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Tax increase will help compensate Gauthier Town of Brome Lake residents to pay for policemen's crime

By Maurice Crossfield

Residents of the Town of Brome Lake will be faced with a one-year tax increase to help pay for the beating two police officers carried out against David Allen Gauthier in 1982.

Friday afternoon Brome Lake mayor Homer Blackwood and councillor André Groulx held a press conference at which they announced property owners will be faced with a special tax amounting to 10 cents per every \$100 of evaluation.

That means that for a \$100,000 home, the owner will have to pay an additional \$100. The average property value in Brome Lake is \$116,000.

"Our choices are limited and a special tax is inevitable," said Blackwood.

On Thursday the Supreme Court decided in favor of Gauthier, who was suing Brome Lake, former police chief Alyre Thireault and officer Mario Beaumont in

connection with a brutal beating he received in March 1982. Canada's highest court awarded Gauthier \$300,000 plus interest and court costs from 1988 when he first launched his suit. In all that adds up to \$700,000 to be paid by the town, Thireault and Beaumont.

The bill is a difficult one for Brome Lake, which has an annual budget of about \$5 million. The cost, \$700,000, is almost identical to the municipality's annual policing budget.

Blackwood said about \$250,000 of the bill will be handled by cutting a variety of projects. Among them are \$56,000 previously earmarked for sidewalks, \$20,000 in water treatment, \$50,000 in water and sewage and \$20,000 in road repairs. Streetlights, town planning, financing costs and sports and leisure activities will also be affected.

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Will Townshippers be reflected less? The changing face of Global Quebec

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE

After less than a year on the air, Global Television in Quebec is preparing to shake up its schedule canceling several locally produced shows in favor of a new Montreal-based morning show and moving its poorly-rated evening news telecast from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in direct competi-

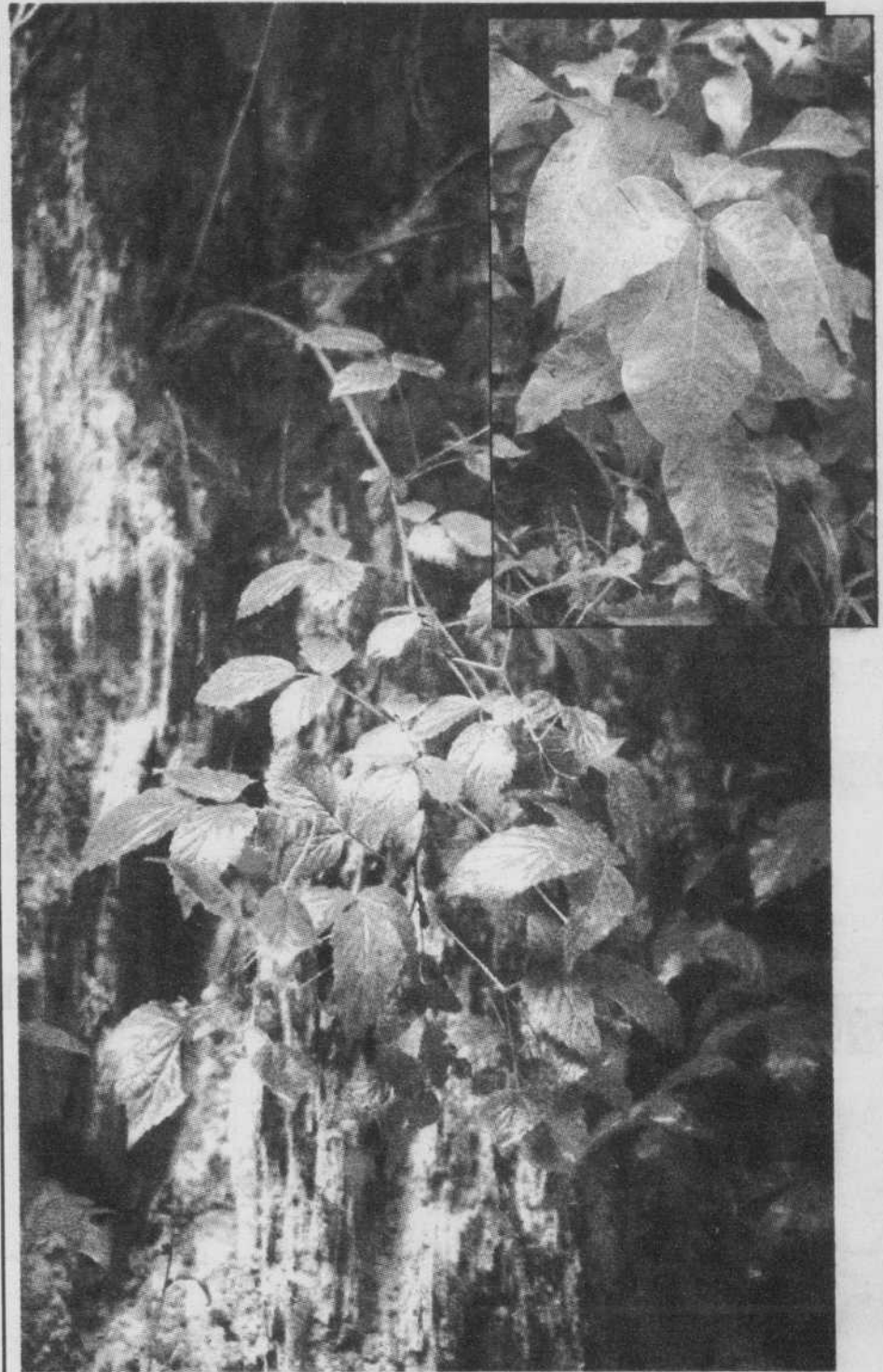
tion with Pulse and Newswatch.

The new Montreal morning show has some Townshippers concerned that with fewer local shows they may see themselves reflected less often on the regional broadcaster.

Getting pulled between now and its first anniversary in September will be the late local newscast hosted by

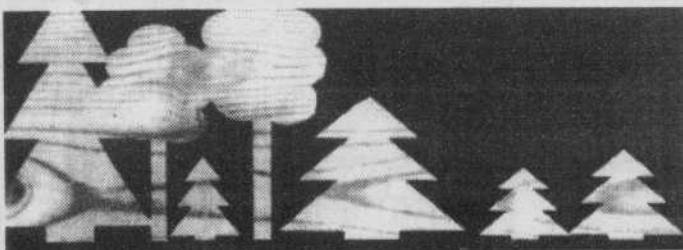
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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



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A stroll along the bicycle path near Lennoxville revealed this beautiful raspberry plant living in a crack in a rock face. All kinds of plants, including poison ivy (inset), can be found beside this former railbed.



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Hydro finally did the right thing Fishers wouldn't take nothing for an answer

A modest but determined couple living in Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley have shown that the Davids of the world can - sometimes - defeat the Goliaths.

On June 26 last year a Hydro-Québec meter man backed his truck over Clifford Fisher while the 23-month-old tot was playing in his yard. As is usual for the giant utility, Hydro turned a cold shoulder on their victim's parents, Lyne Morin-Fisher and Bill Fisher, when they sought some recourse for their loss. But the Fishers wouldn't take nothing for an answer and determined to do something about it. They discovered a num-

ber of disturbing facts.

- Although they are on the road for several hours every working day, Hydro Quebec's meter readers and bill collectors receive no training to be safe drivers.

- Hydro doesn't even have guidelines, let alone regulations, governing the driving habits of its workers.

- As a result, the man who killed Clifford received neither reprimand nor sanction for his negligence.

- The Fishers for their part were entitled only to routine compensation from



CHARLES BURY

La Société de l'Assurance automobile du Québec, the government car-insurance board. Quebec's no-fault rules prevent lawsuits about accidents involving vehicles, whether or not the mishap actually takes place on a road.

Armed with these disturbing facts, the Fishers began a petition campaign to provoke changes in Hydro's methods and the SAAQ's rules. Though

they were told over and over that they would ultimately fail, the couple was nothing if not persistent. They also showed a touch of political savvy, bringing their case to the attention of the local media and enlisting the support of Robert Benoit, deputy for Orford in the National Assembly.

The newspapers, radio and TV were glad to take up the couple's cause, which crossed Quebec's complex cultural boundaries to strike a sympathetic chord in everyone who heard their story. The Fisher's petitions collected thousands of signatures, their connections in Quebec City asked their questions at the highest levels. But the trail to success against Hydro is not exactly an open road.

The huge utility is a power unto itself, pretty much writing its own rules and often ignoring even the government which supposedly controls it. Although the term itself comes from Washington, the concept of 'stonewalling' - admit nothing, deny everything - has been perfected by Hydro-Québec. Hydro treats public opinion like a disease - to be avoided at all costs and suppressed when all else fails.

For a year, Hydro followed its usual practice, insisting that there is "no miracle recipe to prevent accidents", and therefore its drivers needed neither training nor guidelines.

But a couple of things happened to

help this, the ultimately cynical Crown corporation, to change its mind.

- Because of and immediately after Clifford Fisher's needless death, the city-owned Hydro-Sherbrooke had equipped all its small trucks with larger rearview mirrors and with an extra convex mirror on the tailgate allowing the driver to see immediately behind. The city also added tough new safe-driving rules, for what officials called a negligible cost.

- Coroner Roger Michaud was about to release his report. Michaud had found Hydro's driving rules to be inadequate and he had worked with utility officials to establish tougher standards and require safe-driver training for its employees.

- Finally, Hydro needed some good public relations in the Eastern Townships. Strong public opposition faced both its current local building projects - the TQM gas pipeline in Orford and the Des Cantons-Hertel 735-kv connection in Val St-François.

So Hydro finally did the right thing, announcing both new training and tougher rules last week. Congratulations are in order for Bill and Lyne Fisher, and of course you already have all our sympathy.

As for changing the no-fault law to allow lawsuits in cases of gross negligence like this, that hasn't happened yet. But governments can be just as cynical as Hydro can, and just as desperate for good PR. And there's an election coming soon...

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Saving the Bury United Church

On Tuesday July 14, the Bury group interested in saving and restoring the United Church building as a 'Community Hall' are asked to meet at a follow-up meeting at Pope Memorial School at 7 p.m. All are welcome. We are close to reaching our goal of \$3,000 and we

need anyone who is interested in this endeavor to be there with their spirit and ideas. We thank everyone who has shown such tremendous support for our group. Together we can do this.

Submitted by Margaret James

TODAY'S WEATHER

MONDAY: Variable cloudiness with 40 percent probability of showers. Risk of thundershowers in the afternoon. High near 26. Winds southwesterly increasing to 15 to 30 km/h in the afternoon.
TUESDAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near 16. High near 29.
WEDNESDAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near 15. High near 29.
THURSDAY: Variable cloudiness with chance of showers. Low near 17. High near 29. Probability of precipitation 30 percent.

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Promoting water safety message 80% of drowning victims don't wear life jackets

By Maurice Crossfield

With the number of boats on Canadian lakes growing at a breakneck pace, police and other organizations are stepping up efforts to ensure everyone makes it home safely.

That message was made loud and clear at a press conference held on Lake Memphremagog last Thursday. With the sun trying to break out from behind the clouds, police, public safety organizations and campaign sponsors discussed the importance of boating and water safety. The campaign is called "Getting Back to the Dock Safely."

In fact, drowning is ranked third among the leading causes of accidental death in Quebec. In 80 per cent of all drownings, the victims were not wearing personal flotation devices, said Stéphane Brochu of the Société de Sauvetage.

That number is expected to go up as the level of boating traffic on Canadian waterways continues to rise. In the last three years there has been an increase of 140,000 boats and personal watercraft in use nationwide. Much of that is due to the success of Sea Doos and other tiny boats, known as personal watercraft.

"Almost everyone knows the rules of water safety, but they have to be reminded to make sure they actually follow them," said Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord. "We must respect the water, and respect others on the lakes, such as swimmers, divers and other boaters."

One of the rules that is most often ignored is the use of life jackets. Denis Gendron of Buoy O Boy life jackets said there are currently 250,000 vests owned by Quebecers.



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

In the last three years there has been an increase of 140,000 boats and personal watercraft in use nationwide, say police.

"The problem is not sales, but to get people to wear them," he said.

Gendron said his company is now turning out vests in colors other than the usual blaze of orange in the hope that a more fashionable vest is more likely to be worn.

Meanwhile the various police forces in the region have spent the last two weekends cracking down on boating violations. On the weekend of July 3, 4 and 5, boat patrols from the Memphremagog MRC, the Memphremagog Police and the nautical patrol of the QPF stopped 64 boats for spot checks. Captain Yves Denis of Memphremagog Police said the officers checked for a variety of things, from illegal drinking and contraband to safety checks.

For the QPF, water safety became a priority in 1981 with the formation of its nautical patrol. Today the Estrie region has five members with two boats, while 65 officers work on the water province-wide. With a large number of lakes dotting the Townships, coverage

is still sparse.

Also, patrolling international lakes

like Memphremagog and Lake Champlain are officers of Customs Canada. Spokesman Marc Gaulin said boaters sailing regularly across the border should keep in mind they are obliged to check in with customs, unless they register under the Can Pass system.

"Last year we were concentrating more on prevention," Gaulin said. "But this year we are becoming more strict."

Dubord said the increased patrols on Lake Memphremagog will continue this coming weekend. The boating safety campaign, however, will continue for the rest of the summer. He said developing good habits on the water can save lives.

"Many of the accidents are related to a lack of knowledge, to negligence or to the abuse of alcohol," he said. "They could have been avoided."

Boating rules for 1999

Staff

As of January 1999 recreational boaters will have a new series of regulations to face, including the introduction of operators permits.

The new legislation was presented in the House of Commons in June and should be passed into law later this year, said Stéphane Brochu of the Société de Sauvetage.

"This will touch all of the nautical industry," Brochu said.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of what lies ahead for Canada's boaters:

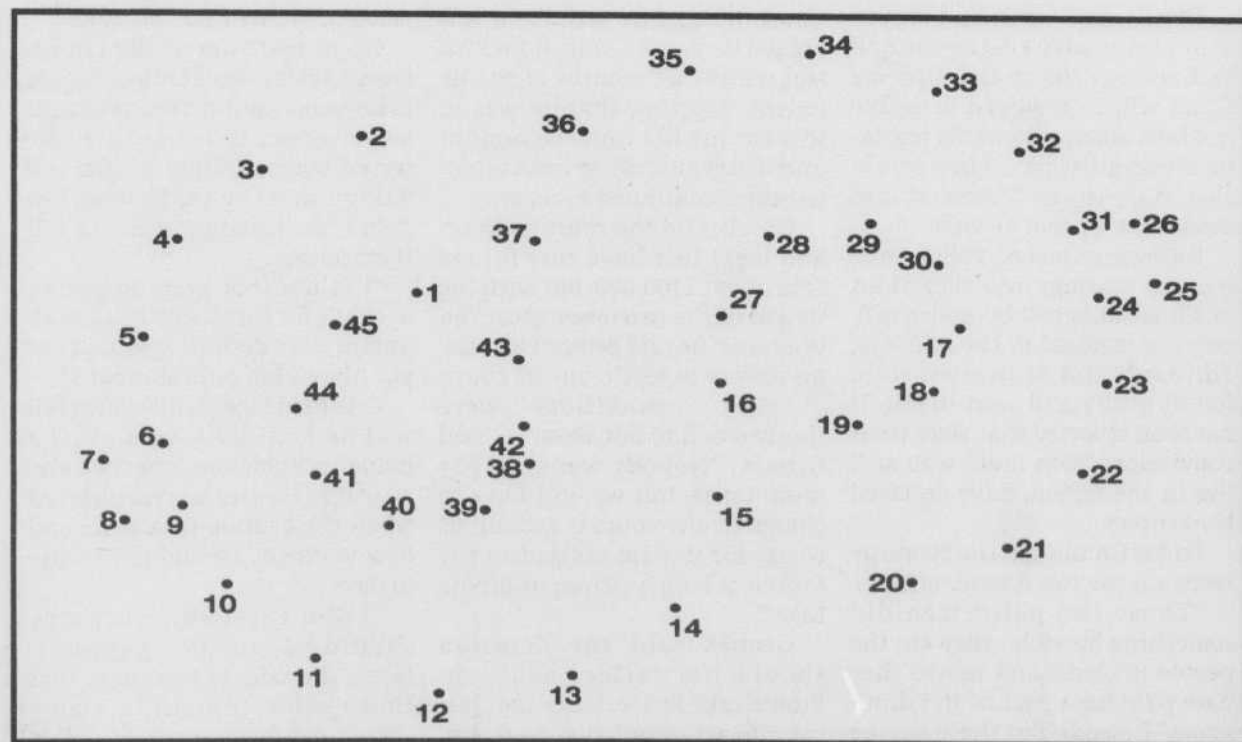
- For non-motorized boats and boats with motors of less than 9.9 horsepower there will be no requirement for a training course or operators permit.
- For boats with 10 to 40 horsepower

motors, anyone between the ages of 12 and 16 will need to take a course and get a permit.

- For 40 horsepower boats and up, you must be at least 16 years old to operate and you must have passed a certified training course and gotten your permit.

- Personal watercraft, such as Sea Doos, will be restricted to those 16 years of age and up. Operators will have to take a course and get the appropriate permit.

- In all of these categories where a permit is required, only those over 55 years of age will be exempt. Boaters over that age will be able to continue owning and operating their boats as they always have.



Want to bet
that you still find
this amusing?

One of many changes in the brigade

North Hatley has new fire chief in Steve Coles

By Marty Patriquin
NORTH HATLEY

Steve Coles, 47, is the new North Hatley fire chief and with his appointment will come several changes, said Jacques Robidas, presi-

dent of the Régie intermunicipale protection d'incendie.

Also elected were assistant chief Mike Munkitterck and acting captains Randall Kent and Dany Mckelvey. The four, all of whom have served on the North

Hatley firefighting brigade, were appointed on Wednesday night and officially named on Friday. The other members of North Hatley's brigade were informed of the appointments Thursday night.

Robidas said there will be two new mandates within the brigade. First, all firefighters will be capable of operat-

ing all the equipment, "which was not the case in the past," said Robidas.

Second, in an attempt to develop a better-organized brigade, the 22-member brigade will be divided into crews of four or five men, each led by an official.

"If we get this right, we'll have a fantastic brigade," said Robidas, adding this was not always the case.

Robidas called the techniques of former chief Alan Sharman "very old" and said he "refused to change his way of management." This outdated style, contends Robidas, put the men at a risk.

"We were very lucky we didn't have anything like (the Acton Vale fire)," he said on Wednesday.

Contacted on Friday afternoon, Coles said he was happy with his appointment, yet noted he would have never have "touched" the position "without the men behind me." Coles called Robidas a "now man" who wants changes right away.

"RIPI wanted a change, and Robidas

wanted a scapegoat," Coles said.

Cole does not believe that Robidas's criticism of Sharman's performance is founded. Rather, he said Sharman was of "the old school of running things," under which Cole himself was trained. However, the fire chief concedes there are new methods which must be learnt for the sake of an effective brigade.

"We all realized we got to change and we have to learn new techniques," Cole said.

He noted that five or six of the firefighters had just received their block A training, a 75-hour course which qualifies the firefighter to work within a community of 5,000.

Both Cole and Robidas said that Bruce Chute, a firefighter who expressed disdain at the recent in-fighting and was uncertain about his future with the North Hatley fire brigade, will remain on the force.

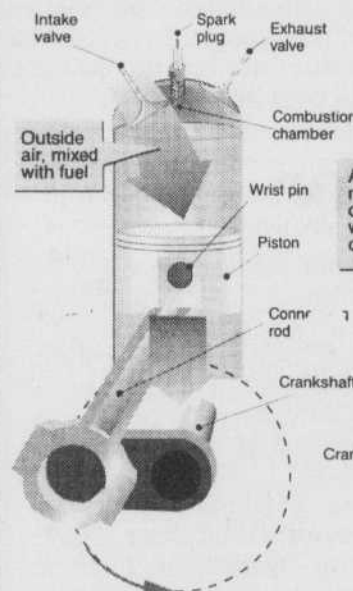
"I talked to him this morning, and he said he wanted to help out," said Cole.

AUTOGRAPH The four-stroke engine

The typical car or truck motor is referred to as a four-stroke engine. That's because every upward and every downward movement of the pistons have a specific function. It takes four of these strokes and two complete revolutions of the crankshaft to complete one power cycle. Here's how it works.

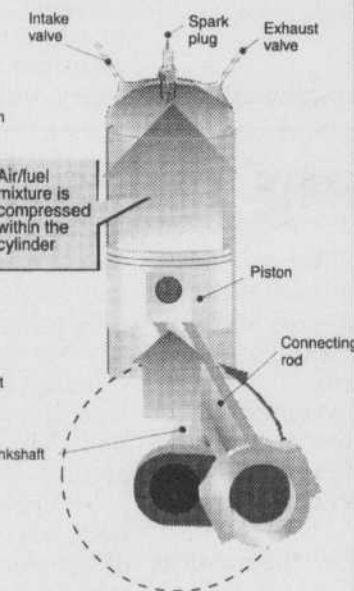
1. Intake

With the intake valve open, the piston travels downward, creating low pressure within the cylinder. Outside air, mixed with fuel, rushes in.



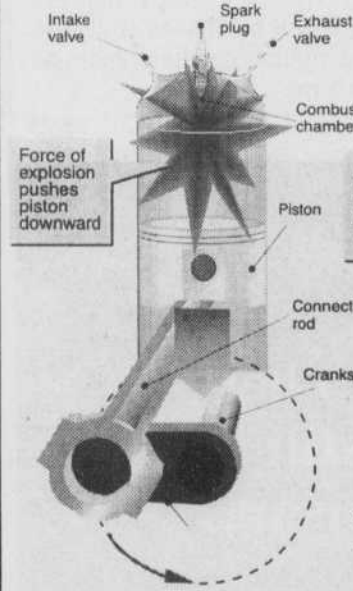
2. Compression

With both intake and exhaust valves closed, the piston begins upward travel, compressing the air/fuel mixture within the cylinder and combustion chamber.



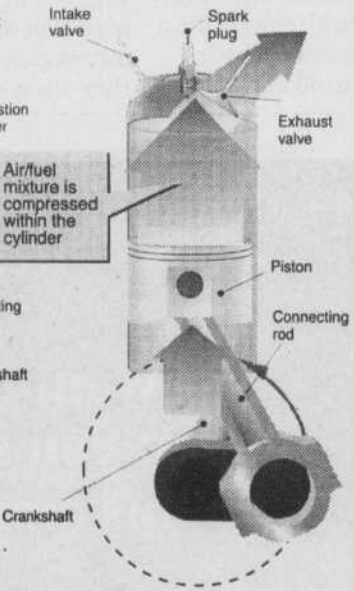
3. Power

The air/fuel mixture is detonated by the spark plug. The force of the explosion forces the piston downward creating engine power.



4. Exhaust

With the exhaust valve open, the engine continues its revolution, forcing the exhaust gases from the combustion chamber. The cycle then begins again.



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Tax hike:

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The remaining \$450,000 will have to come from taxpayers and Groulx said the council decided the special tax was the quickest and best way to cover the cost.

"As we expect the judgment to be executed primarily against the town, we will be at the next council meeting looking at procedures against these two individuals, Alyre Thireault and Mario Beaumont," Blackwood said.

"The town regrets the actions of its ex-employees," said Groulx. "Their actions were aggressive and abusive against one of our citizens."

Groulx said the town's lawyer, Tom Lavin, advised the council that another trip to the Supreme Court will be required to define just how much each of the parties involved must pay. They would then have to sue Thireault and Beaumont for that amount.

Following Quebec Police Commission hearings into allegations of abuse launched by police officers not involved in the beatings, Thireault and Beaumont were found guilty and sent to jail. It has been reported that since their convictions both men, who still live in the region, have declared bankruptcy.

Friday Groulx laid the blame directly on the two former officers.

"Those two policemen did something horrible, they are the people to blame and maybe they have paid for a part of it, I don't know," he said. "But these are the



Councillor André Groulx and mayor Homer Blackwood.

two people who are bringing all the trouble to the town."

The Gauthier case was originally thrown out by the Quebec Superior Court and the Quebec Court of Appeals because it was argued he did not launch his civil suit within six months of the incident. Arguing that he was in fear for his life until Beaumont and Thireault were convicted, Gauthier continued his case.

Groulx said the court hearings and legal fees have cost Brome Lake about \$100,000. But with the weight of the two lower courts on their side, he said Brome Lake saw no reason to settle out of court.

"Most councillors were shocked to find out about it," said Groulx. "Nobody wants to pay more taxes, but we will have to charge it, the court is forcing us to pay for it. I am a citizen of Brome Lake."

Groulx said the decision should not reflect badly on Brome Lake Police. Since the Quebec Police Commission hearings,

Groulx said there have been no serious problems with its police force.

"They do good work and they are well appreciated by the residents of Brome Lake," he said.

Upon learning of the tax increase Friday, residents of Brome Lake expressed mixed feelings. Most agreed that Gauthier deserved compensation for the suffering caused by the beating, but didn't like having to foot the bill themselves.

"I'm not that keen on paying it, that's for sure," said Pauline St-Amant. "We definitely should not pay Alyre's bill or Beaumont's."

One man faced with a large bill will be Ron Blair, who owns a home in Knowlton and the Lakeview Inn. He said he remembered when the beating took place and how word got around town with-in days.

"I don't see why everybody should pay for two guys mistakes," he said. "I just think that those who commit a crime should pay for that crime."

Global:

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Andrew Peplowski; Global Tonight, the supertime entertainment show hosted by Jamie Orchard; and the 11 p.m. sports news with sportscasters Richard Provencher and Paul Graif.

The new breakfast show, which will be hosted by Jamie Orchard, will be loosely based on the successful TVA show Salut Bonjour and will replace the broadcast of children's shows between 6:30 and 9 a.m. Peplowski will be the news anchor and Provencher will do the sports reports.

While he admits the new morning show will have more of a Montreal bent, News Director Benoit Aubin said that will not affect the station's commitment to covering the regions.

Benoit said the move to a morning news and information show reflects a trend in the United States which shows viewers have 20 minutes in the morning that they can dedicate to watching television. Most North Americans have TV sets in their bedrooms and kitchens.

"U.S. studies show this is where there is growth in the market," he said, adding that unlike national shows like Canada AM and The CBC Morning News, the Global Quebec show will feature more local and provincial news. It will also feature traffic and weather reports that Montrealers are used to getting off the radio, he said.

"I admit it will have a heavier slant on Montreal, simply because that's where the bulk of our viewers are," Aubin said, adding the new show will use news reports from the Sherbrooke and Quebec City bureaus.

Aubin staunchly defends his station, saying it does a good job of covering the regions.

"We have daily news from the Townships and Quebec City that the other ones (CBC and CFCF) aren't covering because they're just not there," he said, adding Global is committed to keeping its bureaus in Sherbrooke and Quebec City.

Aubin admits other English-speaking

Quebec communities such as those on the Gaspé coast, the Lower North Shore and the Laurentians have not been visible on Global, but he said there are plans to expand coverage to those areas.

Despite the station's firm intention to continue and expand coverage of the regions, Aubin said most viewers are located on the Island of Montreal and that's a fact they cannot ignore if they want to market their news and information shows and sell the ads they need to survive and thrive.

"Let's face it, the viewers aren't in Drummondville or St-Hyacinthe," he said. "Our marketing strategies are targeted to Montreal because that's where the majority of our viewers are."

Aubin said that English-speaking communities outside Montreal are also reflected in current affairs broadcasting, including regular spots by Record columnist Charles Bury on Sunday evening's Talking Heads show.

"Sports may be another matter, but we're not done creating and developing stuff," Aubin said, responding to criticism that off-island anglos aren't reflected in day-to-day sports coverage. Aubin also pointed to an expensive 10-minute special on the national championship win of the Bishop's Gaiters basketball team.

Aubin adds the switch to a later evening newscast was an acknowledgement of Montrealers' preference for watching newscasts at 6 p.m.

"Viewers in Montreal don't have time to get home by 5:30," he points out, admitting that going head-to-head with established newscasts like Pulse and Newswatch will be a challenge.

Aubin said the move to the 6 p.m. slot and the new morning show will be made possible in large part due to the purchase of a microwave unit used for live broadcasts. Right now Global is sharing facilities with its French cousin TVA meaning they have to wait in line for a chance to use the TVA facilities.

Despite reassurances, the move to a Montreal-based morning show has some English-speaking Quebecers outside the metropolitan area concerned about how

they will be reflected on the network which got its license on a promise to become a regional English-language broadcaster serving the Quebec City area, Montreal and Sherbrooke.

Jane Loiselle said that while a recent Gazette article did not say that regional broadcasts would be cut, its slant towards Montreal concerned her.

"They didn't actually say they were going to cut regional broadcasts, but we would obviously be disappointed because we had sent a letter of support."

She said the letter followed a request by Global to support its new television station which promised to deliver 12 1/2 hours of regional programming.

Global Television, which got its license to begin broadcasts in Quebec last fall, made a variety of promises to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission before it approved the purchase of CKMI in Quebec City by CanWest Global. Global said it intended to transform the tiny repeater station for CBC Montreal's CBMT-TV with three hours of local programming to a regional English broadcaster.

While CanWest's license proposal focused mainly on regional programming promises, it was clear the television giant was seeking a foothold in the profitable Quebec market controlled by CBC and CTV, which fought Global's bid claiming there just weren't enough advertising revenues to split the pie three ways.

As part of its application for a license to broadcast throughout the province, CanWest promised to deliver 12 1/2 hours of regional programming, including a daily evening newscast, an arts and entertainment show featuring Quebec performers and a weekly public affairs program.

A condition to the CRTC license forces CanWest to have 12 1/2 hours of local programming a week in the first year of its license. That will increase to 15.5 in the second year and to 18 hours by the fourth.

Despite the cancellation of the three half-hour shows, the new two-and-a-half hour morning show will meet the network's programming obligations.

The numbers and the term 'regional

broadcaster' have been confusing to say the least.

The Townshippers' Association understood that there would be 12.5 hours of regional broadcasts from off the island of Montreal.

"We interpreted that as 12 1/2 hours a week outside Montreal," Loiselle said, adding the association noticed an absence of stories not only on the Townships but also on other regions like north of Montreal, the Outaouais and the Gaspé.

"We were assuming all this time that 12 1/2 hours over the week would be outside Montreal," she said. "We knew we were not getting anywhere near that."

The programming changes came as a surprise to at least one member of CanWest Global's advisory board which was named by Global to act as an advisor-watchdog for the network in Quebec.

"As a member of the advisory council I was surprised to hear of these changes," said Hugh Auger, who represents the Townships's English-speaking community on the board.

Auger said he has contacted the chairman of the advisory board, John Parisella, to request a meeting to discuss the changes. The council also includes Quebec City lawyer Owen Carter, Jonathan Goldbloom and former Québécois premier Pierre Marc Johnson.

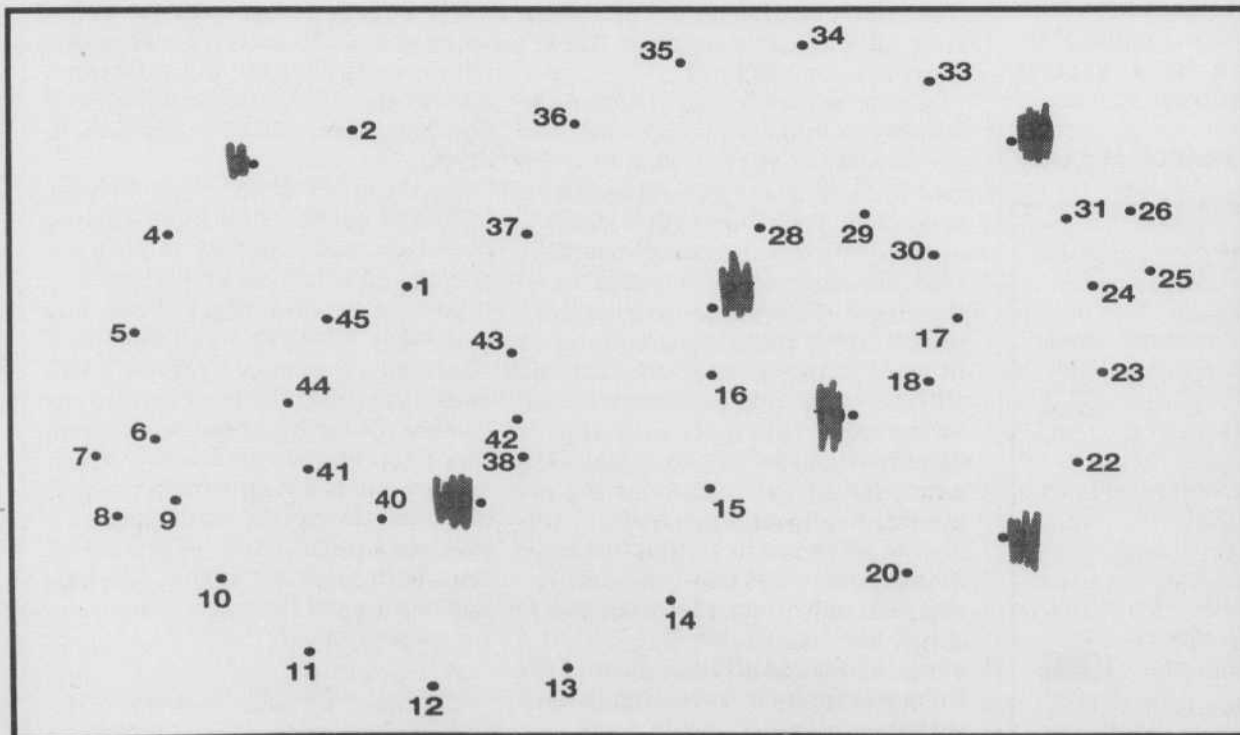
"I want to make sure the station lives up to its commitment for regional programming about the Townships," Auger said, adding he has been on the phone a number of times to raise concerns about the station here in the Townships.

Parisella said he has called a meeting of the advisory board for next week to discuss the programming changes.

Parisella said he had been informed of the changes and was satisfied with assurances there will be no cut to resources in the regions.

But he was less certain about how much input there will be from the regions in the new morning show.

"We need to have greater assurances and we intend to get them in the next week."



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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIAL

Don't bore visitors with talk of gall bladder operations – or distinct society

A group of American tourists with generous amounts of time and money to spend wanted to know everything there was to know about Quebec – from Samuel de Champlain to the exhibits at Biodome. Everything, that is, except details of the tedious political debate that seem to dominate most discussions of La Belle Province. Mention “distinct society” and their eyes glazed as though you were providing details of your recent gall bladder operation.

These tourists, like so many others who vacation here, have but a passing interest in which group stands for what. After all, when you visit the magnificent churches of Europe, you're more interested in the architecture and paintings than hearing the gospel according to Mark.

Visitors are far more intrigued with the mighty St. Lawrence, the still unspoiled landscapes, the ambience of the people and the sense of security they feel in both the city and country. What they really want to know is how we've managed to shelter it from outside influences. How we've been able to maintain the uniqueness of each town, village, region and avoid what one woman called “the sameness of every U.S. city.” They were intrigued by the spectacle of thousands of people meandering down St. Catherine Street at 3 a.m. without

the slightest concern for losing their purse – or their life. They loved the festivals, the theatre, the music, the joie de vivre.

The mystery for many Americans remains how Quebec and most parts of Canada have been able to insulate itself from big money and the powerful influences of those who see dollar signs in every river, lake and stream.

These tourists wanted to know about Quebec's unique French culture and how other Quebecers fit in the mix. They were impressed by Montreal's multi-cultural make-up and showed an appreciation for the inherent challenge of preserving the French language and culture while demonstrating generosity towards its minorities.

According to this group of tourists, Quebec is doing so many things right.

According to this group of tourists, Quebec is doing so many things right.

Now if the powers that be would just add a few discreet words of English here and there as prompts it's a safe bet more U.S. tourists would take advantage of the exchange rate and help boost the Quebec economy.

It then becomes everyone's business to black out every reference to Quebec's introspective, boring political situation, which can be a greater deterrent than the threat of natural disaster.

SHARON McCULLY



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Ask how to properly prepare for a driving test

DEAR EDITOR,

Getting a license is a big thing in every teenager's life, even mine, and it should be a good experience as well. Unfortunately, the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec doesn't share the same feelings.

About two weeks ago, I called the S.A.A.Q. to make an appointment to get a learner's permit once I turned 16. I was told that all I would need before I could learn how to drive was my birth certificate and social insurance card. That sounded great to me, so on the 9th of July, after turning 16, I found myself standing at counter 12 in the S.A.A.Q. in Sherbrooke. I had with me proof that I was born as well as my social insurance card and, of course, 10 bucks for processing fees. After filling out forms, testing my mental health and my vision, I was told to go to exam station “numero neuf.” Somewhat odd considering I was just ready to start learning how to drive, not take exams. But, I went, I wrote, and failed all three parts of the theory exam by a few marks in each section.

So now, I'm still sitting in the passenger seat, except I've had to buy \$30 bucks of driving manuals from the S.A.A.Q. and an appointment to rewrite a theory exam for a cost of up to 30 bucks. So basically, the S.A.A.Q. is making money hand over fist at my expense and at the expense of everyone trying to get a learner's permit who doesn't know exactly what questions to ask.

Getting my permit could have been an easy and financially reasonable thing except for my big mistake: I trusted the S.A.A.Q. to be honest and up front about what I really need to drive.

So if you are about to go for your learner's permit, don't get screwed over like I did. Ask how to properly prepare for a driving knowledge test. If you really want to get ahead, buy and study “Driver's Handbook” and “Driving a Passenger Vehicle”, two books published by Les Publications Quebec. Thirty bucks might not seem like a lot, but just think how much money the S.A.A.Q. would make if even half the people who apply for a learner's permit this year have to rewrite their exams at that cost. Just another rip off from the people who run your province.

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INTERNATIONAL

Portadown Orangemen expected to end standoff

Three children killed in Northern Ireland bombing

By Aileen McCabe

SOUTHAM NEWS

DRUMCREE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The death of three innocent little boys may finally put an end to the week-long standoff between Portadown Orangemen and Northern Ireland's security forces.

By late Sunday night, the local Orange Order had still not agreed to withdraw gracefully from the muddy hillside outside the Drumcree parish church, but the heart was gone from their protest.

Like everyone else in Northern Ireland, the Orangemen camped at Drumcree demanding their right to march down the Catholic nationalist Garvaghy Road were horrified to awake Sunday to the news that Richard, Mark, and Jason Quinn - aged 10, 8 and 7 - were burned alive in their beds overnight. They were the victims of someone who threw a petrol bomb in the window of their home in Ballymoney, about 65 kilometres northwest of Belfast.

The boys' Catholic mother and her Protestant partner managed to escape and their older brother was saved because he stayed overnight with friends, but the little boys didn't stand a chance against the flames. Horrified neighbors said they could hear the boys' screams but no one could get to them.

At Drumcree the Orangemen were doubly dismayed to find the blame for the murders - which Ronnie Flanagan,

chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said were surely sectarian - was dumped on their doorstep. Even their own people started calling on them to disband.

The Rev. William Bingham, the Orange Order's county chaplain for Armagh and a man who as late as last Wednesday was a spokesman for the Drumcree protesters, began what soon grew into a chorus of calls for the Orangemen at Drumcree to go home.

He said from the pulpit at his church in Pomeroy: "After last night's attack, a 15-minute walk down Garvaghy Road by the Orange Order would be a very hollow victory because it would be in the shadow of the coffins of three little boys who wouldn't even know what the Orange Order is about."

Bingham insisted that violence was anathema to what the Orange Order stood for, but conceded: "I believe the Orange Order needs to back off from its protest because we cannot control it."

"Drumcree is rapidly getting out of our hands."

The Protestant archbishop of Armagh, Robin Eames, echoed his words. "The time has come to leave the hill of Drumcree and go home," he said.

Northern Ireland First Minister David Trimble, himself an Orangeman as well as MP for Portadown, appealed to Orangemen at Drumcree to recognize that "those responsible for these murders and for other violence have used the

(Drumcree) protest as an excuse and an occasion for an appalling act of barbarity.

"I must say to the Portadown brethren that the only way that they can clearly distance themselves from these murders - show to the world that they repudiate those who have murdered young children and used them as an excuse for so doing - the only way they can repudiate that is now to leave the hill at Drumcree parish church and return home."

The Catholic nationalist Seamus Mallon, Trimble's deputy in the recently elected power-sharing assembly that was supposed to herald a new era of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, called on both Orangemen and nationalists to back off immediately.

"What part of their principles or their stand is worth the life of one young person?" he demanded.

Portadown Orange Order spokesman David Jones made it clear his members were not going to be pushed into abandoning their protest easily, despite all the calls for them to go home.

"Portadown District will make its own decision," he said. "Portadown District made its own decision to stay at Drumcree if we could not parade down Garvaghy Road and that's what we have done."

"We are the only ones who parade on the Garvaghy Road, we are the only ones who will make that decision."

Jones dismissed charges that the Drumcree protest was getting out of hand, despite the riots, petrol bombs and gunshots that have marred the protest during recent nights.

"We feel we are still in control. There have been some incidents of violence but by and large we are in control," he told reporters.

In spite of his stalwart defence of the Portadown protest, by late afternoon Sunday it was obvious no big crowd was converging on the field at Drumcree, and the several hundred people who were there were clearly dispirited.

Today is the most important day in the Orange marching calendar, the anniversary of Protestant King William of Orange's victory over Catholic King James in the Battle of the Boyne. Security forces here had been expecting it to be a nightmare. With scores of marches scheduled, they were anticipating protests and demonstrations and widespread violence.

But the death of the Quinn children appears to have knocked the stuffing out of Protestants and Catholics alike and most are now predicting the parades will pass without incident.

Voters turn out in droves to quash economic policies

Japanese PM urged to resign after election defeat

By Juliet Hindell

SOUTHAM NEWS

TOKYO

Voters dealt Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party a humiliating blow Sunday which seems likely to bring the resignation of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto today.

The government's ambitious plan to rescue the economy is now in doubt after voters turned out in droves to register their disapproval of the LDP's economic policies in elections to the upper house of parliament.

Official final results showed the party won only 44 of the 126 seats, 17 short of its target.

As soon as the extent of the losses became clear, calls mounted for the prime minister to resign. Hashimoto said: "I must take responsibility for the results. Everyone has handed down their judgment and we must accept that with sincerity."

The party's executive body will meet today to discuss his future.

Opposition members were ecstatic. "The voters have shown the LDP the red card," said Naoto Kan, leader of the Democratic Party. The Communist Party also picked up seats.

Hashimoto's popularity plummeted in the past few

months as the Japanese associated him more than any other politician with the crushing reversal of the country's fortunes.

In the job since January 1996, he has survived much longer than other postwar prime ministers. But his response to mounting pressure at home and abroad to get the economy in order has been seen as inadequate.

"He achieved nothing although he talked big," said Shigenori Okazaki, a political analyst at SBC Warburg.

"The LDP are all liars, promising last-minute tax cuts," said Jun Fuji, 30. "I just couldn't vote for them."

Daisuku Ono, 33, an estate agent, disagreed: "This isn't the fault of the government; it's the fault of the financial sector. But I want things to change, so I voted against the LDP."

The LDP's poor performance is expected to unsettle the financial markets, which were hoping for a clear result to determine the future of economic policy. The uncertainty over the leadership is expected to weaken the yen and severely depress the

stock market. The 58 per cent election turnout was 14 per cent higher than in the upper house poll in 1996.

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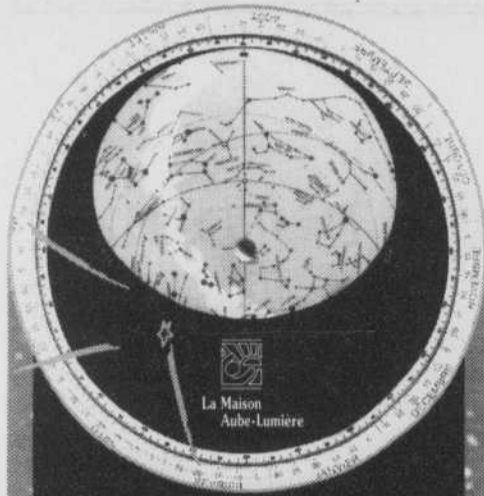
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No evidence of foul play in Moshood Abiola's death Heart disease killed Nigerian dissident

By Mike Trickey and Julian Beltrame
SOUTHAM NEWS

An independent autopsy into the sudden death of jailed Nigerian dissident Moshood Abiola has concluded that he died of natural causes brought on by long-standing heart disease.

The international team of independent medical examiners, including chief Ontario coroner James Young, said the extensive post-mortem, conducted at 3 a.m. in Lagos, revealed no evidence of physical injury or foul play. However, further toxicology studies will be conducted in Toronto over the next three weeks.

"We think the medical history, the circumstances of his death all fit and really are consistent with natural causes," an exhausted Young told Southam News Saturday.

In a written report, the doctors said because of the political questions being raised in Nigeria and around the world, they will do more testing even though their examination leaves little doubt Abiola died of natural causes.

"In a case like this, where we are confident that we have the right conclusion but given the amount of attention this has received and the critics that are out there, if we did not do the additional testing, they would be asking why not," said Young.

The doctors also said there is legitimate reason for concern about the medical treatment received by Abiola during his four years in prison and deserve further attention. However, "a definitive answer to this question is beyond the scope of the current investigation."

Abiola's daughter Hasfat, a Harvard University friend of Caroline Mulroney, daughter of former prime minister Brian Mulroney, said in Washington that while the autopsy was performed fairly and professionally, she is still not convinced her father was not murdered, the victim of a

poisoning that had disappeared from the bloodstream in the five days between his death and the autopsy.

Young said he understands Hasfat's concerns, but says the theory of poisoning does not stand up.

"We looked at his medical history and the circumstances that day and it very much fits a cause of death that relates to natural causes. They, in fact, don't fit either chronic or acute poisoning. We looked very carefully at the circumstances of that day and none of us had the view that it fit the profile of poisoning."

Nevertheless, Hasfat says the military regime is ultimately responsible for her father's death.

"I think the military always intended for my father to die in prison," she said, describing his imprisonment as "an open grave."

Watching her father's funeral on a television monitor, Hasfat was visibly moved and took a few moments to regain her composure before talking to journalists.

"He wasn't what you would think of as a warrior," she said. "He was very methodical, very careful, very family-oriented... and to know he did all this and he suffered all that he suffered for the people of Nigeria, I'm so very proud of him."

Young was part an independent team of international forensic specialists requested by the Abiola family after the sudden death of Nigeria's most prominent dissident last Monday. Three Americans and a British doctor also participated in the examination which was observed by physicians representing the Abiola family, the Nigerian government and the Nigerian Medical Association.

Abiola, a multi-millionaire businessman educated at the University of Glasgow, was buried Saturday in a garden at his family's compound as a crowd of 20,000 supporters gathered outside the gates.

Abiola was imprisoned in 1994 by the military regime after he continued to assert that he had won the 1993 presidential election which had been annulled by the army.

His family was continually harassed by authorities and two of his wives died, one in an execution-style killing, during his imprisonment.

Up to 60 people have died and more than 400 arrested in rioting that broke out in Lagos after Abiola's death and there is concern the country could be plunged into ethnic fighting.

Abiola was from the southern Yoruba clan which has been the primary force in Nigeria's democratic movement and which is deeply resentful of exploitation of their plentiful natural resources, mainly oil, by the northern-based Hausa and Fulani clans which have dominated the nation's power structures.

Gen. Abdulsalam Abubakar, who took over as president after the equally sudden death June 8 of military dictator Sani Abacha, has appealed for calm and spoken of restoring democracy to Nigeria, which has had only 10 years of non-military rule since gaining independence from Britain in 1960.

However, he has not laid out any specific plans or a timetable for a transfer of power from the army. Nor has he released 250 political prisoners still languishing in jail despite assurances earlier this month from UN Secretary General Kofi Annan that their release was imminent.

Nigeria has been under suspension from the Commonwealth since the execution of human rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others in November 1995. Commonwealth foreign ministers had been scheduled to meet later this month in London to discuss what new measures might be taken against the regime, but the death of Abacha and subsequent positive signals from Abubakar have put that meeting on hold.

Bilked Canadian investors allowed to go after his millions Court hands Walker second defeat

By John Ibbitson
SOUTHAM NEWS
EXETER, ENGLAND

Convicted murderer Albert Walker suffered yet another defeat at the hands of British justice Friday, when a judge quashed his attempt to keep Canadian investors from getting their hands on whatever wealth of his they can find.

Canadian officials appear to have been "largely successful" in obtaining access to Walker's known assets and to bank records that might lead them to further missing millions, said lawyer Angelo D'Ascanio, who represents Canadian investors.

And Walker's plea that he needed more time to prepare an answer to the Canadian claims was dismissed, said a

source at Exeter County Court who asked not be named.

Walker fled Canada in 1990 with investors' money he acknowledged does not belong to him. He was convicted Monday of murdering Ronald Platt, after having assumed Platt's identity to hide from police. Canadian police have charged Walker with 38 counts of fraud and related offences.

Approximately 70 Canadian investors are after about \$3 million in claims, now that Walker has been declared bankrupt in Canada. But they needed the help of the British courts to have their claims recognized in the United Kingdom.

English bankruptcy lawyer Stephen Lawson, acting on behalf of Canadian bankruptcy trustee KPMG, appeared before District Judge Andrew Moon on Fri-

day afternoon at Exeter County Court to press Canadian claims to Walker's assets. Walker's own solicitor, Roger Brice, wasn't present.

Lawson refused to discuss what occurred at the closed-door session.

But D'Ascanio said he had received a voice mail from Lawson on Friday afternoon, in which D'Ascanio said Lawson assured him he had been "largely successful" in having the British courts recognize the Canadian claims.

Those include granting Canadian creditors exclusive access to Walker's existing wealth. British police initially estimated Walker's assets at \$300,000, but revised that estimate upward to \$1 million on the day Walker was convicted. If true, Canadian creditors will be after the difference.

Drops loonie to new historic low

Economy suffers first major job loss in 18 months

By Eric Beauchesne

SOUTHAM NEWS

OTTAWA

The economy has suffered its first major job loss in 1 1/2 years, surprisingly bad news that fired another torpedo into the already sinking loonie, sending it to a new historic low.

Analysts warn that with the economy apparently sputtering, the Bank of Canada is going to be even more reluctant now to use higher interest rates to defend the currency.

That was also a view shared by speculators who dumped the undefended dollar on world markets, leaving it lying listlessly at 67.63 cents US at the end of trading Friday.

The unemployment rate held steady at 8.4 per cent for the third consecutive month in June, Statistics Canada reported, but it was kept steady by an

exodus of 41,000 workers from the job market.

"After a year and a half of strong growth, employment declined by an estimated 36,000 in June," Statistics Canada reported Friday. "This was the first significant monthly decline during this period."

June's job losses followed a marginal decline in May, the first back-to-back monthly losses in two years.

In fact the news was even worse. There was a loss of 54,000 full-time jobs, that was only partially offset by the creation of 18,000 part-time jobs. And the jobs that disappeared were in the private sector, revealing that it's the economy not governments, at least directly, that was behind the latest job losses. The news is certain to spark renewed demands for tax cuts to boost consumer spending and in turn the economy.

The dollar hit a record trading low of 67.57 cents US before edging back up to what, however, was still its lowest level so far against the U.S. dollar.

"Canada's tax rates are simply too high and interest rates are too low to support the currency," added investment firm Nesbitt Burns.

The loonie could face additional pressure even before next week, if the Japanese government does poorly in Sunday's parliamentary elections, which would add to the uncertainty there.

And here, the impact of the Asian crisis appears to be spreading east into

the industrial heartland from the resource-based Western provinces.

Some of last month's job losses were due to temporary factors, such as the strike against General Motors Corp. in Flint, Mich., and jobs lost because of an early start to the agricultural season that meant the usual job gains in that sector came in April and May rather than June.

Still, since the start of 1997, the economy has produced a half million jobs and the expectation remains that despite slower growth it will churn out that many, if not more jobs over the coming 18 months.

Proposal to make banks report suspicious transactions

Lawyers blast plan to clean up dirty cash

By Jim Bronskill

SOUTHAM NEWS

OTTAWA

Defence lawyers are blasting federal plans to foil money laundering as an unconstitutional threat to everyone's privacy.

The Criminal Lawyers' Association says a proposal to make banks report suspicious transactions to the authorities almost certainly violates the guarantees of reasonable search and seizure in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Association president Alan Gold warns in a brief to the Solicitor General that the scheme threatens to "regularly and unconstitutionally invade the privacy of all citizens."

The association recently submitted the brief in response to a federal consultation paper on the planned changes, expected to soon form the basis of legislation.

The RCMP and other police forces have been lobbying the government for stronger tools to combat criminals who use Canadian financial institutions to disguise the source of drug money and other illegally gained assets.

The new rules would require financial institutions to report transactions of \$10,000 or more in which small denominations are changed to larger ones. The law would also apply to back-to-back deposits with affiliates of overseas banks in known drug-trafficking areas.

In addition, institutions would have to report transactions involving two or

more of the following: unusually packaged currency, personal identification problems or customers unable to identify the actual sum of money being deposited.

Gold argues the new regime would resemble "a countrywide network of spies and informers."

Existing rules require banks and currency exchanges only to keep transaction records. However, police have arranged with some institutions for the voluntary reporting of unusual transactions.

"What evidence is there that the present system of record-keeping (and voluntary compliance) is not sufficient?" asks the lawyers' association.

The consultation paper says while current measures have helped put a dent in money laundering, the absence of stronger rules "allows much activity to go on undetected and unreported."

The lawyers' association argues that invading a person's privacy to investigate a suspected crime requires "reasonable and probable grounds" as justification, as well as a warrant authorized by a judge.

Despite the reservations, the government appears determined to toughen the rules as part of a commitment to work with other countries in the fight against organized crime.

In addition to the police, the international Financial Action Task Force and the U.S. State Department have publicly declared Canada's money-laundering laws inadequate.

A revolving door to reward loyalists, critics say

Older is better for Chrétien Senate

By Tim Naumetz

For Southam News

OTTAWA

On a chilly February day in 1996, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien named New Brunswick businessman Joseph Landry to the Senate. Within 17 months, having turned the mandatory Senate retirement age of 75, Landry resigned his seat after one of the briefest Senate careers in Canadian history.

Three months later, in September 1997, Chrétien gave the vacant seat to former Liberal MP Fernand Robichaud, a faithful party friend who once vacated his riding to allow Chrétien a seat in the Commons.

In total, fully 10 of the 34 senators Chrétien has named since becoming prime minister in 1993 were age 70 or over when he appointed them. Three have already left the Senate. If he remains prime minister until 2001, he will replace the remaining seven himself.

Chrétien's innovation has inspired suggestions from political opponents that he is engaging in cynical political manipulation: using the appointment system as a revolving door to reward loyalists when the time is right, while getting credit for naming non-partisan individuals with outstanding records of community service.

The unusual practice is a sharp break with tradition. Former Liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau made 81 appointments to the Senate. Only two were age 70 or over. Brian Mulroney named 57 senators, only one of whom was over the age of 70.

Chrétien appointee Doris Anderson of Prince Edward Island was on Parliament Hill so briefly most political aides and journalists still mix her up

with Doris Anderson of Toronto, who became famous for feminist activism and her career as editor of *Chatelaine*. Jean Louis-Roux of Quebec quit in 1996 to become lieutenant-governor of the province. He lost the nomination in a controversy over his political past, but would have been forced to retire from the Senate this year anyway because of his age.

In all three cases, senators who appeared to be independent, community-minded activists with no highly visible partisan attachments were replaced by longtime Liberal loyalists. Two of them were also close personal loyalists to Chrétien - Robichaud and former P.E.I. Liberal premier and onetime MP Catharine Callbeck.

Chrétien's aides say that by naming senators in their sunset years, he is recognizing lifetimes of community service and good work.

"The prime minister feels that appointing people who have had a long and accomplished career, often outside of politics and the public life, is very much in keeping with the Senate's original goal of being a chamber of sober second thought," says Chrétien's communications director, Peter Donolo.

Donolo says people who question the appointments are engaging in "ageism" and fail to recognize the experience the senators can bring to their various tables on Parliament Hill.

Critics question whether Chrétien's senior appointments, while distinguished individuals with highly credible careers behind them, will have the chance in their short time on Parliament Hill to learn how the Senate and the legislative process work. They won't even be there the six years required to collect their Parliamentary pension.

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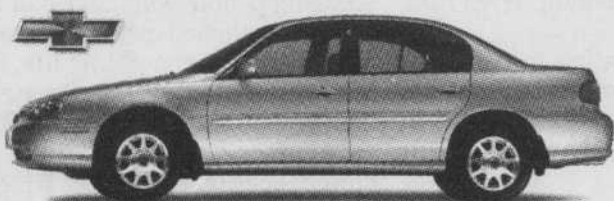


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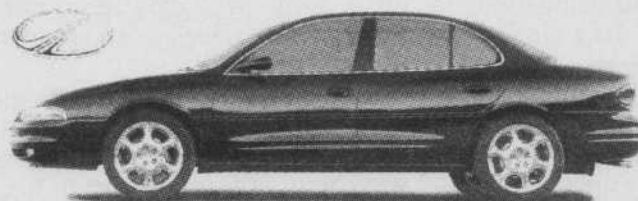
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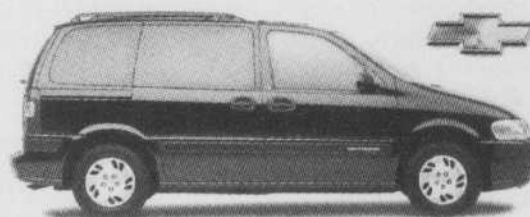
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Thousands of screaming women and little girls turn out Spice Girls bring 'Girl Power' to Canada

By John Goddard
SOUTHAM NEWS
TORONTO

The Spice Girls landed like space girls Saturday at Toronto's Lakeside Molson Amphitheatre.

The show, before a capacity crowd of 17,000 people - mostly women and little girls - opened like a Star Trek episode, with a giant videoscreen showing a space ship soaring through the galaxies.

"Going where no woman has gone before," said a god-like voice over a sound system nearly drowned out by thousands of standing, screaming fans.

Then the video screen parted on slid-

ing doors and there they were: Posh, Scary, Baby and Sporty - the hottest pop stars in the world.

As all four launched into the opening number, If You Can't Dance, little girls barely past the Sunday afternoon puppet-show stage, threw themselves into synchronized hip-swivelling moves.

The screams died out and most of the crowd began lipsynching the words, their faces wearing expressions of total absorption.

"Are you ready to party?" cried Melanie "Scary" Brown, drawing another deafening roar from the outdoor crowd at the amphitheatre on a tiny



FILE PHOTO

Baby, Scary, Posh and Sporty Spice lit up the Montreal and Toronto nights this weekend for thousands of exuberant fans. Alas, Ginger, pictured in the middle, who recently left the group citing "differences" with the other members, was not there.

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BEDFORD

Boutique Micheline - 38 Main

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Tabagie Farnham - 392 Main E.

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Epicerie Hamelin Inc. - 295 A Main
Marche Richelieu - 340 Principale
Depanneur Des 13 - 6A Vale Perkins

EAST FARNHAM

Epicerie 4 Fourches - 220 Principale

EASTMAN

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Depanneur Eastman - 404 Principale

SUTTON

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BROME

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Tabagie William - 60 Principale
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BROMONT

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downtown island next to Lake Ontario.

The weather was perfect - clear skies and 24 degrees, the elaborate stage lighting almost completely lost in the setting sun during the show's first half.

The Spice Girls themselves looked full of energy and "positivity" - their word from Spice Up Your Life.

They danced, sang and bounded up and down metal staircases in their famous platform heels, exiting regularly and reappearing in entirely different outfits.

Their fifth number, Too Much, with its rotating solos gave fans a chance to scream for their favorite.

Every third or fourth person also seemed to have a picture or homemade poster to hold aloft at such opportunities.

Tickets to the show sold out in half an hour months ago and everybody had a story how they got theirs.

Sitting at front-row-centre were Lyn Melady, 24, and her daughter, Shaelyn, 4.

"I sang my heart out for these tickets in a contest," Melady said. The song qualified her for two entry ballots on Toronto radio station Energy 108. "They called me yesterday morning at 6:20 telling me I had won."

In another section, five friends showed up dressed as the original five Spice Girls. "I'm so upset," said Kristy Perry, 16, posing as the former Ginger Spice, who quit the group before the start of the current 40-city North American tour. "She was the best one. It's not the same without her."

The Spice Girls played to a sold out Molson Stadium in Montreal on Friday night.

The four remaining Spice Girls stay on in Toronto today for a live television broadcast on MuchMusic between 4 and 5:30 p.m. EDT, an event expected to draw throngs of fans to the station's downtown studios.

Anticipating the crowds, police an-

nounced plans to reroute traffic around the site as MuchMusic officials continue to urge fans to stay home.

"Stay tuned and get ready to be interactive," the station advised, alluding to its program title, Intimate & Interactive.

The singers are scheduled to perform five songs, chat with a studio audience of about 125 people and answer questions from viewers lucky enough to get through by phone (1-800-265-MUCH), Fax (416-591-MUCH) or E-mail (spice-girlsmuchmusic.com).

"It's a day for fun," the station advised, a day for decorating walls with Spice Girls pictures, putting on make-up, wearing leopard prints and baby-dolls, and pigging out on lollipops.

"Just like the Spice Girls, each of you is hip in your very own way," the station also reminded fans. "Today's the day to celebrate that with your best mates!"

With all the excitement and high expectation, some disappointment is bound to follow.

Some fans failed to get tickets. Most fans stand little chance of getting a glimpse of the four at all.

But perhaps no fan feels more let down so far than Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman, who only few days ago had his own elaborate Spice Girls fantasy abruptly dashed.

He had come to believe that after the scheduled concert for paying customers, the singers would perform free for him and 125,000 others today in north Toronto at Mel Lastman Square.

When politely told by Virgin Records Canada that he must be dreaming, Lastman staged a Spice World-size snit fit, saying, "I'm not interested in seeing the Spice Girls. I want nothing to do with them."

As a result, Emma, Victoria, Mel C and Mel B will not receive the keys to the city, as previously announced. And Mel L. stands no chance of getting his bottom pinched by the singers (as Prince Charles once did).

RECORD ALBUM



COULD I INTEREST YOU...? Arthur Aiken shows his crafts to a prospective buyer.



FUN STUFF A happy participant displays garden gnomes, dwarfs and other fun pieces.

Hot Bazaar for East Bolton firefighters

It was a happening that spread throughout and right around the Bolton Centre Town Hall on Saturday, June 27. The sun shone, pedlars peddled and masses mingled while customers cheerfully exchanged cash for one or more treasures found at the East Bolton Firefighters 4th Annual Bazaar. Along with a gaggle of artisans displaying their wares, groups eagerly raised funds by selling raffle tickets, memberships, greeting cards, home-made chocolates, handicrafts and the customary variety of white elephants. - Murielle Parkes, Record Correspondent.



CRAFTY GIRLS Showing off their crafts.



I WHITTLED MY WAY Arthur Aiken displays some of the crafts he whittled through the winter.

Watch out Yankees... Expos are coming

Expos prove Halsall's Yankees are beatable

By Michael Innes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SHERBROOKE

The Lennoxville Yankees led by Bob Halsall thought it would be an easy end of season in the Lennoxville/Ascot little league, 11-12 year old category, but the Yankees will have to revise their plans.

The Expos led by Michel Pelletier brought the Yankees back to earth after a doubleheader. It was a difficult 3-2 win for the Yankees in the first game and a 8-4 loss in the second.

In game one, Mr. Strike out, Mark

Warnholtz struck out six players in two innings. William Rideout did well in the last four innings giving up only one RBI on two hits for the win, his sixth of the season. Robert Klinck scored the winning run in the sixth and last inning. Jonathan Scalbrini with one home run and Kevin Laforest with two singles were the stars for the Expos.

After the difficult win in game one, the Yankees were no match for the Expos who came back with an 8-4 win. Keven Laforest continued the good work he started in game one with three hits. Alexandre Vincent was the winning

pitcher and helped his team in the win with three singles. Taven Bennett had a double and Carl Gaudette, with a double and two singles, were the most productive for the Yankees.

Little League experts say the Expos could be a big surprise in the best two of three series if both teams meet in the playoffs. In the third game the Yankees easily beat the Twins 4-0 in a game cut short because of bad weather. Mark Warnholtz was the winning pitcher, striking out another eight in three innings, hitting a home run and a single to beat the Twins almost by himself. The

Expos came up with a easy 19-0 win over the Astros. Triples were honored as Kevin Laforest, Charles Pelletier, Alexandre Vincent, Yannick Mathieu (2) all made it to third base.

The big lesson of the week is: Watch out Yankees... the Expos are coming fast and strong.

Mark Warnholtz was the subject of a report by CFCF-12 Montreal this week to mark his excellent season in the Lennoxville/Ascot Little league. Mark's mom along with his coach Bob Halsall honored the young baseball star in the report.

Quebec's oldest horse show celebrates its 48th birthday

Bigger Foster Horse Show to be held in Bromont

The 48th Annual Foster Horse Show will be held this year at the Olympic Equestrian Center in Bromont, Quebec on Sunday, July 26, 1998. The Olympic Equestrian Center provides shade and seating. Classes begin at 8:00 am and run until dusk. This year there will be 46 classes, including Hunter, Jumper, and the very popular Children's Classes. Don't miss the Grand Prix, Kid's Costume Class, nor the musical chairs. The classes are spread over three rings.

The Foster Horse Show is a public event organized by local volunteers and most of the proceeds are donated to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville. Other local charities have also benefited from the show. Since 1954 the Foster Horse Show has raised more than \$300,000 for the hospital, making FHS one of the largest donors to the BMP. Funds donated in 1997 were in excess of \$10,000. There is no charge for parking or entry, but a donation for the programme aids the fundraising effort.

This year the Foster Horse Show has moved to the Olympic Equestrian Center in Bromont. Come and enjoy a day in the country, bring a picnic lunch or use the canteen on the grounds. No dogs please!

To get to the Foster Horse Show, take the Eastern Townships Autoroute 10 to exit 78, Boulevard de Bromont, right on Shefford, left on chemin de Gaspé, left on chemin de Missisquoi, right on chemin de Laprairie (Telephone at the Olympic Center is 450-534-3255).



FILE PHOTO

High-jumping action from an earlier Foster Horse Show.

Canadians take second place in doubles tournament

Challenger de Granby wraps up

Staff

The Challenger de Granby tennis tournament wrapped up Sunday with disappointing results for a Canadian pair. The doubles team of Frédéric Niemeyer, of Magog, and Bobby Kokavec were defeated in the men's final (7-6), 6-1 by Japan's

Goichi Motomura and Takao Suzuki. Earlier in the day, Suzuki defeated American David Caldwell, 7-6, 6-3, to win the single's title. The nine-day annual tournament features some of the best young talent from around the world who go on to play on the ATP tennis circuit.

In Memoriam

ELEMENT - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Gerry Element, who passed away one year ago today, July 13, 1997.

God saw you getting tired
A cure was not to be
So He closed His arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me".
You tried so hard to stay with us
Your fight was all in vain
God took you to His loving home
And freed you from all pain.
Never does a day go by
That we don't all think of you.
Sadly missed and remembered by

JANET (wife)
BRIAN and JANICE
(children)

Card of Thanks

HATCH - In this way I would like so much to say "Thank You" for your kind remarks and good wishes when I left Rock Island to reside in Lennoxville. The White House Residence Committee, Jeff and Debbie Stafford for the happy breakfast party at Ripplecove and a gift of a jeweled broach; to Rev. Roy and Joan Pierce who opened their home for Christ Church A.C.W.-Guild delightful supper party and for the gift of a granite mantle clock; to Stanstead South Church Helping Circle and Canusa Units for the luncheon held at the Katevale restaurant, for the corsage and gifts of the granite pen holder and a plaque of the Haskell Opera House; to Stanstead Chapter IODE for honoring me with a life membership to me by Regent Elizabeth Redpath at the luncheon gathering held at Auberge Georgeville; to S.S. Church Circle for the special cake served at the fellowship hour following the church service on June 20; the Snowmobile Gang for the happy supper party held at St. Hubert Restaurant in Magog; and thanks to so many others who have done so much for me in so many ways, to my Hatch-in-law families for your love and support over the years. May God bless you as I have been so blessed.

IVY HATCH

Sawyerville

Alice Wilson
889-2932

Mr. and Mrs. George Lebourveau of Brookbury were evening visitors of Justin and Jeanne Lowry. There were in Island Brook to celebrate Justin and Jeanne's wedding anniversary. On another evening George and Marjorie Pinchin of Bulwer were visitors.

Mildred Parnell of London, Ont., and Ruby Thompson were afternoon visitors of David and Deanna Parnell.

Alton and Bonnie Fowler were evening callers of Scot and Sharon Graham in High Forest.

Dinner guests of Donald Laroche and Bonnie and Alton Fowler were Vernal and Kay Hover of Smith Falls, Ont., and Deanna Parnell.

Deaths

ASTBURY, Jack - Suddenly at his home in Ayer's Cliff, Friday, July 10, 1998 in his 63rd year. Beloved husband of Diana Markwell. Dear father of Valerie (Eric Naylor) of Bowmanville, Ont. Jack will also be sadly missed by his granddaughters Julie Schillaci (Al), Bowmanville, Ont., and Roxanne Vesna (Paul). He leaves to mourn his mother Madeline Walker Astbury, and sister Jeannie Goddard, several nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough, Ayer's Cliff (819-876-5213), Sunday, July 12 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. where family and friends may come to visit. The service will be in the chapel Monday, July 13 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Kent Chown officiating. Interment to follow in Ayer's Cliff Cemetery.

BARR, Jack Nathaniel - Jack N. Barr on July 9, peacefully in his 87th year. Jack was predeceased by his wife Geraldine Stockard Barr. Jack is survived, loved and remembered by his sister Belle McKenna, his children, Connie, John (Laura), Allan and Tom, as well as 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A service will be held at the Knowlton United Church in Knowlton at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 1998. Jack Barr was totally dedicated to his family and work. He worked for the Bank of Montreal for over 47 years, was President of the Knowlton Lions Club as well as an active member, a Mason, the Treasurer for the Foster Horse Show and member of the Fish and Game Club. In lieu of flowers, please make your contribution to the Knowlton United Church, P.O. Box 36, Knowlton, JOE 1V0.

CREASE, Dorothy (nee Mee) - At Hotel Dieu Hospital, peacefully on Sunday morning, July 12, 1998, in her 84th year, beloved wife of William Crease, and loving Mum to Susan (Robert Sarrasin), John (Pauline Royea) and Elizabeth (Denis Hatcher), and stepmom to Ronald Crease (Halifax, N.S.). Loving Nanny to Jody, Dana and Peter Sarrasin, Lori and Benjamin Hatcher, Jennifer Crease and Livia Royea. Funeral service to be held at Christ Church Eustis, at Quebec Lodge, on Wednesday, July 15 at 2:30 p.m. Visitation one half hour before service. Alain Milot officiating. No flowers please. Donations can be made to Christ Church Eustis, at Quebec Lodge, 8105 Chemin du Lac, North Hatley, JOB 2C0. After interment at Reedsville Cemetery, the family will receive friends and relatives at Christ Church Hall, Eustis. We love you Mum.

Inverness

Maxine McCrea
453-2346

Lawrence and Charlotte Payeur of Fort Lauderdale, Florida were recent Sunday supper guests of the Marshall family.

Deaths

MARCOUX, Rachel - In Mansonville, on Tuesday, July 7, 1998. Rachel Marcoux in her 56th year. Daughter of the late Robert Marcoux and the late Rose Annette Boucher. Left to mourn are her brothers Mario, Normand, Norbert and Ronald, other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held in the St-Cajetan Church Hall on Monday, July 13, 1998 from 12:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the St-Cajetan Church in Mansonville. Interment at the Mansonville Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que. J2K 2N5, (450) 263-1212.

MARCOUX, Robert - In Mansonville, on Tuesday, July 7, 1998. Robert Marcoux in his 86th year, husband of the late Rose Annette Boucher. Left to mourn are his children Mario, Normand, Norbert, the late Rachel and Ronald, his sister Julienne, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends. Visitation will be held in the St-Cajetan Church Hall on Monday, July 13, 1998 from 12:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the St-Cajetan Church in Mansonville. Interment at the Mansonville Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que. J2K 2N5, (450) 263-1212.

RIFF, Charles - At the C.U.S.E. Bowen site, Sherbrooke, Que., on Thursday, July 9, 1998, Charles Riff in his 89th year, beloved husband of Florence Germain. Dear brother of Gladys (late Edward) Bryant, Donald (late Theresa), late Edward (Lucille) and the late Gordon (Kathleen). A memorial service will be held at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., on Friday, July 17, 1998 at 2 p.m., followed by interment of ashes in Elmwood Cemetery. Rev. Blake Walker officiating.

RUNDLE, Evelyn - At Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday, July 4, 1998, Evelyn Kinder, wife of the late Sidney Rundle. Beloved mother of Elizabeth Rundle, Evelyn (Frank) Smigelsky and Madeline Rundle. Loving aunt of Janet Kinder Rowe and Dale Kinder and sister of the late Elizabeth Saunders, the late Mary Jane Kinder and the late George and Kenneth Kinder. Funeral service was held at Church of the Advent, Sherbrooke, Que., on Friday, July 10, 1998 at 10 a.m. Rev. Dean Ross officiated. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Donations to the Church of the Advent would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements by Cass Funeral Home, Lennoxville, Que., (819) 564-1750.

Island Brook

Mrs. Garfield Spaulding
875-3671

Mrs. Iris Lloyd is gaining after having surgery at Hotel Dieu. A speedy recovery is wished for both ladies.

Deaths

STANGER, Audrey (nee Thorne) - At Place Sanborn, Ayer's Cliff, Que., on July 7, peacefully in her 102nd year. Wife of Edgar Arthur Stanger, Cap't. RCA WW I, deceased. She is survived, loved and remembered by her children Joan Lewis of Portland, Me., Peter (Helen) of Saint Anicet, Que., David (Betty) of Magog, Que., Michael (Jan) of Victoria, B.C., as well as nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A service will be held at the Montreal Crematorium in the Mount Royal Chapel at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10. Exceptional in her contribution to the feminist movement, she drove an ambulance in WW I as VAD, and always exhibited a strong individualistic persona. She was a woman who lived her life to the fullest in her travels of the world, exploring her creative talents and in her passion for dogs. A strongly influential mother and compassionate grandmother, she was affectionately known as G G and Nanny. Audrey had many friends in Montreal and the Eastern Townships. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the SPCA or a charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at the home of David and Betty Stanger, 2110 Georgeville Rd., Magog, Que., from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, where there will be a short service at 2:30 p.m. We love you, God Speed.

STONE, MWO Gerald Edward, CD I, U.E.L. - Passed away peacefully, Saturday, July 11, 1998 with his wife by his side, after a lengthy battle with cancer, at the Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa) Health Care Center. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Beatrice Mae (Robertson). Step-dad to Brian and Karen Parkyn, Dartmouth, N.S., and Heather of London, England. Grampa Jerry to Shawna, Michael, Kevin and Johnathon. He is also survived by his mother Isabelle (Bradford), Granby, Que. Predeceased by his father Norman Arthur Stone. Cherished brother of Beverley Ann Maize and brother-in-law Lyndon, nephew Corey and niece Cammy, St. Lambert, Que., uncle Samuel Stone and wife Jeanine, Granby, Que. He also leaves to mourn his mother-in-law Dorothy Robertson, brothers-in-law William and family, Yorkton, Sask., Kenneth and family, Hampton, N.B., and John and family, LaSalle, Que. The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, July 16 from 1 p.m. until the memorial service which will be held at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Souigny, Mackenzie & Robert Funeral Home, 2871 St. Joseph Blvd., (1 block west of Place d'Orléans) Orléans, Ont., 613-830-2305. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion, Taylor Creek, Orléans. Interment at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Bromont, Que. Donations to C.H.E.O. or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. The family would like to thank Dr. Cameron, Drs. Cropeau, Robillard and Mauroon, Capts. Verreault and Weir, all the nursing staff and Mrs. Helen Williams at the Health Care Center for their excellent care during his illness. May God bless you all.

Who said nothing ever happens in a small town?

Dear Readers: Who said nothing ever happens in a small town? A reader in South Dakota sent me a clipping of an interesting Associated Press story. Here's the scoop:

The family of a Sioux Falls woman who died in 1995 after she fell from a bar stool is suing the establishment where she was drinking. Employees of the saloon continued to serve the woman drinks even though they knew she was intoxicated, the lawsuit said. The woman fell off the bar stool and was fatally injured. Her blood-alcohol level was four times the legal limit, according to the complaint. The family is asking for \$190,000 in damages.

I hope my readers in Sioux Falls will let me know how this turns out.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 64 years old, have buried two husbands and have had a full life, complete with children, grandchildren and two dear great-grandchildren. When my husband's sex drive began to diminish about two years ago (he is now 67), it didn't bother me a bit. In fact, I was relieved. I was never crazy about sex, even in my younger days, and as I grew older, I cared for it even less.

Now comes this "wonder drug" called Viagra, and my husband has informed me that he has talked it over with his doctor, who knows of no reason why my husband shouldn't take it. Well, I know of a reason. I've made it clear that the minute he walks into this house with those pills, I am walking out.

I'll bet you have received a lot of letters from women who feel the same way I do. How about sharing some of their comments with your readers? — Name-



ANN LANDERS

less in Philadelphia
Dear Philadelphia: Yes, I have heard from a great many women about Viagra, and although some feel as you do, most say it is wonderful. A 64-year-old reader in Oklahoma City wrote, "Viagra has been like a miracle. My husband has been rejuvenated. I feel like a bride again." A 60-year-old man from Ohio wrote to say he had been "sexually dead for nearly five years" and he had asked his druggist if Viagra might help. The druggist said, "No harm in trying," so the man did, and it worked like a charm. His wife was so thrilled, she went out and bought three new nightgowns.

It all boils down to how a woman feels about her man. If she loves him and wants him to enjoy the ultimate in marital bliss, she will be happy there is now a drug that can help him recapture the sexual energy of his younger years. But beware, there is a downside. My medical consultants say Viagra could be risky for men who are taking medication for high blood pressure or heart problems. It may possibly be linked to the recent deaths of several men who took Viagra along with their nitroglycerin. My advice is to consult your doctor.

Dear Ann Landers: Among my many wonderful grandchildren is a lovely young woman, "Sharon." She is 19 years old, makes friends easily and has a very good job, but she has a problem about which she can do nothing. This beautiful, smart young woman is 6 feet 5 inches tall. She is not large, just tall.

I am writing in the hope that you can help us find an organization for tall people. I've seen a group out together locally, so there must be a chapter nearby,

but I haven't been able to locate it. Any help you or your readers can give will be appreciated. — F.N. in Hemet, Calif.

Dear Hemet: Yes, there are such clubs. Your beautiful, tall granddaughter should write to: Tall Clubs International, P.O. Box 1964, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003-1964 (www.tall.org) or call 1-888-

IMTALL2 (1-888-468-2552). Tall Clubs sponsors Skywriters, a pen-pal program for young people under 21, and Tallrific Teens, a program specifically for tall teenage girls.



Monday, July 13, 1998

In the year ahead, old pals and acquaintances will serve as conduits for new relationships. This could result in one of your more popular years.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you may do more thinking and talking about intentions than acting on them. When dealing with serious matters, don't rationalize your desires. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Go out of your way to be generous to a person who has been kind to you in the past today. Let your benefactor know you're appreciative!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have difficulty making up your mind on important issues today. If you're uncertain, it might be best to wait until tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Puttering around the house could be exactly what you need to relax today. You don't have to spend all your time on gung-ho adventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today is a good day to focus on pleasurable pursuits. You shouldn't have trouble finding friends who think like you do. Enjoy yourself!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though today may not be exciting, you should find quiet satisfaction in domestic tasks. Remember: it's quality, not quantity, you should seek.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Mental rather than physical activities will be gratifying today. If you don't feel up to flexing your muscles, read a good book.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have spade time on your hands today, go shopping. Items you can could be available at the right price.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important to be yourself today. You'll have several opportunities to express the real you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't push yourself if you lack drive today. It's best to wait for a positive frame of mind before tackling intricate assignments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be assertive in your interactions with others today. Use the soft sell instead. A relaxed atmosphere is the formula for producing good results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Success won't elude you today, even though you may feel uncertain. Let things fall into place naturally, and they'll show you the open path.

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♣ A 7 6	♣ 10 3		
South			
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♥ J 6 3			
♦ J 7 5 4			
♣ K 4 2			
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Opening lead: ♠ 9			

What was that again?

By Phillip Alder

When one writes against a tight deadline, it is easy to make a mistake. Still, have newspapers sacked all copy editors? If not, how did this snippet get past the blue pencil? In discussing a show about teenage smoking, the reviewer gave some statistics: "Smoking kills more Americans every year than AIDS, drug abuse, murder and car accidents combined. About 4.5 million teens use tobacco, and over a million of those will die."

No wonder smoking is so popular: For some 70 percent, it confers immortality!

Back in the seventies, most top bridge players smoked, but not today. Yet this deal was played some 30 years ago in Anaheim, Calif. How should South declare three no-trump after West has led the spade nine in answer to his partner's overcall?

If an opponent overcalls your partner's opening bid, don't chicken out — act with points.

Declarer played low from the dummy, taking trick one with his spade king when East played the eight. South continued with a low club, but West shot in with the ace and returned his second spade. East took four tricks in the suit to defeat the contract.

"If I knew West had the club ace, I would have ducked the first trick," said South.

"It wasn't relevant," replied North. "Just put up dummy's spade queen at trick one. If East ducks, your king is a second stop. And if East wins with the ace, he cannot continue spades without giving you two tricks in the suit. You take nine tricks easily."

"Oh, you have the spade 10. I couldn't see the dummy clearly for your cigarette smoke," explained South. Right!

Credit Where Credit is Due (and True)

It's a matter of paying attention
Giving thanks and observing how
Adept animals are at perceiving
The difference 'twixt a lion and a cow...

Of treating each other with great respect
And love when things turn out right;
Course it must be deserved and borne with reserve
And other things kept in sight.

Loving thy neighbour, but not just you;
They too, in return must see the light..
It's not just a matter of being true
(Love one another as I have loved you)
But keeping fair play and decency in sight.

Animals have a keener sense of what is right and too often wrong
But like the rest, they just do their best;
As birds tho' in distress still sing their song
And sing and sing and sing, until they die.

Marjorie P. Ferris
Rougemont, Que.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

'OTV XBT BAARN Z'DD KA
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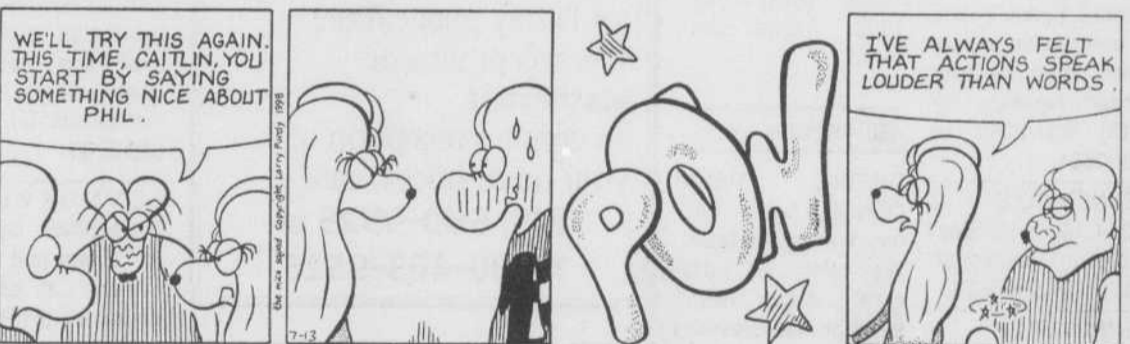
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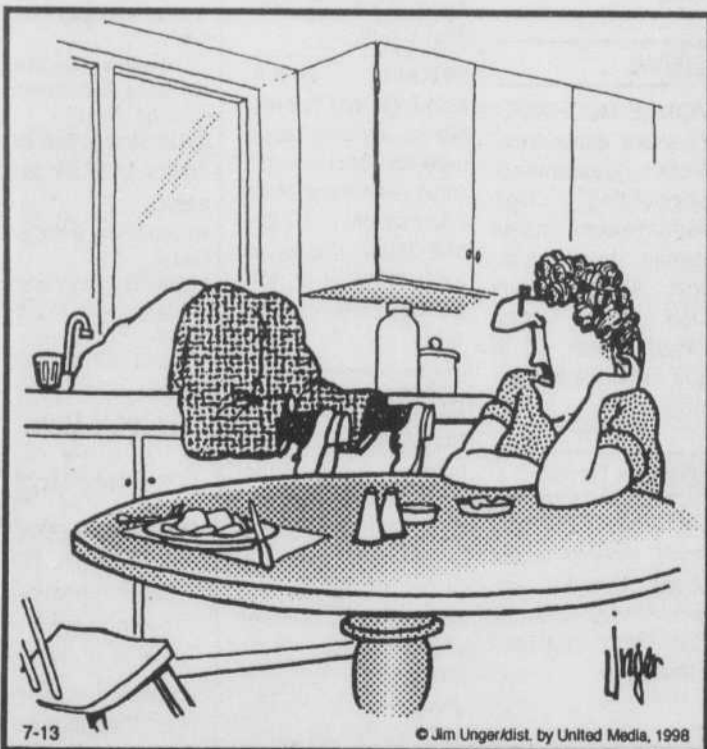
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Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE

Tuesday, June 30, the club treated its members to a dinner at "Petite Europe." Twenty eight members attended. We will be closed for the month of July, and there will be no dinners when we go back 4th of August. Dinners will resume on September 8.

We returned to the hall for the rest of the afternoon. Door prizes were won by the following: Juliette Laliberté, George Hamelin, El Mina Bousque, Dorothy Woodard, Gerry Gaboriault, Mr. Beauregard, Julienne McDuff, Louise Oliver, Donna Wright, Huguette Levoy, Rita Mossa, Rose Alma Pouliot, Rita Marcoux

and Jackie Jersey.

500 winners were Julienne McDuff and George Beauregard.

Game prizes were won by Huguette Levoy, Rita Marcoux, Irene Carrier, Dorothy Woodard, Judy Gaboriault, Rose Alma Pouliot, and Mildred Atyeo.

Rita Mossa

Stanbridge East

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Mr. and Mrs. Steven MacNaughton of Osgoode, Ont., spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harvey.

Card held party in Ives Hill

The Ives Hill Community Club had a card party at the hall on June 24, with cards played at nine tables. Plans were made to change the time of cards to 1:30 p.m. instead of 7:30. Hope this will please all so come and have a good time.

Prizes went to Norma Gill, Dorothy Vachon and Marion St. Onge for the ladies, and the men were Archie St. Onge, Len Swallow and Allan Matheson. The secret number was 4020 and Audrey Nelson came the closest to it.

Marion St. Onge won the 9 no trump

hand.

Door prizes: Gertie Hetherington, Elva Marks, Irene Matheson, Gerry Swallow, Ed Nelson, Verna Westgate, Beulah Turnbull, Ellen Ride, Beulah Walker. Sam Lake held the lucky ticket for the grocery box and the second prize went to Archie Moulton.

We thank you all for coming and we hope to see you next time. The Milby W.I. is in charge of this one.

Mildred Cairns

Secretary of Community Club

Dale and Diane McElroy celebrate their 25th anniversary

WATERLOO

A surprise 25th anniversary party for Dale and Diane McElroy was held at the Waterloo Legion Hall on Sat., June 27. The hall was decorated with blue and silver, a wishing well and the guest book was signed by everyone on their arrival. A cold buffet was served at 8:30 p.m. and everyone enjoyed some dancing to the music of a D.J. from Longueuil.

The beautiful anniversary cake was made by Pauline Wheeler. Upwards of 100 guests were present from Jamaica, Ottawa, other parts of Ontario, New York State and the local area.

Invitations, the guest book and banners were all beautifully made by Randy and Donna Wheeler.

The McElroy girls, Leisha, Angie and Kylie, Doug and Nicole Williams, the organizers of this lovely party wish to thank all who helped in any way especially Judy Page, Vicky and Wendy Hadd and George and Susan McGovern.

A lovely evening came to a close and everyone wished Dale and Diane many more years together and hoped to be present when they celebrate their 50th.

Nicole Williams
and Judy Arnott

Life

What say you so many unfound
In the life of Christ
Too much mystery enshrouds
There is not sufficient evidence
To make this item sound
God said by the prophets
Before Jesus came
Have I no pleasure indeed but
That I be a mystery
And that God walked among us
In the form of Christ
And yet remains mysterious

Is this not in itself proof enough
And what is life's drama
Without mystery, intrigue
Always seeking, finding, seeking
More, to not stay still
But never cease, never on
Earth to quench our zeal
Is this not part of life that Christ
Promised to reveal, both in this life
And that to come, to never find the end.

Steve Lamb
Sutton, Que.

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25 Maladjusted individual
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39 Small baby animal?
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48 Bureaus
49 "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
51 In position
52 Small fluke?
61 Muse of lyric poetry
62 Washington's bill
63 Eagle's nest
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2 Persian ruler
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8 Facility
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48 Bus. honcho
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- 55 Poppa pig
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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