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St-Elie factory destroyed

The Ani-Mat Inc. rubber recycling factory in St-Élie-d'Orford was destroyed Saturday by fire. The blaze started when one of the burners used to melt tires overheated and started a fire that burned out the interior of the building but left the steel walls standing. No one was injured in the blaze. Ani-Mat Inc. produces rubber floor mats from recycled tires.

Sutton woman dies in crash

Frances Caswell, 38, of Sutton was killed on Saturday when the driver of the car she was riding in lost control, veered into the oncoming traffic lane and was hit by another car, on route 139 near Sutton. The three other occupants of the car were seriously injured, but their injuries were not considered life threatening. Police said poor road conditions due to the snow storm were probably to blame.

Robbery at Sutton ski hill

A ticket vendor at the Mont Sutton ski resort was robbed in the parking lot of the ski hill as she was on her way to deposit her ticket sales receipts on Saturday around 4 p.m. Quebec Police Force spokesperson Sgt. Rejean Gagnon said two robbers approached the woman and took her money bag, which contained a few hundred dollars, then escaped in a car that was reported stolen in Montreal. Police found the two robbers an hour-and-a-half later. The two thieves, aged 19 and 50, will be arraigned in Cowansville court on Monday morning.

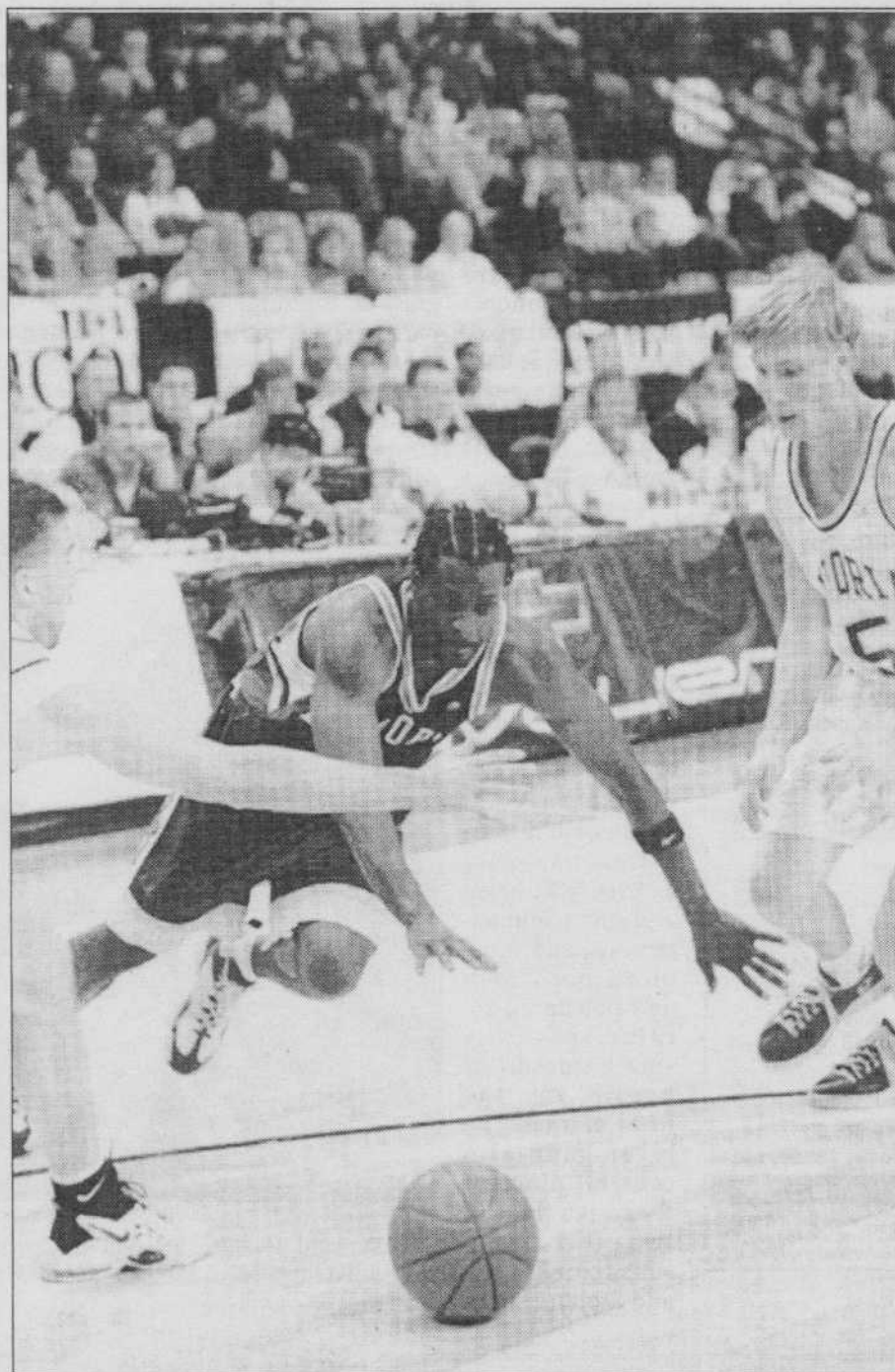
Bad day to be in a car

Sherbrooke police reported more than 30 car accidents in and around Sherbrooke on Saturday night during the snow storm. One person suffered minor injuries.

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GAITERS WIN NATIONALS



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Gaiter point guard Ryan Thorne goes in for the kill during the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union Championships in Halifax over the weekend. The Bishop's University team won its first-ever National Championship after a nail-biting game on Sunday. For more, please see The Sports Record inside.

New Hydro substation planned for 'Triangle of Darkness'

By Maurice Crossfield
KNOWLTON

In the wake of the ice storm, Hydro-Québec is looking at building new high-tension lines and a new substation between Windsor and La Prairie.

Under the proposed plan the region, which became known as the 'Triangle of Darkness' in January, would be supplied with electricity from more than one source by the year 2001. Hydro-Québec is calling the new project the Montérégien Belt, and say it would help prevent a repeat of the havoc created by the ice storm.

If approved, the project would see a 735-kilovolt line set up between the Des Cantons substation near Windsor and the Hertel substation in La Prairie. Almost in the middle of that 125-km high-tension line, Hydro-Québec will build a new substation at Saint-Cécile-de-Milton. It will be named the Poste de la Montérégie. From that substation three 120-kv lines will connect to the Leclerc, St-Rosalie and Acton substations.

Hydro-Québec spokesman Noel Bélanger said the new lines and substation will help to firm up power supplies for the regions of Granby, St-Hyacinthe, St-Césaire and Drummondville. It will also take some of the pressure off of the St-Césaire substation, which was completely destroyed in the ice storm.

A copy of the proposed plan states the project would be carried out in three phases. The first phase would see the construction of the 735-kv line between Des Cantons and Saint Césaire.

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They control everything else, now outlaw bikers move in on pot

Spoiling the business for Mrs. Jones

Damn those Hell's Angels anyway. They and their friends are messing up everything. They continue confusing the public by creating the illusion that marijuana turns people into blood-thirsty criminals.

The latest case is this alleged jerk who got busted in his sleep the other morning near Scotstown (more precisely in beautiful downtown Hampden Township). Judging by Perry's pics, this guy had a gun for every pot plant in his basement garden.

Well not really. But I mean this Marco Paquette, whoever he is, had several bombs and the makings for more, plus

three hunting rifles, a shotgun and a pocket pistol - at least some of them allegedly loaded - lying around the house. And he didn't put them there to scare the mealybugs away from his 986 alleged plants.

Marco obviously had reason to believe he was in danger. And the only thing that would frighten a pot grower that much is the threat of organized mayhem from a gang of competitors - that is, the possibility of someone showing up in the middle of the night with even more fire-

power. And how many criminal organizations are trying to monopolize the local marijuana market? Exactly one - the boys over at 356 Queen Street, Lennoxville.

From their fortified bunker overlooking the beautiful St. Francis River, the Hell's Angels have long controlled much of the Eastern Townships trade in hard drugs. This includes such dangerous narcotics as LSD, PCP, hexa- and meta-amphetamines, and most of all both rock and powdered cocaine, plus the small amount of heroin on the local market. The biker gang also controls much of the rough trade in two other strong sensations - sex and stolen Harley

Davidsons. After wiping out their only rivals (Les Atomes) more than a decade ago, the former Gitanes now have the Townships all to themselves. They've turned the local chapter into the most successful Canadian franchise in the Hell's Angels worldwide chain which, now that I think of it, operates in a manner not un-

like McDonald's - applying strict standards, uniform marketing methods and proven products, going where the business is and eventually squeezing out the local competition.

Anyway, a few years ago the local McAngels discovered hashish, marijuana's oriental cousin. Hash compares to grass in the same way that liquor compares to beer - it's a more concentrated version of the same product and one thus takes less to get the same buzz. Somebody in the Hells must study ancient languages. The word assassin comes from the old Arabic hashishim,

and the Angels put the assassination back in hash. A few selected killings, and that market became what is now effectively a monopoly, with high prices, poor quality and strong-arm tactics: healthy hash dealers either sell for the Angels or they get out of town.

Now though, the assassins are trying to take over the pot patch. Witness the hapless Marco P., who's been burned before. He was right to be afraid of midnight visits; now he's probably wondering if it wasn't they who tipped off police. And in summertime now pot growers are just as likely, if not more, to get ripped off by the bikers than be discovered by police.

My favorite pot dealer (we'll call her Mrs. Jones) is the mother of two children. She and her husband are both earnest hardworking folk, with modest but steady jobs. Mary makes a little money in the marijuana market; I know for a fact most of it goes to help with the mortgage payments. For obvious reasons, both parents keep Mary's sideline hidden from the kids. They pay their taxes, vote, belong to the school committee and have been together for nearly twenty years - which is more than I can say for most of us. All in all a decent family.

But now that the McAngels are trying to take over, I'm afraid. They're making cannabis, this harmless herb, the cause of real crimes. The solution is almost too obvious for words. Do you want to hurt the Hell's? Legalize marijuana and leave the market to Mrs. Jones.

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On a completely different subject, it was great to see the Bishop's basketball team win on national TV - and to read about them in today's Record, along with Perry's always great pictures. Smart, cool play and steady defence - when you deserve to win, you sometimes do.

Eddie Pomykala: Congratulations on a job well done. Now get your blood pressure checked - or was that purple makeup you were wearing?



CHARLES BURY



FILE PHOTO

Do you want to hurt the Hell's? Legalize marijuana and leave the market to Mrs. Jones.

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Abandoned equipment to be collected and recycled

Massive spring cleanup for Hydro-Québec

STAFF
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With spring officially here, Hydro-Québec crews will be doing some cleaning up in areas hardest hit by the ice storm.

In their efforts to restore power in the wake of January's storm, downed poles, transformers, lines and various other equipment was left behind. In the weeks following the storm many items ended up buried in snow and ice.

"The equipment will be recycled, re-

paired and/or reused for the needs of the network," said Hydro-Québec spokeswoman Claudette Nadeau. "The public should be very careful to avoid the risk of injuring themselves around the debris."

The cleanup is taking place in two phases. The first phase includes the cleanup of debris that is easily accessible, such as transformers, poles, pylons and wires. The second phase will take place after the spring thaw, and will include picking up any further debris and

repairing any sites damaged by repair efforts.

Nadeau said people should be careful around downed poles because they have been treated with pentachlorophenol, a toxic wood preservative. This treatment makes old poles unsuitable for either construction purposes or as fire wood.

Old transformers also pose certain dangers, because they are filled with mineral oil as a coolant. The oil is not highly toxic, but is about as dangerous

as motor oil. Hydro crews will clean up any spillage caused by the downed transformers.

During the cleanup process Hydro-Québec crews and their subcontractors will also be pruning or cutting down trees that are too close to electrical lines. However Nadeau said the size of that operation means the downed trees and branches will be left behind by the work crews. Landowners will then be left with the task of disposing of the mess.

Extra power source should prevent repeat of chaos – Hydro

Hydro:

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This line would be operational by next winter, and would operate at 230 kv until the rest of the plan was completed.

The second phase would see the building of the 735-kv line between the Hertel substation in La Prairie and St-Cé-

saire. Like the first phase it would operate at 230-kv until the Montérégie substation is on line. Phase two would be completed by the winter of 1999-2000.

Phase three would include the building of the Montérégie substation and the three 120-kv lines. If all goes according to schedule the project would be completed by sometime early in the year 2001.

During this period Hydro-Québec will also be carrying out work to rein-

force the existing network. Following the ice storm workers erected temporary lines and pylons to restore power that are not designed for long term use. As well Bélanger said extra work will be done to further protect lines and equipment in the corridor between La Prairie and St-Césaire, which is seen as a higher risk area for the power grid.

But the plan still has a long way to go before work can begin. Trans Energie, the division of Hydro-Québec responsi-

ble for high voltage transportation, is presently carrying out an environmental impact study to figure out just where the lines and the substation will go. Officials will also be holding information meetings with the Union des Producteurs Agricoles, MRC's in the region, the provincial environment ministry, interest groups and private citizens. A final okay from environment minister David Cliche will be necessary before work can begin.

Prime Minister gives his support, even though Charest hasn't decided yet

Chrétien vows to help Charest win next Quebec election

By Joan Bryden
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Primé Minister Jean Chrétien is vowing to go all-out to help Jean Charest win the next Quebec election, appearing to take it for granted that the federal Tory leader will take over the helm of the provincial Liberal party.

"It looks like (Charest) will become the leader of the Quebec Liberals and I will work with him," Chrétien told roughly 2,000 party faithful Saturday at the federal Liberals' national convention.

"When he will be the leader of Quebec (Liberals), we'll do everything we can to get him elected and we'll work with him. I know that he believes in Canada, like you believe in Canada and I believe in Canada."

The pledge was greeted with a standing ovation from the delegates, who likewise seemed to assume Charest will make the leap even though the Tory leader remains officially undecided and is not expected to announce his decision until Wednesday at the earliest.

Nevertheless, Chrétien made it clear he has no intention of changing his unity strategy to suit Charest, who has been critical of the Liberal government's so-called Plan B approach to spelling out the terms and conditions of secession. Nor was Chrétien willing

to promise constitutional reforms to accommodate Quebec, which some provincial Liberals insist is necessary if they are to defeat the separatist government of Premier Lucien Bouchard.

"I don't believe in the big scheme, you know, the miracle solution, a big proposition that will solve everything. That was tried twice by the previous government and led nowhere," Chrétien said, referring to the failed Meech Lake and Charlottetown constitutional accords.

"I believe in a more practical approach - take one grievance, one problem at a time and finding the solution."

The promise to help Charest came during a cabinet 'accountability' session, in which Chrétien and his ministers were peppered with pointed questions on a host of issues, particularly health care. Unlike the fawning questions posed to ministers at the party's last convention two years ago - which seemed more like a run-up to a leadership contest with prospective candidates competing for the biggest round of applause - Saturday's bearpit signaled a renewed interest in serious social policy now that the deficit is finally tamed.

Those watching for signs of an incipient leadership race were disappointed. With Chrétien showing no inclination to retire any time soon, delegates care-

fully apportioned their applause among ministers. Although Finance Minister Paul Martin still appeared to be the favorite, it was the least partisan member of cabinet, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, who won the most prolonged, spontaneous ovation for the shortest answer.

"My country before my party" Dion said succinctly, responding to a delegate who questioned why the government is letting Charest, the leader of the "fifth party" be portrayed as the champion of federalism.

Fears about the erosion of medicare dominated the question period, with several delegates urging the government to enforce national standards, prohibit two-tier health care and cough up more money.

"I'm a family doctor and I've seen the suffering of many of my patients on a daily basis," said Quebec delegate Daniel Wagner, urging Chrétien to promise to make health care the priority in the next federal budget.

Chrétien did not promise more cash, noting that the government has already withdrawn plans for a further \$1.5-bil-

lion cut in transfers to the provinces for health care, education and social assistance, has put more money into medical research and is planning to expand medicare to include home care.

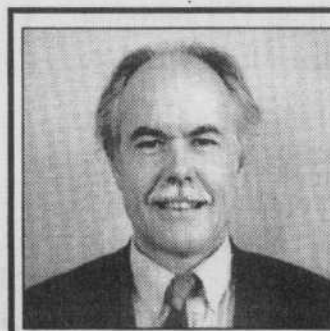
Health Minister Allan Rock seemed more sympathetic to the call for more health-care funding, although he made no specific promise.

Chrétien repeatedly warned delegates that the government can't go on a spending spree just because the deficit has been eliminated.

"If you're not tough and very zealous about it, we will go back where we were (in the red)," he told one delegate who urged the government to repeal the 'head tax' or landing fee on immigrants.

"It would be easy for me to tell you you're right and it will go, but it would not be responsible to do that."

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Chrétien's musical talents in ear of beholder

Canada's leader blows a mean trombone

By Joan Bryden
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

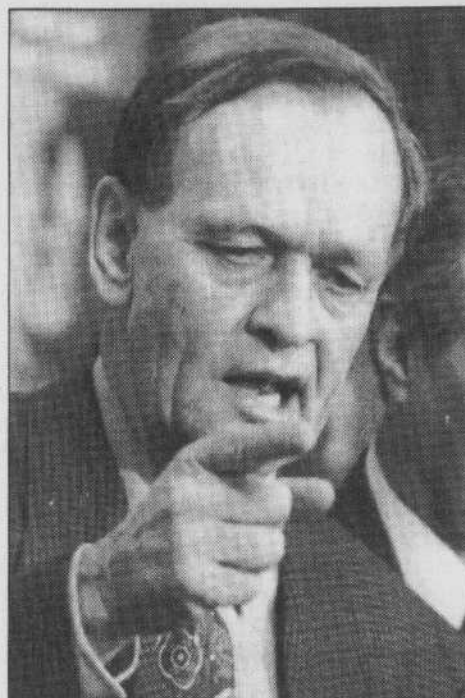
Jean Chrétien blew his own horn Saturday and the verdict was almost unanimous: Don't give up your day job.

The prime minister made his debut as a trombone soloist with the True Grit Band during a late night party at the Liberal national convention.

He opened with a rendition of Love Me Tender - an appropriate tune given that Chrétien faces a vote of confidence in his leadership today. It was recognizable. Just. But the party faithful loved it anyway, cheering wildly and chanting for imore, more."

Chrétien obliged, with an encore of Summertime and a rousing chorus of When the Saints Go Marching In. He was mobbed by groupies as he left the stage.

Still, even the most loyal Liberals admitted it's a good thing Chrétien, who hadn't played a trombone in 50 years before receiving one as a Christmas present



FILE PHOTO

Chrétien was mobbed by groupies as he left the stage.

from his MPs, isn't planning an immediate career move.

"I don't think he should give up his day job. It's another reason to hope for a good (leadership) vote," quipped Chrétien's communications director, Peter Donolo.

But others, whose continued employment depends on staying in Chrétien's good graces, were more fulsome in their praise.

"It was unbelievable," gushed Health Minister Allan Rock. "When he's 75 and he gets out of this line of work, he's got himself a career."

"Tremendous, tremendous. There is amazing talent," echoed Finance Minister Paul Martin, adding that he'd "rank this up with Pavarotti."

With U.S. President Bill Clinton wowing audiences with his saxophone and now Chrétien with his trombone, Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty said he's "beginning to wonder now if that's a prerequisite to succeeding in political leadership." He volunteered that he's "just recently mastered the shoe horn."

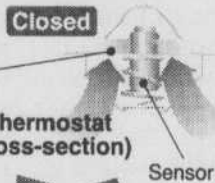
There was no word whether Chrétien will become a regular performer with the True Grit Band, whose members include Government House Leader Don Boudria (guitar), Veteran Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin (guitar), Hamilton MP Stan Keyes (keyboards), caucus chairman Joe Fontana (drums), Hamilton-Peel MP Julian Reed (guitar), Hamilton MP Tony Valeri (bass guitar), Sarnia MP Roger Gallaway (piano), former cabinet minister Ron Irwin (accordion and banjo) and former New Brunswick MP Pierrette Ringuette-Maltais (vocals).

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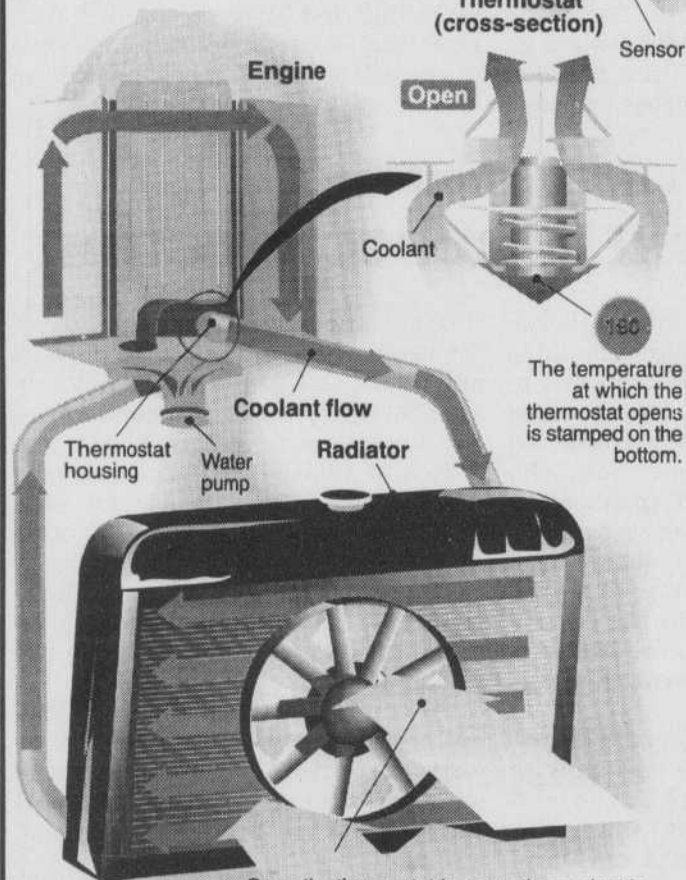
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Chrétien gets a 90 per cent approval rating at Liberal convention

Liberal party loves their leader

By Joan Bryden
SOUTHAM NEWSPAPERS
OTTAWA

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is talking boldly about leading the Liberals to a third election victory after winning a resounding vote of confidence from party rank and file.

The ringing endorsement Sunday, with 90.19 per cent of party members approving Chrétien's leadership, showed the prime minister's popularity has not dimmed after almost five years in office. The level of support was only marginally less than Chrétien received in 1994 when Liberals, deliriously happy to be back in power after nine years in the opposition wilderness, endorsed him by a vote of 91.2 per cent.

"It's a great endorsement of my leadership by the party," Chrétien told reporters after wrapping up a three-day national Liberal convention.

"I have a mandate now to run in the next election. So, if I want to run, I have the mandate today."

There was some grumbling in the party about Chrétien after the near-loss of the Liberal majority in last June's election. It was precisely to silence the grumblers that Chrétien's strategists pushed for a convention six months early to quickly settle the lead-

ership question.

They needn't have worried. The whispers of discontent have steadily declined since the election as Chrétien's popularity and party support has rebounded. And they virtually ceased altogether with last month's introduction of the first balanced budget in almost 30 years.

Throughout the convention, the 64-year-old Chrétien demonstrated he is firmly in control of his party and his government, showing no sign that he intends to retire anytime soon. He joked about sticking around until age 75 and was enthusiastically cheered by the 2,500 party faithful for his every utterance.

Despite the show of solid support, Chrétien still faced questions from reporters Sunday about his retirement plans and the criticism of provincial Liberals in Quebec, who maintain he is a liability to the federalist cause.

Chrétien said he intends to serve out his mandate, which lasts another four years, and will decide then whether to run for a third term.

"The party made me the leader for the next campaign. If I decide to resign, I will not be the leader."

Brimming with confidence, he challenged assertions that he's unpopular in Quebec, noting that recent polls show 53 per cent of Quebecers approve

of his government. And he flatly rejected suggestions that he has done more harm than good with his promise to help federal Tory Leader Jean Charest if, as expected, he takes over the helm of the Quebec Liberals.

"Come on," Chrétien chided reporters. "I'm a federalist and he's a federalist. You would have been very surprised, I guess, if I had said I intend to support (Premier Lucien) Bouchard. Come on. Be reasonable."

While he never personally campaigns in provincial elections, Chrétien said it should come as no surprise that the federal Liberal machine in Quebec will be put at the disposal of Charest or whomever is chosen to lead the provincial Liberals against Bouchard's separatist government.

"For anybody who knows a bit about Quebec politics, having (a choice between) Bouchard and whoever, I was to be for whoever."

Chrétien made it clear, however, that he has no intention of dropping his strategy of spelling out the terms and conditions of secession to satisfy either Charest or the Quebec Liberal Party. Indeed, he used his wrap-up speech to the convention to reiterate his contention that the rules for secession must include a clear referendum question supported by a substantial majority of Quebecers.

The overwhelming result of his leadership vote proves, Chrétien said with a grin: "If you ask a clear question, an honest question of voters, then you get a clear answer back."

The comment was also a veiled jab at Bouchard, who received only 76.7 per cent support from Parti Quebecois members during a review of his leadership in 1996.

Having made a shaky debut as a trombone soloist during the convention, Chrétien told delegates he was relieved Liberals want him to stay on as leader.

"As you can see, I'm not quite ready to start on a new career," he said, noting that the "only sour note at this convention came out of my trombone."

Chrétien promised not to become complacent, vowing to "continue to work hard to earn Canadians trust." Still, he confidently predicted that by the end of his second mandate, Liberals will be able to look back with pride on the government's accomplishments, which he said will include "significantly reduced taxes," a reduction in the nation's debt burden and a "major investment in our national health care system."

"We'll be ready to ask Canadians for the privilege of a third majority government."

'If we were to have a free vote on everything, there would be no government' – Chrétien

Support:

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When Transport Minister David Collette suggested Martin should be asked for more money for Trans-Canada Highway improvements in the next budget, Chrétien promptly noted that such an initiative would have to be weighed against other priorities.

Similarly, a Quebec delegate, who asked if the middle class can expect a tax cut in the next budget, was told she might have to wait.

Martin promised that the middle class, "the absolute backbone of the country," will eventually get their reward but said taxes must first be reduced for students, low-income earners and the disabled.

Chrétien faced criticism from one delegate for the "unacceptable" use of pepper spray against protesters at last fall's summit of Asia-Pacific leaders in

Vancouver.

The prime minister argued that protesters were given room to demonstrate, in plain view of the visiting leaders, and made no apology for the police treatment of those who broke through the security barriers.

"If you jump over the line that has been established for order, you will be pushed back. If you want to have democracy, you need order. It's as simple as that."

One Toronto delegate was booed when he suggested Chrétien should relax party discipline to allow his backbenchers to vote according to the wishes of their constituents and to allow voters to recall MPs who don't.

"If we were to have a free vote on everything, there would be no government," Chrétien replied, to applause.

"I don't believe in recall and so on. It's all gimmicks. If we're not good, you have the right to kick us out the next election."

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Who says there's no such thing as 'the Canadian people'?

I just spent a beautifully Canadian evening that Andre Joli-Coeur, the mouthpiece for Quebec sovereigntists in the Supreme Court of Canada, could not possibly have understood. At a cultural centre in Petit-de-Grat, Isle Madame, on the south coast of Cape Breton Island, I watched the fiddling sensation Daniel LeBlanc arouse hoots and hollers of pride and wonder from a crowd of about 300 of his fellow Acadians.

An athletic-looking youth with dark flashing eyes, short black hair, and black shirt and trousers, LeBlanc began the program by leaping offstage to play directly into the faces of the two-dozen children who'd seated themselves on the floor at the front of the hall. Backed by three other prodigiously talented young Acadians guys - a bass guitarist, keyboard player, and drummer, all wearing black - LeBlanc played both traditional Acadian tunes and dramatic new stuff of his own.

He played with fury and fire, humor and sorrow. In every number, the timing of his accompanists was bang-on. The whole show was somehow both smooth and explosive, good-natured yet mesmerizing. Except among Acadians, LeBlanc is still virtually unknown, but it was easy to see why they're predicting he's about to do for their music what Ashley MacIsaac has done for the Celtic music of Cape Breton.

Introducing each number, LeBlanc spoke slowly, in a deep, clear voice, and judging by the crowd's reaction, he got off some pretty good jokes. Jokes I didn't get. My only language is English. But here I was, alone at a concert where all the performer's songs and talk were entirely in French, where all but a few in the audience were francophones, and I was having this gloriously Canadian time!

I was one of "the Canadian people," and so was everyone at the show, Acadians and anglos alike.

Andre Joli-Coeur, however, would insist I'm wrong. The trouble with taking to the Supreme Court an issue like Quebec's right to unilaterally secede from Canada is that it gives lawyers like him a chance to promote twisty legalistic arguments to deny matters of the heart. If I was born in Canada, and all my life have felt like one of the Canadian people, then I am one of the Canadian people. No you're not, Joli-Coeur would argue, because there's no such thing.

Canada, he argues, consists of an English-Canadian people, a Quebec people, an Acadian people, and native peoples.

We English-Canadians may call our-

selves "the Canadian people," Joli-Coeur argues, but we'll never really be anything more than a bunch of English-Canadians. While we boast "the legitimacy that is inherent in (our) status as peoples and are entitled to the right of self-determination," so do the Acadians, and the Quebec and native peoples.

Canada consists of these four peoples, not just one, and none of them "can pretend to exercise a monopoly on the right of self-determination by imposing on the other a right which belongs to each and every one of them."

And presto! Canada can't stop Quebec from declaring its independence. But would native peoples have the right to secede from Quebec? Well, uh, actually no. For them, self-determination can go only so far.

And what about the Acadians? In their pursuit of self-determination, would they have the right to leap out of Canada to form a nation of their own? Joli-Coeur apparently didn't shine the light of his constitutional wizardry on such a possibility, but I probably know more Acadians than he does (English-speaking Canadian though I may be), and I have never met one who did not see herself or himself as not only Acadian but thoroughly Canadian.

The Acadians no longer want even a province of their own, much less a nation. In New Brunswick, they more than hold their own in politics. Their businesses thrive as never before. The Acadian culture throughout the Maritimes is vibrant and distinctive - just like Quebec's. Indeed, the survival of the Acadian language and culture, particularly in New Brunswick, is daily and living proof that Canada is one country in which a minority "nation" can flourish peacefully while tucked within a bigger one.

The former governor general of all Canada is an Acadian: Romeo LeBlanc, a good old boy from Memramcook, N.B. Among his "people," he's supreme proof that it's possible to be a good Acadian and a good Canadian at the same time. Quebec's sovereigntist leaders, alas, remain too paranoid and mean-spirited ever to understand such possibilities, or to grasp how it could possibly be that an expatriate Torontonian like me and 300 Acadians could gather one winter night on the coast of Cape Breton - and together know that every man, woman and child in the room was one of the Canadian people.

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VIEWPOINT

HARRY BRUCE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canadian War Museum needs renovations

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing as president of Operation Legacy, a youth organization with objectives including the commemoration and preservation of Canada's military heritage, as well as the encouragement of the study of military heritage by Canada's youth.

Recently, I had the privilege of making a submission to the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs about the future of the Canadian War Museum. I was also invited to address the first meeting of the prestigious Advisory Committee to the Canadian War Museum at which time I was pleased to present the Passing the Torch campaign with a cheque for \$5,000 from

our own budget.

I would invite the Canadian public to also make financial contributions to this campaign which was set up to raise money for the much-needed museum renovations. The campaign has an objective of \$5 million, nearly one half of which has already been met. It will be matched by a grant from the Canadian government.

Should your readers need more information, they can contact me at 1-800-465-2677. If they wish to make a contribution, for which a tax receipt can be issued, a cheque or money order made payable to the Passing the Torch Campaign should be sent to: Friends of the Canadian War Museum, General Motors Court, 330 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0M8.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

"Building a Mystery" is song of the year

Sarah McLachlan wins four Junos

By Kerry Gold
SOUTHAM NEWS
VANCOUVER

Sarah McLachlan dominated Sunday night's Juno Awards, winning all four Junos for which she was nominated and continuing the phenomenal success she has enjoyed the last year.

McLachlan accepted awards for female vocalist of the year, album of the year, single of the year for "Building a Mystery", and songwriter of the year for the same single, shared with co-writer Pierre Marchand.

The Lilith Fair ringmaster beat country superstar Shania Twain for female vocalist of the year. Instead, Twain took home a Juno for country female vocalist of the year, beating another favorite, Terri Clark.

Toronto band Our Lady Peace claimed a major share of the spotlight, winning two Junos, for group of the year and rock album of the year for Clumsy, and the Blockbuster people's-choice award.

Calgary's Paul Brandt won two Junos, for male vocalist of the year and country male vocalist of the year. Ontario Celtic clan Leahy also won a pair of Junos, for best new group of the year and instrumental artists of the year.

Best alternative album went to Montreal's Bran van 3000, for Glee.

McLachlan's "Building a Mystery" had also been nominated in two production-related categories. Marchand won producer of the year, but the album lost for best album design.

Vancouver's Holly McNarland won best new solo artist, the Rascalz album Cash Crop won for best rap recording, and The Paperboys' Molinos won best roots & traditional album. Vancouver-based Farmer's Daughter won country



SONY MUSIC

Our Lady Peace claimed a major share of the spotlight, winning two Junos, for group of the year and rock album of the year.

group of the year, and Colin James won best blues album for National Steel.

Two music industry chiefs, both from B.C., claimed the special honorary awards. The Walt Grealis special achievement award went to long-time Vancouver agent Sam Feldman, and Victoria native and super producer/composer David Foster was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

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Other Juno award winners:

- Best dance recording: Euphoria - Delerium
- Best roots & traditional album (solo): Ron Sexsmith - Other Songs
- Best album design: John Rummen, Crystal Heald, Stephen Chung, Andrew

MacNaughtan, Justin Zivojinovich - Songs of the Circling Spirit, Tom Cochrane

Recording engineer of the year: Michael Phillip Wojewoda - Armstrong and the Guys, Our Ambassador, Spirit of the West

Best global album: La Llorona - Lhasa

Best selling Francophone album: Marie Michele Desrosiers Chante Les Classiques de Noel - Marie Michele Desrosiers

Best selling album (foreign or domestic): Spice - Spice Girls

Best video: Javier Aguilera - Gasoline, Moist

Best classical album, solo or chamber ensemble: Marc-Andre Hamelin Plays Franz Liszt - Marc-Andre Hamelin

Best classical album, large ensemble or soloist(s) with large ensemble accompaniment: Mozart Horn Concertos - James Sommerville, CBC Vancouver Orchestra, Mario Bernardi

Best classical album, vocal or choral performance: Soiree Francaise - Michael Schade, tenor; Russel Braun, baritone; Canadian Opera Company Orchestra, Richard Bradshaw

Best classical composition: Malcolm Forsyth - Electra Rising - Electra Rising, Music of Malcolm Forsyth

Best reggae recording: Catch de Vibe - Messenjah

Best gospel album: Romantics & Mystics - Steve Bell

Best R & B/Soul recording: Things Just Ain't the Same - Deborah Cox

Best children's album: Livin' In A Shoe - Judy & David

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Supreme Court of Canada to hear emotional case on Friday

Is sex without disclosing HIV-positive a crime?

By Stephen Bindman
SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

When Henry Cuerrier was told in 1992 he had tested positive for HIV, he was advised by a public health nurse to warn each of his sexual partners.

"If I tell one person in this little town, I'll never have a sex life again. I can't do that," was his angry reaction. Cuerrier didn't.

Even after he was issued a formal order by the local medical officer of health, the Squamish, B.C., man continued to have unprotected sex without telling his partners he carried the virus that causes AIDS.

With one woman, he had unprotected sex more than 100 times in a two-year relationship that began just three weeks after he received his test results.

Another relationship lasted less than a month and ended when the woman discovered he was HIV-positive but had not told her.

Does that make Cuerrier a criminal?

That is the complex dilemma before the country's top court this week in a case that raises issues about the relationship between sexuality, criminality and personal autonomy.

The Supreme Court of Canada must also address a related question that seems to arise without increasing frequency: Who should extend the law to cover novel situations - judges or legislators?

Cuerrier was acquitted in 1995 on two counts of aggravated assault on the women.

Essentially, the judge ruled there was no assault because the women had consented to having sex with him.

A five-judge panel of the B.C. Court of Appeal upheld the acquittal, ruling the Crown was trying to stretch the bounds of the law beyond reasonable limits."

"The criminal law of assault is, indeed, an unusual instrument for attempting to ensure safe sex," wrote

Madam Justice Jo-Ann Prowse.

The appeal court said Parliament had not yet chosen to criminalize conduct such as Cuerrier's that creates the risk of transmission of HIV.

"In my view, Parliament is in the best position to strike the appropriate balance between the competing interests of promoting public health initiatives to control the spread of HIV, deterring harm-risking conduct and protecting individual autonomy," Prowse wrote.

Several American states have passed AIDS-specific legislation and in 1995, then justice minister Allan Rock said the government was considering an amendment to the Criminal Code to make it a crime to "knowingly communicate" HIV. No law was ever introduced and several related private members' bills have been debated but not passed in the Commons.

Now the Crown has appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing there was no valid consent to the sexual relationships because Cuerrier did not tell the women he was HIV positive.

Any consent was obtained through fraud, was not informed (a concept borrowed from medical malpractice law) and was ineffective by reason of "public policy," lawyer William Ehrcke argues in his written submissions.

If a man invites a woman to tea and she consents, Ehrcke argues by analogy, does he not exceed the scope of her consent if he knowingly serves her tea in a cup with traces of arsenic?

"A person who is fully informed of a potential partner's HIV status may make a choice to take the risk of sexual contact and may make informed choices about the use of precautions, such as con-

doms. The law should not interfere with such informed and autonomous choices."

"What the law should prohibit is deceitful conduct by a person who knows he is HIV positive, which deprives his partner of the ability to make a meaningful choice about whether to accept the risk."

Cuerrier's lawyer, Douglas Stewart, argues the criminal law should not be used to regulate public health and if either woman had contracted HIV he could have been charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm, where consent would not be an issue.

But Stewart wonders where the line should be drawn in invalidating consent based on missing information. Would a woman's consent to sex not be valid if it later turns out the man is married?

"While it may be said in such a case that the consent is not fully 'informed,' it does not follow that the result is the commission of a criminal offence."

Several AIDS groups and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association have intervened in the case with powerful submissions that using the blunt force of the criminal law may be counterproductive in trying to prevent the spread of the disease.

Voluntary testing, education and counselling are most in the public interest and most people diagnosed with

HIV "behave with due care and concern for others and with dignity in the face of a serious, life threatening and often fatal illness," the civil liberties group says.

The submission concedes that people who act like Cuerrier behave "reprehensibly."

But "using the criminal law to stem HIV transmission may be counterproductive in that it may encourage individuals to eschew testing to avoid establishing a basis for subsequent criminal liability."

"HIV transmission laws may also foster and adversarial relationship between the public health system and HIV infected people, thereby discouraging them from seeking treatment."

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network fears that making unsafe sex without disclosing HIV positive status a crime will be "a barrier to honest and open discussion" about people's sexual practices.

"A conviction in such a case may send the misleading message to Canadians generally that the criminal law can and will protect them from HIV infection, creating a false sense of security among those who are HIV negative and thereby undermining the crucial public health message that protecting oneself from HIV/AIDS is everyone's responsibility."

Canadian AIDS cases

SOUTHAM NEWS
OTTAWA

Canadian criminal law has struggled to deal with AIDS. Here are some of the cases:

- Charles Ssenyonga was charged in London, Ont., in 1992 with three counts of sexual assault and three charges of criminal negligence causing bodily harm for knowingly infecting three women while he was under a public health order banning him from having sex. He was acquitted of the sexual assault charges but died of AIDS before a verdict could be delivered on the other counts. The judge refused to continue with the case.

- Donald Napora of Edmonton was acquitted in 1995 of being a common nuisance and endangering a life for having unprotected sex with a man, who later tested HIV positive. The judge said it was not clear where Napora's lovers contracted the virus.

- In June 1993, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the common nuisance conviction and 15-

month jail sentence of an Ottawa man, James Charles Thornton, who donated blood even though he was HIV positive. Thornton testified he hoped that removing some of his infected blood would reduce the likelihood of developing AIDS and said he believed the Red Cross screening would detect his infected blood.

- Ralph Jordan Kreider of Edmonton pleaded guilty in 1993 to being a common nuisance and endangering a life for having unprotected sex with a woman, who later tested negative. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail.

- Raymond Mercer of Conception Bay, Nfld., was found guilty in 1992 of two counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm for having unprotected sex with two women, who later tested positive. His sentence was increased to 11 years by the Newfoundland Court of Appeal.

- In 1996, a 29-year-old Montreal man was charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm for having unprotected anal sex without informing his partner he was HIV-positive. The man died before the case came to trial.

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The Sports Record

Bishop's b-ball team puts on a gutsy performance to win the Nationals
Gaiters win it all

By J.D. Keyes
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT
 HALIFAX

The Bishop's men's basketball team took the hard road to a national championship over the weekend.

The Gaiters won the university's first-ever Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) championship Sunday evening at the Halifax Metro Centre with a thrilling 74-71 win over the MacMaster Marauders.

The game, televised across Canada on TSN, climaxed a dream weekend for Bishop's players and fans alike in the Maritime capital.

Not only did Bishop's win it all, but en route, they knocked off MacMaster, the University of Victoria Vikings, and the University of Alberta Golden Bears. MacMaster and Victoria have been ranked No. 1 among CIAU basketball teams all year, while Alberta has been the dominant program in the Canadian University basketball in the '90s having won two championships.

"This was magic," said a jubilant head coach Eddie Pomykala. "This championship is what happens when you get a special community and a great university who rally around a bunch of kids who are unselfish and who work

hard."

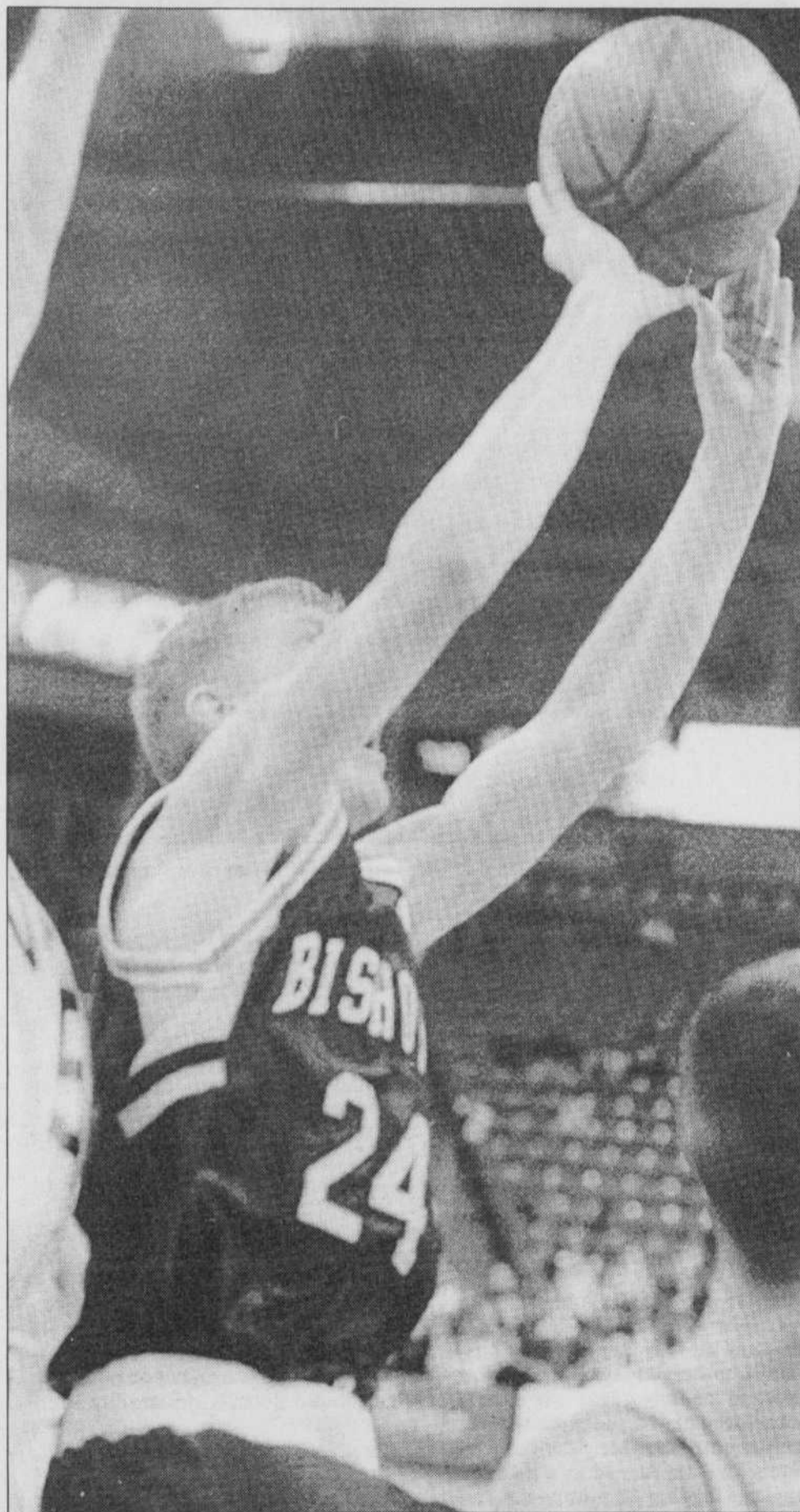
Bishop's was seeded No. 2 among the eight teams heading into the tournament and in four previous national championship appearances, the Gaiters had not won a first-round game. But, after a tough 75-67 opening-round win over Alberta on Friday, Bishop's used an ugly Stewart Clark layup to scrape by Victoria 78-76 Saturday afternoon and advanced to the title game.

A consensus among basketball observers heading into the championship match-up was that while Bishop's was a bit of a Cinderella story, MacMaster, who have made six consecutive national championship appearances, had a bit of an edge in terms of experience.

When the Marauders roared to an early 15-point lead only nine minutes into the game, things looked tough for the Gaiters, but they never packed it in.

"We have a great bunch of guys, who are committed to working hard, not only this weekend, but all year and when crunch time came, we were there," said assistant coach Jeff Harris. "We were saying in the huddle, during time-outs, in the first and second half, 'Believe in yourself and good things will happen.'"

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PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

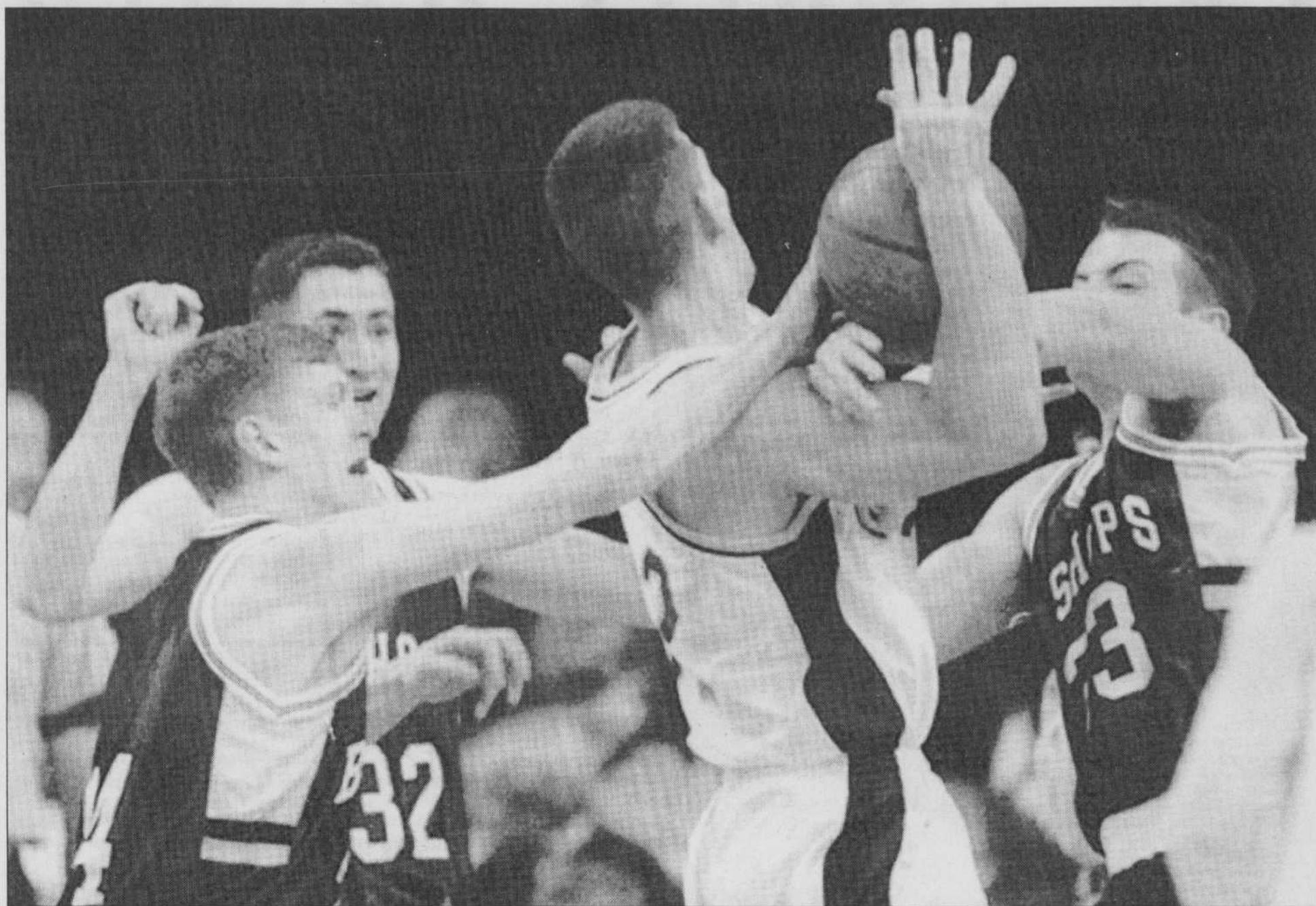
Bishop's Stewart Clark scores the winning layup to defeat the Victoria Vikings on Saturday.



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Stewart Clark's family gives him a bit of extra encouragement. Nearly 200 fans turned out to support the Lennoxville squad in Halifax.

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PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

The Gaiter's Stewart Clark, Patrice Lemieux and Robert Burns gang up on the competition

'I just can't describe how great it feels'

Champions:

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Spurred on by a large contingent of students and well-wishers who provided a huge psychological boost, Bishop's ended the first half on a 26-6 run and they went into the dressing at half time up 36-31. Bishop's started the second frame on fire, and thanks to a Jamie Woods three-pointer at the 10-minute mark, they pushed their lead to 13 points.

MacMaster made the game close down the stretch. The Gaiters held a seemingly secure 73-67 lead with only 1:33 to go, but the Marauders cut their deficit to only two points with 35 seconds left on a Vujo Rusic layup. But Clark was fouled on Bishop's next trip down the floor. He sunk one of his two

free throws to give Bishop's a three point advantage.

MacMaster rallied with a last-ditch three-point attempt by guard Mark Maga that narrowly missed its mark. Gaiter point guard Ryan Thorne grabbed the rebound to clinch the victory.

A big part of the win for Bishop's was their huge front court talent advantage. The MacMaster forwards were tall but very slow. Bishop's contingent of small but more athletic forwards led by Stewart Clark, Patrice Lemieux and Robert Burns were able to use their speed to dominate inside.

Clark and Burns ended the game with 16 points and 10 rebounds each.

Lemieux, a Sherbrooke native who is only 6'3" and a half-foot shorter than all three MacMaster forwards in their front-court rotation, who are all 6'8", led all rebounders with 12 boards and

also contributed eight points.

Clark, Lemieux and Burns each blocked two shots.

"Everybody from the guys starting to the guys on the bench cheering us on did an amazing job this weekend," said Gaiter captain Kris Ruiter. "Everybody played just so hard and with a lot of intensity. When we all work together like we did good things will happen." "This is just an incredible feeling," added Woods. "You feel great, not only because we won, but because all the hours and all the practice we've put in building towards this point. I just can't describe how great it feels." Thorne, who played the game with a severely sprained ankle, was named the game's MVP. He turned in a gutsy performance logging 33 minutes of court time and scored 15 points and made six assists.

MacMaster was led by Rusic's 21

points. Titus Channer, a four-time all-Canadian guard and CIAU player of the year had 20 points. No other Marauder had more than eight points and the MacMaster bench contributed only seven points to their team's total of 71.

Clark won the Jack Donahue award as the tournament's MVP.

Thorne and Lemieux made the tournament all-star team along with Channer, Steve Maga of MacMaster and Eric Hinrichsen of the University of Victoria.

The Acadia University Axemen coached by Sherbrooke native Dave Nutbrown, won the consolation final, over the Brandon Bobcats on Sunday afternoon.

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Be sure to read tomorrow's Record for more in-depth coverage of the Bishop's Gaiters winning the 1998 CIAU national championships.

THE SPORTS RECORD

Win first round of the playoffs

Frontaliers finally beat feisty Lachine

By Michael Innes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LACHINE

It's done. The Coaticook Frontaliers of the Quebec Junior AAA league have made it through the first round of the playoffs for the first time in their five-year history with a 5-4 win Friday night against the Lachine Maroons to take the quarter final series 4-2.

The Frontaliers took the lead in the game in the first period with goals from Martin Bergeron and Dave Bolduc. Team

captain Stephane Huot gave the visiting Frontaliers the three-goal advantage at the 14-minute mark in the second period.

Lachine's Jonathan Dionne narrowed the Frontaliers lead a few minutes later but the Frontaliers continued to work hard. Anatoly Buliga gave the Frontaliers the three goal advantage once again with only nine seconds left to go in the second period. Lachine's Frederic Hebert took advantage of a power play to narrow the Frontaliers lead once again less than two minutes into the

third period. Yvan Morin added the Frontaliers last goal midway through the third period.

The Maroons continued to fight back and with a bit of help from referee Francois Gagnon, Patrick Duquette was able to add two more goals but it was not enough for a win. Frontaliers Yvan Morin was named first star of the game.

"It was about time the game ended. It's the first time since I'm in the league that I make it through the first round, it's a nice feeling. We played some good

hockey in our last three games," Morin said. Coaticook head coach Pierre Cliche was also satisfied with the result of the game.

"It feels great," said Cliche, who is now getting ready for the next round of the playoffs. Marc Tanguay was in the net for Coaticook and faced 33 shots. At the other end of the ice Benoit Thibert faced 39 shots from the Frontaliers.

The Frontaliers will now face off against the Montreal Junior in the next round of the playoffs.

Hockey is healthy in the Townships

Five new teams could join Junior BB League

By Michael Innes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SHERBROOKE

With the exit of the Cowansville Eskimods from the Quebec Junior AAA League, many may think hockey is in trouble in the Townships but representatives from the Junior BB League say nothing could be further from the truth.

The Cowansville Rockies are one of

the three teams that make up the Junior BB Estrie-Mauricie circuit and there is talk of the league expanding next season. Sherbrooke, Waterloo and Cowansville make up the three team league and Jeannot Gilbert, vice-president at the Eastern Townships division of Hockey Quebec, said five more teams could be in the league next season.

"It looks good for next year. Drummondville, Asbestos, Windsor, Rock For-

est and Plessisville should be represented in the league next season. Negotiations with some minor hockey association are already underway," said Gilbert. Among the cities named by Gilbert, Plessisville already has a Junior BB team in the Quebec-area league and may be interested in joining the Estrie-Mauricie league next season.

With the departure of the Eskimod from Cowansville for next season players

fresh out of the midget ranks will have a place to improve their skills and play competitive hockey.

"Last week there was more than 300 fans at a Rockies-Waterloo game," Gilbert said. "The assistance in Cowansville was lower because of the Junior AAA team but there is room for Junior BB team in the area." All hockey fans have to do now is hope that the team will stay in their area and not move.

Signed Andres Galarraga to a \$24-million contract

Atlanta Braves among Major Leagues' elite

By Tom Maloney
SOUTHAM NEWS
ORLANDO, FLA.

Some 9,500 tourists pack the Wide World of Sports Baseball Stadium for a sold-out Sunday afternoon game between the Tigers and Braves, gaining entrance by first passing the Disney souvenir store on the left, then the All-Star Cafe on the right.

The gorgeous stadium's stucco walls and turret towers are painted mustard yellow; the scoreboard, on-field fences and seating are drenched in baseball green. It's part of an 80-hectare spread at Disney World committed to sports by Disney, also the owner of ABC and ESPN.

As patrons wait for lunch at the Cafe (Southpaw onion soup, Wayne's cracked ribs, Slide into Home raspberry sorbet, plus a Bud: \$24.80 US plus tax and tip), they may shop in a merchandise boutique (All-Star kids' T-shirt: \$18) or gaze at the backlit displays featuring Wayne Gretzky, Tiger Woods, Ken Griffey Jr., Andre Agassi or Joe Montana.

Disney invited the Braves to inhabit this complex because the franchise ranks among the Major Leagues' elite. The Braves remain in that class in part

by committing \$65 million to payroll, which allows them to import a cure for a problem in the batting order.

He is Andres Galarraga, signed to a contract guaranteed to pay \$24.75 million over the next three years. Not bad for the kid plucked out of Venezuela by the Expos in 1979.

"It's not all about money," manager Bobby Cox said before a game against the Tigers. "Other teams have had bigger payrolls than us and didn't win."

The Braves share the Blue Jays' philosophy of building around pitching. Atlanta is paying \$29.5 million this year to its top four starting pitchers - Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz and Denny Neagle.

Unlike the Jays, though, they have won just one World Series title this decade, as Paul Beeston pointed out to Roger Clemens incessantly a year and a half ago. In the post-season, for the sixth time this decade, Atlanta out-hit the Marlins .253 to .199 but lost the 1997 NLCS in six games. They lacked the knockout punch.

The 235-pound Galarraga was lured for one reason: "Right-handed power," Cox said. "We've been heavy left-hand-

ed."

These days, teams want big, strong men with monster numbers to anchor their lineups. When ex-jay Fred McGriff slid to 22 homers he was dealt to Tampa Bay to make room for Galarraga. Over the previous two seasons with Colorado, the smiling first baseman generated 88 of his career 288 homers, plus 290 RBIs.

The idea is to place the right-handed hitter between switch-hitter Chipper Jones and left-hand hitting Ryan Klesko.

If the strategy works, it solves two Braves problems: Turner Field, opened last year in Atlanta, crucified left-handed power hitters; and southpaw relievers mowed down the middle of their order with annoying regularity.

"McGriff was a great power hitter but he hit left-handed so they made a decision," Galarraga said. "The Rockies didn't want to give me more than two years and the Braves guaranteed for three years, so for me, it was not a difficult choice. I feel very relaxed and comfortable here, like I've been with this team for one year not one month."

Galarraga hits to all fields, though his longer homers go primarily to left. The gamble is that, at 36 years old, he

can continue to produce outside of mile-high Coors Field in Denver.

He admits it's "hard to guess" but reasons there's a good chance his batting average will rise above last year's .318. Why's that?

"Not having to face Atlanta's pitchers has got to be worth 10 points," he says.

Galarraga gazed out of the dugout before the game, watching fans file into their seats.

"It's beautiful here," he said. "What else could you want?"

All of the opulence, combined with the mega-salaries, begs a question: How do the Expos and other small-market teams compete?

"That's more a question for the owners," said Galarraga, who spent six seasons with the Expos until he was traded to St. Louis following an injury-soiled 1991 season. "But I think it depends on if they just want to play the game, or if they want to win. The Expos do not want to pay more than \$3 million for anybody I don't know the business. Maybe it's better (for the owners) to be losing and playing in front of 8,000 people."

Atlanta gets that many for a Grapefruit League game.

THE SPORTS RECORD

A sampling of trade rumors swirling in every NHL city

NHL trade deadline has teams wheeling and dealing

By Michael Ulmer
SOUTHAM NEWS
TORONTO

The NHL trade deadline is Tuesday at 3 p.m. and there is bound to be action.

Eighteen deals were made on deadline day last year. While most involved bit players, key contributors in the Stanley Cup playoffs such as Esa Tikkanen - dealt from the Canucks to the Rangers - and Leafs discard Larry Murphy who found a Stanley Cup in Detroit, were traded.

Impact players do change uniforms at the deadline. Jason Allison, who has scored 29 goals for Boston this season, and the promising Anson Carter, both came to the Bruins in the deadline deal last year that sent Adam Oates and Bill Ranford to Washington.

Teams such as the New York Rangers and Florida Panthers will jettison contracts to gain more flexibility when the best-ever crop of unrestricted free agents (Doug Gilmour, Al MacInnis, Brett Hull, Curtis Joseph and John Vanbiesbrouck) hits the open market in June.

It's a buyers' market for well-healed teams such as Detroit, Dallas and Colorado that might seize the opportunity to obtain a player for the final month of the regular season and into the playoffs for a fraction of the player's annual salary.

"Some teams will take on the players who will be unrestricted free agents but they won't want to give up much for them," said Rangers' assistant general manager John Paddock.

For that reason, expect to see some prominent names change teams in exchange for mid to low draft choices. Highly paid but unproductive players - the San Jose Sharks Owen Nolan who makes \$2.7 million but has scored only 11 goals is an example - could also be dumped at the deadline.

Here is a sampling of trade rumors swirling in every NHL city. Teams are listed in their respective conferences in order of where they sit in the division standings. Financial terms are in U.S. dollars.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

1. Dallas Stars: Unwilling to stomach Pat Verbeek's \$3.1 million salary, the

Stars are believed interested in trading him for Carolina's Gary Roberts. The Stars have also inquired about the Rangers Brian Skrudland.

2. Colorado Avalanche: GM Pierre Lacroix believes Mike Keane or Carolina's Kevin Dineen can spark a dead dressing room and help the penalty kill. If they reacquire Keane, the Rangers would have to pony up a share of his \$2.5-million salary.

3. Detroit Red Wings: Detroit is rumored to be interested in a score of defencemen, including former Leaf Dimitri Mironov, current Leaf Jeff Brown, the Islanders Rich Pilon and Florida's Gord Murphy.

4. St. Louis Blues: Their encouraging season means the Blues aren't likely to make a move but concerns about losing Al MacInnis, Steve Duchesne and Brett Hull as unrestricted free agents might force them to deal one of their stars.

5. Los Angeles Kings: Desperate for a power play defenceman, the Kings might deal for Mironov but are more likely to make a heated bid to sign Steve Duchesne in the off-season. The Kings are also looking at Florida defenceman Gord Murphy.

6. Chicago Blackhawks: The Hawks have tradeable assets in Gary Suter and Sergei Krivokrasov. The Blackhawks are also believed to be talking to Buffalo about unhappy roustabout Matthew Barnaby.

7. Phoenix Coyotes: The Coyotes are believed to be shopping Jeremy Roenick and his \$3.6-million salary to Vancouver and San Jose. Latest rumors have Coyotes talking about a deal that would involve speedy forward Jeff Friesen or the Canucks' Alexander Mogilny.

8. Edmonton Oilers: Oilers GM Glen Sather is shopping unproductive winger Andrei Kovalenko. The impending arrival of gifted defenceman Tom Poti will slow Sather's willingness to trade for a defenceman. Sather and the Islanders have spoken about landing centre Bryan Smolinski.

9. San Jose Sharks: GM Dean Lombardi is hearing the firing footsteps and is said to be willing to move top-flight talent Owen Nolan. Aside from rookies Patrick Marleau, Marco Sturm and perhaps defenceman Mike Rathje, the San Jose roster is open for bidders.

10. Toronto Maple Leafs: The Leafs would move Mathieu Schneider for a second-line forward. The Leafs will be tempted with offers for Jamie Macoun in the final hours of trading but seem more likely to part with Jeff Brown, perhaps to the Red Wings, for a draft pick.

11. Calgary Flames: The Flames will be deluged with offers for Theoren Fleury, who is eligible for free agency after the 1998-'99 season. The Chicago Blackhawks are considered the most likely trading partner should the Flames do an about-face and move Fleury. The Flames are also in the Matt Barnaby sweepstakes.

12. Vancouver Canucks: The Canucks have spare toughness in Gino Odjick and a capable defenceman in Jyrki Lumme to deal. Forward Alexander Mogilny, in the first year of a four-year deal that will average \$4.4 million, has been included in rumors of a trade involving Phoenix's Jeremy Roenick.

13. Mighty Ducks of Anaheim: Desperate for scoring in the wake of Paul Kariya's injury, the Ducks will try to peddle defenceman Dimitri Mironov for any scoring help.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

1. New Jersey Devils: The Devils are said to be looking for a little more toughness down the stretch. Vancouver's Gino Odjick might be added. Former Leaf Doug Gilmour wants a two-year deal for \$5 million a year and is looking at unrestricted free agency at season's end. Those two factors could prod GM Lou Lamoriello into action.

2. Pittsburgh Penguins: The Penguins are said to be pursuing physical Florida winger Scott Mellanby. Pittsburgh and the Tampa Bay Lightning have discussed a deal that would see Bryan Marchment, Jason Wiemer and Daymond Langkow go to Pittsburgh for the rights to Petr Nedved.

3. Philadelphia Flyers: The Flyers are said to be in a dead heat with Pittsburgh to land Mellanby and have expressed intense interest in Theo Fleury. The Flyers would trade for Vanbiesbrouck or even Mike Richter since current coach Roger Neilson has handled both.

4. Washington Capitals: Playing to half-full houses at the new MCI centre,

the Caps justifiably feel that for \$2.2 million, Joe Juneau should have more than eight goals. Montreal might bite.

5. Boston Bruins: Defenceman Kyle McLaren's broken foot - he'll be out three to six weeks - could spark Bruins interest in a capable defender but the Bruins are considered unlikely to disrupt an inexpensive, effective team. The recent acquisition of Grant Ledyard has helped solidify the blue line.

6. MONTREAL CANADIENS: The Canadiens are also interested in Barnaby and have the financial means to give Juneau a chance with his third NHL team.

7. Buffalo Sabres: Barnaby, who has just three goals and has sat out the last two games is gone, but where? The Sabres are interested in the Flames' Andrew Cassels and want to reunite Geoff Sanderson with Cassels, his centre in Hartford.

8. Ottawa Senators: The Senators will be open to bids for defenceman Igor Kravchuk, whose contract expires at year's end but GM Pierre Gauthier loves Kravchuk's game and is unlikely to pull the trigger.

9. New York Rangers: The Rangers are entertaining offers and will move Mike Keane, Jeff Beukeboom and Ulf Samuelsson for the right offer. Detroit, in need of toughness on the blue line, is thought to be the leading contender. Vancouver covets Beukeboom.

10. Carolina Hurricanes: Gary Roberts, who will make \$2.5 million this year, has some market value and could be dealt. Hurricanes have been dangling centre Jeff O'Neill at various times this season.

11. New York Islanders: The Islanders have pledged to move big defenceman Rich Pilon if they can't wrap up contract talks by the trade deadline.

12. Florida Panthers: The Panthers have assets in steady defenceman Gord Murphy, Dave Gagner, Ray Sheppard and unhappy captain Scott Mellanby. Goalie John Vanbiesbrouck has asked to be traded and he would be a fine rental goalie in Philadelphia or Detroit.

13. Tampa Bay Lightning: Damon Langkow's refusal to report to the minors will prompt the Lightning to deal him. Bryan Marchment remains an asset that will interest a team unable to land Ulf Samuelsson or Gord Murphy.

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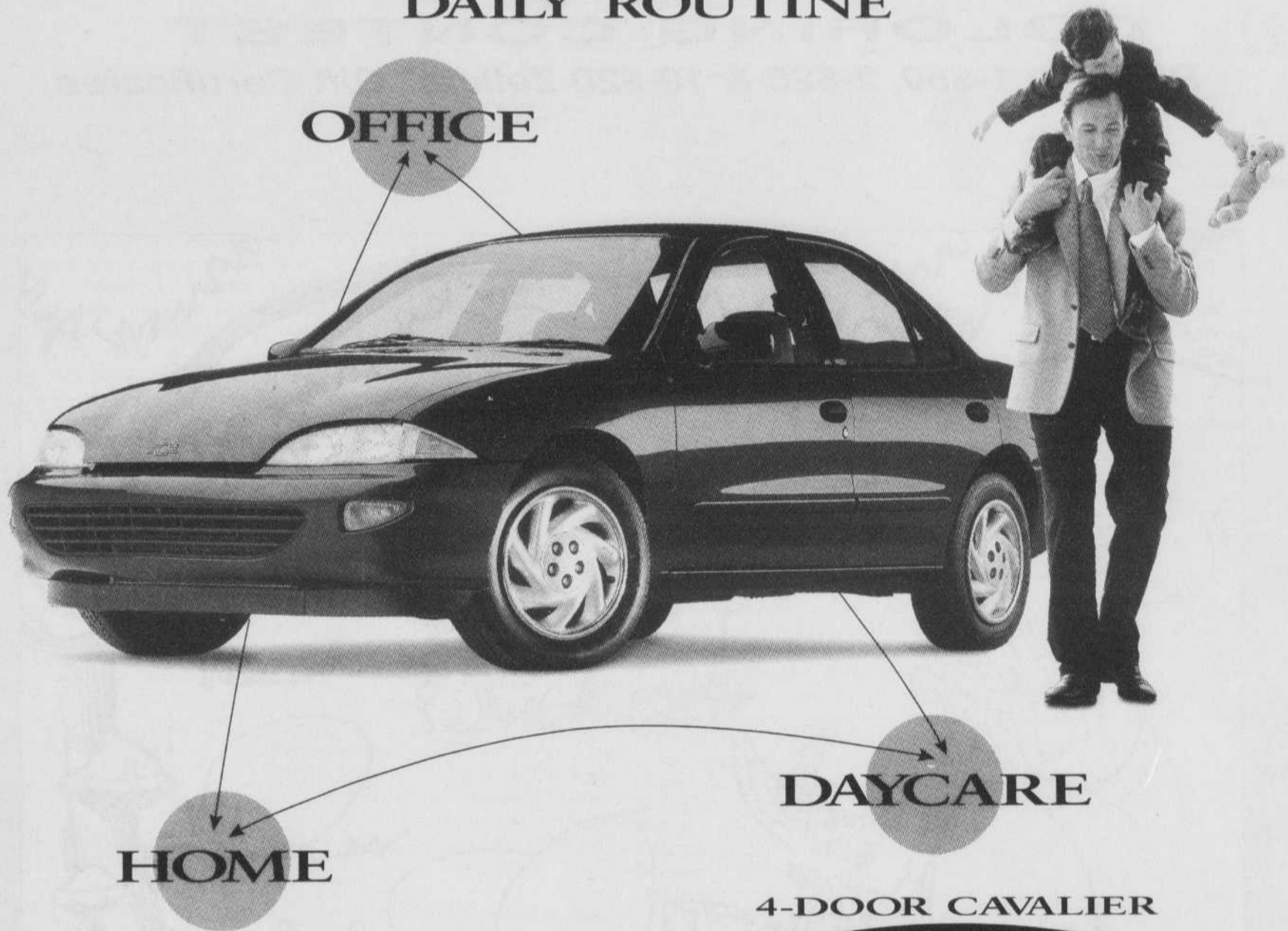


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Death

KENT, Lionel Pelham F.C.A. — Peacefully at his home in Hatley, Que., on Friday, March 20, 1998, Lionel Kent in his 84th year. Most beloved husband of Hope Brealey. Dearly loved father of Judith (Robert Cowling), Michael "Punch" (Anne), the late Brian "Toby" (Sue Pattillo), Richard (Lise), David (Janice), Patrick (Linda). Devoted grandfather of John (Diana), Victoria (Sean), Christopher, Julie, Tara, Claire, Robert, Daniel, Sarah, Alexander, Patricia, Alana and Emma. Great-grandfather of Emilie Hope. Also survived by his brothers Pelham and Felton in British Columbia. Funeral service will be held at St. James Church, Hatley, Que., on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 2 p.m. Canon Curtis Patterson officiating. Interment in St. James Cemetery, Hatley, Que. The family would greatly appreciate donations to McGill University for the establishment of the Lionel Pelham Kent Prize to be awarded to an accounting student for proficiency in English and writing skills, c/o Faculty of Management, C.A. Program, McGill University, 1001 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que. H3A 1G5, or any other charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, (819) 564-1750.

World Day of Prayer service held in Beebe

BEEBE

The World Day of Prayer service took place on March 6 at Ste. Therese Church here in Beebe.

The theme this year was "Who is my Neighbor." The program was about Madagascar, a country of poverty and hardship, especially for the women and children.

The programs were prepared and distributed by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, Toronto, Ontario.

Several years ago when this annual day was established it has been held in the Border communities with all church women alternating the service and plan to include participation of all women's groups.

These church groups include Catholic, United Steeples, Anglican, and the Advent churches on both sides of the Border.

This year it was organized by the women of Ste. Therese, in addition to the readings from the program there were hymns sung appropriate for this type of service, and included "How Great Thou Art," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and others.

Following the service the ladies of Ste. Therese served delightful goodies and beverages as the fellowship continued in the church hall.

Ivy Hatch

Deaths

LETOURNEAU, Gérard — At the Youville Hospital on March 21, 1998, Gérard Létourneau at the age of 71. Husband of Juliette Veilleux of Ayer's Cliff. Survived by his children Rock (Rhéa Madore) of St-Elie, Pierrette (René Maclure) of Stanstead, Claudette of Sherbrooke, Claude (Johanne Veilleux) of Quebec City, Lorraine (Sylvain Côté) of Danville, Claire (Daniel Labranche) of Omerville, his grandchildren, Caroline and Steve Maclure, Simon, Mélanie and Mathieu Létourneau, Jean-Michel, Julie, Gabriel Flipot, Marie-Eve, Cynthia and Michael Labranche, his mother-in-law Cécile Veilleux, his brothers and sisters and brothers and sisters-in-law, Aline (Aristide Pouliot), the late Alfred (Gisèle Lapensée), Xavier (Carmen Arsenault), Paul (Denise Thibault), Roméo (Michelle Lefrancois), Fernande (Gilles Charron), Gabrielle (late Raoul Veilleux), Roland (Yvette Charest), Mariette (Irenée Roy), Ronald (Carmen Charest), Simon (Yvon Charron), Robert, Réal, Rémi (Jeanne Whipple), Monique (Jean Marie Morin), nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. Resting at Résidence funéraire Charron et fils inc., 228 Child, Coaticook, Que., tel: 849-4141, fax: 849-4200, Claude Charron, Pres., Stéphane Charron, Dir. Visitation on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m., day of the funeral from 11 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 2 p.m. at St-Wilfrid de Kingscroft Church followed by interment. The family would like to thank the personnel of Unit 46 of the C.H. Youville for the care given to M. Létourneau.

McLEOD, Lily Dorothy Louise (nee Cameron) — After a fulfilling 100 years of life, peacefully at Toronto East General Hospital on Monday, March 16, 1998. Born December 9, 1897 in Maidstone, Kent, England. Predeceased by her husband Malcolm Ewen McLeod. Much loved mother of Marilyn and her husband Garth James of Cambridge, Ont., Wayne and his wife Beverley of Don Mills, Ont. Dear grandmother of Lynn, Richard and his wife Louise, Heather and her husband Liam, David, and Pamela. Lovingly remembered by her great-granddaughter Courtney. The family received friends at the Humphrey Funeral Home, A.W. Miles Chapel, 1403 Bayview Ave., Toronto, 1-800-616-3311, from 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 1998 until service in the Chapel at 3 p.m. Friends were invited to join the family for a reception in the Leaside Room of the funeral home following the service. Private cremation with interment will follow at St. James Cemetery, Winnipeg, Man. In Lily's memory, donations may be made to the Winnipeg Humane Society, 5 Kent St., Winnipeg, Man. R2L 1X3, or to the St. Clair O'Connor Centre, 2073 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. M4B 3M3.

Your laughter and music will always be with us.

Deaths

MITCHELL, Hazel A.C. (nee Montgomery) — Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Friday, March 20, 1998. Hazel Mitchell in her 105th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Arthur Robert Mitchell. Beloved mother of Audrey (Burrell McDowell) and Gwyneth (Ivan Johnston). Cherished grandmother of Robert Vezina and Giles, Gerald and Darla Shadomy. Hazel also leaves to mourn several nieces and nephews, as well as many friends. A funeral service will be held in the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principal St. S., Richmond, Que., on Wednesday, March 25 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Ruth Matthews officiating. Interment in the South Durham United Cemetery in the spring. Please note: The funeral parlor will be open one hour prior to the service. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of the Wales Home who cared for her so lovingly and compassionately over the past several years. Donations to the Wales Home or the charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

PEARSON, Stella — At the Foyer Richmond, on March 19, 1998 in her 89th year. Daughter of the late Edmond-James Pearson and the late Sophie Gravel, residing in Richmond and Registrar of the Registry Office in Richmond for years. Survived by her sister, Hilda Pearson, nieces and nephews, Sister Patricia, des Dames de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame, of Redfield, U.S.A., Léo (Suzanne) of Acton Vale, Georgette Côté-Pearson of Richmond, Pierrette Landel-Pearson-Gagnon of Richmond, grandnieces and grandnephews, Richard, Bernard, Daniel, Louise, Jacques, Robert, Patricia, Yves, Yvon, Therese, Diane, Claude, Danielle and Nancy Pearson, other relatives and friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Salon Funéraire Yves Houle et Frère, 198 Adams St., Richmond, Pauline Fecteau, Dir., tel: 1-819-826-3747. Visitation on Monday, March 23 from 12 to 1:45 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Monday, March 23 at Ste-Bibiane Church in Richmond at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Ste-Bibiane Cemetery in Richmond.

Card of Thanks

POPE - We wish to express our sincere thanks to our families, relatives and friends for their many phone calls and cards which helped us through this difficult time. Your words of comfort and encouragement are sincerely appreciated.
THE POPE FAMILY

Deaths

PURDY, Margaret Longsdon (Cowling) — Died peacefully at the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital, March 21, 1998. Margaret had lead a full life emigrating from England with her family in the early 1950's. She was a respected teacher in both England and Canada and retired to the Eastern Townships in 1974. She leaves her husband Lawrence, daughter Cathryn and son-in-law Fred Spencer of Oakville, daughter Imogen and son-in-law Paul Best of Toronto. Margaret will also be sadly missed by her granddaughter Anna of Seattle, Wa. Cremation will be held at the Jardin Commémoratif de l'Est in Granby. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 1998 in the Chapel of the Bessette & Sons Funeral Home inc., 5034 Foster St., Waterloo, tel: 539-1606 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: 539-3035. The family will receive condolences one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que. J2K 1K3, or to the charity of your choice.

SINCLAIR, Lola (nee Dagenais) — Former resident of Sherbrooke, in an Ottawa Hospital on March 19, 1998 in her 77th year. Wife of the late Fred Sinclair. Mother of Judy (and Peter) Ryan of Gloucester, Ont., and David Sinclair of Mississauga, Ont. Visitation at McEvoy Shields Funeral Home, 1411 Hunt Club Rd., Ottawa, Sunday, March 22, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service at South Gloucester United Church on March 23, 1998 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to South Gloucester United Church, c/o 1937 Banff Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1V 7X3.

SUITOR, Albertha — Peacefully at the C.H.H. Memphré, Magog, Que., on Saturday, March 21, 1998, Albertha Brown in her 94th year, beloved wife of the late Roy Suitor. Dear mother of Robert (Beverly), Russell (Mary Lou), Allan (Evelyn) and Leslie (Joey). Much loved grandmother of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where friends may call on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and where funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment in Malvern Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to Lennoxville United Church, In Memoriam Fund, Lennoxville, Que., or the charity of your choice, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

**Bury
Nina Rowell**

Harvey and Eleanor Dougherty have returned to their home in Bonnie River, N.B., after spending several days at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Stuart and Audrey Dougherty. Friends of Stuart are sorry to learn of his illness,

necessitating that he be taken to the CHUS by ambulance, where he is still a patient. Mrs. Lillian Thompson of Gorham, N.H., and their daughter-in-law, Linda Dougherty, are spending time at their home to help Audrey.

Bored wife falling for her psychologist

Dear Ann Landers: My story is one I'm sure you have heard hundreds of times before, but the ending may be a little different. I hope you can help.

My marriage of 15 years was boring me to death, so I decided to seek counseling. I talked to a friend who had had a similar problem with her marriage, and she recommended a psychologist who had helped her. She said he was terrific, and I made an appointment at once.

After two sessions, I felt very comfortable with Dr. X and actually looked forward to the next session. Five sessions later, Dr. X told me that his marriage was no good either and that he found me very attractive. He is beginning to look good to me, too, Ann. I need some advice in a hurry. — Southern Belle

Dear Belle: Sounds to me like your marriage counselor needs a marriage

counselor. And you need an affair with your therapist like you need a third eye in the middle of your forehead.

Ask your physician or clergyman to suggest someone else at once. If you have a standing appointment with Dr. X, get it off his calendar, pronto.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read your response to "A Hard Place in Florida," who had left her 3-year-old daughter in the care of the child's grandmother. "Florida" now says she is able to care for her own child and wants her back. You agreed that the child belongs with her and suggested a gradual transition.

If all is well, you are right — the child belongs with her natural mother. But my advice is for the 25-year-old woman



ANN LANDERS

to consider carefully what is best for her child. Taking the girl from her grandmother could be devastating.

My mother was only 16 when she gave birth to me 35 years ago. She could not take care of me, and I was sent to live with my grandparents in a stable and loving environment. They treated me as their own. I had suitable clothes to wear and three nutritious meals a day. I was loved and happy.

When I was 4, my mother married and settled down in another city. She and her new husband came for me because "a child belongs with her mother." It was the worst day of my life. I was traumatized by being taken away from people who had been so loving. My mother and her husband were strangers, and I was afraid of them. My stepfather resented my presence. I was always getting in his way.

Their financial problems forced us to move around a lot. There were times when we went without food, and I rarely had enough clothes. I was a nervous wreck most of the time and lived in constant fear of doing something that might make my stepfather shout at me. I was miserable.

When I was 18, I graduated from high school, and my grandparents came back and rescued me, but I was never able to forget the unhappiness I experienced as a child. Please urge that 25-year-old mother in Florida to do what's best for her daughter. She may think she's all grown up now and ready for the responsibilities of raising a child, but she might be wrong. — Been There and Done That

Dear Been There: No one knows the territory as well as a person who has traveled that road — and you certainly have. I hope the young mother who wrote sees your letter and heeds your advice.

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80th birthday celebrated

SAWYERVILLE

The 80th birthday celebration for Lavina French was held on March 7 at the home of Elizabeth French in Sawyerville, assisted by daughter Sharon Brazel and family members. Some 75 friends met to help celebrate.

The table was centered by a large birthday cake iced in white and pink, a bowl of sparkling punch and a center of flowers. A wicker basket held the many

cards.

Friends attended from Colebrook, Pittsburg, N.H., Stanstead, Kingsbury, Island Brook, Cookshire, Bulwer and surrounding area.

She was greeted by the Q.F.A., the Ladies at the World Day of Prayer in Sawyerville, the W.I. with a cake made by Theda Lowry and a dinner and cake by Audrey Bain.

Thanks to all for a pleasant birthday.

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rael (and given on December 25), four hearts was always makable. But someone saw that by moving the club jack from South to East, the defenders could come out on top. On the opening spade-jack lead, East must play low. South wins with the queen and returns the spade eight, which West must cover with the 10 (else South runs it to East and makes the contract on an endplay). After dummy's spade ace wins, the spade seven goes to East's nine, declarer discarding a low diamond. South looks safe, but East leads a fourth spade, which West ruffs with the heart queen. Suddenly the contract is dead! Dummy must overruff but when declarer leads a trump, East wins with the king and exits safely with his low trump. He collects two club tricks at the end.

Ten people gave the full analysis: William Bailey, Palo Alto, Calif.; John Galvin, Naples, Fla.; Dan Lickly, Rye Beach, N.H.; Robert Norton, Holliston, Mass.; William Perel, Pawnee, Okla.; Virginia Philhower, San Rafael, Calif.; Nancy Seeley, Grass Valley, Calif.; Charlotte Sturm, Whittier, Calif.; Joseph Tanne, Conshohocken, Pa.; David Walker, Brighton, Mich. But only Mr. Tanne answered the supplementary questions correctly, so he won the major prize, while the others were sent smaller prizes. (Mr. Tanne was also a winner last year.)

More tomorrow.

A Christmas reprise

By Phillip Alder

It is time to name the winners of the Christmas competition. The main question didn't come out as intended, but still tested everyone. Also, many thanks for all the kind comments about the competition and my columns.

As the deal was originally played in Is-

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by Luis Campos

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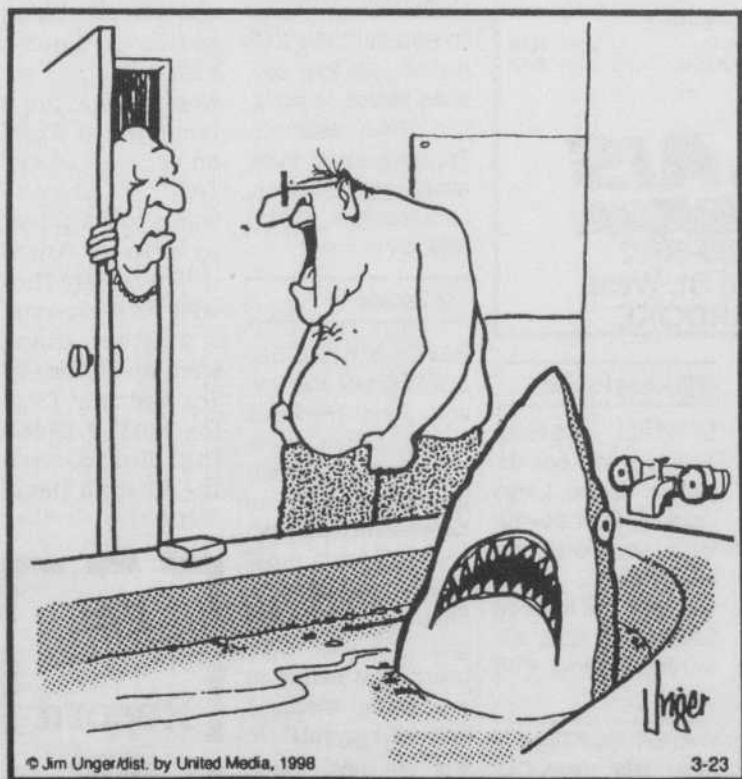
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'94 Excel CX, red, auto, 4 cyl., 2 door, AM-FM/cass., 57,000 km	\$6,995	\$5,495
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Red Cross Group meets

HIGH FOREST

The Red Cross group met on March 11 at the United Church Hall. Nine members and one guest enjoyed dinner at noon. One quilt was tied.

The business meeting was presided over by President Norma-Jean Ward and opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes read and treasurer's report given.

Several thank you notes were read and cards signed to go to sick people.

A quilt and a cheque for \$100 dollars was given to the Shadbolt family who suffered loss by fire.

It was voted to give the same donations as last year to funds and charities such as Red Cross, cancer, heart, etc., as we won't be having a meeting in April on account of our Tea. If anyone wants to volunteer to help at Townshippers' Day they will be welcome.

Further plans were made for our Tea and Sale Table for April 3. Meeting closed with the Mispah benediction.

I'm a Record fan!



Monday, March 23, 1998

Impressive results might be generated in the year ahead from several endeavors that fizzled out last year. It is a new ballgame and the time is ripe for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There would be a certain mystique about you today others will find enchanting. It won't be necessary for you to put on airs or pretenses to manifest this. Major changes are ahead for Aries 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you might be more sensitive to your surroundings than usual. This could enable you to perceive things that aren't readily discernible to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be a good listener today, because you can learn valuable things from others, even though what is said won't be discussed with you in mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Put out a bit of extra sincere effort today to help a friend realize his or her desires. The seeds you plant now will beautify your own tomorrows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It is a good idea to heed your intuitive feelings today when

dealing with others. They will serve as reliable guidelines to keep matters on course.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has your best interest at heart will do all he or she can to help you achieve objectives today. This friend has gone to bat for you before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Beneficial tides are trending in a favorable direction for you today. They could be a catalyst to bring you and your loved ones closer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your best asset today will be your ability to transform outmoded things into something better and more functional. Get an early start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your popularity will be ascending a few notches at a time. Involvements with friends will be rewarding and you'll enjoy being appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're in need of something special today, first check with people who you've helped in the past. It may not be necessary to develop a search team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to utilize newly acquired knowledge could be impressive today. Both practical and profitable uses may be found for what you learn.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may have a faculty today for rooting out bargains. Follow your hunches to find ways to obtain something you've been wanting for a long time.

Women's Institute meeting

AYER'S CLIFF

The W.I. met on March 13 in the vestry of the United Church. President Ida Little opened the meeting with the Collect and Salute to the Flag.

Motto: The government's deficit is the difference between the amount of money the government spends, and the amount it has the nerve to collect. Roll call: Eight members answered by bringing a picture as a child, and others tried to identify them. Minutes read, approved, followed by Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: Letter from Laurie Schoolcraft explaining that she did not want any remuneration for auditing the books. Thank you letters from Lionel Schoolcraft for lunch served; from The Drews residence for cookies sent for Valentine's Day. Jane Pierce and Archie Moulton for Christmas cheer.

Convener's reports: Agriculture: Lorraine stated good sugar season so far. Local auction barns are fighting against being closed.

Canadian Industries and Environment: Ida spoke about manure pits and restrictions on spreading manure.

Citizenship and Legislation: Aileen read from an article in 'Country Woman' where editor Ann Kaiser spent a day at the Holmes' sugar place.

Education: Ida spoke about naming the new school board in Montreal.

Cultural Affairs: Irene reported all

items are taken for the exhibit.

Home Ec. and Health: Muriel explained why hamburger should be well cooked. Sleeping pills should be avoided if possible. Pleasant smells enhance sleeping. Smell the roses.

Safety: Doreen recommended persons having meters in the home for checking carbon monoxide gases.

Sunshine: Lorraine sent several cards and organized two sunshine boxes. She presented Ida Little with a sunshine basket, as she is recovering from an operation. She expressed her grateful thanks.

Frances Lebrun has agreed to be convener for Canadian Industries. Irene Ride would like everyone to save stamps for her, as she has found a worthwhile project for them.

New business: County meeting will be held in North Hatley at the Community Centre on March 31. Delegate is Ida Little, Muriel Mosher as alternate. As a new secretary book is needed, a motion was made to cover this.

At an upcoming meeting someone will be showing us how to sew knitted articles together. Doreen Kennedy has agreed to have something ready.

Next meeting Lorraine will have a speaker on the growing of hemp. Hostess Ida served crackers, cheese and rolls with jam. A social hour followed.

Aileen Lord

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- 1 Cornhusker city
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- 11 Bird's bill
- 14 Aspect
- 15 Love in Italy
- 16 Bullring cheer
- 17 Will Smith's TV role
- 19 By way of
- 20 Cave, often
- 21 Plucks plant pests
- 23 Causes to move onward

- 27 Hollywood hopeful
- 29 Let the breeze in
- 30 Rip into
- 31 Maliciously derogatory
- 32 Pulverize
- 33 Shrill bark
- 36 Labels
- 37 Entity
- 38 Exchange charge
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- 40 Bring joy
- 41 Ecstasy
- 42 World of living things
- 44 Be irresolute
- 45 Ushers, at times
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- 48 Runner
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- 50 Freudian concepts
- 51 60s political catch phrase
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- 61 Sea eagle
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- 23 Noodles
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- 25 Adam's legacy?
- 26 Beatnik abodes
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- 28 Zesty bite
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- 32 First, reverse, etc.
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- 37 Make indistinct
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- 40 Timeless
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- 45 Show teeth
- 46 Duck down
- 47 Sailors' stopovers
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- 52 First wife?
- 53 Sebaceous cyst
- 54 Inventor's initials

- 55 Political non-affiliation letters

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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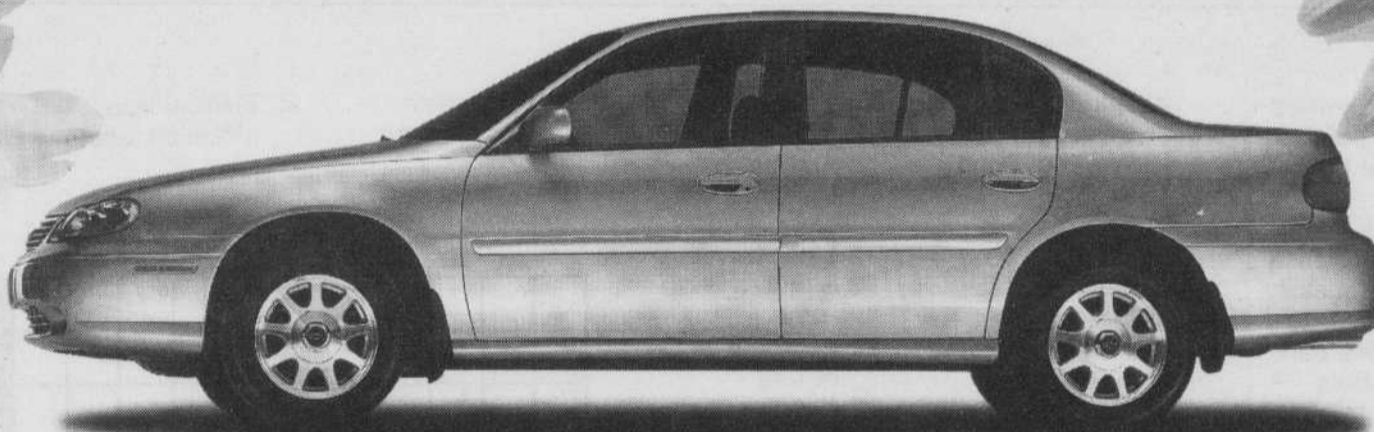
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