include fruit and fruit juices in their diets. However, they eat consider-

ably less total food and are more likely to skimp on milk, milk products, meats and other high protein foods.

As a result their diets tend to be low in calcium and only borderline in iron and zinc.

Iron is an important nutrient for teenage girls since a deficiency can have an adverse effect on resistance to infection, attention span, memory, learning ability, productivity, physical performance and endurance. Calcium is particularly important during the teen years as building strong bones at this age can help prevent osteoporosis later in life.

Dr. Gray-Donald also noted that the major sources of iron for girls were breads, cereals and pasta. These foods contain non-heme iron, a form of iron that is not nearly as well absorbed as the heme iron found in meat, fish and poultry. Teen boys, on the other hand,

the fair will go towards purchasing books for the students. It was a worthwhile event for a very good cause. Thank you to everyone who helped, and everyone who purchased books at the fair.

#### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Richmond Regional will once again be preparing and distributing Christmas baskets for less fortunate families of RRHS students. If you need a Christmas Basket, or know of a family in need, please call us at the school.

We will soon be starting our Food Baskets Campaign in the school, but we would also be happy to accept donations from members of the community. If you are interested in contributing non-perishable food items, or money to buy turkeys and other perishables, items may be dropped off at the school between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays until December 21.

#### DRAMA CLUB

The RRHS Drama Club will be performing "The Merrie Christmas Show" by Lindsay Price on the evening of Dec. 21, 2000. (Time to be announced). Our lively players are at your service at they take you on a spirited adventure through Christmases past and present. Dame Dorothy and Robin Steadfellow have searched the globe for Christmas stories and songs that will amaze, thrill and delight. Please come and join in the fun! Merry Christmas!!!

#### Boucher

• Senior Boys Soccer - Johathan Groulx and Simon Lussier

• Senior Girls Soccer - Caroline Maurice and Chera Barrowman

Congratulations to these students.

Intramural volleyball is still going on, but we are having trouble getting the students to show up for their games. Hopefully this will improve before the next activity.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT RRHS

Richmond Regional High School held a Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15. Students had the opportunity to visit the book fair during scheduled visits, and it was open to parents during parent-teacher night on Wednesday. The book fair was an enormous success thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the school staff who organized the fair. Proceeds from

# The type of seed you buy does make a difference

**D**id you find that you grew or purchased a certain variety of tomato or green pepper that you liked so much that you wanted to grow some of them next summer? So, after slicing the 'perfect' veggie open, you carefully set a few of the seeds aside for next year's garden.

This action has been going on around the world for thousands of years, it is most likely the way we have the varieties that we like today.

Every time we choose one fruit over another, we are also selecting the genes in that particular piece of fruit, and guaranteeing that some of the wonderful qualities we saw in the parent are passed along to future generations.

When this world was created this was the only way mankind had of improving the quality of his food. Slowly over centuries, tomatoes became sweeter, firmer, and by choosing healthier specimens, more disease resistant.

Now, getting back to those seeds you put away for next year, do you know if they came from a hybrid vegetable or a non-hybrid vegetable? If the qualities you saw in the mother fruit are what you want in the next generation growing in your garden next summer, this question is very important.

Over the last hundred years, man has developed the art of hybridization, in simple terms this means that a plant, tomato or other variety of fruit, vegetable or flower has two parents from which it gets its genetic makeup.

When you save seeds from non-hybrid plants, the kind that Adam and Eve had in the Garden of Eden, you were pretty sure that what grew would be something that resembled the fruit, vegetable or flower that you took the seed from.

On the other hand, seeds from hybrid plants seldom produce seed that grows into plants that produce fruit resembling the product you took them from. This causes great confusion and frustration for many gardeners. It

works like this: The product you are getting the seed out of is known as the first generation of a hybrid, all the fruits, vegetables and flowers grown from the same batch of seed will be fairly uniform in color, size and other qualities.

When this first generation makes seed (this would be the seed that you saved with the intent of planting next spring) this is called second generation.

This new seed is quite variable because of the shuffling of genes that occurs during sexual reproduction. Meaning this fruit can resemble either parent, or even go back another generation and wind up with characteristics that have been long bred out of the variety.

Hybridization has become a big money maker for seed houses that want you to return every year to purchase new seeds. Your being able to save your own seed makes them lose money. If you look at this on the large scale, the hundreds of pounds of seed that a farmer must buy every year, you can see just how much money changes hands because of this method. Remember when the cost of

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farming goes up, the cost on the grocery shelf climbs as well.

Thanks to the Delta and Pine Land Company, (now owned by Monsanto) in collaboration with the United States Department of

Agriculture, we gardeners and farmers have a new variety of seed to look out for.

In March 1998 this little seed company was awarded U.S. Patent Number 5,723,765: Control of Plant Gene Expression. Although this is a broad patent, covering many diverse applications, the one application we are talking about here is the scheme of the author of this patent to engineer crops to kill their own seeds in the second generation. The end result is referred to as Terminator Technology and this would render all saved and replanted terminator seeds totally useless to both home gardeners and farmers.

Here in North America our farmers can often afford to purchase new seed every year, but in the third world, most farmers use the seeds from their last year's harvest for about seven years before buying new seed. Even with this cost effective method, people are still unable to afford to farm enough to feed the ever-in-

creasing population, and the high cost of grain and other staples is well out of reach of many of the world's poorest people.

What would happen in underprivileged countries if they were forced to purchase new seed every year? Many small farmers would be driven out of business, and this is in an area where every farm is vital to the economy, this could mean mass starvation.

One reason the biotech industry gives for the use of the Terminator Technology in combination with other genetically engineered varieties of seed is to keep the GMOs from "escaping" into the environment. With many biotechnology critics expressing their fears of GMOs being let loose into the wild, claiming their effects on the ecosystem would be difficult to predict the idea of having all of the second generation seeds die looks like a likely solution, but would it be creating even more greater consequences down the road? Over the next few months, many of us will be receiving this year's edition of our favorite seed catalogues. Take a few extra minutes to read the small print before you make your next order.

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# Point, click - and purchase this Christmas

Southam News

Rob Lee is in his office at Lee Valley Tools pondering the phenomenal start to the firm's new online store. Not many corporate executives would chuckle about a demand that is so red hot it fries equipment and keeps staff trapped in the building until the wee hours of the morning. Particularly when the snafus come mere weeks before Christmas. But Lee does.

"We're getting creamed," he says, letting loose a howl of glee. "We've got guys hooked up to our main system here until about 2 o'clock in the morning dealing with inquiries and so on. It has been very well received, particularly in the U.S."

"Our statistics server overloaded," says Lee, the firm's vice-president of marketing and son of founder Leonard Lee. "We're waiting to install a new hard drive."

All he knows is that Web surfers have bought more than 6,000 goods during the last several weeks. He's not at all nervous about the deluge - even though a crush of Christmas orders snowed under many a big retailer last

year, including the likes of Toys 'R' Us and Chapters. It is Lee Valley's long history of mail-order success that gives him confidence: Christmas stock was ordered months ago, and the company has plenty of shipping experience. "We had one item two years ago that Martha Stewart said was her personal Christmas gift that particular year," he says. It was a stainless steel woodworking rasp that Stewart fancies as a kitchen grater.

This holiday season is shaping up to be the biggest yet for online retail. Various experts have said that Americans will collectively spend \$10 billion or more online for Christmas. Last week, for instance, U.S. shoppers spent \$735.7 million at Internet sites, according to a survey by BizRate.com Inc. The purchases rang in at 78 per cent more than the similar week last year, when consumers spent \$412.2 million. Market research firm Pollara, meanwhile, is forecasting that Canadians will part with as much as \$1 billion - up



SOUTHAM

Lawrence Chiabai with his wife Debra, with twins Alex and Katie, are both fans of online shopping.

from \$650 million last Christmas season. Pollster Ipsos-Reid is "conservatively" forecasting \$535 million - double its prediction for last year.

In Christmases past, e-sales were the domain of dot-com companies, firms that proliferated with the sole purpose of selling goods online. But this year older "bricks-and-mortar" retailers such as Lee Valley Tools have waded in to snatch a piece of the market. Just last week, retail giants Canadian Tire and Hudson's Bay Co. launched their sites in time to capture some of the holiday action. Canadian Tire spent as much as \$36 million to develop its site only to hear complaints that it could not be accessed on its first day.

In Canada, the big player is Chapters.ca. It, too, is struggling. It recently let go 18 per cent of its staff to cut costs. Combined with earlier staff departures, the money-losing online merchant has managed to trim one-quarter of its workforce and save an estimated \$5 million.

Increased consumer activity online comes at a time of shakeout for many dot-coms. "Many of the major players that were aggressively advertising last Christmas are no longer with us, sad to say," says Internet guru and author Rick Broadhead.

As women surpass men in 'Net use, "this will be the year that more women will do the first-time trying out," says Halifax Internet consultant Susan Sweeney.

Still, Canadians are cautious cybershoppers. A survey by American Express released in October showed that only two in five Canadian surfers expect to buy something online during the next year, lagging behind online buyers in Hong Kong, Sweden, the U.S., Australia and Argentina.

Lawrence Chiabai is a high-tech worker who lives outside Barrhaven with his wife Debra and six-month-old twins, Katherine and Alessandro. He did a fair bit of last year's Christmas shopping online and expects much of the same this year - in part, because it is easier to keep a handle on the kids at home. And since book merchants are selling titles at deeper discounts online - and are willing to ship them for nothing - why not?

This year online merchants are luring customers with free shipping offers, having learned that shipping costs drive people away.

Retailers are also getting better at warning customers about extra charges and are taking pains to spell out precautions they've taken to ensure privacy and security. Once the giving season is past, there's another hurdle: the returning season. The best systems are designed to let consumers complete a return without ever having to talk to the online retailer. Using their personal computers, consumers can initiate a return, print out a return mailing label and track the return's progress online. The system also should alert consumers that their accounts have been credited once the process is complete.

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# Indigo launches hostile Chapters takeover bid

By Joan Walters  
SOUTHAM NEWS

A well-known business power couple - she a leveraged buyout specialist, she the founder of Indigo Books - launched a \$63.5-million takeover for financially troubled Chapters Inc. on Tuesday.

Gerry Schwartz, president of Onex Corp., and Heather Reisman, chief executive of Indigo, are principals in Trilogy Retail Enterprises Inc., a private firm formed to launch their bid for the 77-store chain, a fierce Indigo competitor.

Their \$13-a-share cash offer for a controlling stake in Canada's largest book-seller would lead to a merger with three-year-old Indigo, whose smaller online operation and 15 stores are set up and operated virtually the same as Chapters.

Both big-box-style chains offer coffee bars, cushy chairs, special readings and endless browsing, but neither can be successful in the current market, Schwartz said.

Over-expansion and "sub-optimal" fi-

nances at both firms means the chains need to be "right-sized," including closings, layoffs and the payoff of debt, he said.

"The Canadian retail book industry suffers from overcapacity and lacklustre profitability," Schwartz told a conference call.

A startled Chapters, saying it had not been contacted and was working from Trilogy's release, called the bid "totally inadequate." The company said it believes it is in fact on better footing than Indigo, which does not disclose financial information.

Schwartz, best-known for his failed 1999 attempt to merge Air Canada and Canadian Airlines, said he is acting separately from Onex - the rich, publicly traded conglomerate that controls food, computer, manufacturing and movie interests.

Reisman, who with her husband shares a 48-per-cent stake in privately held Indigo, was not part of Tuesday's conference call with analysts, staying characteristically behind the scenes.

But Schwartz said the two believe Chapters needs rescue.

Analysts liked the prospect of the merger, noting there would be strong efficiencies in combined marketing and online operations alone. Chapters Online, which was spun off into a sister public company in 1999, earlier this month cut staff by 18 per cent and took a \$500,000 charge to ensure it has enough cash to keep operating until it becomes profitable, likely at the end of 2001.

Investors sent Chapters shares up by almost 22 per cent on the Toronto Stock Exchange, where they closed up \$2 to \$11.10, still well off the year-high of \$23.50.

"The deal looks as if it could really pull together this category," said analyst Steve Boase of J.C. Williams Group. "If they're together, they will have a much easier go."

Some analysts were surprised the bid did not roll out the other way around, with the larger Chapters bidding for Indigo, which put off a plan to go public earlier this year.

"But with Chapters having some financial issues, Indigo obviously thinks it's the right time," said Boase. "If Chapters gets some much needed cash, it's good for everyone."

The offer for 4.9 million shares at a premium of 50 per cent on Chapters' recent average trading price would give Trilogy 50.1-per-cent control of its bricks-and-mortar superstores and the flailing online operation, Chapters.ca.

Trilogy had already accumulated a 9.5-per-cent stake in Chapters before the bid, leaving only 41 per cent of shares needed to gain control.

The deal would have to be approved by the federal Competition Bureau.

Schwartz indicated the takeover was constructed after previous talks with Chapters executives failed. He said the plan will "create substantial value for shareholders, improve the current market environment for Canadian publishers and provide a better experience for consumers."

# Shoppers can still buy Lexus at supermarket

SOUTHAM NEWS

People are unlikely to confuse a can of fruit juice with a luxury car, a panel of judges has decided in overturning a trademark ruling.

As a result, shoppers will still be able to purchase Lexus food products at the supermarket.

The Federal Court of Appeal reversed a ruling that would have prohibited Quebec company Lexus Foods Inc. from using its name to market canned fruits and vegetables as well as various kinds of juices.

The court rejected Toyota Motor Corp.'s arguments the food company should not be allowed to use the Lexus moniker since most Canadians associate it with the car-maker's upscale automobile.

"It is hard to see that anyone about to buy some of the canned fruit juice of the appellant would even entertain the thought that the Japanese automobile manufacturers of Lexus was the source of this product," Justice Allen Linden wrote in his reasons for the court's decision.

Hard to mistake fruit juice for a fancy car.

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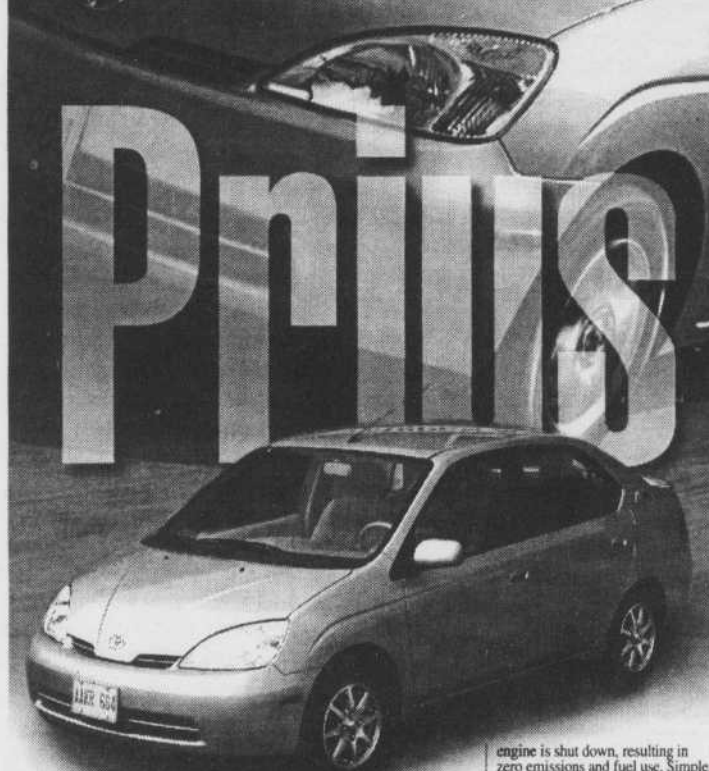
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By JEFF MELNYCHUK  
WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

**T**he automotive world is as diverse as music and fast food... maybe even DNA.

At times, contrary is a better description.

At one very-far end of the spectrum there are barn-sized behemoths with lavish trinkets and appointments as well as voracious appetites for fossil fuel, rubber, air and even parking lot patience.

At the other end of the spectrum are high-tech micro-mechanisms that do their darndest to be efficient, clean, cheap to run and technically advanced.

You already know what side has held the upper hand over the past 100 years or so.

Well, for 2001, a couple of manufacturers, including Honda and Toyota, are trying to make it easier to see the eco-light. And with the escalating price of fuel, there might be no better way to see that beacon than through your very, very thin pocketbook.

While past efforts at alternative-fuel — or no-fuel — vehicles have met with limited success, the new Toyota Prius (Honda has its Insight) is poised for mass-market impact. Why/how? Because it's fool-proof. There's nothing to plug in or charge and you don't have to search out strange, exotic fuels that aren't available at the front counter of the midnight gas bar. You fill 'er up just like you always do and... forget about it for a long, long time.

The operational simplicity of the Prius is of significant benefit to buyers because they know there aren't any 'ifs' or 'buts' when it comes to signing on the dotted line. Therein lies the beauty. The Prius pretty much looks and drives like a normal car, because it is a normal car... at least outwardly.

The Prius is referred to as a Hybrid vehicle because it combines the best of both electric and gas-line-motor technology. Gas motors, by themselves, are notorious fuel

wasters under acceleration and deceleration (why does an engine need to use fuel when it's slowing down?), while we haven't quite figured out how to make battery-powered cars last more than a couple of trips to the city without needing a recharge.

"Our goal was to create a vehicle that would get consumers thinking about unconventional technology in very real and very practical terms," says Toyota's chief Prius engineer.

The solution, as Toyota sees it, is to use both power sources — at different times, or even at the same time — to create forward motion.

The combined use of the 70-horsepower 1.5-litre DOHC four-cylinder engine and 44-horsepower electric motor is nearly imperceptible to the driver. Basically, the electric motor operates under 2,400 RPM to help the Prius swiftly accelerate when the gas engine is at its least efficient. In fact, only the electric motor works when pulling away from a stop sign or while the vehicle is cruising under light load. In normal driving, power from the gas engine is divided between the wheels and the generator that powers the electric motor. Under full-throttle acceleration, the electric motor draws extra juice from the onboard batteries.

When slowing down or when brakes are applied, the motor recharges the batteries — no outside charging is needed. As well, the gas

engine is shut down, resulting in zero emissions and fuel use. Simple.

The key to the system is the transmission that sends engine power to the wheels and/or to the generator that controls the electric engine. Put simply, the transmission regulates how much power of each engine is used at the wheels.

The transmission is of the variable variety, so it never needs shifting. You just press on the 'go' pedal and... away you go.

Inside, the Prius looks and feels pretty much like (well, sort of) any other car on the road. It comes in one loaded model that includes climate control, power windows/locks/mirrors, AM/FM/cassette stereo and ABS. The instruments are located high on the dash and near the base of the windshield to make room for the 15-centimetre-wide screen that helps monitor the condition and power 'flow' of the Hybrid system.

And what about the weight? Does having all that extra electrical stuff under the skin of the Prius turn it into a stone? Not really. The Prius, although dimensioned somewhere between the Echo and the Corolla, tips the scales at nearly 2,800 pounds, 400 more than the Corolla and almost 800 pounds more than the Echo. It is, however, a couple hundred pounds lighter than a Camry. That disparity could have been a bigger problem (as more weight means less fuel economy), but the weight of the gas engine has been trimmed down with lighter internal components (that limit the redline to 4,000 RPM). So far, so good. Now what about the price? Just shy of \$30,000... Toyota's heart is in the right place, but even with an outstanding fuel-economy rating of 45/52 (U.S. mpg city/highway rating) it might be tough to justify the \$10,000 price difference between the Prius and comparably-sized and equipped gas-only cars. Of course, that's if the price of gas doesn't go up...

Time will tell, as this is only the first step. As the Hybrid technology evolves, the price will come down, power to wheels will go up and its usage in other, larger, gas-sucking vehicles will be inevitable. The important thing is not to lose sight of the future where the Prius is clearly paving the way.

SPEC SHEET

2001 Toyota Prius

- \*Four-door sedan comes in one feature-filled model.
- \*1.5-litre DOHC four-cylinder, rated at 70 horsepower, combined with a 44-horsepower (33 kilowatt) electric motor.
- \*Continuously-variable transmission.
- \*A leading-edge, high-tech vehicle that points the way to a greener automotive future.
- \*The Prius enjoys fuel-sipping economy that's tops in its class.
- \*High level of standard content makes eco-driving easy to take.
- \*Base price: \$29,990

# CBC chair resigns

By Chris Cobb  
SOUTHAM NEWS  
OTTAWA

Guyline Saucier, chairwoman of the CBC board of directors, quietly resigned on Monday, leaving Prime Minister Jean Chrétien with the first major cultural vacancy of his new mandate.

Saucier says she is quitting before the end of her five-year term to devote more time to her job as chairwoman of the Toronto Stock Exchange's committee on corporate governance. She will leave the CBC on Dec. 8, three months before her term expires.

The chairperson, president and board of the CBC are appointed by the prime minister. CBC watchers are now anxiously waiting to see whether Chrétien's new majority government will pursue a patronage-as-usual policy. All members of the current CBC board are Liberal loyalists.

Saucier had a fractious relationship with former CBC president Perrin Beatty and is said to be getting on no better with current president Robert Rabinovitch. Critics say that clashes are inevitable, irrespective of who holds the two CBC jobs, because both are appointed by the prime minister and both feel they should be boss.

Ian Morrison, spokesman for the pro-CBC lobby group Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, said the prime minister should back off and allow the CBC board to appoint its own chairperson.

"There is a built in conflict with the current system," said Morrison. "If the board was allowed to choose its own chairperson, they would choose on a merit basis and be more inclined to find the type of person who would normally be chosen to run a billion-dollar corporation."

At the very least, added Morrison, the Prime Minister's Office should work closely with Rabinovitch and senior members of the CBC board before appointing a chairperson.

"The ongoing tension is not good for the CBC," he said. "The CBC needs a chairman who sees it as their job to be a team player and to help the president to do his job."

But Pierre Juneau, who held both jobs simultaneously until his term ended in 1989, said the CBC does not need a chairperson and the position should be scrapped.

"The government has the authority to appoint the president and chairman," said Juneau, "and that can only lead to trouble because they both feel they have the authority to run the place. One of them has to lose. It can only work if the chairman is prepared to be only a figurehead and that's never likely to happen."

The position of CBC chairperson was created in 1991 by the Mulroney government with the appointment of veteran broadcaster Patrick Watson to the new position. Watson's relationship with then-CBC president Gérard Veilleux also deteriorated.

In a normal corporate arrangement, the president is an employee charged with running the company, while the role of the chairperson is to represent the interests of shareholders.

Any new appointment is destined to create another conflict, said Juneau.

"I know Rabinovitch well," he said. "He is a very capable and experienced person. He's obviously going to run the place."

Megan Williams, national director of the cultural lobby group Canadian Conference of the Arts, is canvassing members for ideas on who should become the next CBC chairperson.

"It's a thorny problem," said Williams. "The chair of the board was not intended to micro-manage the CBC but a lot of that seems to have gone lately. We need a strong cultural nationalist capable of understanding the CBC's complex budgeting process but finding the right person isn't going to be easy."

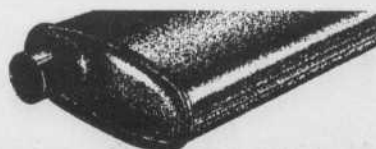
Saucier was not available for comment.

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# Ouellet and the Huskies down the Castors 5-2

*Rouyn-Noranda win streak up to six games*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

"The Castors deserved better tonight." Those were the words of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies' Jean Pronovost after his team rallied for four third-period goals to defeat the Sherbrooke Castors 5-2 Tuesday night at the Palais des Sports.

The Sherbrooke Castors ran into the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's hottest goaltender, and team, Tuesday night and it was too much to overcome.

The victory marked the sixth consecutive win for the streaking Huskies who are now tied with the Hull Olympics for second place in the Lebel Western division. The Huskies have three games in hand on the Olympics and have recovered an early season slump that saw them at the bottom of the heap in the highly competitive Lebel Conference.

Tuesday's game was billed as a goal-

tending battle between Ouellet and the Castors' Drew MacIntyre. For the most part, it lived up to the hype. MacIntyre was exceptional in the first period as he kept the Castors in the game with some brilliant saves as the Huskies controlled the action for the first twenty minutes.

Maxime Bouchard beat MacIntyre once, and stopped 12 of 13 shots. Sherbrooke tied the game in the period's final seven shots when Nicolas Corbeil one-timed the puck past Ouellet on a power play. The Castors came alive in the second and took a 2-1 lead on rookie Sébastien Courcelles's power play goal.

Sherbrooke should have had a better lead but Ouellet stoned then with 14 saves as Sherbrooke could only capitalize on one of five power play opportunities. The Huskies tied the game on a power play goal by Jonathan St-Louis and took the lead for good on Michael Pinc's tally, again with the man advantage.

The Huskies iced the win with a pair of late goals by Guillaume Lefebvre and Wesley Scanzana. Scanzana's goal was an

empty-net score. Sherbrooke had their chances in the final period but Ouellet was sensational as he came up with big save after big save. He finished the night with 40 saves and improved his league record to 8-1-1. He leads the QMJHL in save percentage and won-lost percentage and is a major reason the Huskies are starting to live up to its pre-season expectations.

"We didn't play very well tonight, but we won because of Ouellet," Pronovost said after the win. "He has been sensational since returning from the Philadelphia Flyers." While Ouellet was very good, he was also a little lucky. With



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The Castors' first goal of the night.

Rouyn-Noranda leading 3-2 late in the third, the Castors appeared to have tied the score during a scramble in front of the Huskies' net. But referee Frederic L'Ecuycy ruled the whistle had blown the play dead, although the puck was never actually covered by Ouellet.

# Champlain hockey hosts St-Laurent tomorrow

*Cougars set sights on second place*

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain Cougars men's hockey team faces a crucial weekend as they play a home-and-away series with the second-place St. Laurent Patriotes.

The two teams meet at the W. B. Scott

Arena in Lennoxville Friday night before completing the weekend with a game in St. Laurent on Sunday. The Patriotes hold a three-point lead over the Cougars and head coach Sylvain Laflamme is hoping to gain some ground in the standings prior to the Christmas break.

"This is a big weekend for us," Laflamme said prior to Tuesday's practice. "The back-to-back games give us an opportunity to build on last week's win over Leflèche." Champlain started the season red-hot winning their first five games but have

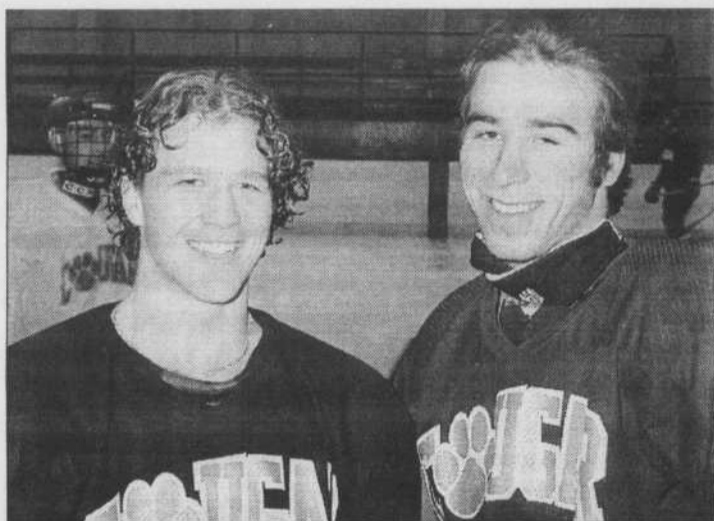
cooled off since.

The Cougars are coming off their finest performance in over a month, a decision over Leflèche last Friday. Pierre-Luc Gosselin and Thierry Poisson scored two goals apiece to spark the Cougars offensive attack while goaltender Jean-

François McKay came up with some big saves in the opening period.

Leflèche jumped on the Cougars early and lead 2-0 after twenty minutes of play. But Champlain roared back with six unanswered goals to secure the win. "We were fortunate to only be down by two goals after the first period," Laflamme said. "J-F McKay did an outstanding job and kept us in the game until the offense started to click." Laflamme had special praise for the overall play by both Gosselin and Poisson.

"They really showed some leadership and played very well. It wasn't just the



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

The Cougars' Pierre-Luc Gosselin and Thierry Poisson.

goal scoring, but they did a great job at both ends of the ice. "They provided the spark we needed to in the second and third periods."

The Cougars will play two exhibition games before breaking for Christmas. They return to league action in January.

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**SHERBROOKE**

The Women's Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting held at Hotel Le President at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 4. Christmas music and sing-along with Bernard Galipeault.

**AYER'S CLIFF**

A.G.R.H.S. Students are holding a Sale/Bazaar to raise money for a trip to Italy at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To rent a table or for information call (819) 838-4680 or 838-4306 after 3 p.m.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Victorian Christmas Tea at Uplands. Traditional High Tea on Saturday, December 2 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission charged. Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society, 9 Speid St., Lennoxville. (819) 564-0409.

**SCOTSTOWN**

Christmas Tea, Food and Sales Tables, December 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Sherman Residence, 66 Osborne Street. Benefit of St. Andrews United Church.

**BISHOPTON**

Christmas Card Party and Luncheon at the Catholic Church Hall on Saturday, December 2 at noon. Ham and scalloped potatoes. Cards at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Maxwell Rebekah Lodge #17.

**MELBOURNE**

December 2 is the date of the Christmas Bazaar at St. Andrew's Church in Melbourne. Sales tables open at 11:30 a.m. followed at noon by a lunch of homemade soup, rolls, cheese and sweets.

**AYER'S CLIFF**

All members of the Stanstead County Agricultural Society are invited to attend the annual meeting which will be held in the basement of the Catholic Church, Clough St., Ayer's Cliff on Saturday, December 2 at 1 p.m.

**WATERVILLE**

The A.C.W. of St. John's Church will be holding their Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sales tables and a drawing. All are welcome.

**CHERRY RIVER**

Cherry River Gospel Chapel Ladies Christmas meeting on December 12 at Parkside Ranch. Light lunch will be served at 6 p.m. Speaker: Wendy Pond. Music: Kerry Lapointe. Crafts, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend. Gift exchange.

**AYER'S CLIFF**

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale at Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. Crafts, gift items, jewelry, dollar table, baked goods (beans, bread, rolls, squares, cookies) and complimentary coffee.

**LENNOXVILLE**

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas will take place at St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University on Saturday, December 2 at 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**SHERBROOKE**

Sunday morning Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 10, 971 Galt St. East, Sherbrooke on Sunday, December 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Bingo at 2 p.m. Also, reminder: Election Meeting on Monday, December 4 at 7 p.m., all members should attend. Info: (819) 563-4944.

**RICHMOND**

There will be a Generator Clinic Day held on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the farm of Tim and Maria Keenan,

288 de la Riviere, Richmond. Mr. Luc Pelletier from Generator Drummond will show the proper hook-up of generators and give any other information pertaining to generators. There will be a small charge. Open to all that are interested. Sponsored by the Richmond Quebec Farmers' Association.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Bring your lunch to the Lennoxville Library for a general meeting on Monday, December 4 at 12:15 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Coffee and cookies will be served. Memberships for 2001 are now available.

**AYER'S CLIFF**

Christmas turkey bingo, Friday December 1 at 8 p.m., St. Barthelemy Catholic Church Hall, 911 Clough Street, Ayer's Cliff. Admission charged. Marathons, regular games and specials. Welcome to all.

**RICHFORD, VT.**

The Missisquoi River Basin Association will hold its monthly Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at Richford High School, Room 315, in Richford, Vermont. Open to all interested in protecting our watershed. Info: call (802) 868-5304 or 933-8851.

**KNOWLTON**

Cribbage Tournament at Odd Fellows Hall, 476 Knowlton Road, Knowlton on December 2. Registration at 1 p.m. Starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission charged. Door prizes. Everyone welcome.

**RICHMOND**

Richmond Agricultural Society will hold their annual meeting on December 5 at the Marquis Motel at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Come see Uplands' winter invitational entitled "Bonheur d'hiver 2000" on display until December 17. The Lennoxville-Ascot

Historical and Museum Society: exhibit entitled "Nina M. Owens 1869-1959" will be on display until December 18. The annual Victorian Christmas Tea will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On December 8, Christmas Concert featuring the Uplands Musical Society. Uplands is open Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Uplands, 9 Speid, Lennoxville.

**COOKSHIRE**

December 3, Sunday evening, there will be an Advent Carols Pilgrimage service at St. Peter's Church, Cookshire at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**KNOWLTON**

Mental Health and Well-being meeting at St. Paul's Church in Knowlton at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Do you or someone you know suffer from some form of mental illness? For more information call Linda (450) 243-0928.

**LENNOXVILLE**

Bill Garrett & Sue Lothrop will be playing at the Church Street Café on Friday, December 1 at 8 p.m. The Church Street Café is located in the Gertrude Scott Hall of Lennoxville United Church, at the corner of Queen and Church Streets.

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

## The Stanstead North Women's Institute meeting

The Stanstead North Women's Institute met at the home of Doris Gibson on November 2nd. President Gertrude Ketcham opened the meeting by thanking Doris for opening her home to us. She welcomed the members and guest, Debbie Smith. The meeting started with The Mary Stewart Collect and Oath of Citizenship. This month was Citizenship & Legislation and also brings the members together counting UNICEF money collected by Sunnyside School students. On Nov. 6th, four members and our friend Doug Johnston rolled a grand total of \$510.00 in coins which was sent to UNICEF. Many of the students were brought in by their teachers to see how each child's efforts count up when all the boxes were emptied out. The Women's Institute are very proud of Sunnyside School students and the encouragement from teachers for a job well done. Congratulations everyone at Sunnyside.

The Motto: Getting the tissue out of the box before you sneeze.

Roll call: Bring your favorite Christmas recipe. A few brought recipes which were passed around and copied. There were nine members present and most were wearing a poppy.

Secretary, Velma Eryou read the min-

utes of the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's report by Ruth Putney showed a favourable balance.

Correspondence - A thank you from the principal of Sunnyside for our donation of \$25 to the hot lunch program.

Convener's reports: Agriculture - Irene Johnston reported that Doug had gone to the Quebec Farmers meeting at MacDonald College. Doug said they had sold tickets on a quilt to be raffled and raised over \$2,000.00. Doug had a nice trip and enjoyed seeing and visiting with everyone.

Cultural Activities - Elane Wilson spoke about the quilts on display at the Colby-Curtis Museum. One is a lovely log cabin. These quilts are on display until Nov. 19th.

Health - Doris had a tip for everyone and guaranteed it to work. If you need a shave or to get grease out of your clothes, use Cheeze Whez. Cool Whip works wonders on your hair. Not many were willing to try it.

Citizenship & Legislation - Gertrude Ketcham's word of advice was be sure to Go Vote on Nov. 27th. To remember Nov. 11th is Veterans Day and to attend the services in town. Gertrude also mentioned that Donald and Fern Dewey's nineteen

year old, granddaughter, Marie Anne Dewey Plante is a candidate for the Conservative party for Stanstead-Compton.

Home Economics - Phyllis read a story about soap, "Washing Clothes through the ages". Some historians believe Sapo clay, found near Rome about 3000 B.C. was the first soap.

Education - Irene Shelden had an article on Rape Awareness, from a workshop held at Alexander Galt School.

Safety - Velma's report was "Indoor Contaminants" much of our pollution is indoors, dust mites, smoke and lead paints. Don't rely on your sense of smell. Dampness in the home, most basements are damp. Exhaust clothes dryers to the outside.

Sunshine - Ruth had done her detective work and found that Phyllis had a birthday this month. All members joined in wishing her happy birthday. We all helped Ruth with the Christmas card list. Phyllis will inquire how Norma Holmes is doing.

International Affairs - Velma told us about the Storm pushing across Europe. A man drowned off the west coast of Denmark. England through France nine lives were lost from high winds and 22 rivers flooding. A ship lost 6000 tonnes of toxic

chemicals into the English Channel.

Environment - Phyllis read an article on Farm Manure linked to Walkerton E. coli tragedy.

Gertrude reminded all the conveners to send their yearly reports to the County by Dec. 15 and the Provincial Conveners reports to the Province by Jan. 15th. The program book to be done by Dec. 15th to be sent to Janet by Jan. 10th.

Nominations were done for next year. The memory book will be updated by Cultural Activity Convener Elane Wilson before our March branch meeting.

Plans for the December Christmas party were discussed. Each member will bring their favourite dish. Phyllis encouraged members to bring their husbands or invite a guest.

With no further business our meeting was adjourned. Doris delighted us all with her four kinds of homemade breads, cheese and tea. Of course we had to taste them all.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party held on Dec. 7th at the home of Phyllis and Melvin Dustin at noon, followed by a few games of cards and socializing.

Submitted by Phyllis Dustin,  
(Publicity)

# Obituary

**STANLEY HERBERT MacDONALD**  
1924 - 2000

Funeral was held August 23, 2000 for Stanley Herbert MacDonald of Belleville, Ont., who died August 20, 2000 at Belleville General Hospital in his 77th year.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel of Burke's Funeral Home with Rev. Lloyd Shorten officiating. The eulogy was given by Rev. Shorten on behalf of the family to whom he is related. Following cremation, a private service was held at Belleville Cemetery.

Son of the late Herbert and Gertrude Anne MacDonald (nee Young).

Mr. MacDonald is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary West MacDonald (nee Campbell); his children Ronald MacDonald (Mary), Catherine Spicer (Doug) and Debbie Vani (Rick), all of Belleville, and Nancy MacDonald of Toronto; his grandchildren, Jaime, Julie and Jennifer MacDonald, Tyson Spicer, and Nicholas and Emma Vani; and his cousins Francis Bernard of Danville, Que., and Lois Harris of Victoria, B.C.

Mr. MacDonald was born June 18, 1924 on Scotch Hill, near Danville, Que., and educated at Asbestos High School and O'Sullivan Business College in Sherbrooke. Growing up in Asbestos and Danville he learned to be bilingual; a trait he never failed to use or be proud of. It was also here where he learned to play hockey on open air rinks, and thus began his lifelong love of the game. He served his country in WWII with the RCAF as an Air Gunner (Sgt.) joining at 17 years of age and was injured in England, returned to Canada and faced two years of rehabilitation in both Montreal and Sherbrooke. This was a period where he had to basically re-learn how to walk and talk, although he never skated properly again. He had to retake some of his previous education before



he could complete high school and business school. Upon returning to Danville he met his wife, Mary who was there on special assignment as a Registered Nurse. They were married in 1948 and after living in Montreal, Toronto and Prescott, Ont., settled in Belleville in 1955 - a town he loved until the day he died - and together raised their family. He was an auditor for the Federal Government in both the Income and Excise tax departments and retired in 1987 with 35 years of service. Mr. MacDonald was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He served his community as a volunteer in the Legion Poppy Fund, Seniors Club, Westgate Lodge, Volunteer Bureau, Cancer Society and the Federal Superannuates Club.

Mr. MacDonald will always be remembered for his work ethic, determination and love for his wife and family, home, country, travelling and hockey.

## Sawyerville Jeanne Lowry

Justin and Jeanne Lowry accompanied by Mary Scholes of Flanders attended the Conventing Service for Rev. Dorreen Moffat in Beulah United Church in Ayer's Cliff.

On Thanksgiving night Justin and Jeanne joined the rest of the family at the home of James Lowry and Pat Semple for coffee and dessert.

They also attended the brunch for the Bulwer Community Center on Sun-

day.

Jeanne Lowry went with the Spice of Life to Grace Chapel in Sherbrooke for an fun afternoon.

On Sunday Justin and Jeanne Lowry attended the hymn sing in Bishopton.

Jeanne Lowry along with Janice Hartwell and Faith Harmer of High Forest were on the bus going to the Q.F.A. Annual Meeting at MacDonald College in St. Anne de Bellevue on the 1st Nov.

## Card of Thanks

**JENNE** - We wish to express our sincere thanks to our family and friends who held an Open House for us to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. They rented a hall, decorated it beautifully with balloons, photos, etc. and lots of food. A big thank you to our many friends who attended, some came a long distance, and all who sent cards, gifts and best wishes. Your friendship and love is greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful day, with many happy memories. With our love and thanks,

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## Deaths

**COUSENS, Lloyd Harvey Baxter** - At the Montreal General Hospital, on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at the age of 74, following a courageous battle with cancer. Loving husband of Doreen and father to Brian (Caroline), Steven (Debbie), and the late Jeffrey. Cherished Grampa of Samantha, Robyn, Kristen, and the late Stephanie. Dear brother of Kathleen (Baron), Arthur (Cathy), Thelma (Arthur), Bruce (June), and the late Ronald (June); brother-in-law of Winston (Denise), Florence and Alice. Memorial service to be held Sunday, December 3, 2000, at 2:00 p.m., Roxboro United Church, 116 Cartier, Roxboro. Interment at Knowlton, Que., in the spring. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Alfred Dallaire Inc. Sincere thanks to the staff of the Oncology and Palliative Care Units, MGH. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to Palliative Care Fund, Montreal General Hospital, E 10145, 1650 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Que., H3G 1A4, would be appreciated by the family.

**MARTIN, Lloyd Gordon** - Peacefully at the CUSE Site Fleurimont on Monday, November 27, 2000, Mr. Lloyd Martin in his 84th year. Beloved husband of the late Noema McMahon and the late Dorothy Hyatt Greene. Lloyd will be sadly missed by his children, Gordon (Celine Mulvihill of Metcalfe, Ont.) and Phyllis (Bob Desnoyers of Metcalfe, Ont.) and also by his step-children; Elizabeth (Brendan Larrobee), Richard (Marjorie Green), Sylvia Grenn-Guevette Nelson (Bonnie Green), Rosemary (Lyle Morrison), Hally Saxelby. Lloyd also leaves to mourn his sister, Hazel (Dan Worby), and will also be sadly missed by his five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 14 step-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren, along with many relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., (819) 564-1750, where friends may visit on Friday, December 1, 2000, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m., and on Saturday, from 10 - 11 a.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home in Lennoxville on Saturday, December 2nd, at 11 a.m., with the Reverend Curtis Patterson officiating. Interment in the Compton Cemetery at a later date. Please note: There will be a Legion service on Friday, at 7:30 p.m. The family would like to thank the CUSE Fleurimont Site for the wonderful care and devotion provided to Lloyd during his stay.

## Hatley W.I. meeting

The Hatley W.I. met at the home of Mildred Roarke on Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was opened in the usual manner by repeating the Collect, Lord's Prayer, and Salute to the Flag in union led by Olive Whitcomb.

Motto: Today's news is tomorrow's History.

Roll Call: articles for silent auction, eight members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Business arising: Quarterly meeting in North Hatley.

Mildred gave the treasurer's report. Irene Humphrey read her letter of welcome from to the W.I. Provincial President, Helen Routliffe.

Correspondence: Letter from Wales Home read by Winnie.

Moved by Phyllis Knapp and seconded by Irene that all commitment be paid.

Convenor's reports:

Agriculture: Prizes were given to Matthew and Daniel Bowen who tied for 1st for vegetables. Prizes were given for flowers to Jacob and Valerieanne Bedard who tied for 1st for flowers. Robin Bedard for flowers - Olive.

Canadian Industries: Item read about Hydro Quebec line between Magog and Sherbrooke - Genevieve Shepherd.

Education: Grapefruits and oranges now on sale at school - Debbie Smith.

Publicity: Reports are sent in regular - Winnie Wright.

Articles for fair exhibit were all promised.

New business: New program was set up for next year.

Meeting adjourned by Debbie. Round Robin won by Irene.

A delicious lunch followed supplied by Debbie and Scottie Miller.

Winnifred Wright

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Dealer: North			
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1 NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000

## The day and curse of Scotland

By Phillip Alder

This is St. Andrew's Day, commemorating the patron saint of Scotland. But do you know which card is known as the curse of Scotland? It plays a vital role in landing this three-no-trump contract.

West leads the spade four: six, 10, jack.

You have eight top tricks: one spade (given trick one), three hearts, three diamonds and one club. It looks so obvious to play diamonds from the top, cruising to at least two overtricks. However, when diamonds break as in the diagram, East gets in to push through a spade, and West rattles off four tricks in the suit for one down.

Rather than gamble, enter dummy with a heart, then play a diamond to your nine. West is welcome to the trick because he cannot profitably lead another spade. And now that you have five diamond tricks established, the contract is secure.

Here are six possible reasons why the diamond nine might be known as the curse of Scotland:

1. In the game Pope Joan, the diamond nine was called the Pope.
2. The dispositions for the field of Flodden in 1513 were drawn up on the card by James IV of Scotland.
3. It was the chief card in cornette, which was introduced by Mary Queen of Scots.
4. The order for the 1692 Massacre of Glencoe was written on the back of the card.
5. It is derived from the nine lozenges that formed the arms of the Earl of Stair, who was loathed for his part in both the Massacre of Glencoe and the union with England in 1707.
6. "Butcher" Cumberland wrote the orders for the 1746 Battle of Culloden on the back of the card.

## Revisit this situation and see that justice is done

### Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am writing in response to "Dad in San Francisco," who wants to remarry, but doesn't want his two sons to know about it until after the wedding. My stepfather could have written that letter.

Twenty years ago, my mother married "Allen," a kind man who had cared for his sick wife for several years before she died. Allen had two grown sons from that marriage. They hated my mother from the moment Allen introduced her to them. They never wanted their father to remarry. They refused to acknowledge my mother's presence, and sent cards and gifts only to Allen. Mom was never invited to their homes, even though they were married for almost 18 years.

When Allen became sick, Mom and I cared for him around the clock. When he died, my mother followed his wishes and had him buried next to his first wife. She took nothing from his estate. His selfish sons will never know how much they hurt their father by not accepting his wife. They punished him because he found happiness. I hope what goes around, comes around. — Daughter

in Norman, Okla.

**Dear Daughter:** Your story is an old one. I have heard it time and time again. I hope you realize that your mother may be entitled to part of Allen's estate (they were married almost 18 years), and she would be foolish not to go after it. Perhaps you should revisit this situation and see that justice is done. As for Allen's sons, they will live to regret their selfishness. You can count on it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** My husband has threatened to divorce me because I cannot stop spending money. I've already maxed out all my credit cards, and he says he's fed up. I have really tried hard to control my spending, but I can't seem to do it. Whenever I feel low, I go shopping. It cheers me up a lot. I do have a decent job, but I don't make much money. My husband is a tightwad, and we argue about money a lot. Right now, I am so far in debt that he says I have used up all my second chances. He is ready to move out.

How can I stop spending and get my husband back? I want him to trust me

again. — Feeling Stupid in Alabama

**Dear Alabama:** Your real problem is not spending, it's depression. You go shopping when you are depressed and, as you said, it "cheers you up." It may also be your way of asserting yourself against your husband's "tightwad" tendencies.

I urge you to seek professional help to get you out of the depressed state. You need it desperately in order to get your life on the right track. Don't delay. Tell your husband you are going to get help for your "spending sickness," then DO IT. Get moving, and good luck.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Will you print one more letter about spanking? I think my father had the right idea.

Whenever any of us kids misbehaved, my father would turn us over his knee and spank us with the side of a toothpick. This, of course, would bring down the house laughing, and believe me, the humiliation was worse than any beating. If we ever acted up, all my father had to do was pat his shirt pocket where the toothpick was, and we would settle down.

When my first child was born, Dad sent me a "paddle" carved from a tongue depressor with instructions on how to use it. Sweet? — Whipped in Wyoming

**Dear Wyoming:** Your father sounds like a dear man with a delightful sense of humor. Consider yourself blessed, and pass it on to the next generation. That original toothpick should be a family heirloom. Encase it in glass, and frame it.

## Women's Institute awards bursaries

Missisquoi County Women's Institute awarded two bursaries to students who are continuing higher education. The Elizabeth Anne Beach Bursary was awarded to Annie Needham of Frelighsburg who is in her third semester of nursing at John Abbott College. Annie is currently doing stages at the Montreal Children's Hospital in pediatrics, and the Lakeshore General Hospital in obstetrics. After graduation she hopes to work in pediatrics. Annie is also involved in the Volunteer Meal Program at Ste. Anne's Veterans' Hospital where she helps patients who need assistance eating, and visits with those who are in need of company. When Annie has free time she enjoys spending time with her

family and friends as well as painting, drawing, reading, hiking and bicycling.

The Ella Beach Brown Bursary was awarded to Stephanie Chartrand of St. Armand who is attending Champlain College in St. Lambert. Stephanie is pursuing a career in Tourism, and plans to get her degree. She spends her free time baby-sitting and whenever possible housesits for people on vacation as well. Stephanie enjoys playing soccer and gardening.

We wish both girls success in their studies and chosen careers.

Submitted by  
June M. Lamey  
Bursary Chairperson  
Missisquoi County W.I.

## 40th wedding anniversary

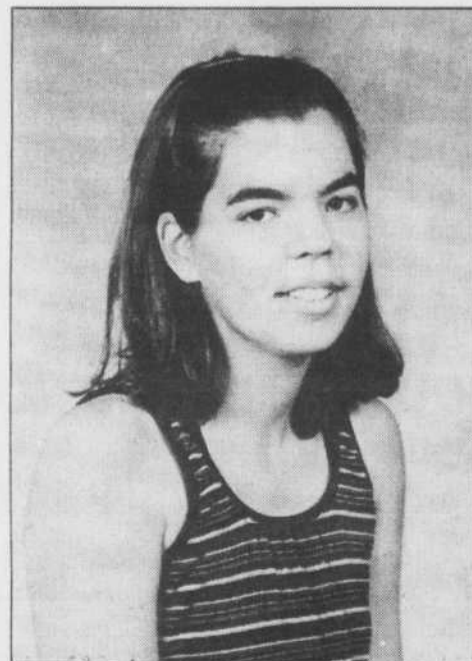
Norman and Barbara Anne Pye have returned home from a two month tour of Europe in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

### West Keith Kay Olson

Harry and Barbara Crawford along with Terri and two daughters, Ashley and Brittany all of Websterville, Vt. were weekend guests of June Morrison. Merrill Morrison of Foyer St. Joseph was also a day visitor.

Wendy Coates and Kay Olson spent ten days in Ontario, visiting Trish Dougherty and Peter Dvorack, Unionville and were overnight guests of Robert and Mary Stokes in Markham; also visited Greg and Terri Stokes and their new baby Jenna Elizabeth, born Oct. 5 and spent a few days with Frank, Nancy and Gunnar Barkhouse in Fergus. Wendy attended the Crohns Clinic in Toronto.

Evelyn and Francis Shadbolt of Montreal were evening guests of June Morrison.



Annie Needham



Stephanie Chartrand

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: X equals C

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ALHIIHZDY GDYGLYZHDGL JHU
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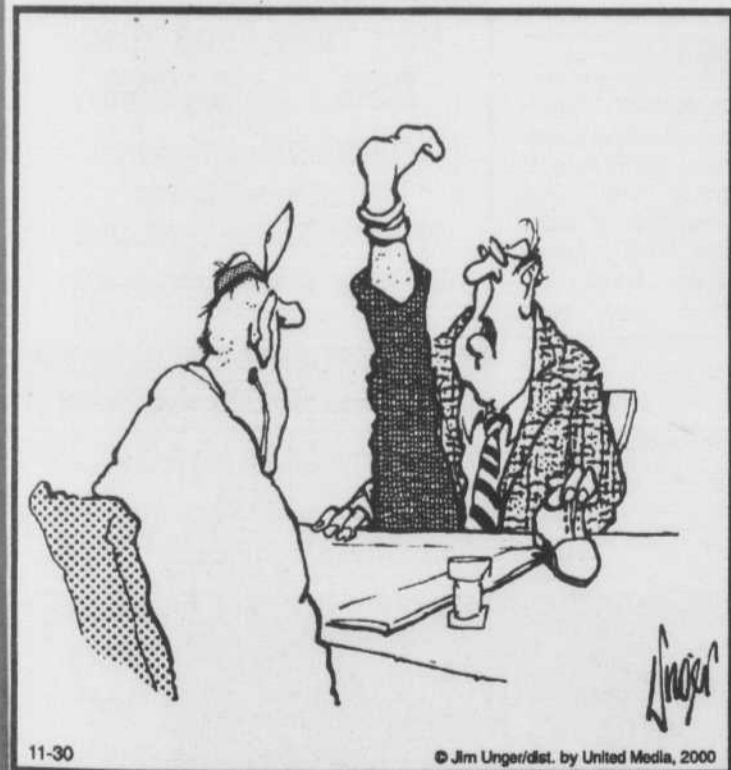
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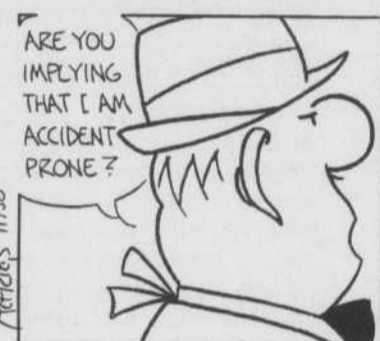
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Notice is also given that said By-Law No. 725-2000 is presently filed in the archives of the Municipality, at the office of the Town Clerk, at the Town Hall, 150 Queen Street, Lennoxville, where anyone interested may read it during regular office hours.  
Notice is finally given that By-Law 725-2000 comes into effect in accordance with the Law.  
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Johanne Henson,  
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294 Events

**WILD BIRD SEMINAR**, Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., at **Blue Seal, Lennoxville**, 292 Queen. Guest speaker: **Angela Losito**, Wildlife Biologist. Learn all about feeding, attracting and identifying your feathered friends. Refreshments and door prizes. Free admission. Telephone (819) 348-1888. Everyone welcome!

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Recent visitors of Arthur and Hazel Rogers were Roland and Theda Lowry one evening and Rodney Lowry and Diane another evening.

In late October Eleanor and Helen Taylor received the news that Paul Kenz

had died at Swanton, Vt., in mid-September. Mr. Kenz was the husband of Barbara (Chapple) Kenz, a cousin of Neil and Paul Taylor (now deceased). Since they had not been able to attend Mr. Kenz's funeral, Eleanor, Helen and Donna (Taylor) Nugent travelled to Swanton on Oct. 5 to offer sympathy.

They also visited Barbara at her home on a farm near Swanton, which is now operated by their son Steve for the last four years. Also left to mourn is a daughter, Mrs. Nisha MacEwen and several grandchildren and one-great-grandchild. Mrs. Kenz graciously welcomed her Canadian cousins and insisted on

serving them a delicious meal at noon aided by Pauline, her weekly cleaning lady and cooking helper also a very good neighbour of Barbara. The visitors arrived back home to Birchton around 5 p.m. the same day.

The church bell was rung in Birchton on Oct. 17, the day of the Women's March.

Former neighbours here will be sorry to hear that Howard Picard, now of Belleville, Ont. is in hospital and in poor health.

**Red Cross group**

HIGH FOREST

The first Wednesday of November, five members of the Red Cross group enjoyed a pot luck dinner in the United Church hall.

A short meeting was held after dinner.

A thank you was received for lunch served after a funeral.

Several items of business were talked about and will be discussed at the December meeting, when it is expected to be a larger attendance.

A few cards will be sent to persons who are shut-in or hospitalized.

Next meeting will be first Wednesday in December.

Phyllis Lowry

**Your Birthday**

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000

That lucky break you've been hoping would happen could be coming your way in the year ahead. When it occurs, make the most of it and utilize all the good aspects that come with it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to commit yourself today to an agreement, be it written or verbal. If it looks like you can make a deal, go for it. The aspects favor you at this time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Focus on developments today that can add to your material growth, because you'll be much luckier in this area than you normally are.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone you meet today on a social level could prove to be exceptionally fortunate for you as time goes on. Cultivate any new contacts you make at this time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) This is an

excellent time to finalize important matters that have been hanging. You'll have no trouble taking care of things in a manner that'll end happily.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You won't be spinning your wheels when it comes to the idea department today. You're bright, imaginative and clever. Don't be afraid to express your thoughts to potential supporters.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Follow your dreams today, because there's a strong chance you could realize what you desire, especially if it involves something material.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Anyone who turns to you today for leadership or guidance won't be disappointed. You're an adept thinker who knows how to translate your thoughts into workable solutions.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Don't summarily dismiss any hunches or feelings you get today regarding factors that pertain to your material interests. Lady

Luck is trying to tell you something that could help.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Something might be presented to you today that at first may sound too good to be true, but upon questioning, you'll discover it came about through the assistance of a close friend.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tackle any project or weighty issues today that you may have thought too challenging for you to handle. Conditions have now changed, and you'll complete it with ease.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you'll still get all your duties and responsibilities out of the way today, the day could turn out to be more social than work-oriented.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An unexpected lucky break could develop for you today that will be precipitated by influences you do not control. It could have something to do with your family.

**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Eurasian vipers
- 5 Until now
- 10 "Lucy Crown" author Irwin
- 14 Fellow
- 15 Astound
- 16 Forum wear
- 17 Actress Garr
- 18 Firmly fixed
- 19 Mongols' tent
- 20 Start of Evan Esar quote
- 23 Born in Brest
- 24 Bowlers' milieu
- 25 Church leader
- 27 Jots
- 29 Crossbeam
- 32 Lofty
- 33 Part 2 of quote

- 37 Explorer Johnson
- 38 Theater projection
- 40 Assistanc
- 41 Part 3 of quote
- 43 \_\_ Domini
- 44 Really angry
- 45 Moneylender
- 47 Requirements
- 50 Italian noble
- 51 Along in years
- 52 End of quote
- 58 Gymnast Korbut
- 60 Looks suggestively
- 61 Amusement park thrill
- 62 Germ
- 63 Tenant's contract
- 64 Cruising
- 65 Make/meet connector

- 26 "\_\_ Miserables"
- 27 Worn out
- 28 Tilting tower town
- 29 Plumed velvet cap
- 30 Sound defeat
- 31 An honest man?
- 33 Fox chaser?
- 34 Expression of a New Englander
- 35 Fork part
- 36 Smell
- 38 Fen
- 39 Arab robe
- 42 Presley movie, "\_\_ Galahad"

- 43 Fatal bacterial disease
- 45 CEOs
- 46 Even one
- 47 Hangman's loop
- 48 Actress Barkin
- 49 Advanced gradually
- 50 Blaspheme
- 53 Earthen crock
- 54 Cry
- 55 Grizzly \_\_
- 56 \_\_ fixe (obsession)
- 57 Connery or Lennon
- 59 Want \_\_

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- 1 Proceedings
- 2 Noah's eldest son
- 3 Law office assistant
- 4 Popeye's power source
- 5 Mouths off
- 6 Portents
- 7 Destiny
- 8 Black Sea arm
- 9 Clair or Coty
- 10 Pig's pad
- 11 Pursue relentlessly
- 12 Come to terms
- 13 Irrigate
- 21 John Hancock medium?
- 22 Ziegfeld Follies, e.g.

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1. Contest is open to children ages 4-10.
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3. Winners will be drawn from the entries received.
4. All entries become property of this paper and must be received at our offices on or before December 8, 2000. Drawings for winners will take place December 11, 2000.
5. Children of The Record & Zellers\* employees are not eligible to participate.

### CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (town) \_\_\_\_\_ (postal code)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: The Record, P.O. Box 1200 Sherbrooke, J1H 5L6 or  
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